

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF PERCIVAL WILLOUGHBY AND BRIDGET WILLOUGHBY

Percival Willoughby was born in about 1560 of Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Kent, the son of Thomas Willoughby and Catherine Hart. He married his second cousin Bridget Willoughby, the daughter of Francis Willoughby of Wollaton and Elizabeth Lyttelton, in December 1580.



Sir Percival Willoughby

Bridget Willoughby

Letters from Bridget to her daughter Elizabeth are found in the Derbyshire Record Office:

4 Oct 1614 - Bridget Wyllughbye to Elizabeth Gell - has sent the bearer to know how Elizabeth is - has sent a chair which she ordinarily used - hopes she will be a glad mother - has sent 3 couple of conies and some peaches.

19 Jan 1614/15 - Bridget Wyllughbye at Wollaton to her daughter Elizabeth Gell - would be glad to see her for 3 or 4 days and will send for her Saturday next.

1 Jun 1625 - Bridget Wyllughby, Wollaton to wife of John Gell - it is her desire if she could come over this Whitsuntide to be a party with her son Harrie in making a Christian soul of a daughter born to her son Edward's wife - if she wants a horse, writer will send one. (Extracts at the National Archives website)

"Percival was the son of Sir Thomas Willoughby (d 1596) of Bore Place, Kent, a first cousin of Sir Francis Willoughby of Wollaton, and his second wife Catherine Hart. Percival went abroad soon after his arranged marriage to his cousin Bridget Willoughby, and on his return the couple lived alternately with their respective in-laws. By 1595 Percival and his family were living at Middleton. His father-in-law's second marriage that year threatened to disinherit Percival from his expected estates, but Sir Francis and his new wife had just one child, a daughter, who soon died. As no will had been left, Percival had to

engage in lawsuits in order to clarify the division of the estates between Bridget and her sisters. He eventually inherited the six principal manors of Wollaton, Sutton Passeys, Cossall, Trowell, Middleton and Kingsbury, plus other estates in Nottinghamshire and Warwickshire. In addition, he inherited most of his own father's estates in Kent, although these were also disputed by family members.

Percival and Bridget moved into the new Wollaton Hall in 1599. In 1603 Percival was knighted, and entertained Queen Anne and Prince Henry at Wollaton Hall. Sir Percival was elected as a Member of Parliament in 1604. Hoping to raise some money to help pay his extensive debts, in 1602 Percival leased a coal mine at Strelley in partnership with Huntingdon Beaumont. He built the first railway in Britain there, using wooden rails, in 1605, but the pit was unprofitable. He also invested in a company aiming to set up farms in Newfoundland, and in a Wollaton glassworks company.

Sir Percival suffered many years of ill health after the death of his wife in 1629. He died in August 1643." (Biography of Sir Percival Willoughby)

"Willoughby himself married the eldest of the six daughters of Sir Francis Willoughby, Sir Edward's grandson. As Sir Francis had no sons, Willoughby was recognized as heir-presumptive, and on returning from his travels abroad in 1582 he settled at his father-in-law's subsidiary seat at Middleton, five miles from Tamworth. However Sir Francis had spent lavishly on the rebuilding of Wollaton Hall, running up substantial debts, and both he and Willoughby's father made over-generous settlements on their second wives. Consequently Willoughby's father entrusted a substantial part of his estate to trustees, whom he instructed to sell the properties and divide what remained, after the payment of his debts, among his widow and her children. Willoughby was horrified, and following the death of his father in 1596, he wrote to his wife: 'so unfortunate is our case to have such step-mothers step into our houses, from whom God deliver us and ours'.

Willoughby's father-in-law died in the same year as his father and, despite substantial land sales, the liabilities on the estate totalled over £35,000, whereas the net income was less than £600. In addition, after her husband's death Lady Willoughby reputedly gained possession of £8,000 worth of plate, jewels and cash belonging to Sir Francis. There was subsequently prolonged litigation between Willoughby and his wife's step-mother, who remarried the 3rd Lord Wharton, which can only have further undermined his finances.

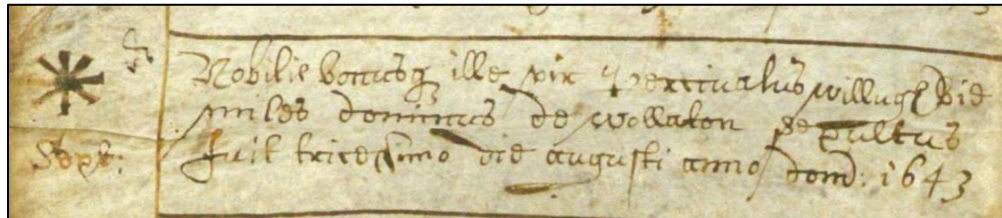
Willoughby was knighted at Worksop as James I journeyed south to take up possession of his new kingdom, and two months later he entertained Anne of Denmark and the royal children at Wollaton.¹⁹ In 1604 he was returned both for Tamworth, near his Warwickshire estate and, a few days later, for Nottinghamshire.

By November 1606 Willoughby was in the Fleet for debt. He does not appear in the surviving records of the subsequent sessions of the first Jacobean Parliament, suggesting that he may not have resumed his seat. Nevertheless he was able to free himself by liquidating his estate in Kent, and by 1608 his finances had improved sufficiently to enable him to raise £800 by a statute merchant in Nottingham.²⁷ He even contracted an advantageous marriage for his eldest son Francis with the daughter of Sir Thomas Ridgeway, who found him "a man after my own heart, sweetly natured, sure of word and deed,

delightful in conversation, respectful of his friend, loving and faithful to his worthy lady, zealously careful of his son's good, every way and generally learned, wise, and well experienced."

Willoughby was outlawed for debt in London on 29 Apr. 1622, and again in 1623 and 1624. He survived to see the outset of the Civil War, but died at Wollaton in August 1643, and was buried in the parish church. No will or administration has been found. His son cleared the estate by care and thrift, and his grandson, another Francis, became a celebrated naturalist." (Sir Percival Willoughby of Wollaton Hall; www.historyofparliament.org)

Percival died 23 August 1643 in Wollaton, Nottinghamshire.



Burial record for Percival Willoughby in Wollaton:

*"Nobilis bonus ille vix Percivalus Willughbie miles domicus de Wollaton
sepultus fuit tricesimo die Augusti anno domini 1643"*

*(That noble good man Percival Willughbie a soldier of Wollaton
was buried on the 30 day of August in the year 1643)*

Percival and Bridget had the following children:

1. **Bridget**, married 1) Nicholas Strelley, 2) Henry Cavendish.
2. **Francis**, born in 1585; died 17 December 1665.
3. **Percival**, born in 1596; occupation: physician; Elizabeth Coke; died in 1685. *"Willughby, Percival (1596-1685), writer on obstetrics, was sixth son of Sir Percivall Willughby, knt., of Wollaton Hall, Nottingham, where he was born in 1596. Percivall was educated at Trowbridge, Rugby, Eton, and Oxford, where he matriculated on 23 March 1620-1, his age being given as twenty-two, and graduated B.A. on 6 July 1621. In 1619 he was, at the suggestion of his uncle Robert Willughby, himself a medical man, articled for seven years to Feamer van Otten, after which he was to have joined his uncle; but Van Otten dying in 1624, Willughby soon after commenced practice for himself, and in 1631 he settled in Derby, where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Francis Coke of Trusley, by whom he had two or three sons and two daughters. In 1655 he removed to London 'for the better education of his children,' but in 1660 he returned to Derby, where he resumed his practice as a physician, enjoying a high reputation throughout the neighboring counties for his skill in obstetric operations."* (Dictionary of National Biography, Volumes 1-22 for Percivall Willughby)
4. **Theodosia**, married Rowland Mynors; died November 1630.

5. **Edward**, married Elizabeth Atkinson.

6. **Thomas**, sent to Newfoundland by his father in 1616: *"Willoughby was drawn into the Newfoundland Company venture by John Slany, to whom he was heavily in debt. Appointed to the council which managed the company's affairs in 1610, he sent his third son Thomas to Cuper's Cove in 1612 along with Henry Crout and six apprentices. The orders to the party were to leave the colony and develop Willoughby's own tract which was all that land north of a line drawn between Carbonear and Heart's Content on the Bay de Verde Peninsula. This also included the rich fishing grounds around Baccalieu Island."* (www.wikipedia.com)

7. **Henry**, occupation: lawyer.

*8. **Elizabeth**, married John Gell in 1609; died October 1644.

9. (Daughter), died young.

SOURCES: *Biography of Sir Percival Willoughby*, www.nottingham.co.uk;

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS WILLOUGHBY AND CATHERINE HART

Thomas Willoughby was born in about 1538 of Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Kent, the son of Robert Willoughby and Dorothy Willoughby. He married Catherine Hart, the daughter of Sir Percival Hart and Frideswide Bray.



