

A NOTE ON THE BRASS TO PHILIP CAREW,  
1414, AT BEDDINGTON.

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**I**N regard to the curious brass of Philip Carew, 1414, at Beddington, some information has now come to light enabling us to identify with certainty the surname of Philip's mother, Mercy. Mr. Stephenson, guided by the heraldry of the brass, suggested that she was of the Delamare family, but her will gives satisfactory evidence that she was of a family of Hayme, as indeed appears also in the pedigree inserted in Lysons' *Environs*, I, 53.

Mercy Carew married again after the death of Nicholas her husband and makes her will—which seems sufficiently interesting to be quoted at some length—as Mercy *Ormesby*. The will was made on Monday, October 25, 1451, by licence first sought and obtained of her husband, Arthur Ormesby, esquire. She is to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers near Ludgate, London, “juxta sepulturam Stephani Hayme patris mei ibidem. . . . Volo quod funeralia mea hujusmodi fiant honeste cum quinque cereis quolibet careo ponderante septem libras cere et cum sex torchijs quolibet torchio ponderante tresdecim libras cere.” After the “funerals” the tapers are to go to the said friars, and of the torches, one is to go to the church of Sulham, Berks; another to Nutfield church, Surrey, to the rector of which church (Sir Walter) the testatrix gives “unum librum in anglicis scriptum vocatum manuel pecche ʒ xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>.” A third torch to Stoke-in-Hoo, Kent; another to Maytham in Rolvenden, Kent; the fifth to Hawmesworth, Middlesex; and the remaining one to

the church of St. Andrew nigh Baynardes Castell, London . . .  
 “fratribus minoribus de Wynchester ubi corpus Christine matris  
 mee requiescit humatum . . . unum vestimentum singule de  
 blodio panno cum rosis auri de cipres cum apparatu pro altari  
 cum Wyes ⁊ Cardinall hattes, unum corporas de panno auri  
 ⁊ unum calicem cum patena argenti ⁊ deaurati boni ponderis  
 ⁊ iij<sup>li</sup> sterling’ ”—they to have the soul of the said Christine  
 in their prayers. To the monks of Dorford near Esbourne co.  
 Southampton (*sic*) iij<sup>li</sup> . . . Nuns of Chesthunte one mark.  
 To each hospital of sisters at Winchester, namely Hyde, St.  
 Mary Magdalene, and St. Swithin, a noble. To the friars  
 minors of Aylesbury to have my soul in their prayers unam  
 pelvim argenti enameled cum magestate ad deserviendum ad  
 summum altare ibidem . . . consimili modo fratribus pre-  
 dicatoribus de Henry in Hibernia xl<sup>s</sup> sterling’ . . . monialibus  
 de Esbourne . . . eque inter eos dividendum . . . xxvj<sup>s</sup>  
 viij<sup>d</sup> “ . . . sir Henry vicar of Kersalton to pray for my soul  
 half a noble . . . to be disposed among the convict clerks of  
 Wolvesey by Winton one mark . . . to the brotherhood of  
 St. John bapt. of Taylors of London x<sup>s</sup> . . . the same to the  
 brotherhood of St. Magnus the martyr . . . the canons of  
 Christ church, London xx<sup>s</sup> . . . to Joan Tregos and her  
 daughter Mercy certain jewels of silver and gold to the value  
 of six marks to be divided equally between them . . . to the  
 said Joan my gown of sangweyn furred with potes and a girdle  
 of red silk garnished with silver and gilt and woven in the  
 midst with gold . . . to the said Mercy Tregos a primer late  
 belonging to the said Stephen my father covered with silk  
 cloth coloured red and green . . . to the prioress of Ease-  
 bourne a primer covered with blue cloth woven with gold and  
 an english book called “the chastesing of goddes children”  
 . . . “Cantarie mee in Stoke predicto . . . missale majus cum  
 claspis de laton ut capellani ibidem et alii successores sui devote  
 orent pro anima mea et pro animabus patris et matris meorum  
 ac Nicholai Carew quondam mariti mei. William Fysshier  
 farmer of my manor of Purley (Berks) . . . my manor of Pery  
 in the parish of Harmondsworth, Middx. to be sold <sup>1</sup> . . . my

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps this manor was bought by her executor, Henry Sever, S.T.P., who in his will, 1471, directs that his manor of Pery shall be sold. He also wills that the obit of “Mercy Carewe” shall be held

lands in the parish of Holy Trinity, Algate, London." The will was proved May 12, 1453, and is registered at fo. 298, b. Kempe (Lambeth). The discovery of this will involves modification of some data that appear on pp. 57 and *seqq.* of Vol. XXV but the puzzle of the two Carew impalements remains unsolved. Apparently one of them must represent Carew and Hayme, but I cannot ascertain what the Hayme arms were. The combined Christian and surname Stephen Hayme occurs repeatedly in early Cornish records<sup>1</sup> and I find very little trace of the name Hayme outside Cornwall. A legatee with the distinctly Cornish name (Mercy) Tregoo is mentioned in the will.

