

THE LAST SAVAGES OF BOBBING.

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THE following table shews the last three generations of the ancient family of Savage of Bobbing:—

Sir Arnold Savage of Bobbing, Administration (Lambeth) 6 Aug. 1375. <i>Inq. p.m.</i> 1375-6 (now lost).		Eleanor (See Will No. I., <i>infra</i>).	
Sir Arnold Savage, died 29 Nov. 1410. Brass in Bobbing Church.		Joan, dau. of William Echyngham of Echyngham. (See Will No. II., <i>infra</i> .)	A dau., married Roger Northwode.
Sir Arnold Savage, died s.p. 25 March 1420. Brass in Bobbing Church. (See Will No. III., <i>infra</i> .)		Katharine Scales. 1437, Thomas, Lord Scales, brother and heir. (See Will No. IV., <i>infra</i> .)	Elizabeth, married (1) Sir Reynold Cobham of Rundale and Allington, who died in 1405; (2) William Clifford, who died in 1438. <i>Inq. p.m.</i> 1451.

The first Sir Arnold Savage here shewn sat in Parliament in 1352, and afterwards rendered various services abroad, including negotiations with King Pedro of Castille. His wife is described, in the life of his son in the *Dictionary of National Biography*, as "Mary or Margery, daughter of Sir Michael de Poynings" (*cf. Sussex Archaeological Collections*, vol. xv., p. 15). It seems clear, however, that Eleanor his widow was the mother of his children.

The next Sir Arnold Savage served with John of Gaunt in Spain, but is of course best known to history as the "incomparable" Speaker of the House of Commons, to whose homilies Henry IV. listened with more than kingly patience. In 1404-6 he was one of the King's Council.

Sir Arnold Savage was one of the executors (1408) of John Gower the poet. It is not clear whether the Speaker or his son is meant. The death of the latter s.p. negatives the claims of

various members or descendants of Savage families, including the late Mr. Walter Savage Landor, to descent from the famous Speaker.

Elizabeth, the eventual heiress of the Savages, is of considerable genealogical importance. It is unfortunate that Hasted, in his *Kent*, has given four inconsistent and mostly inaccurate descriptions of her. Under Tracies (vol. ii., p. 558) and Bobbing (vol. ii., p. 636) he calls her Eleanor instead of Elizabeth, and says that there was no issue of her first marriage. Under Sutton Valence (vol. ii.; p. 412) he makes the same statements, but notes that "in some pedigrees she is called Elizabeth." Under Milton-next-Gravesend (vol. i., p. 455) he calls her Isabel, and mentions Thomas Cobham, her son by her first husband.

A Chancery Suit (undated, about 1452) was brought by her grandson Alexander Clifford against Thomas Keryell, John Martyn, and the other feoffees of the gavelkind manors of Bobbing, Holmes, Ilstede, and Kylmesle, that had belonged to "Dame Elizabeth Cobham, late the wife of William Clyfford, esquire." He complained that the feoffees refused to convey to him the manors held in trust to the uses of her will, which directed feoffment to be made to him ("Early Chancery Proceedings," B. 19, No. 142). A like suit was afterwards brought by her younger son John Clifford (*ibid.*, B. 22, No. 142). The feoffees, in their answer (No. 142^b) to the latter suit, mention that a contingent remainder in both moieties of the manors was devised to her daughters Eleanor and Isabel.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS.

I.

Testamentum Domine Elianore Savage, relicte Domini Arnoldi Savage. To be buried before the high altar in the chancel of the priory church of Walyngford. To the works of the said church 40s. Two annuals for two chaplains, the one to celebrate where my lord's body is buried and the other to celebrate for my soul and my benefactors' souls in the chapel in the castle of Walyngford for a whole year. To the monks of the priory 20s. among them, and to each of them a silver goblet price 13s. 4d. to use at table. To the priests of the college in the castle of Walyngford a silver goblet and maser for use at table, to remain there for remembrance

of the souls of my lord and myself. To the chaplain of the college 20s. To the clerks of the chapel 13s. 4*d*. For the purchase of a stone to put on my tomb in the chancel of the priory church £10 sterling. To Brother John Schirbourne 5 marks to remember my lord's soul and mine in his prayers, and to Brother John Cayso 5 marks and a black bed with its furniture, except tapestry for the walls, and a writing bound in silver stamped on one side with a crucifix and on the other an armed knight in the manner of St. George. To my son Arnold all beasts of plough and carthorses on the manors of Bobbyng and Tracys, and sufficient grain to be sown on such land of those two manors as two ploughs could plough in a year; also the ploughs and carts and their necessaries on the manors of Bobbyng and Tracys; also sufficient corn for him to pay the liveries of eight servants working on those manors for a year according to the custom of that country, and as much wheat, etc., of last autumn's crop to start a crop for the next autumn; also pots and pans and utensils and beds at Bobbyng; twelve silver dishes, twelve silver salts, two silver chargours, and a silver basin and ewer. To my daughter Elianor £40 sterling, a gold cup and cover, and a nounce made in the manner of an agnus; also three gold cups with covers, five pieces of silver, and six dishes and six salts silver; kerchiefs, beds, a silk gown, two coats, one black, the other scarlet with fur. To Margerie Lotewyk a gown of scarlet lined, together with the custody of all jewels and goods and £40 left to Eleanor until her twentieth year. To Margerie Foljamb a green coat, and to her and Margerie Lotewyk a tresset made in the shape of the letter **S** to be divided between them. To Alice Ledes, my servant, 10 marks and a coverlet and carpet. To Joan Vadlet all the tapestries for the wall of my black bed and a corset of cloth of gold furred. To Mundina, my lord's nurse, a green gown. To Reymunda a coat of russet turned over with grey. To Geoffrey, Hugh, Hankyn, and Jamyn, sometime servants of my lord, 20s. each. To Richard Fanne and Thomas Wyke, my executors, the rest of my beds at Bobbyng. To John Peytenyn, William Peper, Adam Zepiswych, and William Wynslowe, each 13s. 4*d*. To John Warde, page of my chamber, 20s. To Roger Northwode, husband of my daughter, a cup silver and gilt with cover. The residue of my moveable goods to be sold, and, after the discharge of the debts of my lord and myself, divided into two parts, the one for the said two annuals for mine and my husband's souls and the other for my daughter Elianor. Arnold my son my chief executor,

