

ART. XIV.—*Elizabeth Bowes of Penrith*. By C. ROY
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IN CW2 xliii the late Col. Haswell said of Elizabeth Hutton, who died in 1673, that Bishop Nicolson said that her age was 68. Reference, however, to Nicolson's *Miscellany Account*. 150, shows that what the Bishop did say was that Elizabeth Hutton's niece, Mrs Elizabeth Bowes, died 27 April 1684 in her 68th year.¹ The will of Elizabeth Bowes was proved at York, and since it adds considerably to the pedigrees supplied in CW2 xliii I give it in full. Apart from the genealogical details it contains, it is also interesting because of the jewellery which the testator describes.

Elizabeth Bowes was one of the large family born of the marriage of John Bowes of Elford, Staffordshire, with Anne Burdett (CW2 xliii 156). Stebbing Shaw, *History of Staffordshire*, i 386, says that she was christened at Elford on 3 November 1616. When she was 24 or 25 she went to live in Penrith with her widowed aunt, Elizabeth Hutton, a sister of her mother, and she remained in Penrith until her death. Her aunt died in 1673, when Elizabeth would have left Hutton Hall and gone to live at Mostyn Hall, where she was in 1674.² This house, which had belonged to Anthony Page, passed to his daughter Grace, who married the Rev. John Haisty, vicar of Penrith. She sold it in 1671 to Anthony Greenop, who is mentioned with appreciation in Elizabeth Hutton's will (CW2 xliii 150). He was dead

¹ She was buried at St Andrew's, Penrith, on 29 April in linen, and £5 paid to the informers. (Penrith parish registers.)

² Title deeds of Mostyn Hall. The records of St Andrew's Church, Penrith, show that on 24 September 1680 Elizabeth Bowes contributed 2s. to the collection made for the redemption of a multitude of poor Christians in slavery by the Turks at Algiers and elsewhere.

when Elizabeth Bowes made her will in 1683, but she speaks of him as her good friend and gives legacies to several of his relatives. It will be noted that her residuary legatee was her "true and faithfull freind Mr Thomas Webster . . . who now lives with me". He was an attorney and on 10 October 1687 married at Dacre Agnes Stephenson, who, as the will shows, was Elizabeth Bowes's maid. In the year that Elizabeth Bowes died, Webster was able to buy Dockray Hall (now the Gloucester Arms), Penrith, from Andrew Whelpdale, and in that old house no doubt were hung the family portraits which had belonged to Elizabeth.³ These were of Lady Lowther (Elizabeth's grandmother), her daughter Elizabeth Hutton and her son-in-law Richard Frampton.⁴

Thomas Webster was buried at Penrith 22 September 1697, leaving one son, Richard Webster, who was christened at Penrith on 31 July 1690 and buried there 22 years later, on 29 September, when he was serving as one of the churchwardens. His mother survived until 1719, and was buried at Penrith on 4 June 1719. An abstract of her will is given in Appendix II and shows that she was not unmindful of the kindness shown to her by Elizabeth Bowes, to whose great nephew Henry Bowes Howard, 4th earl of Berkshire, and later 11th earl of Suffolk, she left the family portraits already mentioned and a silver salver bearing the Bowes coat of arms. The earl was the son of Mary Bowes, daughter and heiress of George Bowes and niece of Elizabeth, by her marriage to the Hon. Craven Howard. Much will be found concerning the earl in Mrs Bagot's papers in CW2 xlvi and xlvi.

³ Unfortunately I have been unable to trace the whereabouts of these portraits. As will be seen later, they were bequeathed to the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire. He and his wife were much at Levens, but Mrs Bagot tells me that the pictures are not there. Nor are they at his Wiltshire home, Charlton Park, Malmesbury, nor at Red Lynch Park, Bruton, Somerset, the home of Margaret, countess of Suffolk. I am grateful to Lady Suffolk and her grandson, the present Lord Suffolk, for this information.

⁴ The portrait may have been of his son Thomas Frampton.

APPENDIX I.

Will of Elizabeth Bowes 1684 (York).

