

## PREFACE

The British Library Department of Manuscripts granted permission to publish the remembrances of Elizabeth Freke and related documents in its Additional Manuscripts collection. A Chancellor's Research Fellowship and a sabbatical leave from the University of Connecticut as well as grants from its Research Foundation contributed significantly to the completion of the edition.

Throughout the research and writing of this work Lord Peter Carbery and Mary Hussey-Freke were especially supportive. Lord Carbery shared manuscript materials his grandmother Lady Mary Carbery had gathered about the generations of Frekes, and he always found time to answer questions about the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century family. Mrs Hussey-Freke of Hannington Hall was also very kind, responding to queries about the existence of documents and confirming the inscription on the monument of Elizabeth Freke's father in her parish.

Besides those whose specific contributions are acknowledged in the notes, others were generous with their time and information. They include, in particular, John M. Barney, Diarmuid Ó Murchadha, Tim Cadogan, Diana Spelman, Margaret McGregor, Steven Tomlinson, Majja Jansson, Christopher Hilton, Margaret Pelling, Antonia Moon, Helen Orme, Kate D. Harris, Steven D. Hobbs, Susan Maddock, Clive Wilkins-Jones, David A. H. Cleggett, Jeremy Sandford, Reverend David Brooks, Reverend Gordon Taylor, The Venerable Clifford Offer, Andrew Bols, Michael Kelly, and Maureen Moriarity.

Many libraries, record offices, and archives were central to the project. The research was conducted at the Homer Babbidge Library of the University of Connecticut, Yale's Sterling Memorial and Beinecke Libraries, the Widener and Houghton Libraries at Harvard, the British Library, the Bodleian Library, the Public Record Office, the Norfolk Record Office, the Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office, The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, the Society of Genealogists in London, The Family Record Center, the Norfolk Family History Society, and the Corporation of London Records Office. The staffs of the Bristol, Bury St Edmunds, Dorset, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Ipswich, Somerset, Suffolk, and Surrey Record Offices responded promptly to questions and issues. Others who offered helpful information or guidance include the librarians, archivists, or staff at the Bank of England Archive, Bath Central Library, Bethersden Parish Records Society, Camden Local Studies and Archive Centre, Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Centre for Kentish Studies, College of Arms, Cork City Library, Genealogical Office in Dublin, Huguenot

Society of Great Britain and Ireland, National Archives of Ireland, Norfolk Museum Services, Norfolk Studies, Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Representative Church Body Library, Royal College of Surgeons, Society of Merchant Venturers, and Wadsworth Atheneum.

Several ideas developed in the introduction were first explored in an essay published in *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*; their refinement and the introduction itself reflect my wife Carol's tactful comments. At various stages in this project John J. Manning, John J. Teunissen, and Kenneth G. Wilson offered advice and support. The general editor of the Camden series, Andrew Pettegree, and members of the Cambridge University Press helped make possible the final form and publication of Elizabeth Freke's remembrances.