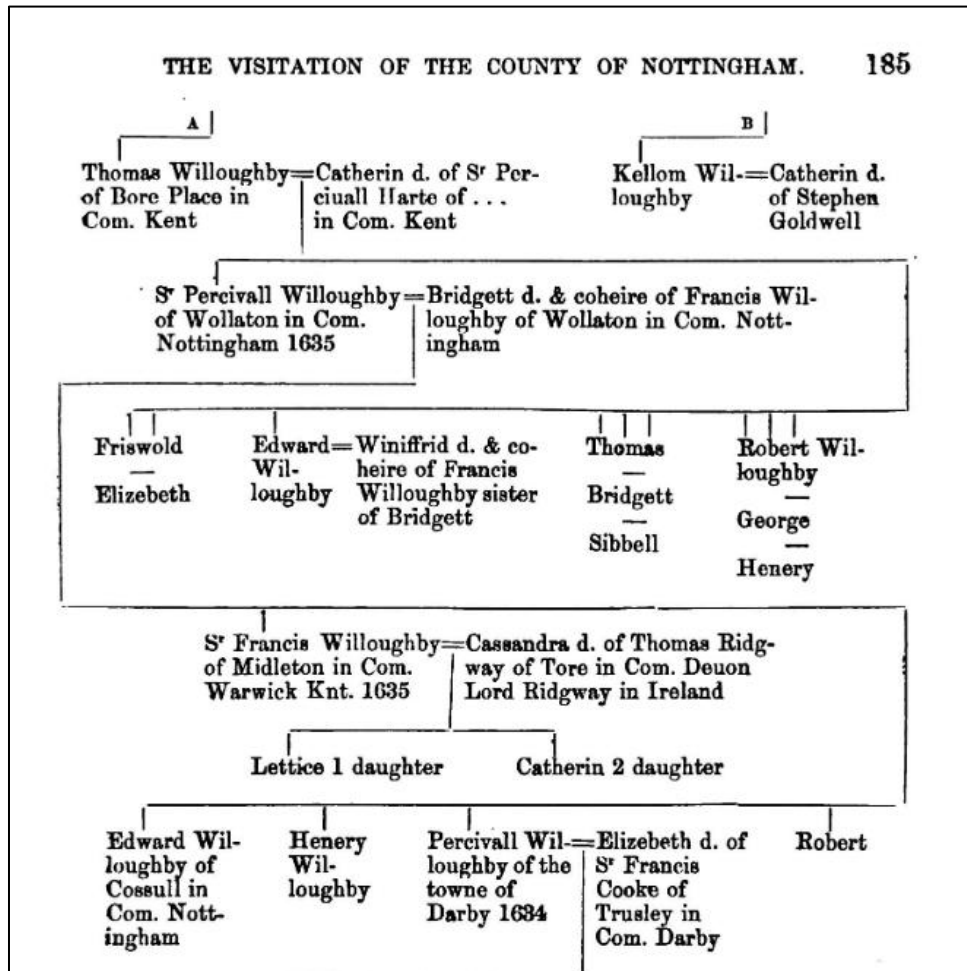
Bore Place in Chiddingstone

Thomas and Catherine were mentioned in a history of Chiddingstone: *"Sir Thomas Willoughby, was sheriff of this county in the 15th and 32d years of queen Elizabeth, and bore for his arms, Or, fretty azure. He married Catharine, daughter of Sir Percival Hart, of Lullingstone, by whom he left several sons and daughters; of whom Percival, the eldest, succeeded to these estates"*. (*British History Online*:

Chidingstone)

"Thomas Willoughby of Boreplace in Chiddingstone Esquire, Grandchild of Sir Thomas Willoughby of the same Place, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, was Sheriff of Kent in the fifteenth year of Q. Elizabeth." (Sheriffs of Kent under Queen Elizabeth: University of Michigan)

Thomas married later Mary, and they had four children.



The Visitations of the County of Nottingham in the Years 1569 and 1614

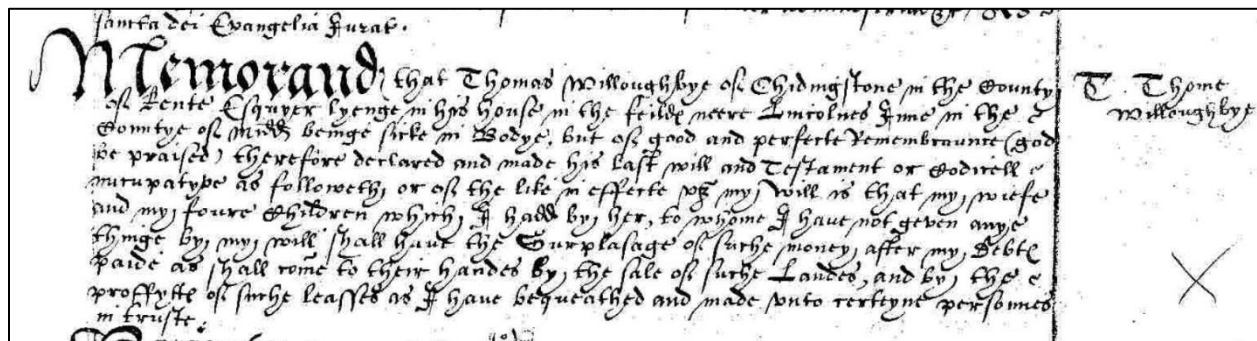
Thomas was the Sheriff of Kent.

"1st s. of Robert Willoughby of Bore Place by Dorothy, da. of Sir Edward Willoughby of Wollaton, Notts. educ. Magdalene, Camb., matric. pens. Easter 1551; L. Inn 30 Apr. 1558. m. (1) Catherine, da. of Sir Percival Hart of Lullingstone, Kent, 6s. inc. Percival 5da.; (2) Mary, 4ch. Grandson of a lord chief justice, grandson-in-law of a chief baron, and himself a member of Lincoln's Inn, Willoughby may have combined legal practice with his interests and duties as a landowner and local official. The town house where Sidney lodged and Willoughby himself, probably on his deathbed, was to add a codicil to his will,

stood in Lincoln's Inn Fields (some details of its rooms appear in a lease of its top storey made by Willoughby in July 1595); and his third son, another Thomas, entered the Middle Temple in 1586. The will was proved on 5 July 1596.

Willoughby's first marriage, to Catherine Hart, had been fruitful of children. The firstborn son, named Percival after one of his grandfathers, emulated the other by marrying a Willoughby of Wollaton; he settled in Nottinghamshire, which he represented in the Parliament of 1604, and disposed of his Kentish patrimony." (Thomas Willoughby of Bore Place, Kent; www.historyofparliament.org)

Thomas died, leaving a nuncupative (verbal) will proven 5 July 1596.



Will of Thomas Willoughby, 1596

Memorandum that I Thomas Willoughbye of Chidington in the County of Kente esquier lyenge in his house in the feildes neer Lincolnes Inne in the Countye of Midd beinge sicke in bodye, but of good and perfecte remembrance (God be praised) therefore declared and made his last will and testament or codicell nuncupatyve as followeth or of the like in effecte viz my will is that my wiefe and my foure children which I hadd by her, to whome I have not geven anye thinge by my will shall have the surplasse of suche money after my debtes paide as shall come to their handes by the sale of suche landes, and by the proffytes of such leasses as I have bequeathed and made unto certeyne performes in truste.

Thomas and Catherine had the following children:

*1. **Percival**, born about 1560; married Bridget Willoughby.

2. **Thomas**, married Clemency Willoughby.

3. **Robert**

4. **George**

5. **Henry**

6. **Bridgett**

7. Sibbell

8. Edward, married Winifrid Willoughby (sister of Bridgett, Percival's wife)

9. Friswold

10. Elizebeth



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SOURCES: *The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.*

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT WILLOUGHBY AND DOROTHY WILLOUGHBY

Robert Willoughby was born in about 1500 of Bore Place, Kent, the son of Thomas and Bridget Willoughby. He married Dorothy Willoughby, the daughter of Edward Willoughby of Wollaton, Nottinghamshire.

Robert and Dorothy were mentioned in the will of his father Sir Thomas Willoughby in 1545. It seems that Sir Thomas and Robert's wife Dorothy were not on good terms: "*I will the saide landes afire the decease of my saide wiffe my debtes and legacies paide and parformmed remayne to the saide **Robert Willoughbie myne eldeste sonne** for terme of his life and if it fortune **Dorathe nowe his wiffe** to decease lyving the said Robert Willoughbie and he the saide Robert Willoughbie channces to marry and take another wiffe and have issue male of his body by anny suche seconde wiffe that then are the decease of the saide Robert Willoughbie the saide mannor of Bonsell withe all suche other landes so to hym willed for terme of his life by this my laste will as before is reharsed shall goo and remayne afire his decease to suche issue male of his body as he shall fortune to have to his seconde wiffe...So that my viray will intent and full determynate mynde is that none of the issues gotten or to be gotten betwene the saide **Robert Willoughby and the saide Dorathye nowe his wiffe** shall in nowise have nor inheritte anny parte of my landes. There is many consideracons and causes why whiche is not to be reharsed nor putt in writing or memory that moveth me so to doo whiche I any right for I take God to judge. I doo it not of malice grudge nor yll will."*

The cause of the disagreement is not clear, but Sir Thomas did not want any child of Dorothy to inherit his lands. However, Robert and Dorothy's son Thomas did inherit Bore Place, which had been inherited by Bridget from her father Sir Robert Rede. By the time that Bridget Willoughby died in 1558, leaving a will, Robert was deceased. Dorothy was not mentioned in Bridget's will and may also have died. Bridget left land to Thomas in her will: "*And the reste of my landes tenementes and hereditaments as well those wherein I doo nowe dwell called Bere place as also all my other landes and tenementes lienge and beinge within the parishes Chedingstone, Sundrige, Chevenynge, Hever, Penseherste, and Lige or els where within the County of Kente my saide legacies performed I give unto **Thomas Willoughby sonne and heir of Robert Willoughby deceased** and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten."*

Robert and Dorothy had the following children:

*1. **Thomas**, married 1) Catherine Hart; married 2) Mary.

