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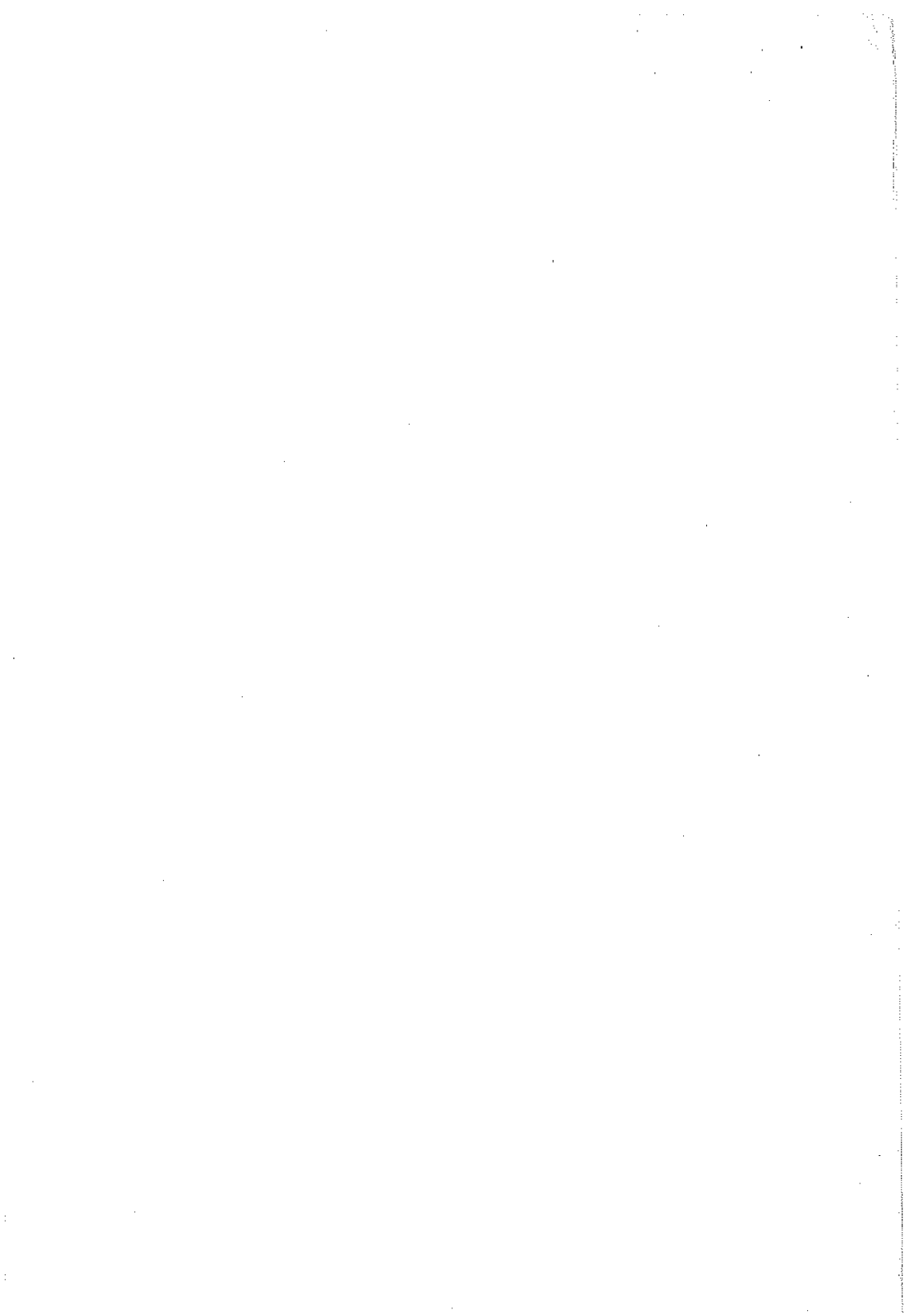
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