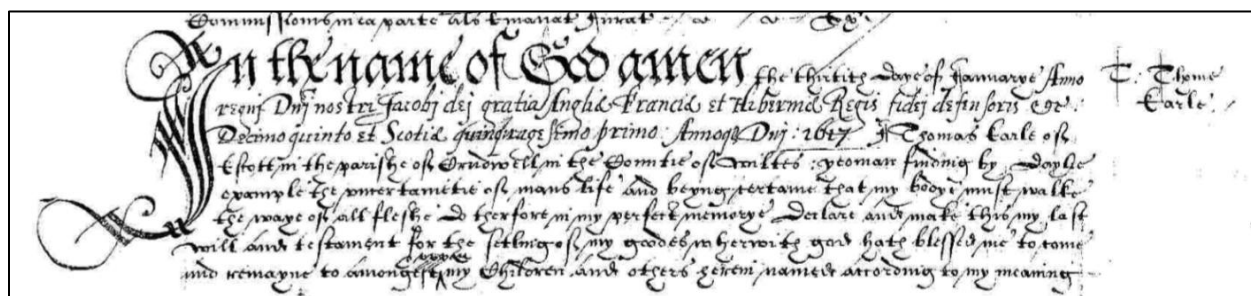


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS AND BRIDGETT EARLE

Thomas Earle was born in about 1550 of Eastcott in the parish of Crudwell, Wiltshire, the son of William and Isobel Earle of Escott (Eastcott). He married Bridgett.

Thomas was a prosperous yeoman farmer in Crudwell. A history of Crudwell talks about the Chelworth manor farm: "*Andrew Baynton sold the manor in 1547 to Nicholas Snell, who sold it in 1553 to William Earle (d. 1586). Earle devised it to his son Thomas (d. 1618), and it passed to Thomas's son Thomas (will proved 1638) and daughter Margaret, the wife of John Partridge. John and his and Margaret's son Thomas owned it c. 1649.*" (*British History Online - Crudwell*)

Thomas died in about 1617 in Crudwell, leaving a will:



Will of Thomas Earle of Crudwell, 1618

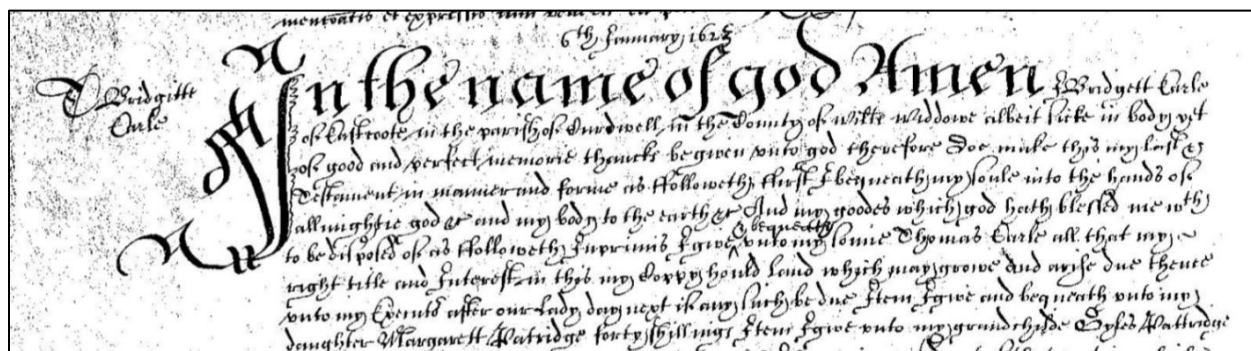
Will of Thomas Earle, 1618

*In the name of God Amen the thirtieth daye of Januarie Anno reni dej nostril Jacobj dej gratia Anglie Francis et Hibernie Regis fidej defensoris Decimo quinto et Scotia quinqrage simo primo Annoj Dej: 1617 I Thomas Earle of Escott in the parrishe of Crudwell in the Countie of Wiltes: yeoman finding by daylie example the uncertaintie of mans life and beyng certaine that my body must walke the waye of all fleshe do therefore in my perfect memorye declare and make this my last will and testament for the settinge of my goodes wherewith God hath blessed me to come and remayne to amonst my children and other herein named according to my meaning herein declared: hoping therby to avoyde all occasions of strife and contention and mayntayne love & concorde between them after my death. And first with a repentant harte for my mani saults and synnes paste I yeald my ssoule unto Almightye God that created me with full confidence in his mercy and by the meritts of my Savyoure Christ to rise at the generall daye of Resurrecton amongst his elect and chosen: My bodye I leave to the earthe with such ffuneralls as shall please myne executrix whensoever yt shall please God to call me out of this transitory life by his visitation. Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne **Thomas Earle** tenne poundes and to **Elizabeth his wife** I give fyv poundes. Item I give unto my said sonne my best ironbound wheeles and wayne. Item I give unto hym my greate chest the yoking stone the wainscot and glass aboute the howse, the cupboard the table board with frames and benches my best bedstead, my best bed with the furniture a dozen of pewter with the choise of the best brasse pewter and other howshoulds after the decease of **Brigett my wife**. Item I give unto my sayde sonne three score poundes fortie poundes wherof resteth in the hands of **John Partridge** and **Thomas Kyng**. Item I give unto hym the tearme of yeres which are yet to come unexpired*