SOURCES: The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614; will of Sir Thomas Willoughby, 1545, Prerogative Court of Canterbury; will of Bridget Willoughby, widow, 1558, Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS WILLOUGHBY AND BRIDGET REDE

Thomas Willoughby was born in about 1485 of Bore Place, Kent, the son of Christopher Willoughby and Margaret Jenny. He married Bridget Rede, the daughter of Sir Robert and Margaret Rede. Sir Robert was Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and an executor for the will of King Henry VII.

Thomas became Chief Justice of the Common Bench in Kent: *"Sir Thomas Willoughby was the fifth and youngest son of Sir Christopher Willoughby, and younger brother of William lord Willoughby, ancestor of the present baroness Willoughby of Eresby, and of Christopher, ancestor of the lords Willoughby of Parham, now extinct; the origin of the family in this kingdom being Sir John de Willoughby, a Norman knight, who had the lordship of Willoughby, in Lincolnshire, by the gift of the Conqueror. Sir Thomas Willoughby being bred to the law, was knighted in the 29th year of king Henry VIII. was made a chief justice of the common pleas, and by his wife Bridget became entitled to this manor of Chidingstone Burghersh, with his seat called Bore-place, and other estates in this parish. In the 31st year of that reign he, among others, by an act then passed, procured his lands to be disgavelled. He died in the 37th year of king Henry VIII. and lies buried with Bridget, his wife, in this church. His arms, being Gules, on a bend wavy argent, three birds sable, impaling argent, a fess between three boars heads couped sable, are still remaining in one of the windows of Sergeant's inn, in Fleet-street."* (British History Online: Chidingstone)

Thomas left a will proven 5 November 1545.



Will of Thomas Willoughby, 1545

In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of July in the yere of our Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundredth fourtie and fourre and in the xxxvj yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Lorde Henry the eyght by the grace of God of Englande Ffrance and Irelande King Defender of the faith and in earthe

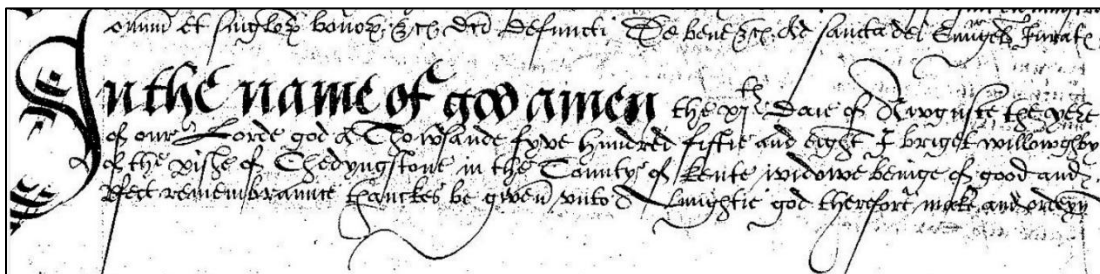
ymmediatly under Christ Supreme Godd of the Churche of Englande and Irelande I **Thomas Willoughby knighte of the parrishe of Chedingston** in the Countie of Kent and one of the Justices of our saide Sovereigne Lorde the King of his county place at Westmyster being, Almightye God be thanked, in good helthe of body and in parfitt and hole memory and mynde fully insured in the faithe of God and of holie churche as a true catholike and Christian man that is fraile remembering this wretched worlde howe transitorie it is and howe that nothing is more certeyne to man then deathe nor more uncerteyne then the howre therof make this my presnt testament and laste will in fourme following ffirste I bequeth my soule to Almightye God my maker and redemer and to his blessed mother Sainte Mary and to all the holie saintes and company of heaven my body somewhat honnestlie according to my pore behaver to be buried without pompe in the parrishe churche of Chedingston aforsaide in the newe chapel there of late founded and made by **my late father in lawe Sir Robert Reade knighte** sometime chife justice of the county place deceased on whose soule Jesus have marcy in the tombe there made by the by the said Robert Reade yf it please God to take my to his marcie being in the said parrishe of Chedingston. And if not then my body to be buried suche place and quarter where it shall please God to take me to his marcy. And I will that therebe spent the day of my buriall to pore and neady people fyve poundes once and besides convenient rewardes to pristes and clarckes. And to six honest pore men six gownes of black cotton friese to stande abowte my house the day of my buriall and also the day of my monnethes mynde every of them holding a taper or torche lighte to pray for my soule. And at my monnethes mynde to be spent amongst pore and neadie people fyve poundes and twentie shillinges to pristes and clarckes. And my yeres mynde yerely to be distributed spent and bestowed to pore and neady people specially of the saide parrishe twentie shillinges and to pristes and clarkes and for ringing other twentie chillinges. And I bequeth to the highe aulter of the same churche of Cheddingston for my tithes nechgently forgotten and to thentent that that the parson of the same churche shall the more specially pray for me vjs viijd. And also I bequeth for like intent to the highe aulter of the churche of Penscherst three shillinges and foure pence. And to the highe aulter of the parrishe churche of Leighs three shillinges and foure pence. And to the highe aulter of Sondriche iijs iiijd. And to the highe aulter of the churche of Chyvening iijs iiijd. And to the highe aulter of the parrishe churche of Wolston in Warwikeshire within whiche saide parrishe of Wolston my mannor and Lordshipp of Brandon is vjs viijd over and besides twentie shillinges to be distributed amonges my pore tenantes of my saide mannor of Brandon to pray for my soule and all good Christen soules. Also I wolde that ymmediatly afre my decease the maister and wardeynes of the fraternytie of Jesus in the Cathedrall Churche of Poules in London. And also to the maister and wardeynes of the ffraternytie of Sainte Dunstons in Fflete Strete. And to the maister and wardeynes of the fraternytie of pappty in the saide citie of London of whiche three fraternities I am and of long contynuannce have been brother to have don by entry of the saide fraternities a solemput diridge and masse of requiem in convenient tyme afre my decease according to their olde aunntul custome and laudable use giving to entry of the saide ffraternities for their paine in doing the same obsequies and sarmie xiijs iiijd. Also I will have a vertuose and well disposed seculer priste to sing satisfactoeie in the saide newe chapell of Cheddingston ymmediatly afre my decease for my soule **Dame Bridgett my wiffes** soule and the soules of **Sir Christofer Willoughby my father Dame Margery my mother Sir Robert Reade my father in lawe Dame Margaret my mother in lawe** the soules of **my brethren that is to say William late Lorde Willoughby Cristopher Robert George Richarde Edmonde Hughe and John** the soules of **my sisters that is to say Katheryn Margaret and Elizabeth** the soules of my godfathers godmothers and all my childrne and bennefactors soules and for all Christen soules to begynne ymmediatly afre my decease and so to continue by the space of the saide tenne yeres then next and ymmediatly ensuyng. And I will that the said seculier priste

that shall so sing and doing his duetie as before is whersoe shalhave yerely for his salary stipend and waiges tenne marcs to be paide to him quarterlie by him portions during the saide terme. Also I geve ad bequeth to Thomas Willoughbie my godsonne xxs. Item to my goddaughter Mr Potters daughter tenne shillings. Item to every other of my godsonnes and goddaughters xxd. Item I will and bequeth to every of my wayting sarvanntes fyve shillings beside their waiges. Also I will and bequeth to Anne Bartlott and Margaret Bartlott and to every of theyme xxxli towards their marriages according to the laste will of Edwarde Ashe thire grandefather so that they be ruled and ordered by their mysteris my wiffe. Also I will to every of my sarvanntes of housbondry iiis iiijd beside their waiges trusting that they and every of theyme will specialie pray for my soule. And as towching the dispoicion of all and singuler my stuffe of howsholde ymplymentes and utensils of the same wheresoever they be my plate juelles apparel couverinng my body corne and grayne as well in garnardes barnes as corne growing all my quicke cattall of what kynde soever they be. The particulers wherof and of every of theynt shall more plainly in a schedule and invintary to this my present testament and laste will files and annexed my veray will and mynd is towching the dispocion of the same in manner and fourme ensuyng: that is to say all my saide hole grayne and corne and thent haulfe of the best of every thing before thersed myne apparel cheyne of golde with the ruffe only excepted I will geve and bequeth to the same **Dame Bridgett my wiffe** to her owen proper use. And she to take her choise of yt. And thoder haulfe residue except before excepted I will the same be equalie devyded by my saide wiffe amonges my childerne that is to say **Robert Willoughbie and Christofer Willoughbie my sonnes Mary Walronde and Elizabeth Tattisherste my daughters** the dividing and dispocion wherof I referre it only to the dispocion of my said wiffe and as she thinketh best to be ordered and no otherwise whome soe for the special confidence fidelitie and truste that I have in her above all creatures lyving. And for thetent and final performyng and executing of this my testament and laste will to be putt effectualie in due and plaine execution for the helthe of my soule according to the true intent and meaning of this my saide testament make and ordeyne the saide Dame Bridgett my wiffe my sole executrix. And in consideracion and to thentent and final performyng and executing of this my testament and laste will to be putt effectualie in due and plaine execution for the helthe of my soule according to the true intent and meaning of this my saide testament and laste will I make and ordeyne the said Dame Bridgett my wiffe my sole executrix. And in consideracion and to thentent that my saide wiffe shall have sufficient in her handes to accomlishe and parfourme in every pointe and condicion this my testament and laste will and also for the payment of my debtes suche as I doo owe and am charged with either in lawe or in conseyence or for anny injurries or wronges by my comytted or don or by me caused to be don at anny tyme before this so that there may evident and apparannt prove of the same. Wherefore and for that purpose and consideracion I geve and will by this my put unto my saide wiffe all and singuler suche my mannors landes tenementes rentes rendicions and farmes with all and singuler thappurtennces lying and being in the parrishe and townes of Cheddingston Penscherste Cowden Hever Sondriche Chevening Sevenock and Lige in the Countie of Kent or in any other parrishe or towne therto adjoining whiche I late purchased of dyvers and sonndry personnes at several tymes to have and to holde to the same Dame Bridgett during her life keping sufficient repercons paing the owte rentes and also performyng and fulfilling this my laste will. Also paying yerely to my saide sonne Christofer twentie marcs quarterly by evin porcons to be paide during during her life towards his exhibicon and fynding if he be vertous and of honest conversacon and lyving or ells not. And if it shall fortune my saide wiffe to decease before my debtes and legacies be fully contented and paide then I will the executours of my saide wiffe to have and receive the rentes revenues issues and proffettes of all the saide mannors landes tenementes till suche tyme as my debtes and legacies are trulie performed and paide. And aftre that fully