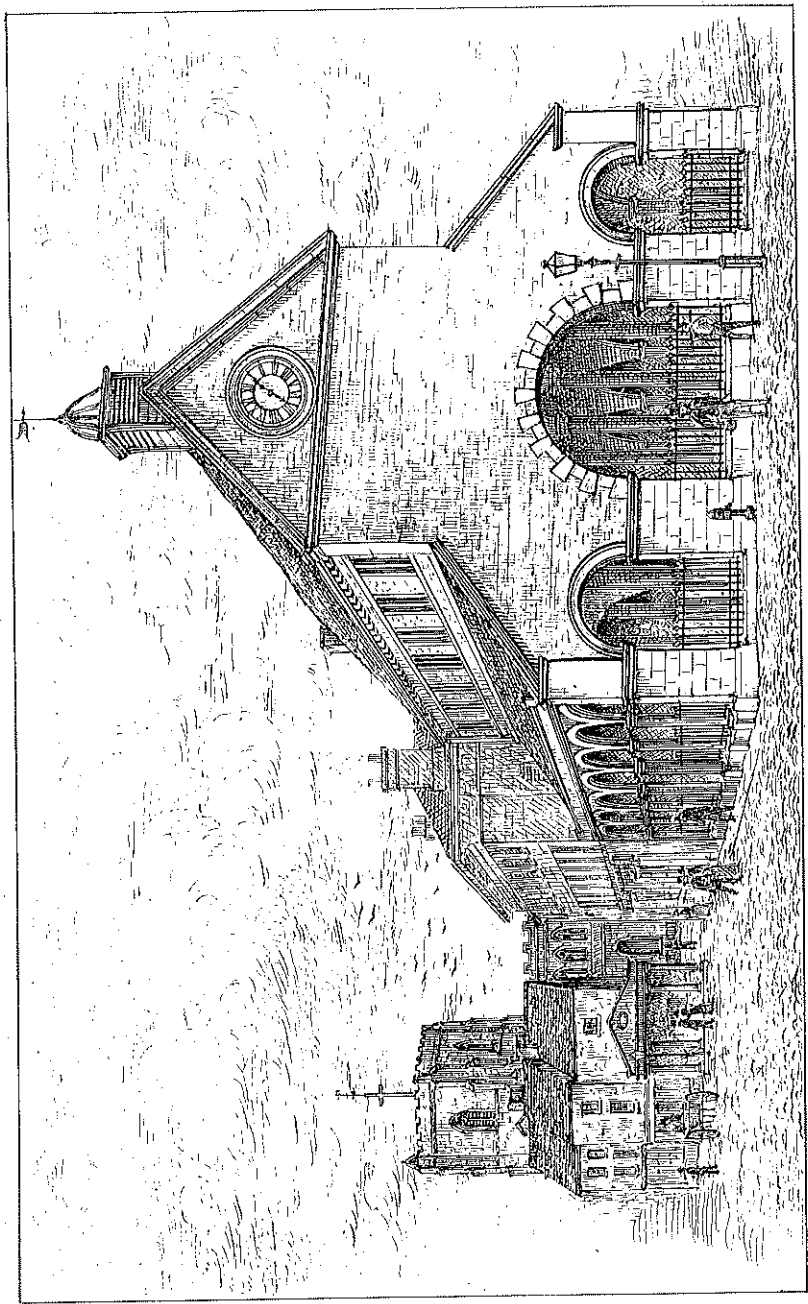
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OLD SHROPSHIRE DEEDS.