of and in one house and a close therin to adjyning lying and byng in the deane Leasowes in the parish of Okessy: Item I give unto **my daughter Margaret Partridge** my second best bedsted and my second best bed with the furniture a dozen of pewter with the second choise of the brasse pewter and other howshould after the decease of **Briget my wife**. Item I give unto **Bridget Partridge** fiftie poundes and a score of sheepe which I latelie promised to give her towards her marriage. Item I give unto **Ellinor Partridge** thirtie poundes. Item I give unto **Margaret Partridge** twentie poundes. Item I give unto **John Partridge** twentie poundes. Item I give unto **William Partridge** twentie poundes. Item I give unto **Anthony Partridge** tenne poundes. Item I give unto **James Partridge** tenne poundes. Item I give unto **Giles Partridge** thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence. Item I give unto **Mary Partridge** twentie poundes. Item I give unto **Sara Partridge** twentie poundes. Item I give unto **Elizabeth Partridge** twentie poundes provided always and my will is that these partions before given unto **Elinor Margaret John William Anthony James Giles Mary Sara and Elizabeth** shalbe payde by my executrix unto my overseers hereafter named at suche tyme and tymes as they shall thincke fit and by my overseers to be set fourthe to the childrens best advantage provided also that yf either of these departe this naturall life before they shall accomlishe the age of one and twentie yeres of daye of marriage that then my will is that his her or their parte so dying shall come and remayne unto the other then living by equall portions. Item I give unto **my kynnesman Philip Greene** five poundes. Item I give unto **Isabell Richard Green Johane Greene and Mary Greene** to each of them fortie shillings. Item I give unto **my brother William Earle** tenne shillings: Item I give unto **Isabell Earle and Margaret Earle daughters of my brother William Earle** to each of them fortie shillings. Item I give unto Rachell Woodward als Smythe the wife of Nicholas Woodward als Smyth twentie shillings. Item I give unto Nicholas Douleman and Agnes Dowlman children of William Dowlman to each of them fortie shillings. Item I give unto Roger Aveye fortie shillings. Item I give unto Anne Morse twentie shillings. Item I give unto John Dowlman twoe and twentie shillings which he oweth me. Item I give unto William Dowlman his sonne twoe and twentie shillings which Richard Shermor oweth me. Item I give unto the sonne and daughter of William Dowlman the younger to each of them tenne shillings. Item I give unto **my kynnesman Thomas Dowlman** fortie shillings which he oweth me. Item I give unto Briget Penryn twentie five shillings to which are pledged and pawned fourthe and I forgive her also tenne shillings which she oweth me. Item I give unto **John Earle Thomas Earle Mary Earle Elizabeth Earle Joyce Earle Margaret Earle and Susanna Earle the children of my cosin Thomas Earle** clarke to eache of them tenne shillings. Item I give unto **William Beale Mathewe Beale John Beale Henry Beale Mary Beale Johane Beale and Margaret Beale the children of my cosin William Beale** clerke to each of them tenne shillings. Item I give unto ___ Dowlman of Oksey five shillings. Item I give unto the poore of the parishe of Crudwell twenty poundes to be ymployed to the use of the poore there: And whereas I have already given and delivered six poundes to the use of the poore of the the parishe of Okessy and five poundes to the use of the poore of the parish of Hankerton my will was and is that the sayed sommes of six poundes five poundes and the saied somme of twentie poundes shall from tyme to tyme and always be ymployed to ye only use of the poore of the saied parishes the use thereof to be distributed yerelie at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens. And yf at any tyme hereafter yt shalbe converted to any other use then to the poore and so to remayne my will is that yt shall come and remayne to **my sonne Thomas Earle** or his executors. Item I give unto the parishe churche of Crudwell fortie shillings to by ymployed towards the making of benches and desk rownde the channel for the fit receyvinge of the communicants. Allso I desire **my sonne Thomas Earle** clerke and **my cosin William Beale** clerke to be my overseers and I give unto each of them ten shillings. Item I forgive William Sherborne of Ashbie the debt which he oweth me. Item I forgive George Robbins of Okessy the debt which he oweth me. Item I forgive Robert Ricketts of Okessy the five shillings which his wife oweth me. Item I forgive Richard Canter the debt which he oweth me. Item I forgive Hugh Salten the debt which he oweth me. Item I forgive **John Partridge** eight poundes and tenne shillings which he oweth me. Item I

forgive **Thomas Partridge** the fourteen poundes which he oweth me. The rest of all my goodes chattells and debtes not before given and bequeathed (my leagacys payed and ffunerall expences dischargd) I do freelie give and bequeath unto **Briget my wife** whome I do make my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament not doubting but that she will performe the same according to my tru meaning and intent herein. And I doe hereby adnull and revoke all former willes and testaments by me made. Thomas Earle These bearing witnesse **Thomas Earle** clerke **Thomas Harding** **Willm Earle** **William Beale** clerke.

Bridgett died in about 1626, leaving a will:



Will of Bridgett Earle of Crudwell, 1626

Will of Bridgett Earle of Eastcoote in Crudwell, 1626

*In the name of God Amen I **Bridgett Earle of Eastcoote in the parish of Curdwell, in the county of Wilts widow** albeit sicke in body yet of good and perfect memorie thancks be given to God therefore doe make this my last testament in manner and forme as followeth ffirst I bequeath my soule into the hands of allmightie God and my body to the earth. And my goodes which God hath blessed me with to be disposed of as followeth Imprimis I give & bequeath unto **my sonne Thomas Earle** all that my right title and interest in this my cobbyhould land which may growe and arise due thence unto my executor after our Lady day next if any such be due. Item I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Margaret Patridge** forty shillings. Item I give unto **my grandchilde Gyles Patridge** six pounds thirteen shillings foure pence which I have invested out of that portion which his grandfather gave him. Item I give unto **my grandchilde Anthony Patridge** five pounds. Item I give unto **my grandchylde Mary Partridge** ten pounds. Item I give unto **my grandchilde Sara Partridge** ten pounds. Item I give unto **my grandchylde Elizabeth Patridge** tenn pounds all which summes of money I have increased out of their severall portions given and bequeathed unto them by thire grandfather. And all which sommes of money together with thire portions given by their grandfather remayne still in my hands. And my will is that my executor hereafter named shall employe the same to their best advantage as I myself have done. Item I give unto **my grandchilde Elioner Patridge** ten pounds. Item I give unto **my grandchilde Margaret Patridge** ten pounds. Item I give unto **my grandchilde Bridgett Hiller the wief of Thomas Hiller** twenty shillings. Item I give to the poore of the parish of Crudwell the summe of five pounds to remayne to their use forever; And the use of the said five pounds shalbe distributed yearlie at the discretion of the Minister and churchwardens and if at any tyme hereafter it shall be converted to any other use my will is that it shall come and remayne to my executor forever. All the rest of my goods and chattells movable and unmovable whatsoever unbequeathed my debts paid and my funeral expences dischargd I give and bequeath unto **my grandchild Thomas Patridge** whome I make and ordayne my whole and sole executor of this my*

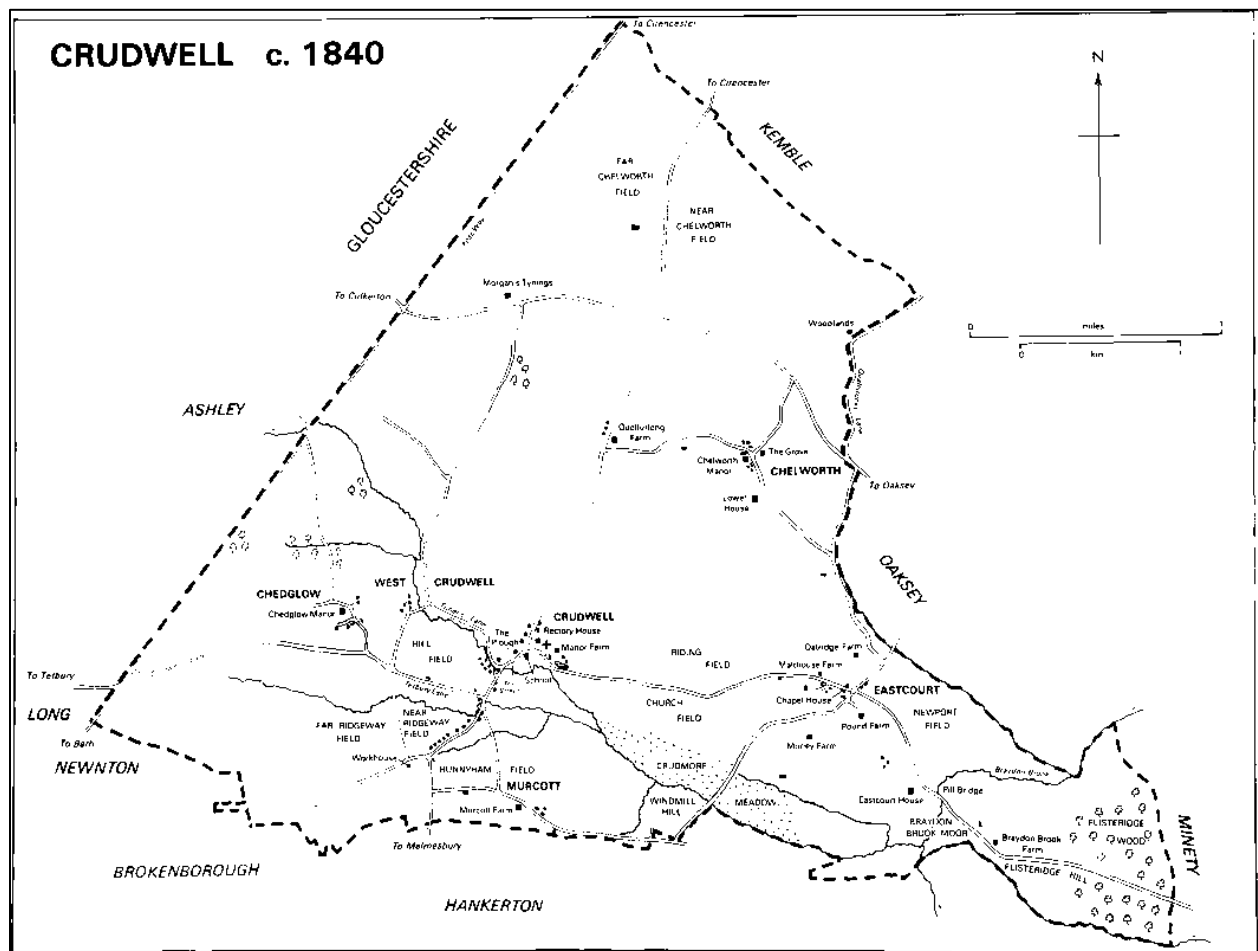
last will and testament, not doubting but that he will performe the same according to my true entent and meaninge. And of this my last will and testament I make and ordayne overseers John Bradshawe and Thomas Hardinge. In witness whereof I have put to my hand the daye and yeare above written. Bridgett Earle her marke. In the psence of **Thomas Earle** John Player his marke.

Thomas and Bridgett had the following children:

1. **Thomas**, married Elizabeth, left a will dated 1638, mentioning wife Elizabeth, sister Margaret Partridge als Earle, and William Earle.

*2. **Margaret**, married John Partridge of Crudwell by 1596.