Nicholas Carew's *will*, which is quoted towards the end of page 62 (Vol. XXV), was technically the *testament*. It was made on Tuesday, August 26, 1432; whilst the will, dealing with the real estate, was executed on September 3 following—the day preceding that of the testator's death. In the transcript of the testament there is a provision for the soul of Stephen "Hayne" but unfortunately the father of the former wife is not named.

As appears from his will, Arthur Ormsby, the second husband of Mercy Carew, was possessed of substantial property in Southwark and there is an allusion to him, as of that borough, in the patent rolls 1434. The will contains interesting matter sufficient to justify a somewhat lengthened quotation. There is a bequest of a vestment to the church of Pertenhall, and the *Vict. Hist.* (Beds, III, 154) quoting Close roll 17 Hen. VI, m. 2, states that Margaret Darell, widow, who held the manor of Pertenhall, remarried "Arthur Ormsby." There is however a possibility that this Arthur was the uncle to Mercy's husband of the same names.<sup>2</sup> The testator's last wife is shown to have been Edith or Eden daughter of Robert Colbroke. The will

by the Warden and scholars of Merton College out of the rents and profits of Alban Hall so long as that rent may last. See Henry Sever in *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

<sup>1</sup> For which information I have to thank Mr. W. H. Lancelot Shadwell, F.S.A., and the Rev. T. Taylor, F.S.A. The last-named gentleman further informs me that a family of Hayme of St. Keverne bore Arg. in chief two inverted crescents, in base two mullets.

<sup>2</sup> It is strange that there appears to be no good pedigree of the Ormsby family.

was executed August 2, 1467, and was proved November 15, 1468 (P.C.C., 25 Godyn).

“ In the name of God and of our lady seynt Mary his unde-  
fouled moder of mercy, seynt Vrsula and alle the holy company  
of Heuen Amen I Arthure Ormesby squyer sonne and heier of  
William Ormesby esquier and of Margaret his wife proposing  
with the favour of our blissid lord to visite the holy citte of  
Jherusalem and also other holy places to the same adioinyng . . .  
I commende my soule to Almyghty God and to the most mercyfull  
qwene of mercy his blissid moder and my body to be buried  
there as hit shall please hym best.” Wife Eden to have manor  
of North Ormesby and other lands in Utterby, Snelond, Rysby,  
and the advowson of the abbey of North Ormesby (whereof I  
am founder <sup>1</sup>) for life, with remainder to John Ormesby my  
brother for life, remainder to right heirs of Henry Ormesby my  
brother ; in default, to Arthur Ormesby son of the said John  
and heirs, in default to the right heirs of the said John, in default  
to Nicholas Ormesby my brother and heirs. If said John, Herry,  
and Nicholas die without heirs in the lifetime of the said Eden,  
the reversion of the said manor to be sold and of the money  
coming of the said sale to be delivered to the said Eden, and  
C<sup>li</sup> thereof to be spent upon the reparation of the said abbey.  
And if the said Herry, John and Nicholas die without heirs after  
the death of the said Eden the said manor to be sold and CC<sup>li</sup>  
of the proceeds to be put in reparations of the said abbey. “ I  
will that the said Eden have to hir and to hir heyres forevermore  
if she live sole w<sup>t</sup>oute housband duryng hir life my Capitall mees  
with solers selers shoppes messes and gardins lying therto with  
thappourtenances in the parisshe of seint Margaret in Southwerk  
without contradiccon of ony of my feoffees or of ony other therin  
havyng estate to my use.” If she take a husband, the same  
mees to be sold and C<sup>li</sup> coming thereof to be put in reparation  
of the said abbey and the remnant to be bestowed in vestments  
and other ornaments to be delivered to the prior and prioress of  
the said abbey and their successors. The said Eden also to have  
all lands, tenements etc. in the parish of our lady Aldermanbury  
of London with my capital mees there in which I dwell the day  
of the making of these presents for term of her life, and after  
to William Lemyng citizen and grocer of London for life. If  
he die before the said Eden, she to sell the said mees “ if she  
seme so best by hir discrec'on ” and of the money coming thereof  
to give xl<sup>li</sup> to the said prior and prioress and their sisters “ to  
siele ther chirch and make therw<sup>t</sup> glase wyndowes in the same  
chirch.” To said wife lands and tenements in parishes of “ St.  
Petir Westchepe, Allhalowen in Bredstrete, seint Laurence in

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<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* patron.