THE following antient Deeds were collected by the late Mr. George Morris, of Shrewsbury, and after his death presented by his son to the Shropshire Archæological Society. They are now labelled and exhibited in cases in the Museum at the Old Grammar School Buildings. They are of great interest and value, not only as specimens of writing extending over many centuries, but also as acquainting us with the possessors of lands in Shropshire in very early times; the antient names and localities of those lands; and the names of many principal persons of the county, who were attesting witnesses to the authenticity of the Deeds, assembled in the Hundred Courts where all Deeds were passed, at a period when the accomplishments of reading and writing were of rare occurrence, even amongst the nobility and gentry.

W. A. L.

Notum sit quod ego Will'm Conestabulari Ceste' & fili' m's Willm' concessim' Deo et S'co Petro & monachis Serapesb'ie terciu' parte' ville que d'c' Terewella p' animab' n'ris ut D's miserat' n'ri & beat' Petrus orationib' servoru' suoru' nobis ap'tat' regno celoru' Test: Rotb'to Pantulfo & Rotb'to filio Radulfi nepote Conestabula' & Rotb'to Burello, Rotb'to filio Pet', Hugone filio Udardi, Dunningo filio Wlmari, Ivone Pantulf. Qui hec disturbaverit anathema sit.

O'ib' s'ce d'i eccl'e filiis &c. Rog'us Powis sal' testificari dignu' e'e credim' Willm' g' fili' Alani p' q'd t'ra sua' a d'no rege suscepit die q' homagiu' ab hominib' suis ap'd Brigia' recepit, adunata multitudine baronu' & militu' cora' o'ib' p' salute domini regis & p' salute anime sue o'niq' a'tecessor' suor' & successor' eccl'am d' Wro'cestre abb'i & canonici' d' Hageman i' p'petua' elemosina' Test: Walt' d' Du'sta'evile, Hug' d' Laci, Joh' Ex'tn', Wido fr ej', Hug' Pant'.

Will's Peverel de Dovera omnib' ho'ib' suis de Scropescira & amicis necnon & o'ib' sc'e Dei eccle' filiis salutes in X'ro Notum nobis facio q'd ego ex mea parte do & concedo molidinum Bradfordie q'd p'tinet Harchalone sc'o Joh'i & canonicis d' Haiman sicut d'ns Walchelinus Maminot eis d'dit p' amore D'i & p' anima Rogeri de Haia p' amore D'i & rede'ptio'e animaru' n'r'or' antecessor' & amici n'ri Rogeri de Haia Test: Hugone d' Lisorus, Walt'o filio Hugonis, Anselmo de Hurchingtona, Stefano de Haia, Michale de Haia, Matilla mea conjuge, & Matilla de Dovera mea sorore & Acelina mea sorore, & Jordano d' Hedleia & Will'o clerico. Valet o'es in Deo.

G. d' Walt'ville o'ib' amicis suis & ho'ib' suis francigenis & anglicis ta' fut'is q' p'sentib' sal's. volo q'd sciatis q'd ego dedi Will'o d' Hetlehe p' suo s'vicio tota' mea' parte' d' H'chalij & consensu Aceline uxoris mee & Rad' filii mei in feodo & hereditate & cu' hoc mea' parte' d' feudo Hugonis d' Laci & p' s'vicio tercię partis uni' militis faciendo &c. sic' Hamo Piperell avuncul' uxoris mee tenuerit Test: Hug' d' Laisures, H. Picart, Drug' d' Walt'vill, Wid' d' Wal'vill, Rob'. Malet, W'llo d' S'co Georgio, V. fre ej', Toroldo d' Sitton, Rog' d' Millint, Rob' filio Will', Simone d' S' Meri, Will' Bastart, Hamelino vice capellano, Will'o filio Pet', Pet' d' S'co Mart'.

Sciant &c q'd ego Hug' de Sai co'cedo & co'firmo don'one' dimidie hide t're silicet Leverdegrene qua' Will's de Giros p' a'ia sua & p'decessor' suor' d'o & eccl'ie de Woneloc & monachis ibid' d'o servientib' in p'petua' elemosina' dedit; p'fat' aut' t're don'one' p' salute' a'ie mee & an'cessor' meor' & posse meo manutenebo Test: Mag'r Rog' de la Beche, Achille fr'e ej', Mag'ro Ada de Brumefeld, Osb'to de Dudelebur', Will'o de Sinem'ut, H'b'to de Etton, L'uveni'o Oli'gias uxore Hug' de Sai, Margareta filia Will'i.

Sciant &c q'd in die dedicationis cimeterii de Estona ego Rob't fili' Aherii dedi deo & capelle de eade' villa de Eston una' v'gata' t're sexaginta acras continente & tota' decima' de d'nio meo ej'de ville & una' mansione' p' salute anime mee & om'iu' meor' p'decessoru' & successor' Test: Rob'to d'i gra' Hereford ep'o, Reinaldo p'ore de Wenel', Pet' archid', Ric' & Elurico decanis, Alano de Opton, Fulcoio de Aldreh'.

W' d'i gra' He'ford eccl'ie minist' humilis omnib' s'ce mat's eccl'ie filiis &c sal't in vero salva'ri univ'stati vestre significavi q'd Robb't' fili' Aer in presentia n'ra constitutus coram mil'ti's cl'i'cis & laicis me p'p'o & sponte sua confessus est, q'd nemine' ad capellam de Estun de jure potuit p'sentare constant' asserens q'd ead' capella jure advocacionis ad Abbate' & conventu' de Salobesb' p'tinebat & p'tinet.