SOURCES: Will of Bridgett Earle of Crudwell, 1626, PCC; Will of Thomas Earle of Crudwell, 1618, PCC; British History Online - Crudwell; Earles of Wiltshire, S.E. Earle, <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~desmier/genealogy/docs/Earles%20of%20Wiltshire.pdf>



Map of Crudwell parish (British History Online)

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM AND ISOBEL EARLE

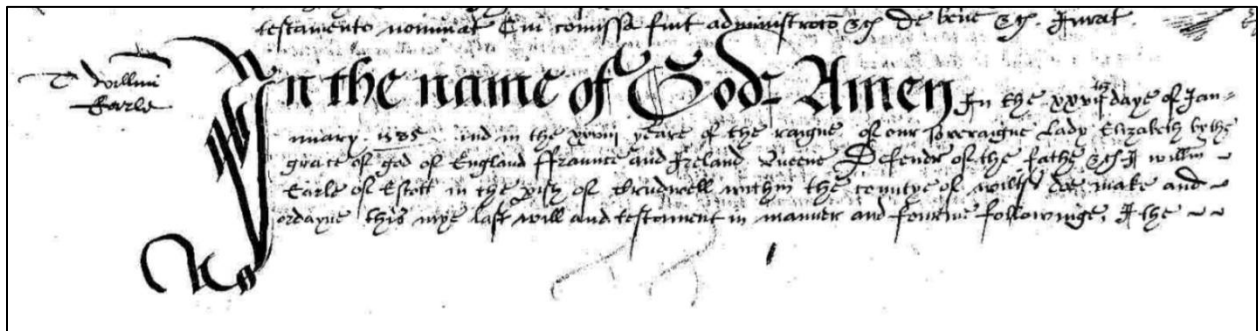
William Earle was born in about 1520 of Eascott in the parish of Crudwell. He married Isobel. She had lands in Bradenbrook. William bought Chelworth manor farm in Crudwell in 1553.

William and Thomas Earle were listed in Crudwell in a taxation list of 1576.

CRUDWELL	£	s	d	£	s	d
Thomas Walton esquier (L)	10			26	8	
William Dycke (L)		28		3	9	
William Earle	4			6	8	
John Archard	8			13	4	
Gyles Dryver	10			16	8	
Nicholas White	5			8	4	
William Pears	5			8	4	
Thomas Erle	3			5	8	
Richard Waters	4			6	8	
Agnes Wesbourne wydow	3			5	8	
Thomas Averie	3			5	8	
John Mylton	7			11	8	
Margaret Clarke wydow	6			10	8	
Henrie Humfrey	3			5	8	
Agnes Smyth alias Woodward wydow	5			8	4	
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Taxation list, Crudwell, 1576

William died in about 1585, leaving a will:



Will of William Earle of Crudwell, 1585

William Earle of Crudwell, 1585

In the name of God Amen in the xxvijth daye of January 1585 and in the xxiiij yeare of the raigne of our soverraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England Ffrannce and Ireland Queene Defender of the fathe I Willm Earle of Escott in the pish of Crudwell within the county of Wilts do make and ordayne this mye last will and testament in manner and fourme followinge, I the unprofitable servanthe of God beinge weake in body and notwithstanding of good and perfect remembrance laud and prayse be unto

almighty God doe willingly and with a free hart render and give agayne into the hands of the Lord my God my Savverithe which of his ffatherly goodness he gave unto and when he fashioned this bodye in my mothers woombe by this meanes making mee a living creature nothings doubting but that this my Lord God for his mercy sake sett fourth in the pretious bloude of his dearly beloved sonne Christ Jesus one alone Sviour and redeemer will receive my soule into his glory and place yt in the company of heavenly sayntes and blessed angels forever And as touching my bodye geaven with a goodwill and free hart I give it over unto the earth from whence it came. Imprimis I give unto the cathedral church of Sarum iijd Item I give to the church of Crudwell xijd. Item I give to the poore mens boxe of Crudwell iijss. Item I give unto **my sonne Thomas** my lande lyinge in Chellwoorth within the pisse of Crudwell and all and singuler thereunto belonging, to have and to houlde unto the said Thomas Earle and to his heires males lawfully begotten of his bodye for ever. And yf it happen my sonne Thomas to decease without yssue male lawfully begotten then my will is the said land lyinge in Chellwoorth with all thereunto belonging shall remayne unto **my sonne John Earle** and to his heires and males lawfully begotten for ever, And yf it happen my sonne John to dye without hires males lawfully begotten then my will is that the said lands shall remayne unto **my sonne William** & his heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever, And yf it happen **my sonne William** to dye without heires males lawfully begotten then my will is that the said lands shall remayne unto **my sonne Gyles** & to his heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever, yf it happen **my sonne Gyles** to dye without heires males lawfully begotten, then my will is that the said lands shall remayne unto **my sonne Nicholas** and to heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever, yf it happen all mye said sonnes to dye without heires males of their bodyes lawfully begotten then my will is that the said lands shall remayne unto the heires generall of mee the said William Earle. Item I give to **my sonne John** and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten mye lande lyinge in Chedglow within the parishe of Crudwell excepting all suche lande before bequeathed belonginng to Chelworth with all pastures and all other the appurtenances whatsoever there unto belonging for ever. Yf it happen my sonne John to dye without heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten, then my will is that the said lande shall remayne unto **my sonne William** & to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. Yf it happen **my sonne William** to dye without heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten then my will is that the lande shall remayne unto my sonne Gyles and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. Yf it happen **my sonne Gyles** to dye without heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten then mye will is that the said lande shall remayne unto **my sonne Nicholas** and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. Yf it happen my saide sonnes to dye without heires males of their bodyes lawfully begotten then my will is that the saide lands shall remayne to the heires generall of mee the said William Earle. Item I give unto **my sonne William** my house in Malmesbury nowe in the occupacon of one Browne with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to hould unto the saide Willm and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. Yf it happen **my sonne William** to dye without heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten then my will is that the saide lande shall remayne unto **my sonne Gyles** and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. If it happen **my sonne Gyles** to dye without heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten then mye will is that the saide land shall remayne unto **my sonne Nicholas** and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. Yf it happen mye said sonnes to dye without heires males of their bodyes lawfully begotten then my will is that the said lande shall remayne unto the heires generall of mee the said Willm Earle. Item I give unto **my sonne Nicholas** mye house with all and singuler the appurtenances thereunto belonging lyinge in Crudwell now in the occupacon of **my sonne Robert Earle**. Alsoe I give unto **my sonne Nicholas** one house in Mawlemesbury with the appurtenances thereunto belonging nowe in the occupacon of one Teyte to have and to hold the said the five tennimentes with all and singuler the appurtenances thereunto belonging to **my said sonne Nicholas** & to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. Yf it happen my sonne Nicholas to dye without heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten then my will is that