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth of December in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred eighty and three I Elizabeth Bowes of Penrith in the county of Cumberland and one of the daughters of John Bowes of Elford in the county of Stafford esqr deced being of sound and perfect bodily health and memory praised be Almighty God for the same yet considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time and hour of death doe make ordaine and declare this my last will and testament (hereby revokeing all former wills by mee heretofore made) in manner and forme following First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the Parish Church of Penrith (if it please God I dye there) at the discretion of my executor hereafter named and as touching that personall estate which God hath bene pleased to bless mee withall I doe dispose thereof in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath for and towards the stock for the releefe of the poore people within the parish of Penrith of which the late Reverend Judge Sir Richard Hutton of Gouldsbrough kt and my unkle Anthony Hutton esqr deceased were first founders and whereunto my deare Aunt Hutton and my good freind Mr Greenup both deceased were benefactors the summe of ten pounds Alsoe I give and bequeath unto the poore people within the parish of Alderwayes in Staffordshire where I was nursed the summe of five pounds and unto the poore in the parish of Elford where I was borne the like summe & five pounds which two last legacies I desire the two ministers there to distribute to such poore people as they in their discretions shall think most needfull and if any of the name of the Fishers within the said parish of Alderways be in want my desire is that they may have good share of that five pounds given as before to that parish and I give to the two ministers of the said parishes for their pains twenty shillings a peece Alsoe I give and bequeath unto my sister Mrs Bowes late wife to my deare brother Bowes my greater jewell sett in a knott in gold Alsoe I give to my sister Cookes twenty pounds and unto Thomas Cookes her sonne one hundred and fifty pounds and to George her sonne one hundred and thirty pounds and unto Anne Elizabeth and John Cookes her children one hundred pounds apeece Alsoe I give Sister Bedell four hundred pounds and unto William and Mary her children one hundred pounds apeece Alsoe I give unto the children of my sister Jones that is to say

to George Jones fifty pounds to Katherine Mary Anne and Elizabeth one hundred pounds apeece and unto Charles Jones Master of Artes their brother over and above what he owes mee the summe of one hundred and thirty five pounds Alsoe I give to my brother Barton ten pounds and unto Owen and Roger Barton fifty pounds apeece and to John and Elizabeth Barton one hundred pounds apeece and to prevent all mistakes of my true meaning by this my last will I doe hereby declare my will to be that if either of my one sisters doe dye before they receive their legacies herein and hereby before given them that then such her legacy so dying shall be equally devised amongst her & her children And likewise if any of my nephewes or neeces doe dy as before said that then such legacy given to him or her so dyeing shall be equally devided and fall to his or her childe or children soe dyeing alsoe I give unto my couzen Edmund Harrington Mr Francis Thatcher and Mr Powell to every one of them five pound apeece Alsoe I give unto Mr Child elder Mr Atkinson Mrs Hudleston Mr Baldwin Mr Allan Mawson and to every of them five markes apeece And also I give to Richard Thomas Elizabeth and Anne Greenup [three lines following are deleted: sonne of William Greenup of Kirkeoswold the summe of one hundred and fifty pounds and my will is that the same shall not be paid till he attaine the age of one and twenty] who live in or about London William Greenup Isbell Greenup widow late wife of John Greenup and to Margaret Plasket beeing all legatees in my good freind Mr Greenup's will and of his kindred and to every of them three pounds apeece Also I give unto Anthony Greenup sonne of William Greenupp of Kirkeoswold the summe of one hundred and fifty pounds and my will is that the same summe shall not be paid till he attaine the age of one and twenty yeares and in the intervall [?] bound apprentice or otherwise disposed of as my executors shall think fitt he haveing six pounds yearly allowed him during his nonage and if he dye before he attaine the age of one and twenty yeares then my will is that his said legacy shall fall to my executor Alsoe I give unto Agnes Steavenson my servant if she be so at my death one hundred pounds to be paid her within three months after my death and unto Isabell Wilson my other servant twenty pounds and to Mary Allonby five pounds Alsoe I give unto my couzen John Skelton and his wife Mr Roger Sledall and his mother Mr Drap old Mr Featherstonhoughe Sir Daniell Fleming my cousin Framton elder Mrs Hutton of Gayle Mrs Dorythy Hutton her sister in law Lawyer Fletcher and his wife Mrs Hasell Richard Webster Bernard Hutton Mr Child elder Mrs Moson elder &

Mr Langhorne and to every of them one gold ring of twenty shillings vallue and to Mr Robert Frampton my watch his father gave mee and it is my will and I do hereby order and will that my executor after named shall have one whole yeare time next after the probate of this my last will for payment of all the before mentioned legacies which doe exceed ten pounds except the legacies given to my maides And it is my will and I doe hereby order that every of the said legatees shall give to my executor upon paiment of their respective legacies a generall aquittance and release under their hands and seales for the same The rest of all my goods chattels household stuffe moveable and imoveable and personall estate and creditts whatsoever due and owing unto me by bills, bonds specialties mortgages, leases forfeiture or otherwise howsoever ready money gold and plaite after my debts legacies and funerall expences are discharged I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my true and faithfull freind Mr Thomas Webster of Penrith whoe now lives with mee whom I doe hereby make sole and onely executor of this my last will and testament, which is of my owne handwriting intreating him truely & faithfully to performe the same And I desire Anthony Hutton esqr Andrew Huddleston esqr and Mr Rouland Greenwood to be supervisors of this my last will and I give to every of them five pounds in gold and I do desire my executor to amend all my failings and to take my true sence & meaning herein