W. d'i gra' He'ford eccl'ie minist' humilis omnib' s'ce mat's eccl'ie filiis et'na' in d'no sal't Noverit univ'sitas v'ra nos ad p'sentatione' K'mi fris n'ri H. d'i gra' Abb'is de Salopesb' & convent' ejusd' loci in capella' suam de Estona Petru' capellanu' de Hoptun karitatis intuitu admisisse & u' in ipsa capella vi'cariu' p'petuu' canonice instituisse, ita scil' q'd id' Petr' dicta' capella' cu' omnib' p'tinentiis suis sic' an'cessores sui tenuarunt tenebit videl' cu' una virgata terre in villa de Estona & tertia parte decimarum segetu' de tota t'ra consuetudinaria. Decime v'o toti' dominii que ad parrochiam eccl'iam spectant, & corpora defunctor' cu' p'ncipalib' legatis matri eccl'ie scil' de Mamerfeld ad qua' p'dicta capella p'tinet & remanebu't Memorat' aut' Petr' sing'lis annis ad festu' s'ci Michaelis octo solidos suo annua pensione matrici eccl'ie de Mamerfeld p'solvat & nob' & officialib' n'ris de omnib' consuetudinib' que ad ipsa' capella' p'tinent respondebit. Test. Magist' Robb'to Folet, Will'o capell'o, Reginaldo Foliot, Martino de Castello, Robb'to de Hastinge.

Sciant &c q'd Umbald' p'or de Weneloch co'sensu convent' co'cessit Arnaldo dapifero d' Ludelaue t'ra de Patintuna tenenda' i' vita sua tantu', dando sing'lis annis ad festu' S' Michel' una' marca' argenti tant'. Ipse v'o Arnald' dedit D'o & s'ce Milburge i' decessu suo dimidia' parte' toti' catalli sui q'd habebit i' Patint' die mortis sue. Q'd si uxor sua Emma scilicet eum sup'vixit eade' co'vencione tenebit sup'dicta' t'ra in vita sua dando etia' totu' catellu' omniu' reru' suaru' q's habebit i' Patint' s' Milburge die obit' sui. Post eor' decessu' rev'te t'o p'fata t'ra ad monachos d' Weneloch. Test. H'bt' d' Furches, Henric' Mal'vicin', Hoddo p'posit' de Stant', Huetred p'sbit' & Huet'd' p'posit', Edwin' p'pos', Ernald' fili' Wil', Rog' D'spenser & Tomas fr' ej', Simon de Sarn, & Aimo fili' Gaufredi, Rog' Welcuine.

Notu' sit &c q'd ego Rob' filius Nicholai concessi Corvet Radulfo filio Edwardi & heredib' suis in feudo & hereditate p'petue tenendam de me & heredib' meis lib'e & q'ete ab omni servicio p' censum xv solid' annuatim p'p' homagium q'd fecit m' & duas marcas argenti q's dedit inintroitu & uxori mee t's solidos Test. Rob' filio Aer, Will'o Goon, Rob'o Gualensi, Simone de Stantiuna, Everardo capellano d' Hopt', Reimundo & Rog'io d' Hopt', Thoma d' Haittun & Rog'o fr'e ej', Thoma' d' Leia, & Will'o fr'e ej', Herb'to clerico d' Dudint' & Meinun fr'e ej', Simone Bungi, Will'o d' Berdeleia, Adam d' Hait'.

Sciant &c q'd ego Griffin' fil Gervasii Ghoh dedi & confirmavi Willo de Hadleia & heredibus suis totam p'tem meam rivi dependelar & ripam meam a loco ubi fuit piscaria Warini sursum versus t'm de Muclitona qu'tum oportuerit ad gistam aque uni' vivarii q'ntumeuq' p'fundum & latum ip'e Wills voluerit & ad faciendum stagnu' & molendinu' ad pectus & baeias & de tra mea' q'ntu' oportuerit &c Dedi quoq' sectam & molt'am de Ruelturna & de Hellewrch—reserving right of fishing with nets—reddendo in' annuati' m' & he'dib' meis duo calcaria de aurata p' oi' servicio. Test. Joh'e Ext'neo & Hamu'do fre suo: Bartholomeo de Mort' & Steph'o de Stanton, Wi'done de Shaeburi', Baldwino Wischard & Gwirtiario de Rodinton.