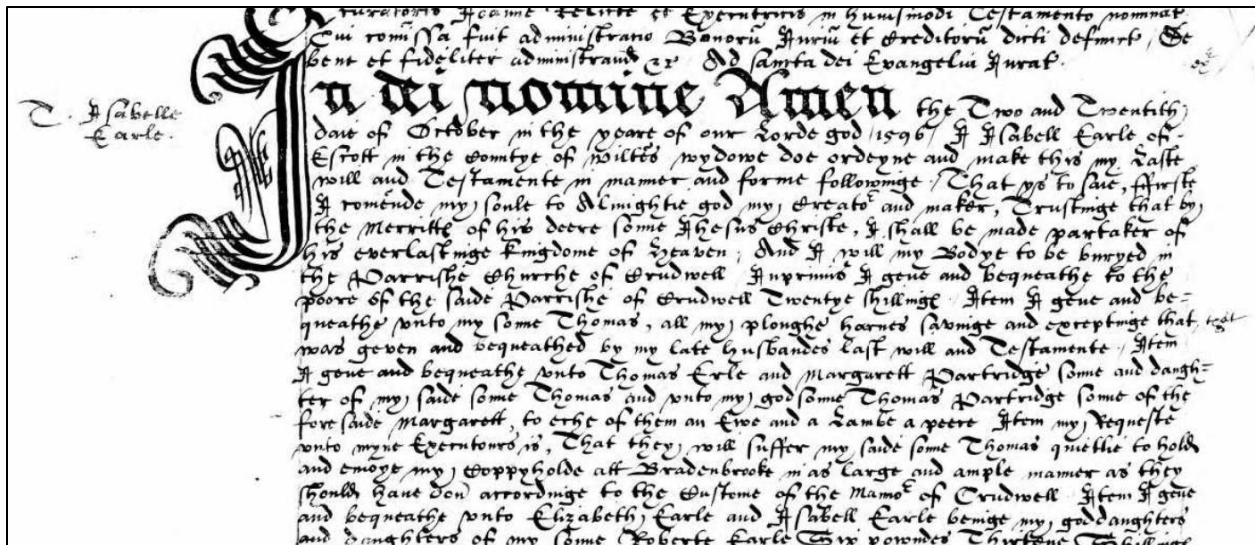
the said land shall remaine to the heires generall of mee the said Willm Earle. Item I give to **my sonne Gyles** mye lands lyinge in Newnton with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and to the hairens males of his bodye lawfullye begotten for ever. Yf it happen **my sonne Gyles** to dye without heires males of his bodye lawfullye begotten then my will is that the said lande shall remayne unto **mye sonne Nicholas** and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten forever. Yf it happen **mye sonne Nicholas** to dye without heires males of his bodye then my will is that the said lande shall remayne unto **mye sonne Thomas** and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten forever. Yf it happen **mye sonne Thomas** to dye without heires males of his bodye then my will is that the said lande shall remayne unto mye sonne John and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten forever. Yf it happen **mye sonne John** to dye without heires males of his bodye then my will is that the said lande shall remayne unto **mye sonne William** and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten forever. Yf it happen all my said sonnes to dye without heires males of their bodyes lawfully begotten, then my will is that the said lande shall remaine to the heires males generall of mee the saide William Earle. Item I give to **my sonne Gyles** fiftie poundes of currant money of England to be paide unto him at the feaste of Christmas next but yf it happen my sonne Gyles to dye before Christmas next, then my will is that the saide fiftie poundes shalbe equallye distributed between **my two sonnes William and Nicholas**. Item I give more to **my sonne Gyles** mye yonge graye mare that I used to ryde on mysellffe. Item I give to **my daughter Anne** fourtie poundes of currant money of England to be paide at the day of her marriage condicionallye that shee be ruled by her friends. Yf it happen **mye daughter Anne** to dye before the daye of her marriage in fourme aforesaid then my will is that the said legacie shalbe devided amonge the rest of her sisters. Item I give to **my daughter Anne** a featherbed with all thynges thereunto belonging to be delivered at the daye of her marriage. Item I give to **mye daughter Jone the wyffe of William Peers** thirtie sheepe at his choise other ewes or hogges. Item I give unto William Catrott gent a graye mare. Item I give more unto **mye daughter Joan** one rone. Item I give to **my daughter Agnes Douleman** thirtie ewes. Item I give to **William Peers** one baye mare calfe. Item I give to **mye sonne William** one yron bounde wayne to be delivered after the decease of my wyffe. Item I give to **my sonne in lawe John Browne** one gray mare calfe. Item I give to **my sonne Thomas** one sestone of stone condicionally that my wyffe shall have the use of it duringe her lyffe, and that the said stone shall never goe out of the name. Item I give to **my sonne Nicholas** one yron bounde wayne to be delivered after the decease of mye wyffe. Item I give to **Thomas the sonne of Thomas Earle** on heifor of a yere ould. Item I give to **William the sonne of Nicholas Earle** a beast of a yere ould. Item I give to **my godsonne John the sonne of John Earle** a heyffer of a yere ould. Item I give to **William the sonne of Nicholas Earle** a beast of a yere ould. Item I give to **William the sonne of William Douleman** a heyffer of a yere ould. Item I give unto **Margaret the daughter of Robert Earle** one heyffer of a yere ould. Item I give unto **Isabell the daughter of William Earle** one heifer of a yere ould. Item I give unto **John the sonne of William Douleman** one beaste of a yere ould. Item I give to **Thomas the sonne of John Earle** a beast of a yere ould. Item I give unto Alice Dicke a beast of a yere ould. Item I give unto every one of my childrens children as well those named as those unnamed an ewe and a lambe. Item I give unto Thomas Lucas an ewe and a lambe. Item I give unto every one of my household servanttes a sheepe. Item I give unto every one of mye godchildren unnamed before a sheepe a piece. Item I give unto every one of the witnesses of this mye last will and testament a sheepe a piece. Item mye will is that **mye sonne John** shall occupie all the land belonging to Chellwoorth duringe his mothers lyffe that he hath already in possession. Item that whereas **Robert Earle mye sonne** doe owe unto mee eighteen poundes of currant English money my will and bequest is that said somme of xxx shalbe made and equally devided between **Elizabeth my wyffe** and **Nicholas Earle mye sonne**. And further my request unto **Robart Earle my sonne** is, that he will suffer **Nicholas Earle his brother** to redeme againe that lease that he hath taken of mee of mye lande that lyeth in Crudwell called by the name of Bawles house which was in the hands of John Bawle taking of the saide Nicholas Earle soe muche money as he paide unto