performed then all and singuler my saide mannors landes and tenementes and other the premisses with their appurtenances shall and be as aftre ensueth and followith that is to say the mannor of Bansell with thappurtennces with all suche landes as I purchased of the Lorde Burgh and of his brother Henry Burgh esquire lying and being in the saide parrishe of Sevenoke Chevening Lighe and Chedingston with all and singuler suche landes and tenementes as I also late purchased of John Brithred and of William Brithred his brother called Hales lying and being in the saide parrish of Chevening further with all suche landes as I also purchased of Christofer Resene in Sondrich aforsaide with all suche landes as I also purchased of one William Leche and of Joan his wiffe lying and being in the saide parrishe of Sondriche. I will the saide landes aftre the decease of my saide wiffe my debtes and legacies paide and parformmed remayne to the saide **Robert Willoughbie myne eldeste sonne** for terme of his life and if it fortune **Dorathe nowe his wiffe** to decease lyving the said Robert Willoughbie and he the saide Robert Willoughbie channces to marry and take another wiffe and have issue male of his body by anny suche seconde wiffe that then are the decease of the saide Robert Willoughbie the saide mannor of Bonsell withe all suche other landes so to hym willed for terme of his life by this my laste will as before is reharsed shall goo and remayne aftre his decease to suche issue male of his body as he shall fortune to have to his seconde wiffe. And for defawt of suche issue male of the body of the saide Christofer then the saide landes to remayne to the saide **George Walron sonne and heyre of Mary Walron my doughtar** and to the heires males of his body lawfullie begotten. And for defawte of suche issue then the saide landes and tenementes to remayne to the right heires of me the saide Thomas Willoughbie for ever. So that my viray will intent and full determyne mynde is that none of the issues gotten or to be gotten betwene the saide **Robert Willoughby and the saide Dorathye nowe his wiffe** shall in nowise have nor inheritte anny parte of my landes. There is many consideracons and causes why whiche is not to be rehersed nor putt in writing or memory that moveth me so to doo whiche I any right for I take God to judge. I doo it not of malice grudge nor yll will. Also I will that all suche my manors landes tenementes rentes revenues and proffets with thappertannces whiche I late purchased of Robert Darknoll gent and all suche landes whiche I late purchased of Sir Thomas Boleyn late Erle of Wiltshire which was some tyme one Hamondes called Watstock ymmediatly afore the decease of my saide wife my debtes and legacies paide and performed shall remayne to the saide Christofer my sonne and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of suche yssue to remayne to the saide Robert Willoughbie and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten by his seconde wiffe if it channce Dorathye nowe his wiffe to decease and he to marry ageyne. And for defawte of suche yssue to remayne to the saide Mary and to the heires males of her body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of suche yssue to remayne to **my saide nephew Sir William Willoughbie** knighte and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of suche issue to remayne to the eighte heires of me the saide Sir Thomas Willoughbie for ever. And as to the mannor of Eppisbroke with thappurtennces in Penscherste whiche I late purchased of Mr Edwarde Shelly and of Joan his wiffe and landes purchased of one Nashe I will that aftre the decease of my saide wiffe the saide mannor of Eppisbroke with thappurtenannces and the saide landes late purchased of Nashe ymmediatly aftre the decease of my saide wiffe my debtes and legacies paide and performmed holie to remayne unto my saide daughter Mary and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of such issue to remayne to Robert Willoughbie myne eldiste sonne and to suche heires males of his body lawfully begotten as he shall fortune to have by another wiffe if it shall fortune the saide Dorathe nowe his wiffe to decease and he the same Robert to marry ageyne. And for defawte of suche issue male to remayne to the righte heires of me the saide Thomas Willoughbie for ever. Also I will suche my parte of the mannors of Cheddingston Longhersst whiche I late purchased of Richard Carell and of his bretherne and of Sir John Harcourte of

Cheddingston knight and of Dame Anne his wiffe. And also suche landes as Dalton my ffarmer now occupieth whiche I purchased of one Willarde aftre the decease of my saide wiffe remaynt to **Elizabeth my daughter nowe wiffe to Tottisherst** and to the heires of her body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of suche issues to remayne to the saide **Christofer Willoughbie my sonne** heires males of his body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of suche issue to remayne to the righte heires of me the said Sir Thomas Willoughbie for ever. Item I will that if anny of my saide childerne or their heires of their bodies lawfully begotten to doo suffer or cause to be don anny arte or artes dede or dedes to defeate or undo anny parte of this my laste will or whereby anny disenheirtannce may or shalbe to anny of their issues inheritable by reason of this my last will that then he or they so doing to take no manner of bennefitte or proffett by this my laste will. And that then he or they to whose dishenheritannce anny suche arte shalbe don that it shalbe lawfull to theyme to enter into such porcon or parte so altered or changed whereby any suche disheirtannce shulde fortune to be joyntors for terme of life to be made only excepte, so that the revercions be always saved according to this my will. In wittnes whereof to this my testament and laste will I the saide Sir Thomas Willoughbie have subscribed my name and put to my seale the day and yere above saide by me Thomas Willoughbye. Item I will and bequeth to every one of my wayting sarvantes being with me at the tyme of my decease twentie shillinges besides my waiges and to every one of my _____ sarvantes tenne shillinges. And to every of my sarvantes of housbondry tenne shillinges. Also I will and bequeth towards the amending and repaying of the highe waies causes meade by **my father in lawe Sir Robert Reade** knighte within the parrishe of Cheddingstoon fyve poundes yerely next and ymmediatly aftre my decease till the some of xl li be fully paide and bestowed. Also I will and bequeth to every of my sarvantes a blacke cote to be had at the tyme of my buriall to thentent that they shall pray for my soule and all Christian soules. Also I will and bequeth to my saide wayting sarvantes all myne apparel velvet and silkes only excepted. Also I will and bequeth to Dame Bridgett my wiff all my corne and cattall of what kinde so ever they be for the keping of my howse to thentent that she shall kepe my sarvantes together until they canne provide theyint of maisters. Also I will and bequeth to my saide wiffe all suche plate as I did by of my Lorde of Cannterbury. Also I will and bequeth to my wiffe the better haulfe of the rest of my saide plate towards the parfournannce of this my last will and testament. And thoder haulfe of my saide plate to be devyded amonges my childerne that is to say **Robert Willoughbie and Christofer Willoughbie my sonnes Mary Walron and Elizabeth Tottisherst my daughters** by the discretion of my said wiffe as she shall thincke it best and none otherwise. I make and ordeyne Maister Waller thelder supervisor of this my last will and testament put at this latter aditrsundit Willm Bassett

Bridget left a will dated 11 August 1558, proven 18 August 1558:



Will of Bridget Willoughby, 1558

*In the name of God Amen the xjth daie of Auguste the yere of our Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundred fiftie and eight I **Briget Willoughby** of the parishe of Chedyngstone in the County of Kente widowe benige of good and perfect remembrannce thancks be given unto Almyghtie God therefore make and ordeyn this my laste will and testament in manner and forme followynge/ Ffirste I bequeathe my soule to Almightye God my maker beleavyng assuredlie to be saved onely by the meryttes of Cristes passion who suffred deathe upon the crosse to redeame me and all the worlde from everlasting deathe and dampnacoon, and my body to be buried in the Church of Chedyngstone aforesaid in the channcell there, where **my late husbunde Sir Thomas Wyllowghby** lieth buried. And as for any thinge to be donne at the daye of my buriall either at my house or at the the churche I referre it to the discreton of myne executours. Item I will that there be given and distributed immeytally after my burial to the poore folke of the parishes of Chedyngstone Sundridge Chevenynge Leghe Penscherste and Hever foure poundes of money and that to be distributed accordynge to the discreton of myne executours. Item I give to **Henry Willoughby** my trottyng colte being of thage of foure yeres and vantage. Item I give to **my daughter Tottisherste** a counterpointe of olde arres or a quylte of red sarcentt whether of theym twayne she will chose. Item I give to my saide daughter xx sheepe. Item I give to **Elizabeth Tottisherste one of the children of my saied daughter Tottisherste** a cowe with the calf by her side. Item I give to Margarett Bassett my god daughter and one of the daughters of Willm Bassett my servant a cowe. Item I give to Christofer Jenney a certayne yerely rente or annuytie of forty shillinges of lawfull money of Englande goinge oute of all my landes and tenementes lienge and benige in the parishes of Chedyngstone Lighe Penseherste Hever Sundrige and Chevenynge in the county of Kente. To have perceave and receive the saide yerely rente of xls to the saide Christofer Jenney for the terme of vij yeres next and immiatdiatly following my decease to be paide unto the same Christofer or to his assignes duryng the saied terme at the feastes of Thannucyacon of our Lady and Seint Michaell tharchangell and Thannucyacon of our Lady by evyn portons, the firste payment therof to begynne at either of the saide feastes that shall followe next and immediately my decease. Item I give towarde the mariage of **Elizabeth Tottisherste nowe the daughter of my sonne Thomas Tottisherste** forty poundes of lawfull money of Englande. Also I give to **Margaret Tottisherste** to **Ffrances Tottisherste**, to **Dorathe Tottisherste** and **Martha Tottisherste** nowe the daughters of the saide Thomas to eache of them tenne poundes a pece of lawfull money of England whiche saide somes of money I will shalbe pade to them at the daie of their mariage as before is rehersed. And if the saide **Thomas Tottisherste nowe the husbunde of my daughter Elisabeth** doo labour to have the saide somes of money so given to the mariages of his saied daughters in occupyenge to his comoditie and profytte until the daies of their mariages. Then I will the saide somes of money so given shalbe delivered to hym by myne executours so that the same Thomas wille bounde and sufficient sewerties to hym to my executours and to **my cousin Thomas Wootton** to paie or cause to be paied to his saide daughters at the daies of their mariages as before is rehersed the saide somes of money so to them given and bequeathed. And also to dischargde and save harmlles my executours and my saide cousin Thomas Wotton there heirs executours and assignes for the payment of the saide somes of money as before as rehersed. And if the saide daughters of the same Thomas Tottisherste or either of theym doo not use them selves honest of body during the tyme they be unmarried or els not rewled & ordered touching their mariages by their father and mother **my sonne Christofer Willoughby** and my cowsen Thomas Wotton then I will that she not so usinge her self shall lose the benefittes of the bequest so to her given and bequeathed and her parte so not orderynge her self shalbe devyded amongst the reste of her sisters, ffarther more if any of the saide daughters fortune to departe this worlde before they be married then I will that her porcon benige so deade shalbe also devyded to the other sisters beinge then a lyve. I give to **Mary***

Willoughby nowe one of the daughters of my sonne Christofer tenne poundes to her mariage. Item I give to Anthony Waldron one of the sonnes of my daughter Waldron to John Willoughby nowe one of the sonnes of my sonne Christofer and to Ambrose Tottisherste nowe one of the sonnes of my daughter Elizabeth to eache of them five poundes of lawfull money of Englande to be paid yerely during the space of sevyen yeres next and immediately followynge my decease towards the fyndynge of them to their learning. Item I give to Thomas Tottisherste nowe the eldest sonne of my daughter Elizabeth an annuall rente or anuytie of forty shillings of lawfull money of Englande during the space of seven yeres next & immediately followynge my decease to be paide to him at foure usuall termes of the yere by evyn porcons that is to saie at the feastes of St Michaell Tharchangell the Natyvitie of our Lorde God the Annuncyacon of our Lady and the Nativitie of St John Baptiste. Item I give to either of my waighers twenty shillings to either of my men laborers siijd iiijd. To Willm Webbe my bayly xiijs iiijds. To Agnes Heywarde xli. To three other of my mayde servanntes to either of them xiijs iiijd a pece whiche forsed money I will to be paide to my sayde servanntes within a quarter of a yere next after my decease, besides their quarter wages whiche I will shalbe paied to them by mine executors immediately after my buriall. Item I give to John Cooke xiijs iiijd. Item I give towards the mendynge of the highe ways fortie poundes whereof xxxli to be paide accordynge to the will of Sir Thomas Willoughby my late husband and the other tenne poundes to be bestowed of my gifte in the highe ways likewise within the space of sevyen yeres next after my decease. Item I give to Agnes Heywarde my mayde a cowe to be delivered to her within a sevenyght after my decease. Item I give to Bridget Aware sometyme my servant a cowe and sjs viiij in money. Item I give to Christofer Jenney a fetherbedd and all thynges thereto belonging. Also I give to hym the baye awmblynge nagge whiche I had of Thomas Willoughby. Item I give to Willm Basset my servante my graye awmblynge gelding. Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Tottisherste two kyne and two steeres of three yeres olde. Item I give to her and to my daughter Margery Willoughby nowe wife to my sonne Christopher all my apparraile eqally to be devidid betwene them. Item I give to my daughter Tettisherst the bed that I lye on being a bed of downe with the blanckettes coverlet and curteynes & testur of red and grene sarcenet. And the other curteynes and testur of the same cullor I give to my said sonne Christofer. Item I give to Elizabeth Tottessherste nowe daughter to my saide daughter Tottisherste the ffetherbed in the red chamber with all thinges belonging thereto. Item I will that the bedstedell and the bed beinge of downe with two pillows thereto whiche be nowe in the beste chamber with the testure and curteynes of sylke with the hangings of saye nowe there beinge to remayne to the house and not to be removed. Item the bed in the greate chamber with the bedstead to sparver and curteynes thereto belonging with the pillows of downe I will shall remayne to the house and not to be removed. And the reste of my beddes bedstedells testures and curteyne not given and bequeathed I will shalbe devidid bitwene myne executors. Also I will that all the cubberdes presse tables treskells fformes stooles, and chaires shall remayne to the house and not to be removed savyng one of the beste chaires whiche I give to my sonne Christopher Willoughby. Item I will that all the kitchen stuf and a garnyshe of the beste pewter vessel; all the buttery stuffe, all the brewynge vessells barrells kyllertymies and hoggsheddes and all the stuffe belonging to the bakehouse shall remayne to the house and not to be removed; saving a brasse potte benige in the fishhouse which I give to my sonne Christopher and a greate cawdron benige at Taylours house of Bowebeche which I give also to my sonne Christopher. Item I will that Thomas Willoughby shall have the keapyng of Anthony Waldron until suche tyme as his father sende for hym, and in the meane tyme I will that he go to his books. Item I give to my sonne Christofer eleven sylver spones that be daily occupied in the house, and the silver salte with the cover that that is also daily occupied at my table. And all the reste of my plate not given and bequeathed I will that it be solde by myne executours and the money thereof to go to the

performance of this my will. Item I will that all the pewter vessel not bequeathed shalbe devyded bitwene **my sonne Christopher** and **Thomas Willoughby**. Item I give to **Thomas Willoughby** a dosen of trencher plates of pewter, and the reste I give to **my sonne Christopher** and **my daughter Tottesherste** to be devyded bitwene them. Item I give and bequeath towardes the repayringe of the planckes at Somerden meade five poundes. Item I give towardes the byeng of such necessaryes as in lacking in the churche of Chydingstone forty shillings. Item whereas Willm Bassett my servannte heretofore had the collection of certeyn rentes and farme goinge oute of the Mannor of Chedyngstone Cobsam and other landes to the use of Anne Burroughe by the order and commandment of **Sir Thomas Willoughby my late husbnde** for the whiche rentes the said Willm fully accompted unto my saied husbnde Sir Thomas Willoughby; And yet that notwithstanding maye fortune to be called to accompte or empeched and molested for the same my will is that myne executors shall save harmeles and dischargde the said Willm Bassett of all suche accons sewtes and demannes as are or maye hereafter be moved against the saied Willm Bassett his heirs executors or admynstrators for the saied rentes and farme or the collection of the same as well by the heirs executours or admynstratores of the saied Lorde Burrowghe as by Mr Richard Vaughan the husband of the saied Anne Burroughe or by the saide Anne Burrowghe or by any other person or persons whatsoever. And also I will that my said executors shall disburse and paye all suche money as shall happen to be recovered of the saide Willm for the same or by the meanes thereof by any maner of wyse. And the reste of all my goodes and cattell not before willed I give unto **my sonne Christopher** and the saide **Thomas Willoughby**. Item I give to **my sonne Christofer Willoughby** that my tenement called Wadstocke with all the landes thereunto belonging set lienge and beinge within the parishes of Chedingstone and Penseherste to have and to hold the saied tenement and landes thereunto belonging to the saied Christofer and his heirs in suche and as ample estate as the same landes and tenementes or any parte thereof are given disposed devised or bequeathed unto the said Christofer by the laste will and testament of **Sir Thomas Willoughby my late husband deceased**. Item the rest of all my landes tenementes and hereditaments lienge and benige in the parishes of Chedyngston, Sundridge Chevennige Hever Penseherste, and Lighe, or else where, within the County of Kente I give and bequeathe to the performance of this my laste will and testament and of the legacies therin given and bequeathed in maner and forme followynge, that is to saie I give and bequeathe all the rentes issues & profittes of all my saied landes tenementes and hereditaments nowe in the tenure and occupation of other (the saied tenement of Watstocke onely excepted) wholly unto the payment of my saied legacies and of all and singler of them until the saied legaccyes all and singler be fully satisfied contented and paied. And also I give and bequeath owte of my mansyon house of Bo\ere place and oute of the landes and tenementes nowe being in myne occupacon and unleased the yerely some of fortye poundes of lawfull money of Englande in like wise to be paide for the performance of my saied legacies and all and singler of theym until my saied legacies all and singler be fully satisfied conteted & paied. The saied rentes profittes and yerely rente to be levied by suche as shall happen to have the execucon and admynstration of this my laste will and testament for the tyme beinge. Item as touching the disposition of the inheritance of all my saide landes tenementes and hereditaments the saied tenement of Wadstocke excepted and my legacies performed, I give and bequeathe my tenement called Moreden with all the landes rentes sarvyces and other thinges thereunto belonging lienge and beinge within the parishes of Chedyngstone, Lighe and Penseherste unto **my saied sonne Christopher Willoughby** and unto the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for defaulte of suche issue the remainder thereof unto **Thomas Willoughby** and unto the hairs males of his body lawfully begotten, and the defaulte of suche issue the same to remayne unto the right heirs of me the saide Brigett so the saide Christopher and his saied heires males, and for lacke of