Madoc fil. Griffini Gohg quiete clamat Will'o de Hetleya tota' piscatoru' sua' & batellu' in vivario de la Lake q' Griff' pat' d'ci Madoc retinuit. Test. Barthol' toret, Galfrido de Foleville, Gerardo toret, Hamo'e Extreo, Hug' de Bekeb', Hug' Forestario, Thoma Corbet, Odo de Hodnet, Alexand' vicario de H'cal'.

Sciant &c qd Ego Howel fili' Griffini de Sutton dedi &c P'ori de Wo'brug & canonicis p'trib' m'reis arge'ti illa' dimidia' virgata' t're q'm tenui de Will'o Dod i villa de Huppiton. Redde'do annuati' q'ng' solidos stligor' i vigilia Sci Michael ap'd Alni'theleg' p' oi' servicio Test: D'no Will'o de Hecal, D'no Hug' filio Rob'ti, D'no Madoco de Sutton, Galfrido cli'co, Ric' de Gre'hul, Joh'e de gre'h, Thoma de Erlet, Rob' de Besselawe, Rob' de Cherlet, Will'o de Bruge, Rob' de Clatleg'.

Sciant &c q'd ego Will's de Erkaluwe dedi Baldwino Wischart & hedib' suis lib'tatem molendi bladum suu' p'prium in om'ib' molendinis meis p'ximo post bladum q'd invent' in tremua, excepto blado meo p'prio & l'rdum meor' & excepto blado p'prio

Stephani de Stanton & he'dum suor' in molendino de Brade-
ford et excepto blado p'prio Griffini filii Gervasii Goh & heredu'
suor' in molendino de la Lake. Test. Stephano de Stanton,
Will'o filio Wal'ti, Philippo de Penintona, Joh'e de Hoptona,
Daumaro de Suggedona, Hamone de Penintona.

Sciant &c q'd ego Steph's d'ns de Patintun' dedi &c Philippo
filio Thome de Corve pro homagio & s'vitio suo & pro decem
solidis arg'nti quos m' dedit unam ac'm bosci' mei in Kalflei ad
assartandum & de libero tenemento meo jux' campum de Corve
ad mensuram acrum de leig' Habendum &c jure hereditario
Reddendo annuatim duos denarios in festo s'ce Marie in
Martio. Test. Johanne de Corve, Warino de Bradeleg', God-
wino de Esthop, Rog'o de Westun'.

Sciant &c q'd Ego Philipp' fil' Thome de Corve dedi &c Thom'
fil' Joh'is de Corve benito de Juliana uxore sua de Staunton p'
homagio & servitio suo unam acra' t're de essarto in Kalveleye
q'm emi de Steph'o d'no de Patiton. Habendum &c jure her-
editario &c Reddendo annuatim duos denarios in festo b'e
Marie in Martio pro omi s'vitio. Test: Ric' de Thuonglond,
Rog' de Midlinghope, Thom' de Esthop, Joh'e Tece, Will'o le
malun de Mughal, Engelardo de Acton, Rog' de Thuonglond,
Rob' fil' Henri' de Thuonglond, Rog'o cl'ico hujus carte notario.

Sciant &c q'd ego Reginaldus de Thirne concessi et quiete clam-
avi Will'o de Hedleg' & hedib' suis ut jus suum quicq' habui
tam in Brueria q'm in t'ra culta vl excolenda sed'm divisas f'cas
int' eund' Will'm & Radulfu' fr'em meum pro ut carta ei'dem
Radulfi quam idem Will' inde habet testat'. Test. D'no Thom'
de Myleton, D'no Rob' de Layint', D'no Maiviicio de Cant, D'no
Rad' Mulard et Justic' itim'antib' ap'd Salopesb', D'no Joh'
Ex'neo, D'no Rog'o la Zuche, D'no Hnr' t'e Abb'e de Salopesb',
D'no Joh' Ex'neo fil. Joh' Exnei, D'no Hamo'e fr'e ej'dem, D'no
Rog'o Sprengnose, D'no Will'o de Stanton, D'no Ric' de Mid-
delhop.