Richard Fanne and Thomas Wyke to be associated with him. Dated at Walyngford within the castle 8 October 1375; proved at Lambeth in the same month. (Lambeth Wills, Sudbury, 81^b.)

II.

Will of Joan, formerly wife of Sir Arnold Savage, knight, dated 15 April 1413. I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. Bartholomew of Bobbyng next the aforesaid Arnold, my husband. I bequeath to the high altar of that church 6s. 8*d.*, and to the high altar of St. Olave's, Southwark, 40s. for tithes forgotten. To Eleanor Cobham a set of grey furs and a new white gown. To Eleanor Horne a set of furs called "Throttes," etc. To John Burghstok a white horse and 40s. A chaplain shall celebrate for me in the church of Bobbyng for one whole year. To Thomas Freston and Agnes, my servants, 13s. 4*d.* and 6s. 8*d.* respectively. All the residue of my goods I give to my executors, viz., William Cottenhale, William Courte, and John Burghstok, and I make my son Arnold Savage their overseer. Given at Southwark on the day above written. Witnesses: Master Thomas Burgh, rector of St. Olave's, Thomas Forneset, chaplain, Robert Blok, clerk, and others. Proved P.C.C. (26, Marche) 12 May 1413.

III.

Will of Arnold Savage, knight, dated Vigil of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, 1420. To be buried in the parish church of Bobbinge. His executors to carry out any instructions in his father's will not yet fulfilled. For example, he wished a priest to celebrate for three years in the parish church of Bobbynge and in the chapel of St. Nicholas, Chesilheld. To the church of Bobbynge a chalice, a missal, etc. His executors to provide a stone with two figures of latten upon it, one of a man in armour with the arms of his father with an epitaph of the time of his death, and "one in the likeness of my mother with the arms of lord William Echingham, her father, and my father's arms." To the church of Bobbynge 6s. 8*d.* To the clerk 40*d.* For the soul of Isabele Gerrard, to the high altar 40*d.* (Directions as to services at his funeral, and bequests for the upkeep of the light of the sepulchre, a light before the altar in honour of the passion of our Lord, and lights in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of Saints Katherine and Margaret.) A priest to celebrate for his soul, his father's and mother's souls, etc., in the church of Bobbynge from Michaelmas to Easter, and at

Cheselhelde during the rest of the year. Executors: Katarine his wife and John Sayntleger of Pluckle. (Lambeth Wills, Chicheley, i., 338^b; no probate act entered.)

IV.

Testamentum Katerine Savage, dated 28 October 1436. To be buried in the church of Bobbing in the chapel of the Blessed Mary next Arnold Savage, knight, my late husband. To the high altar there 20s., and for the maintenance of lights there, viz., of the Lord's sepulchre, of the high cross, and of St. Katherine, nine cows. To the high altar in the church of Sydyngbourne 26s. 8d. To the church of Sydyngbourne my best carpet, and to the works of the church 10 marks. To the church of Bobbyng two other carpets, one before the high altar and the other before the altar of the Blessed Mary. Thomas Seyntleger, John Horne, Thomas Sprynget, and Peter Dynley, executors. *Ultima Voluntas ejusdem* (same date) is that, if she die of her present sickness, her feoffees shall sell her manor of Babeford to pay her debts and the said legacies; that Katharine, daughter of Lord Scales, shall have a best goblet and cover silver and gilt, a silver pot, a best bed with sheets and all its furniture, and a book called "premer;" and out of her goods the poor of the hundred of Myddelton to have £10 to be distributed among them, the poor of the lordship of Shorne similarly to have 100s., and the poor of the parish of Stonham Aspell to have 100s.; that her executors provide a stained cloth worth 5 marks for the Lord's sepulchre in the church of Bobbyng; also for the hall of the manor of Bobbyng a cloth called Hallyng white with black lions of tapestry work, with three costers of the same suite, and for the chamber there a covering of white worsted cloth with black lions with curtains and colours, on condition that William Clyfford does not hinder her will; that Eleanor, daughter of William Clyfford, being of good behaviour until her marriage shall have 20 marks; and Peter Dynley, clerk, shall have yearly for life 8 marks and the chapel of Cheselhelde to celebrate for her soul and souls of her benefactors every feast day in Bobbyng parish church, and on other days in the said chapel or in the church as he likes; every executor to have 10 marks, and if Peter Dynley refuse the said service they shall appoint another chaplain. John Seyntleger, supervisor. Proved at the Archbishop's manor of Charryng 22 Dec. 1436. (Lambeth Wills, Chichele, pt. i., 459^b.)