mee for the same with some advantage and not to exact of him to the uttermost with extremitye. Item I give unto **mye sonne Robt Earle** one graye mare colte upon condicon that **mye saide sonne Robart** doe let **his brother Nicholas** redeeme the lease above whearsed. Item all the rest of my goodes moveable and unmoveable as well within the house as without beinge unbequeathed I give unto **Elizabeth my wyffe** whome I make my whole executrix, and my will is that **Elizabeth my wyffe** shall have the use of mye lande duringe her lyffe the which I have fefore bequeathed unto my sonnes condicionallye that shee shall not let any lease thereof. Further my will is that yf mye saide wyffe doe marrye that then mye sonnes to have and enter into the lande forthwith. All mye will is that if it happen mye saide wyffe doe marry that then shee shall have fourtye poundes and her chamber and so to departe, and my sonnes to take and receive mye goods as well moveable as unmoveable, and my overseers to distribute if amonges all my children. Item I do appointe to see this mye will performed in the name of overseers Henry Poole of Gayton sonne and heire to Sir Gyles Poole knight to whome I give my stoned coffer, Thomas Walton esquire to whome I give an angell, John Snell esquire to whome I give an angell/

Debts due and owinge unto mee as followeth Imprimis William Gingell tenne shillings. Item Henry Cawlston tenne shillings. Item **Robart Earle mye sonne** eighteen poundes. Item Gyles Diwer die owe mee twentye shillings.

Debts due and owinge by mee Imprimis to mye sonne in lawe John Browne nyne poundes six shillinges eight pence. Item to Nicholas Dikes tenne poundes. Witnesses to this will and testament those whose names are underwritten Thomas Jones curate of Crudwell The merke of William Perres the marke of George Whyte, William Dicks marke, The marke of Nicholas Whyte.

Isobel died in about 1596, leaving a will.



Will of Isobel Earle of Crudwell, 1596

In Dei Nomine Amen the two and twentieth daie of October in the yeare of our Lorde God 1596 I Isabell Earle of Escott in the countye of Wiltes widow doe ordeyne and make this my laste will and testament in manner and forme following that ys to saie, ffirste I comende my soule to Almightye God, my Creator and maker, trusting that my the merrittes of his deere sonne Jhesus Christe, I shall be made partaker of his