Sciant &c q'd ego Ranulfus fil' Hillebti d' Rodintuna dedi &c
Will'o fil' Willi' de Hcalur p' servicio suo & p' v marc' arg'nti
totu' pratu' meu' de Wrennemor s'cdm divisam fossate q' in-
cludit' usq' in aq' de Terne & s'cd' divisam aq' d' Terne q' in-
cludit' ex alia parte Reddendo annuatim duos sol' arg'nti i festo
s'ce Juliane. Test. Johanne Ext'neo, Hamo'e fr'e ej', Bar-
tholomeo de Mortima, Stephano de Stantuna, Rob'to fil' Rob'ti

fili Aheri, Philippo de Penintuna, Hamone de Penintuna, Johanne de Chetew'nd, Johanne de Bubintuna, Baldewino Wisscardo.

Sciant &c q'd ego Will's fil' Will'i filii Alanii concessi & confirmavi Will'o filio Will'i de Herkalewe & heredib' suis donatio'em quam Ranulfus fil' Gilebti de Rodintun fecit eidem Will'o & heredib' suis de toto prato de Wrennemyr cu' om'ib' pertinenciis & assiamendis i' p'to ip'o claudendo in fossata ip'i p'ti reparanda & emendanda in via habenda ad Heybary & fenum de ip'o prato ext^a Hendury Reddendo annuatim Ranulfo & heredib' suis duos solidos in fes' b'e Sc'e Juliane. Test. Joh'e Ex'neo, Reino de Lee, Philippo fil' Willi, Petr' cl'ico, Will'o Mascone, Hugone de Becbur', Philippo de Penint', Baldewino Wischard, Joh'e de Hope, Hamo'e de Penint'.

Ita convenit' int' d'nm Madocu' de Suttone & d'nm Will' de Hedleg in cr'stino assupconis beate Magdaline regni Reg' Henr' fil' Reg' Joh' xxix^o quod Dn's Madoc concessit d'co W. & hedib' suis a se & hedib' suis ut faciat molendinu' suu' de La Lake cu' choysello vl alio m^o ad voluntatem sua' ita tu' quod stagnu' suu' no' exaltet ult form' cuj'dam conveni'con' q'ndam int' coram B. Toret & aliis militib' in d'ca conven'cone nominatas. Concessit d'cus W. de Hedleg a se & hedib' suis d'co Madoco & hedib' suis quod possit herbam falcare ex' aquam vivarii sui ita quod falcatores in aquam no' intrent. & animalia sua & bo'um suor' pascere p' totu' vivariu' suu'. Test. D'no Odone de Hodenet, Alano Corbet, Stephano de Peninton, Joh' de Pres.

Hæc est finalis concordia f'ca in cur' d'ni Reg' apd Salop' a die omni' Scor' in q'ndecim dies anno regni Reg' Henr' fil' Reg' Joh' tricesimo tertio cora' Rog'o de Thurkelby, Gilbto de Preston, mag'ro Sim' de Wanton & Joh'e de Cobbeham Justic' Itin'ant' &c. int' Baldwinu' P'orem de Wombrugge quer' & Will'm de Ercalewe defore' de co'a paste quam idem Prior exigebat h're in t'ra & bosco ipius Will'i in man'io de Ercalewe —allowed to the Prior &c.

Henricus dei gra Rex Angli' &c greeting. Sciatis nos concessisse dil'co nobis in X'ro Aymoni Priori de Wenloc &c. q'd sint quieti de muragio theolonco pontagio & passagio de omib' bonis rebus & catallis suis p'priis per totum regnum n'rm—for £10. Teste me ip'o apud Westm' v die Decembr' anno regni n'ri q'nq'gesimo.

Sciant &c. q'd ego Will's d'ns de Lotwys dedi Thom' fil' Foldwyni de Esthope pro homagio & svcio suo & pro quatuor decim sol' arge'ti duas acras tre & dimidia in ca'po de Lotwys jacentes jux' divisas campi de Esthop et de Lotwys ex una p'te & tra' d'ci Tho'e ex alt'a p'te Reddendo anuati' denarios arge'ti in festo S'ci Michael p' omi svcio &c Test. Joh'e de Esthop, Thom' de Brocton, Hug' de Patiton, Rog' de Kylmescote, Will's de Ploedene, Will'o fabro de Esthop, Henr' fabro de ead'.