the old Jure, seint Michell in Quenehith, Alhalowen the moche in the Roperie, our lady Fanchirch, seint Botulph be side Billing-esgat, that is to say the moyete of the Lyonkey t alle my part of Dis Keye in the parissch of seint Dunston in theest of London ” for life . . . “ Also to hir t hir eyers a tenement with thap-purtenance called Colbrokeskey in whiche John Peke citezein of London nowe dwellith . . . Also that the said Eden after the deceesse of Hugh Wyche Knyght have all the londes and tene-mentes lying and bildid in the parisshe of seynt Leonarde in Estchepe of London which the same Hugh occupieth by my souferance for terme of his life which by the course of the law descended unto the said Eden ” as daughter and heir of Robert Colbroke and Johanne his wife. After the decease of the said Hugh, the said Eden to find an able priest to sing in the church of St. Dunstan aforesaid for the welfare of George archbishop of York my especial good lord, the said duke (of Clarence), of us the said Arthur and Eden in our lives and for the same souls “ whenne they been passed this mortall life ” and for the souls of the said Rob. Colbroke, Johanne his wife (father and mother of said Eden), Arthur Ormesby my uncle, William Ormesby and Margarete his wife (my father and mother) and all my ancestors and for the souls of the said Hugh Wyche, Nicholas Carrewe and Margerete his wife and all christian souls. After decease of the said Hugh and Eden the said lands in the parish of St. Leonard to Master Wm.<sup>1</sup> Kyrтчham parson of the same church and the wardens and parishioners of the same for the time being and their successors for ever, they to keep with the revenues a doctor of divinity or a bachelor of divinity at the least to sing in the said church of St. Dunstan praying dailye for the prosperite and soules aforesaid and daily reding in the library of Guyldhall chapell or in the same chapell morall Divinite at a certeyn hour and tyme as to him shalbe devised to thentent that the prestes of London may the bettre undrestand Holy scripture to the worship of God and edefying of cristin soules. . . . And I woll and essp’ially charge the said Eden that she afre my deceesse finde sufficiently to scole a pour child born in North Turkey whos name was Miter a fore he resceived the sacrament of Baptisme and of my goodes he was brought into this land and [I] caused him to be baptised the vj day of August in the yer of grace M<sup>1</sup>CCCClxv . . . in the cathedrall chirche of seint Poule of London, whiche child is called Hugh Arthur, till he be a seculer prest and a seculer doctour of divinite if he in the meane tyme be gided and governed by the counsell of the said Eden and be not of pour to finde him silf and whan he is able of cunningg in gramer I woll he procede in the universite of Oxenford till he be a doctour of divinite if he be vertuous and to cunningg

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<sup>1</sup> *sic* : rectius Robert.

disposed. . . . I woll that the said Eden have all my londes and tenementes in Northflete . . . Kent . . . and in the parisshe of Seint George in Southwerk . . . to hir and to hir heires for evermore. Also I woll that James Carrewe aftre my decese have my Maner of Offle in the counte of Hertford to him and to his heires . . . to my said lord archiebusshop of Yorke my boke called bone aventure de vita Xpi' and in the same boke a warke called Speculum xpianorum and in thend of the same an holy trete in englisshe of contemplacion . . . also my grete rynge of fyne gold. Also . . . to the said Hugh Arthur my bible complete when he is maister of Art . . . and my grettest portuos with two claspis of silver and gilt when he is subdeacon. . . . Furthermore wher I the said Arthur late delivered to Manfride de Gentiles lx<sup>li</sup> of lafull money of Englund And wher I the said Arthur entende to deliver unto the said Manfride xl<sup>li</sup> and more to conveye me to the said holy citte I wol that asmuche as shall happe to be undespended of the said money be delivered to the said Eden if she wulbe soole And if she woll not . . . that hit be put in reparacions of the said abbey. . . . Also I bequeth to the parisshe chirch of Pertenhall a rede vestiment cloth of silk whiche was myn uncles. Also . . . to the said priour and prioresse a vestymnt of crymysyn velvet, the orfras therof of red cloth of gold tissue sette with ryche floures of golde with ij cooperaces, oon of riche cloth of gold and another of red velvet. Also . . . to the same priour . . . a monstrauns of silver overgilt weing xl vnnces to bere therin the blissid body of our lord Jhu Crist with many precious Reliques therin. Also . . . a tabill of cristall wherein be many Reliquis of holy Seintes, a sacrid bolle of silver weyng xx vnnces, twoo cruettes of silver, a paxbred of silver, and ij tables oon of theim wrought with gold and smale perles, in the middes the takyng down of our lord from the Crosse, on the sides the salutacion of our lady, the purificacion of hir, and the other table newe wrought with the nedill with myn Armes garnished with stories of the passion and in the hed of the same the salutacion of the same, our lady sitting in a gardyn called Ortus conclusus in gold and seete with gret perles and rubies. Also . . . a suyt of Auter clothes of blewe velvet sette with flourellice of gold and in the middes of the over cloth a patible with Marie and John and in the nether cloth an ymage of saint Vrsula the fruntell sette with riche floures of gold, a nother suyt of auter clothes part of hem red velvett and part blewe sette richely with gret flour delice and libardes al of gold and w<sup>t</sup> myn Armes and the Armes of the said Eden on every ende of the overcloth and powdered w<sup>t</sup> grete riche floures, the fruntell set with iij riche imagis of gold ij of the Salutacion and oon of seynt Vrsula and ij rede curteyns of chaungeable sarcenet. Also . . . a Crosse of gold garnished with iiij dyamondes and iij saphires iiij fair rubies a Topas an Emeraude iij orient perles