*suche issue the saide Thomas and his saied heir males, and for defaulte of suche issue males my saied right heirs doo quietly suffer and permytte the profytte of the saide tenement with the landes and tenementes thereunto belonging to goo and to be levied by suche as shall happen to have the admynstracon of this my laste will and testament for the tyme beinge to the performance of this my laste will and testament and unto the payment therin conteyned until the tyme my saide leacyes be fully satisfied contented and paide. And the reste of my landes tenementes and hereditaments as well those wherein I doo nowe dwell called Bere place as also all my other landes and tenementes lienge and beinge within the parishes Chedingstone, Sundrige, Chevenynge, Hever, Penseherste, and Lige or els where within the County of Kente my saide legacies performed I give unto **Thomas Willoughby sonne and heir of Robert Willoughby deceased** and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten. And for defaulte of such issue the same to remayne unto my saide sonne Christopher and unto the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for defaulte of suche issue the same to remayne unto the right heirs of me the saied Bridgett, so that the saide Thomas and his heires males, and for defaulte of suche issue the saied Christofer and his heirs males, and for defaulte of suche issue my saied right heirs doo yerely paye unto the performance of this my laste will and testament the saied some of xlli of lawfull money of Englande owte of my saied dwellynge house called Bere place and other the land nowe in myne occupacon, and doo also quyetye suffer and permytte the saide issues and proffettes of the saide landes and tenementes oute of my occupacon wholly to go and to be levied by suche as shall happen to have the admynstracon of this my laste will and testament for the tyme beinge unto the performacon of this my laste will and testament and unto the payment of my legacies therein conteyned until my saied leacyes be fully satisfied contented and paied. Item I doo ordeyne and make **my sonne Christopher Willoughby** and the saied **Thomas Willoughby** myne Executors and **my cousin Thomas Wootton** myne overseer of my laste will and testament. Item in case that my saide executours do not take upon theym the execucon and admynstracon of this my saide will and testament or that my saied executours doo refuse neclecte or leave undone the performance of this my laste will and testament or the payment of these my saide leacyes or els if it happen by deathe of my saide executors or by any other meanes that my said executors cannot performe this my laste will then my will is that my saide overseer shall have the full authoritie to performe the same and to pereceave and levye all such rentes and proffittes appointed for the payment of my saide leacyes until my saied legacies be wholly satisfied contented and paied. Witnesses hereof Christofer Jenney Willm Bassett*

Thomas and Bridget had the following children:

- *1. **Robert**, married Dorothy Willoughby.
2. **Mary**, married Humffrey Waldron.
3. **Elizebeth**, married Thomas Tottishurst.
4. **Christopher**, married Margarett Tottishurst.

SOURCES: Will of Sir Thomas Willoughby, 1545, Prerogative Court of Canterbury; will of Bridget Willoughby, widow, 1558, Prerogative Court of Canterbury; The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF CHRISTOPHER WILLOUGHBY AND MARGARETT JENNY

Christopher was born in about 1453, the son of Sir Robert Willoughby, knight and Cecily Wells. He married Margaret Jenny, the daughter of William Jenny of Knottishall and Elizabeth Cawse.

A biography provides information about Christopher's life: *"Sir Christopher Willoughby, de jure 10th Baron Willoughby de Eresby, KB (1453 – between 1 November 1498 and 13 July 1499), was heir to his second cousin, Joan Welles, 9th Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, in her own right Lady Willoughby, as well as great-grandson and heir male to William Willoughby, 5th Baron Willoughby de Eresby. Christopher Willoughby was also heir to his elder brother, Robert Willoughby, who died unmarried and underage on 24 March 1467. He was unable to enjoy his inherited title as a result of the attainders of his cousin Joan Welles' father, Richard Welles, 7th Baron Welles, and brother, Robert Willoughby, 8th Baron Willoughby de Eresby. Christopher Willoughby, born in 1453, was the second son of Sir Robert Willoughby (d. 30 May 1465) of Parham, Suffolk, and Cecily Welles, the daughter of Lionel de Welles, 6th Baron Welles (d. 29 March 1461), and his first wife, Jane Waterton, the daughter of Robert Waterton (d. 1425), esquire, of Methley, Yorkshire, by Cecily Fleming, daughter of Sir Robert Fleming of Woodhall. He was the grandson of Sir Thomas Willoughby and Joan Arundel (born c. 1407), daughter and co-heiress of Sir Richard Arundel and his wife Alice, and the great-grandson of William Willoughby, 5th Baron Willoughby de Eresby (d. 4 December 1409), and Lucy Le Strange.*

By her second marriage to John Beaufort, Margaret Beauchamp was the mother of Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII. Christopher Willoughby's mother, Cecily Welles, was thus a step-sister of Margaret Beaufort.

Christopher Willoughby had livery of his lands on 15 July 1474. His second cousin, Joan Welles, 9th Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, died about that time. The exact date of her death is not known; however, she likely died shortly before her father, Richard Welles, 7th Baron Welles, and brother, Robert Willoughby, 8th Baron Willoughby de Eresby, were attainted, five years after their executions, by the Parliament of January–March 1475. As a result of the attainders, all their honours were forfeited, including the baronies of Welles and Willoughby, which should have been inherited, respectively, after Joan Welles' death, by her uncle of the half blood, John Welles, 1st Viscount Welles, and her second cousin, Christopher Willoughby.

Willoughby married, before 28 March 1482, Margaret Jenney (d.1515/16), the daughter of Sir William Jenney of Knodishall, Suffolk, by his first wife, Elizabeth Cawse, daughter of Thomas Cawse, by whom he had nine sons and three daughters.

Willoughby was made a Knight of the Bath at the coronation of Richard III on 7 July 1483, and served frequently on commissions in Suffolk from 1483 to 1497.

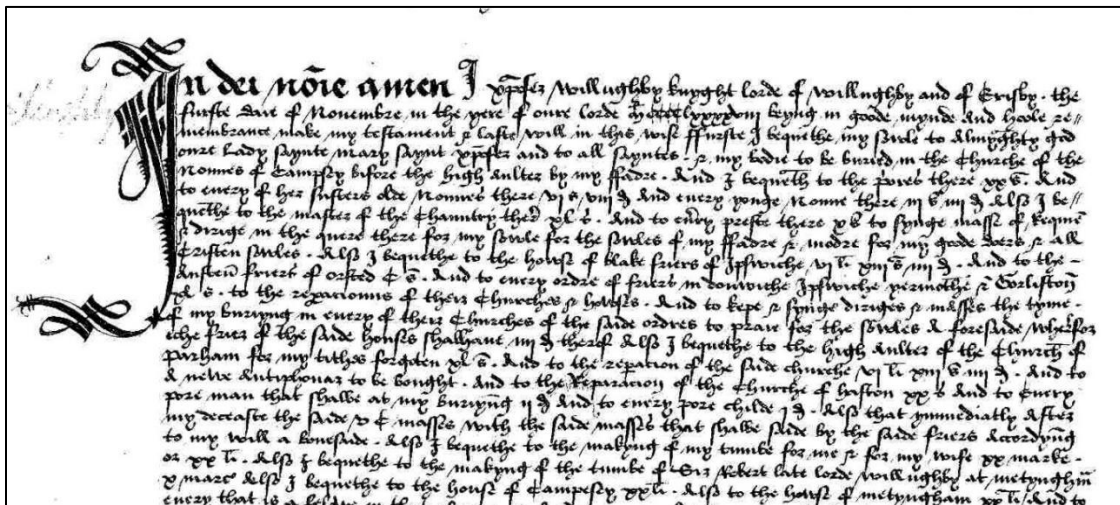
Under Henry VII, the attainders of Joan Welles' father and brother, as well as the attainder of her uncle, John Welles, were all reversed by the Parliament of 1485/6. John Welles was still living, and with the reversal of his attainder became Lord Welles. Joan Welles' former husband, Sir Richard Hastings, was

thus no longer recognized as Lord Welles. In compensation, however, it was enacted in the same year that Hastings should be entitled, for life, to all the lands which had belonged to Joan Welles' father. Having received this grant, until his death Hastings continued to be styled, and styled himself, Lord Willoughby, to the exclusion of Christopher Willoughby, who should have inherited the title.

On 25 November 1487 Willoughby was in attendance at the coronation of Elizabeth of York. In 1499 he was co-heir to his uncle, John Welles, 1st Viscount Welles.

He left a will dated 1 November 1498, which was proved 13 July 1499. He was buried at Campsey Priory, Suffolk, beside his father."