everlastinge kingdome of heaven; And I will my bodye to by bured in the parrishe churche of Crudwell. Imprimis I geve and bequeath to the poore of the saide parrishe of Crudwell twentye shillings. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **my sonne Thomas**, all my ploughe harness saving and excepting that that was geven and bequeathed by my late husbandes last will and testament. Item I geve and bequeath unto **Thomas Earle and Margarett Partridge sonne and daughter of my said sonne Thomas** and unto my godsonne **Thomas Partridge sonne of the foresaide Margarett**, to eche of them an ewe and a lambe a peece. Item my requeste unto myne executours is that they will suffer **my saide sonne Thomas** quietlie to hold and enioye my cobbyholde att Bradenbrooke in as large and ample manner as they should have don according to the custome of the mannor of Crudwell. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Elizabeth Earle and Isabell Earle beinge my goddaughters and daughters of my sonne Roberte Earle** six poundes thirtene shillings ffoure pence a peece. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Margarett Marye Robert and William sonnes and daughters of my saide sonne Roberte** an ewe and a lambe a peece. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **my sonne John Earle** a beaste of twoe years of age. Also I geve and bequeathe unto **John Earle the sonne of the foresaide John Earle** a beaste of two years of age. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Thomas Earle sonne of my saide sonne John** a yerelinge calfe and an ewe and a lambe. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Margarett Earle daughter of my saide sonne John**, and beinge my goddaughter six powndes thirteene shillings ffowre pence. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Susanna daughter of my saide sonne John** an ewe and lambe. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **my sonne William** tenne powndes. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Isabell Earle the eldest daughter of my saide sonne William** and beinge my goddaughter six powndes thirteene shillings ffowre pence. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Isabell the younger daughter of my saide sonne William** and beinge my goddaughter thirtye shillings remaynyng in the hands of her saide father. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **William Thomas and Alice sonnes and daughter of the saide William** an ewe and a lambe a peece. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **my sonne Gyles Earle** my best brasse panne. Item whereas **my sonne Gyles** dothe owe unto me five pownded ffiftene shillings, my will and bequest is that the saide money shalbe equally devyded amoungest his ffyve children. Moreover I geve and bequeathe unto eche of them an ewe and a lambe a peece. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **John Earle and Isabell Earle sonne and daughter of my sonne Nicholas** deceased six powndes thirteene shillings fowre pence a peece yf so be that myne executours maie recover of **Margarett Earle late wiefe of my saide sonne Nicholas** twentye powndes which I lente unto **my saide sonne Nicholas** before his deathe. Item my will and bequest is that yf my saide **daughter in lawe Margarett Earle** will paye unto myne executours the some of twentye markes quietlie without trouble of law within one yeare after my decease that then the other twentie nobles parcel of the saide twentye poundes I doe freelie forgeve her. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **my daughter Joane Pearce** tenne powndes. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Agnes Dolman my daughter** tenne powndes, one cowe, one coverlet, one blanckett, and one paire of sheetes. But my will meanyng and bequest is that **my sonne Thomas** shall have the use of the saide tenne powndes and cowe afore bequeathed unto the use of the saide **Agnes** during the liefe of **her husbande William Dolman**. And yf yt shall happen the saide **Agnes Dolman** shall dye and decease before her saide husbande that then the tenne powndes and cowe before bequeathed shalbe equallye devyded amoungest her children that that shalbe then living. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **John Dolman sonne of the saide William and Agnes** six powndes thirteene shillings ffowre pence. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Nicholas Dolman sonne of the saide William Dolman** three powndes sixe shillings eighte pence, and one beaste of a yeare olde. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **William Bridgett Alice Agnes Elizabeth and Thomas sonnes and daughters of the saide William and Agnes** an ewe and a lambe a peece. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **my daughter Alice Browne** tenne powndes, and unto **her three children Thomas Isabell and Bridgett** beinge my godchildren sixe poundes thirteene shillings fowre pence a peece. Item I geve and bequeath unto **ffrannces John and William sonnes of my saide daughter Alice** an ewe and a lambe a peece. Item I geve and bequeathe unto

*my daughter Anne Greene tenne powndes my little coffer att my beddes foote with all that is in yt, one greate cheste, and one of my lesser brasse pannes. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **John and Isabell sonne and daughter of my saide daughter Anne** beinge my godchildren sixe powndes thirteene shillings foure pence a peece. Item I geve unto **William and Richarde sonnes of my saide daughter Anne** an ewe and a lambe a peece. Item my will and bequest is that yf any of my childrens children doe happen to dye or decease before they attaine to the age eighteen years. That then the money to them bequeathed with the increase thereof shalbe equallye devyded amoungest his or her brothers and sisters then survyvinge. Item I geve and bequeathe all my lynnyn not before geven nor bequeathed unto all my daughters equallie to be devyded amoungest them. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **my maide Thomazyne** one heyffer of two years of age. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Alice Dyke** my best gowne, a bushell of wheate and a bushell of barley. The rest of all my goodes and chattels as well moveable as unmoveable. I doe geve and bequeathe unto **my two sonnes Roberte Erle and Gyles Earle**, whom I make myne executours. Also I doe institute and appointe my welbeloved in Christe **Roberte Hibbarde of Haselden** and **my sonne Thomas Earle** to bee my overseers of this my last will and testament to whom I geve for their paines sixe shillings eighte pence a peece. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Richarde Davies** the wryter hereof three shillings foure pence. Item I geve and bequeathe unto **Willm Samuell and Joane the sonnes and daughter of my sonne John Earle**, to eche of them a sheepe. Witnes to this my last will and testament Rich: Davies script Thomas Earle, Nicholas White, Johannis ffreeman, Agnetes Greene.*

William and Isobel had the following children:

- *1. **Thomas**, married Bridgett; died in about 1617 in Crudwell.
2. **Robert**, had children Robert, William, Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary, and Isobel.
3. **John**, married Mary; had children John, Thomas, William, Margaret (Beale), Susannah, Samuell and Joane; left a will written in 1608.
4. **William**, had children William, Thomas, Alice, Isobel, Margaret, and Isobel.
5. **Gyles**, married Alice; had sons Giles, William, Thomas, daughter Rachell; had five children mentioned in his mother's will, but not by name; Gyles left a will dated 1599.
6. **Nicholas "of Escott"**; married Margaret Dicke; had children William, John, Isobel, and Gyles; died 1595; will proven 4 October 1595.
7. **Jone**, married William Pearce.
8. **Agnes**, married William Doulman; had children John, Nicholas, William, Bridgett, Alice, Agnes, Elizabeth, and Thomas
9. **Alice**, married John Browne; had children Thomas, Isabel, Bridgett, Frances, John and William.
10. **Anna**, married Phillip Greene; had children John, Isabel, John, and Richarde.

SOURCES: Will of William Earle of Crudwell, 1585, Prerogative Court of Canterbury; Will of Isabell

Earle of Crudwell, 1596, PCC; will of John Earle of Crudwell, 1608; will of Gyles Earle of Crudwell, 1599; will of Nicholas Earle of Crudwell, 1595; British History Online - Crudwell; Two Sixteenth Century Taxation Lists, 1545: 1576 by G.D. Ramsay; Earles of Wiltshire, S.E. Earle, <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~desmier/genealogy/docs/Earles%20of%20Wiltshire.pdf>; .