and a bouthe the sides of the same xvj perles and in the bolle hanging by the same a saphir a rubye, a turkes and iij perles whiche crosse is halowed by a bisshop and therin be closed many holy Reliques of divers seyntes. Also . . . a cuppe of serpentyne conteyning a potell and I wolle that the said Cerpentyne be called the Founder's cuppe. Also . . . to the said priorisse and hir convent ij cuppes of precious stones appropred to ij divers sikenesses which comenly reyneth in the nature of women if hit like the said Eden soo to depart w<sup>t</sup> them. And if hit hadde the said prioresse and hir successours to have the said ij cuppes I woll that they be called the founders cuppes. And . . . to the said Nunnes an hye standing cuppe of silver over gilt, a gret goblet of silver over gilt powdred with popyniayes and a gret Maser with the Armes of me and the said Edon in the botom. But I woll that alle the goodes a fore rehersed remayn in the keping of the said Eden and she to have the resonable use of theym during her life. . . . Also I bequeth to the said priour and prioresse and their successours x<sup>li</sup> of lafull money of Englund to make and newe bild therw<sup>t</sup> a Tresaunce by twene the chirche and the halle of the said Abbey and I woll that the said tresaunce be bilded w<sup>t</sup> Oke fayre sqward and covered with tyle, the sides to be of xij foot high or xj foot at the lest. And I bequeth to the said priour and his successours ij bokes, on of hem called Josaphus in antiquitatibus and that other boke of the maister stories. Also . . . to my said lord tharchbisshop a boke de fide in the keping of maister Roger Necton. Also to the said maister John Tapton a boke de gestis Romanorum moralised. And also a bestiarie in picture in his owen keping Also I will that if John Lynche abide with the saide Eden in service and be to hir a good and trewe servant during hir lif, thenne the said John to have after hir decesse xxviijs iij yerely to be paied for a ten't lying to the Key in the said parisshe of Alhalowen which ten't late was in variaunce by twene Richard Evans and me. . . . Also if any personne wol aske any dedes, chartres or munimentes concernyng the said londes and tenementes or any part of theim, knowe all men that they rest not in the keping of the said Eden for I have delivered them to my esp'ial trusty frendes for certeyn causes by twene them and me declared and specefied. Also wher nowe of late tyme I have certainly undrestand that the said John Ormesby my brother have claymed certeyn sommes of money of me whiche he saith I shuld have promised him in mariage with his wif, Knowe al men a fore God at the day of dome I never promitted him noon nor other profute but I said unto him if he were kinde and gentil to me and to my wife I wold dispose for him at my pleasur whiche shuld be unto his profute and afteward I kepte his wife by the space of xij yeres and more and ij of his children w<sup>t</sup>out any thing therfor taking, and this is all that ever I promised him in mariage

an[d] vndre noon other fourme as I shall answer by fore God. Also I will that the said Eden make of my white dammaske a vestiment whiche I woll she yeve to the said Hugh Artur the day that he singith his first masse. Also I wol that she make of my blak velvet a vestiment to singe therin masses of Requiem. Also . . . to the priour of seynt marie Averei viij<sup>li</sup> to be paied in xij yeres to have daily me during the said xij yeres sp'ially remembrid in the Chappitre masses. Also . . . to John Bamme esquier my best doublet of crimsyn velvet uppon velvet. And I ordein and make the said Eden myn executrice . . . and if the said Eden refuse . . . thenne I ordein and depute the said maister Thomas Eborall maister John Tapton and William Lamyng myn executours. . . . Knowe alle men that it is not my testament and last wil but if it be wretyn with myn owen hand whiche hand foloueth hereaftre. In witnesse wherof to this my present testament I have sette my seale the day and yere above said. And for as muche as my sealle is to many men unknowen, the seall of the Right Reverent fader in God my lord tharchebusshop of Yorke to this my last will and testament is sette.