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hande and seale the day and yeare first above written

Eliz: Bowes

Witnesses James Dobson jur William Arey jur Wm Smith jur Bartram Liddall mark

A codicill to be annexed to my last will and testament which is of my owne hand writeing and dated 18 day of December 1683 which I doe hereby declare to be stand and remaine as my last will

First I give unto my sister Bedell my velvett petticoate alsoe I give her sonne William one hare ring which was my father's mourning ring and unto Mary her daughter one other hare ring which was my brother Bowes mourning ring Alsoe I give to my nephue Thomas Cookes his wife my bracelett sett with rubies in ten links and sett in gold Alsoe I give to my nephue George Jones his wife my diamond hatband sett with thirty nine diamonds alsoe I give to my neece Anne Cooks my gold botking and one enamled button with a diamond sett in it

and unto Elizabeth Cooks her sister my lanthorne jewell and to George Cooks his wife one diamond ring sett one a blew heart Alsoe I give unto Charles Jones a pair of silver inkhornes with the Bowes Armes on them and five pounds to buy a peece of plate and unto his four sisters to every of them one gold ring of twenty shillings vallue alsoe I give unto my nephue Owen Barton wife my aggatt bracelett being nine aggat link together and sett in gold, and to Elizabeth Barton his sister a gold locker with death and her mother's haire in itt and one gold ring of twenty shillings price alsoe I give to Agnes Stephenson my maid all my weareing close & apparrell both linnen and woollen and all my crewells which is unwrought up and I desire my executors to performe these small legacies and to give them to my relations according to my mind herein expresed

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the 18th of December in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty three

Eliz: Bowes

Witnesses James Dobson jur Willm Airey jur Willm Smith jur Bartram Liddall mark

A codicill to be annexed to my last will & testament which is of my owne hand writinge and dated the 18th day of December 1683

I doe hereby give unto my constant freind who I have named in my will and over and above what I have given him therein Andrew Huddleston esqr the summe of five pounds Alsoe I give unto Agnes Stephenson my maid over and above what I have given her in my will ten pounds Alsoe I give unto my good freind Thomas Dalston esqr the lawyer one gold ring of twenty shillings vallue and I desire my executor to performe this faithfully to which I have sett my mark being not able to the one 22 day of March Anno domini 1683

Witnesses [*sic*] hereof Tho: Webster jur.

[Endorsed that this copy was compared with the original will by the Deputy Registrar, and receipt 5 May 1684 for the original will, signed by Tho: Webster.] The will was proved on 5 May 1684 in the Prerogative Court of York.

APPENDIX II.

Abstract will of Agnes Webster 1719 (Carlisle).

Agnes Webster of Penrith widow and relict of Thomas Webster gent late deceased. The will of my dear son Richard Webster deceased dated 13 August 1712

To Ferdinando Latus of Cockermouth esqr and Richard Baines the younger of Cockermouth gent all those freehold messuages houses lands &c in the counties of Cumberland and Westmorland devised to me in and by my said son's will to sell and raise £800 for satisfying all the debts left by my said late husband and which I myself have contracted undertaken and am liable to pay upon the death of my said husband. I give unto the Rt Honble Earl of Barkshire three pictures of his family now in my house that is to say Lady Lowthers Mrs Hutton and Mr Framptons and also one silver salver with the Bowes coat of arms To Mary Simpson daughter of Thomas Simpson deceased £5 to cousin Richard Baines of Appleby one guinea to Thomas Webster of Kendale son of Robert Webster deceased £5 to Deborah Machell wife of Lancelot Machell of Crakinthrop gen one silver cawdel cup To overseers of poor of Penrith £6 to pay is a piece to six poor widows of Penrith every Christmas Day. To William Sandford of Askham one guinea and ring. Residue to Ferdinando Latus and Richard Baines the younger, joint executors 21 March 1717[8]

Witnesses: Henry Hayton John Burton Robert Montgomery.
Proved at Carlisle by the executors 12 August 1719.

Inventory bond, same date, of William Edwards of Westminster gent., Robt Ruthwen of the same gent. and John Monkhouse of Penrith gent.