Christopher left a will dated 13 July 1499:



Will of Christopher Willoughby, 1499

In Dei Noie Amen I Christofer Willughby knight Lorde of Willughby and of Eresby the firste daie of Novembre in the yere of oure Lorde LCCCCLXXXVIIJ beyng in goode mynde and hoole remembrance make my testament & laste will in this wise ffirste I bequethe my sowle to Almyghty God oure Lady Saynte Mary Saynt Christofer and to all sayntes & my bodie to be buried in the churche of the nonnes of Camppsey before the high aulter by my ffadre. And I bequeth to the pores there xxs. And to every of her sisters the nonnes there vjs viijd And every yonge nonne there iij l iij d & also I bequethe to the master of the chantry there xls. And to evry preste there xl to syngre masse of requiem dirge in the quire there for my soule for the soules of my ffadre & modre for my goode doers & all Chisten soules. Also I bequethe to the house of blake friers of Ipswiche vj li xijs iiij d. And to the austere friers of Osted Cs. And to every ordre of friers in Donwiche Ipswiche Yermothe & Goslifton xls to the reperacionne of their churches & houses. And to kepe & syngre diriges & masses the tyme of my buryng in every of their churches of the saide orders to praie for the soules aforesaid wherfor eche frier of the saide houses shalhave iij & therof. Also I bequethe to the high aulter of the Church of Parham for my tithes forgotten xls. And to the reperacion of the saide churche vj li xijs iiij d. And to a new antiphonar to be bought. And to the reperacion of the Church of Haston xxs. And to every pore man that shalbe at my buryng ijs. And to

every pore childe js. Also that ymmediatly after my deceaste the paide vc masses with the saide masses that shalbe saide by the saide friers accordyng to my will abovesaide. Also I bequethe to the making of my tumbel for me & for my wife xx markes xxli. Also I bequethe to the making of the tumbel of **Sir Robert late Lorde Willughby** at Metyngham x markes. Also I bequethe to the house of Campsey xxli. Also to the house of Metyngham xxli. And to every that is a feldre in that place xs. And to every olde nonne in brosiers xs. And to every monyce there iij d iij s. And to **Dame Jane Willughby** of Campsey v markes. Also I bequethe to **Dame Margery my wife** halfe my plate & jewelles except my greate chayne of golde and halfe the utensils of all my howsolde other goodes & catalles at her elecionn and choise. Item I bequethe to **Willyam Willughby my eldest sonne** or to hym that shalbe my heire next after my decease the oder halfe of all my plate and jewelles & utensils of my housolde & of all my oder goodes & catalles upon condicionn that he breke not my will made of my landes towchyng my wife the mariage of my doughters and payment of my dettes & restabucionns. Also I bequethe to Bliforde church xl s. Also to **my Aunte Margery Mekilfelde** v li. Also to **my sister Hotofer** xx markes. Also to **my daughter Kateryne** xl markes. And ye chayne of golde that she hathe & to yonge **Henry Harden** x marke and to **Margery his sister** x markes and to **Christofer Harden** xxli and to Thomas Baynyarde x markes and to the mase of Brunedish x markes. To my broder for **Henry Harden knight** a blak velvet gowne _____. To **Dame Anne Harden his wife** a gowne of saten & to **Willyam Mekilfeld** x markes and to the churche of Bandedy for necessary reparacionns of the same churche & all necessaries xxs & in likewise to the church of Wikham xxs & in likewise to the churche of Ufforde xls & in likewise to the churche of Combis xls. And in likewise to the churche of Stowe xiijs iij d in likewise to the churche of Bradfeld xs. And in likewise to the churche of Petifter xiijs iij d & in likewise to the church of Roughton xxs and in like wise to the churche of Edgefelde xxs & to the priors & convent of Woodbrigge xls. And to the parish church of Wodebrigge xiijs iij d & in likewise to Kudsale church xiijs iij d. And in likewise to Terbertoon churche xiijs iij d and in likewise to Buxlowe churche vjs viij d. And in likewise to Knotsale churche for John Rowes dette xxs. And to the Abbot xxs & to the convent xxs & of Corston xl s. And to the priors xxs & to the covent of Butley xls & to my servants for their wages to eche of them if any ether be bihynde. Also I bequethe to John Parker viijs iij d. And to Robert Chamber xls. And to Robert Colvile xxs. And to Robert Hafille xxs. To John Crosse xxs to Willyam Clifton xiijs iij d to Willyam Smyth xxs to Jamys xiijs iij d. And to Thomas Whetcowse xls. to Thomas Russhe liijs iij d to Thomas Radeley xxs. To John Symsonne xxs to George Bowman xxs. To Willyam ffete xls. And to Willyam ffetes wife xs. To Richarde Cooke vjs viij d. To bolle of the Bakehousison vjs viij d. And to Water Hogan vjs viij d to John Dede vjs viij d to Rogerson vjs viij d. To Robert Casse vjs viij d to Hugh Dikes xs to John Say xs to John Smyth vjs viij d. And to John ffesrons vjs viij d And to Bacon vjs viijs. And to Elizabeth Bacom C s & to Agnes Gryinstono xiijs iij d. To my nevewe Willyam Benny my godsonne & to Dame Anne Coo of Brofijerde: in recompence of xxs a yere that I promised her for terme of her life if so be that she maybe so entreted xli & of this my present testament I ordeyne my executours **Dame Margaret my wife Jamys Hobert Edmond Jeny John Hardon and Sir Richarde Brannche** clerk. Geven the daie & yeare abovesaide.

Christopher and Margaret had the following children:

1. **William**, "11th Baron Willoughby de Eresby, who married, as his second wife, Maria de Salinas, lady-in-waiting to Catherine of Aragon, by whom he had a daughter, Katherine, Duchess of Suffolk".
2. **Christopher**, "(d. 1538–40), who married Elizabeth Tailboys (d. 1546), youngest daughter of Sir

George Tailboys (d. 24 September 1538), by whom he was the father of William Willoughby, 1st Baron Willoughby of Parham."

3. **Robert**, a cleric.

4. **George**

5. **Richard**

6. **Edmund**

7. **Hugh**

8. **John**, "*who married Cecily Wentworth, the widow of Robert Southwell, esquire."*

*9. **Thomas**, "*(d. 1545), Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, who married Bridget Rede (d. 1558), daughter of Sir Robert Rede (d. 1519), Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, heiress of Bore Place in Chiddingstone, Kent, by whom he was the father of Robert Willoughby of Bore Place. Sir Robert Rede was an executor of the will of Henry VII."*

10. **Katherine**, "*who married Sir John Heydon (d. 16 August 1550), eldest son and heir of Sir Henry Heydon."*

11. **Margaret**, "*who married Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 1551) of Gipping, Suffolk, eldest son of Sir James Tyrrell (beheaded 6 May 1502) and Anne Arundel, daughter of Sir John Arundel (d. 12 November 1473) of Lanherne, Cornwall, by his first wife, Elizabeth Morley, daughter of Thomas, Lord Morley, by whom she had a son, Sir John Tyrrell (d. 1574), who married Elizabeth Munday, the daughter of Sir John Munday (d. 1537), Lord Mayor of London, and a daughter, Anne Tyrrell, who married Sir John Clere of Ormesby, Norfolk."*

12. **Elizabeth**, "*(born c. 1483), who married William Eure, 1st Baron Eure (d. 15 March 1548)."*

SOURCES: The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.; Wikipedia, citing Cockayne, George Edward, The Complete Peerage; The Dictionary of National Biography; Richardson, Douglas Edward, Magna Carta Ancestry

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT WILLOUGHBY AND CECILY WELLES

Sir Robert Willoughby was born in about 1428 in Parham, Suffolk, the son of Sir Thomas Willoughby and Joan Arundel. He married Lady Cecily Welles in 1453. Cecily Welles was the daughter of Sir Lionel de Welles and Joan Waterton.

Robert died 30 May 1465, and was buried in Campsey, Suffolk.

Robert and Cecily had the following children:

1. **Dorothy**, born in about 1450.
- *2. **Christopher**, born in about 1453; married Margaret Jenny.
3. **Robert**

SOURCES: The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.; Wikipedia, citing Cockayne, George Edward, The Complete Peerage; The Dictionary of National Biography; Richardson, Douglas Edward, Magna Carta Ancestry.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS WILLOUGHBY AND JOAN ARUNDEL

Sir Thomas Willoughby was born in about 1385 in Parham, Suffolk, England, the daughter of William Willoughby and Lucy le Strange. He married Joan Arundel 16 October 1428, receiving a dispensation as they were related in the third and fourth degrees of kindred.

Thomas and Joan had the following children:

- *1. **Robert**, married Cecily de Welles.
2. **William**
3. **Joan**

SOURCES: The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.; Wikipedia, citing Cockayne, George Edward, The Complete Peerage; The Dictionary of National Biography; Richardson, Douglas Edward, Magna Carta Ancestry

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY AND LUCY LE STRANGE

William Willoughby was born in about 1360 of Eresby, Lincolnshire, England, the son of Robert de Willoughby and Margery Zouche. He married Lucy le Strange in January 1383.

A biography of William Willoughby states: *"William Willoughby was born 1370 in what is now the county of Lincolnshire in England. Williams father, Robert, was the fourth baron de Eresby, and when he died in 1396 William became the fifth baron of Willoughby. William was a supporter of Henry IV and once Richard II was captured, he joined William in England where Richard II was forced to abdicate the throne by force. William continued his dedication to Richard II, assisting with military support against rebels in the North as well as against threats from the Welsh. His continued loyalty earned him a place in the Order of the Garter. His first wife, Lucy le Strange, was married to him in 1383. He had five children with her and soon after she passed, he remarried Joan Holland, the Duchess of York. He died in 1409 and was buried in the Church of St. James in Spilsby"* (Goodey, Emma. "The Order of the Garter." *The Royal Family*, Royal UK, 17 Dec. 2019, www.royal.uk/order-garter; Cokayne, George E., and Peter W. Hammond. *The Complete Peerage: or a History of the House of Lords and All Its Members from the Earliest Times*. Sutton Pub., 1998.)