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM EARLE AND MARGERY LUDLOW

William Earle was born in about 1490, the son of Robert Earle. He married Margery Ludlow.

William was listed in a muster record in Crudwell in 1539.

The Tithing of Cruddewell.	
Wyllyam Dyck) Archers vj.
Johes. Knyght)
Wyllyam Bridges)
Henrie Castell)
Wyllyam Erle)
Richard Shereborn)

The whole Tything hath in a redynes i horses, ij harnes with other small wepyns.

North Wiltshire Musters Anno Henry VIII (Year 1539)
(<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~dutilleul/genealogy/ZWiltsMuster/PlacesNum.html>)

William and Margery had the following child:

*1. **William**, married Isobel, died in about 1585.

SOURCES: Earles of Wiltshire, S.E. Earle.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT EARLE

Robert Earle was born in about 1460 of Compton, Somerset. A history of the Earles says, "*The marriage of Margaret de Sondes and John Erle (or Earle) united two streams from Sir John de Erleigh, "The White Knight", and continued the Earle stock and the Earle name in Somerset. Their second son was Robert Earle, d. 1517, of Compton, Somerset, who inherited part of his mother's patrimony and acquired lands in Crudwell, Wilts. This in the origin of the Wiltshire branch. His wife's name is not given. He left seven sons.*" (Earles of Wiltshire, S.E. Earle)

Robert and his wife had the following children:

1. **Robert**, of Compton Sands; "*Being cheated in a purchase broke his heart and died without issue*". (Earles of Wiltshire)
2. **Richard**
3. **John**, "*of West Crudwell; died without issue*".
4. **Thomas**, died without issue.
- *5. **William**, "*left one son, William of Escott*".
6. **Gyles**, "*of Escott in Crudwell*".
7. **Nicholas**, "*of Escott, had a son Thomas from whom another Thomas of Crudwell, who married Elizabeth*".

SOURCES: Earles of Wiltshire, S.E. Earle,
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~desmier/genealogy/docs/Earles%20of%20Wiltshire.pdf>

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN ERLE AND MARGARET DE SONDES

John Erle was born in about 1430. He married Margaret de Sondes. Margaret was the daughter of Sir Walter Sondes, knight, and Margaret de Erleigh.

A history of the Earles family states: "*Margaret de Sondes was a great-grandchild of Sir John de Erleigh, "The White Knight". So was her husband John Erle (d. 1484). They were therefore second cousins, and the lines originating with them were doubly descended from the Earle stock.*" (Earles of England - Somerset)

John and Margaret had the following children:

1. **John**, died 1508.

*2. **Robert**, born in about 1460 of Compton, Somerset; died 1517.

SOURCES: Earles of Wiltshire, S.E. Earle,

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~desmier/genealogy/docs/Earles%20of%20Wiltshire.pdf>

The same history of the Earles gives this ancestry:

Margaret de Erleigh (d. 1442) was the daughter and sole heir of Sir John de Erleigh, married three times - first to John St. Maur, second to Sir William Cheney, knight, and third to Sir Walter Sondes, knight.

Margaret's father, Sir John de Erleigh (d. 1442) was also a knight. He married Isabel Pavely, the daughter of Sir John Pavely.

Sir John de Erleigh's father was also Sir John de Erleigh, born in 1334; died in 1410. He was known as The White Knight. *"In the fortieth year of Edward III (1367) he attended the Black Prince into Spain, and was present at the battle of Naziers and several other engagements in that kingdom, in one of which he was wounded and taken prisoner, and being put to a great ransom, was forced to sell the best part of his ancient inheritance."* He married Margaret, the daughter of Sir Guy de Brien, Knight of the Garter, and had children John, Robert, Richard, Philip, and three daughters.

The White Knight's father was John de Erleigh, who died 1338 being seized of the manors of Beckington, Somerton-Erle, and several other lands in Somerset. He had married Elizabeth, and had children John, Richard, Catherine (who became the prioress of Buckland), Elizabeth, and Alice.

John de Erleigh's father was another John de Erleigh, who was in the Scottish wars in the reign of Edward I in 1281, and was Sheriff of Somerset and Dorset in 1288. He died in 1324.

John's father was Philip de Erleigh, who married first Rose, daughter of Peter de Marisco, and second, Maud, lady of the manor of Babcary. They had sons John, Peter, and Roland, and a daughter who married Richard de Acton.

Philip's father was Henry de Erleigh, who was Sheriff of Somerset and Dorset in 1228. He married first Egelina de Candos by whom he had Philip, and then Claricia, and had sons John and Bartholomew.

Henry's father was William de Erleigh, who in the first year of King John's reign paid scutage for lands in Berkshire and Somerset. He had two sons, John and Henry.

William's father was John de Erleigh who, in the sixth year of Richard I, paid scutage for his lands in Somerset and Berkshire. In the first year of King John's reign he held the manor and hundred of North Petherton at an annual rent to the King of one hundred shillings.

John's father was William de Erleigh who held a knight's fee in capite of the King, and by his fee had a right to be his Chamberlain. William was the founder of a priory at Buckland.

The first recorded ancestor of the Earle family was William's father, John de Erlegh, who in the seventh year of King Henry II paid five marks scutage for his land in Somerset. He died in 1165, and Adela, his widow paid the same scutage. (*Earles of England - Somerset*)

*SOURCES: Earles of England - Somerset, S.E. Earle,
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~desmier/genealogy/docs/Earles%20of%20Somerset.pdf>.*