Sciant &c q'd ego Will's d'ns de Lotwys dedi &c Thome filio Rogi de Weston tresdec'i acras t're & duo p'va prata, quaru' acrum undeci' acre jace't in mora de Lotwys et duo acre jace't in campo v'sus Wyldredhope quar' acrar' in mora tres acre jacent int' terra magistri Will'i de Laudene ex una p'te & t'ram Will'i Greike ex alt'a & contine't in se duodeci' seillio'es & extend'nt se a mora usq' Rustiles et due acre contine't in se octo seillionibus jace't int' terra' Wisti filii Rogi filii Simo'is de Walle ex utinq' p'te & extendu't a nemore usq' ad ductu' de Lotwys et una acra continet quatuor seilliones & jacet int' t'ram de Walt'i & t'ram Yehenard Wole de Wenlok & extendit a nemore usq' ad ductu' et due acre jacent int' t'ram Will'i de Stanton ex utmq' p'te & extendu't a nemore usq' ad d'em ductu' Item una acra extendit del Mordich usq' ad forniseu' frenu' in Aldewalle greven & jacet in latitudie int' t'ram Will'i vicarii de Wenlok ex una p'te & viridum cheminu' ex altera Et un'm pratu' q'd Will's Greike tenuit q'd continet latitudiem quatuor seillionum & jacet in longitud'ie int' pratu' Will'i militis & pratu' Ricard' de Kylmescote & aliud pratu' continet latitudiem sex seillionu' sup' Middelhul jux' t'ram Will'i Greike pro duodeci' marcis arge'ti. Habend' &c in feodo & h'r'ditate ippetuu' Reddendo annuati' viginti sex denar' arge'ti die S'ci Martini pro om'i svcio. Test. Hugo' d'no de Patiton, Tho'a d'no de Brocton, Rog' de Kylmescote, Rog' de Weston, Rog' le Girros, Henr' le Heyene, Ric' Smalemo' de Laudan, Will'o de Plouden.

Sciant &c q'd Ego Will's d'ns de Lotwis dedi &c Thome filio Rog'i de Weston duas acras t're jacentes in campo de Lotwis inter le Marewet et t'ram Will'i filii Rog'i de Lotwys & extendunt se a via que jacet v'sus Wildredhope usq' le Mordich pro duodeci' solidos arge'ti Habend' in feodo Reddendo inde annuatim quatuor denarios arge'ti pro om'i svcio s'clari. Test. Anio de Laudan', Ada Lugein, Henr' le Hexen, Ric' Smilemo', Ric' de Lamore, Rog'o de Kylmescote, Will'o fil' Rog'i de Lotwis.

Sciant &c q'd ego Petrus filius Stephani de Patitone vendidi & quiet' clamavi Tho'e filio Rog'i de Westone totu' jus meu' in tota' illa' tra' qua' tenui in villa de Lotwys et ex^a villam in campo de Lotwys pro qu'ndecim marcis arge'ti Habend' inppetuu' Reddendo annuati' D'no de Lotwys quatuor solidos arge'ti etiam reddendo Will'o de Stanton quinq' denarios in festo Sci Michael. Test. Rog'o de Kylmescote, Will'o d'no de Lotwis, Ada Largeni, Ric' Smalemo', Henr' le Hekene, Will'o fil' Rog'i de Lotwis, Will'o Greyke.

Hec convencio factu' int' Will'm filiu' Roberti de Lotwiche ex una p'te & Haricu' clicu' filiu' Will'i Budelli de Esthope ex alt'a Sciendu' q'd ego Will's fil' Roberti de Lotwich co'censu & assensu uxori' mee & heredu' meor' vendidi & concessi Harrico clerico de Esthop' o'ib' dieb' vite sua una' ac'm t're cu' p'to ad capud illi' acre p' septe' solido's silic' p'd'ca ac' jacet juxta ac'm Richardi de Kilmescot ex una p'te & ac'm Will'i de Esthop ex alt'a in culta sub't via' que tendit de Esthop apud Lotwiche Habend' o'ib' dieb' vite sue Reddendo anuati' duos denar' p' o'i s'vicio et q'd p'des Hanr' capiet de marlia ad sufficientia' p'dee acre & Will's ad p'p'am t'ra' suam, sed si deteriorat t'ra' seped'ci Hanr' elici dabit ei escambiu' alibi ad emdacone ej'. Test. Ricardo de Midelhop, Thoma' de Esthop, Hugone de Patint' Rog'o p' Esthop, Will'o de Lotwiche.