William died 4 December 1409 in Lincolnshire, and was buried in Spilsby, Lincolnshire.



William Willoughby monument in Spilsbury

William and Lucy had the following children:

- 1. Elizabeth**

* 2. **Thomas**, married Joan Arundel.

3. **Robert**

4. **Margaret**

SOURCES: The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.; Wikipedia, citing Cockayne, George Edward, The Complete Peerage; The Dictionary of National Biography; Richardson, Douglas Edward, Magna Carta Ancestry.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT DE WILLOUGHBY AND MARGERY ZOUCHE

Robert de Willoughby was born in about 1349, the son of John Willoughby and Cecily de Ufford. He married 1) Alice, 2 Margery Zouch before 29 March 1372. Margery was the daughter of William la Zouche and Elizabeth de Ros.

A biography of Robert states: "He took part in Lancaster's historic but futile march from Calais to Bordeaux, Aug.-Dec. 1373, returning with Lancaster to England in 1374; was summoned to Parliament from 20 Jan. 1375/6 to 20 Nov. 1394, by writs directed Roberto de Wilughby; did homage to Richard II at his Coronation, 16 July 1377, and was among those appointed in Parliament to confer with the Commons, Nov. 1381; was found to be a coheir of William (de Ufford), 2nd Earl of Suffolk, in 1382; accompanied the King on his only expedition into Scotland, 1385 (he was in the "Kynges Battail" with 50 men-at-arms and 60 archers); and served again under Lancaster in Spain, 1386-87.

He married, firstly, in or before 1370, Alice (she is said to have been a daughter of Sir William Skipwith, Chief Baron of the Exch., by Alice, daughter and heir of Sir William Hiltoft, of Ingoldmells, Lincs. He married, secondly, before 29 Mar. 1372, Margery, daughter of William (la Zouche), 2nd Lord Zouche (of Haryngworth), by Elizabeth, daughter of William (de Ros), 2nd Lord Ros (of Helmsley. She died 18 Oct. 1391 and was buried at Spilsby aforesaid. He married thirdly, Elizabeth, de jure suo jure Baroness Latimer, widow of John (de Neville), 3rd Lord Neville (of Raby), daughter and heir of William (le Latimer), 4th Lord Latimer, by his wife Elizabeth. She died 5 Nov. 1395 and was probably buried at Spilsby. Robert died 9 Aug. 1396 and was buried at Spilsby (his alabaster altar-tomb at Spilsby has effigies of himself and his 3rd wife). Will dated at Eresby 27 May and 11 July 1396, directing burial at Spilsby, proved 12 Aug. 1396 at Stowe Park, and 19 May 1397 at Lambeth." (George Edward Cokayne; Complete Peerage, v 12)



Robert Willoughby monument in Spilsbury

Robert and Margery had the following children:

1. **Robert**

2. **John**

*3. **William**, married Lucy le Strange.

4. **Brian**

5. **Katherine**

SOURCES: The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.; Wikipedia, citing Cockayne, George Edward, The Complete Peerage; The Dictionary of National Biography; Richardson, Douglas Edward, Magna Carta Ancestry.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN WILLOUGHBY AND CECILY DE UFFORD

John de Willoughby was christened 6 January 1328 in Spilsby, the son of John Willoughby and Joan Roscelyn. He married Cecily de Ufford, the daughter of Robert, Earl of Suffolk and Margaret de Norwich.

Burke's Peerage recounts: "*John de Willoughby, 3rd Lord (Baron) Willoughby de Eresby; bapt 6 Jan 1328/9; knighted by May 1347; thought to have assisted at Siege of Calais 1347; fought at Battle of Poitiers 19 Sep 1356, campaigning again in France 1359-60 and Gascony 1371; married by 1349 Cecily, 2nd daughter of Robert de Ufford, 1st Earl of Suffolk, and died 29 March 1372.*"

A biography states: "*John (de Willoughby), Lord Willoughby, or Lord Willoughby de Eresby, son and heir,*

was born at Eresby manor and baptized 6 Jan. 1328/9 in the church of St. James, Spilsby. By indenture, May 1347, he, being then a knight, was to stay with the Prince of Wales with five men-at-arms for one year, being presumably with the Prince at the siege of Calais in 1347. Although a minor he was granted the wardship of his lands, 27 Oct. 1349, and he had seisin thereof, 23 Feb. 1349/50. He was summoned to Parliament from 25 Nov. 1350 to 8 Jan. 1370/1, by writs directed Johanni de Wilughby de Eresby, or Johanni de Wilughby. In 1355 he went to Gascony with the Prince; he fought at Poitiers, 19 Sep. 1356; and was apparently left behind to take part in the government of Gascony when the Prince returned to England, Apr. 1357. He also took part in the King's campaign in France, 1359-60, and in that of the Duke of Lancaster there, 1369; and served again under Lancaster at the siege of Montfont, in Gascony, early in 1371.

He married, before 1349, Cecily, sister and (in her issue) coheir of William (de Ufford), 2nd Earl of Suffolk, 2nd but 1st surviving daughter of Robert, 1st Earl of Suffolk, by Margaret, great-aunt and (in her issue) heir of John (de Norwich), 2nd Lord Norwich, daughter of Sir Walter de Norwich, of Sculthrope, Norfolk. She died before him. He died 29 Mar. 1372, aged 43, and was buried at Spilsby aforesaid." (George Edward Cokayne; *Complete Peerage*, v 12)



John Willoughby monument in Spilsby

John and Cecily had the following children:

*1. **Robert**, married Margery Zouche.

2. **Joan**

SOURCES: The Visitation of the County of Nottingham, 1569 and 1614.; Wikipedia, citing Cokayne, George Edward, The Complete Peerage; The Dictionary of National Biography; Richardson, Douglas Edward, Magna Carta Ancestry.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN WILLOUGHBY AND JOAN ROSCELYN

John Willoughby was born 6 January 1303 in Lincolnshire, England, the son of Lord Robert Willoughby and Margaret Deincourt. John married Joan Roscelyn 2 July 1323. Joan was the daughter of Sir Peter Roscelyn.

Burke's Peerage recounts: "John de Willoughby, 2nd Lord (Baron) Willoughby de Eresby; born 6 Jan 1303/4; knight banneret Jan 1326/7; campaigned in Gascony, Scotland, Brittany and France, where present at Battle of Crecy 1346 and possibly also the ensuing Siege of Calais; married by 2 July 1323 Joan, daughter of Peter Roscelyn, of Edgefield, Norfolk, and died 13 June 1349."



Monument for John Willoughby and Joan Roscelyn in Spilsby

John and Joan had the following children:

*1. **John**, married Cecily de Ufford.

SOURCES: George Edward Cokayne; Complete Peerage, v 12.

FAMILY HISTORY OF ROBERT WILLOUGHBY AND MARGARET DEINCOURT

Robert Willoughby was born in about 1250, the son of William de Willoughby and Alice Beke. He married Margaret Deincourt, the daughter of Edmund Deincourt and Isabel de Mohun.

Burke's Peerage recounts: *"ROBERT DE WILLOUGHBY, son and heir, born circa 1250-60, had a protection, going to Scotland with his great-uncle, the Bishop of Durham, 12 June 1298; was often summoned against the Scots, 1300-15; and took part in the siege of Carlaverock, July 1300. He is said to have been granted the manor of Eresby by his grandfather, John Beke, in 1301-02. He was summoned to Parliament from 26 July 1313 to 26 November 1313, by writs directed Roberto de Wylghby, whereby he is held to have become LORD WILLOUGHBY. On 16 October 1313, as a follower of Thomas of Lancaster, he was pardoned for his activities against Gavaston.*

1st son of Sir William de Willoughby, of Willoughby, Lincoln, by his wife Alice Beke, 1st daughter and co-hieress. of John Beke, 1st Baron Beke

He married, in or before 1303, Margaret, daughter of Edmund (DEINCOURT), 1st LORD DEINCOURT, by Isabel, daughter of Sir Reynold DE MOHUN, of Dunster, Somerset. He died shortly before 25 March 1317. She died shortly before 18 October 1333.

Robert de Willoughby, 1st Lord (Baron) Willoughby de Eresby, so created 26 July 1313 by writ of summons to Parliament made out to "Roberto de Wylghby" (ie. Willoughby) alone, the addition of "de Eresby" not occurring till the 1350-Jan 1370/1 Parliament of Edward III, and then only in the period 1350-60, presumably because a similarly named personage, Richard de Willoughby (a descendant), was also called to that Parliament, the next version of the title to include the suffix "de Eresby" occurring in 1580 (when the 2nd Baron Willoughby of Parham was sitting in Parliament), the Barony from then on being held with superior peerages till 1870 but referred to in the declaratory patent of 18 March 1780 as "Willoughby of Eresby" and only as "Willoughby de Eresby" from the 1871 termination of the abeyance onwards, though for convenience's sake this form has been adhered to throughout this article; born c 1250-60; campaigned against Scots, being present at Siege of Carlaverock 1300; married by 1303 Margaret, daughter of 1st Lord (Baron) Deincourt, and died just prior to 25 March 1316/7.

Robert and Margaret had the following children:

1. **Mary**
2. **John**, married Joan Roscelyn.
3. **William**
4. **Thomas**
5. **Nicholas**

SOURCES: George Edward Cokayne; Complete Peerage, v 12