Hec est convencio f'ca int' Will'm d'nm de magna Ercalewe ex p'te una & Joh'm de Mochton & Alina' uxore' ejus ex alt'a viz. q'd p'd'es Will'ns tradidit & dimisit p'd'cis Joh'e & All'ne q'nd'm vixerint una' placea' terre & pasture de vasto suo de magna Ercalewe jacente' apud le Smalthornes & extendit se descendendo de ponte Isabelle per le Campumnesdiche & le Brodelakedich usq' ad terra' d'ne et sic ascendendo p' t'ra' d'ne usq' ad qua'da' viam que ducit de villata de Mochton versus Osebarston p' qua'da' summa' pecunie Habend' ad tota' vita p'd'corum Johi & Aline Reddend' anuati' decem & octo denar' arge'ti p' o'ib' s'viciis. Test. Will'o Cresset, Will'o fil' Baldewin' de Walton, Thoma' Frauncies de Rowaton, Rog'o fil' Joh'is de eade', Joh'e fil' Godwich de eade', Ric'o de Hull de Mochton, Ric'o Wycoks de Egebaldenh'm.

Sciant &c q'd ego Will's filius Rob'ti de Lotwich concensu & assensu Will'i domini de Lotwich & he'dum suor' dedi & co'essi Petro filio Stephani d'ni de Patintun unu' mesuagiū in villa de Lotwich illud scil' q'd est int' tenementu' q'd Herbtus de

Lotwich aliq'n tenuit ex una p'te & int' gardinu' d'ni de Lotwich ex alt'a Et om'es illas t'ras q's p'd'es Will's de He'b'to d'no de Lotwiche & de Will'o filio suo in eadem villa aliq'ndo tenuit, Illam scil' dimidia' v'gata' t're in Lotwich q'm p'd'es Will's filius Rob'ti aliq'ndo tenuit & duas acr's in campo v'sus Wil-dredhope jacentes q's Rob't pat' d'ci Will'i assartavit & duas acr's & dimid' in Lotwich & una' acr'm jacente' jux viridam viam v'sus Langefeld & alt'am acr'm q'm Will's fil' Hamonis assartavit, dimid' u' acr'm jacente' jux' illa' q'm p'd'es Rob'tus assartavit, et p' uno croftto q'd i'de' Rob'tus tenuit q'd fuit jux' crofttu' suu' excambiavi illi una' acr'm jacent' in cultura de Bumuldegrue, & una' acr'm de Binnen sub Bileburie jacente', Pro octo m'reis arge'ti q's p'd'es Petr' m' dedit in magna necessitate mea ad introitu' Habend' &c in feodo & he'ditate imppetuu' Reddendo anuati' D'no de Lotwich tres solidos argenti p' p'd'ca dimid' v'gata' t're & quatuor denar' p' duab' acris & p' excambio de croftto & p' duab' acris & dimid' septe' denar' & p' una' acr' sub Bilebur' unu' denar' Et si p'd'es Petr' & he'des sui h'ant dece' porcos in pesona d'ni de Lotwich dab'nt p'd'co d'no unu' poreu' & si pl'es h'ant, no' dab'nt n' unu' poreu' sicuti co'tinet' in c'rta p'd'ci Will'i. Test. Thom' de Esthop', Hug' de Patintun, Will'o de Lotwich, Radulfo de P'sthop, Rog'o de Gerros, Rog'o fil' ejus, Joh'e de Corve, Ric' fil' ej', Hamone de Lauden.

Sciant &c q'd ego Elyas fil' Ric' de Loskesford dedi Will' de Ken' fil' Will' de Kent de Salop p' triginta duob' sol' arge'ti totum jus in una nukka terre de dimid' virgata terre q'm d'es Will' de Kent emit de d'co Ric' de Loskesford pat' meo. Test. D'no Joh'e fil' Aer, Joh'e de Erkalwe d'no de Erkalwe, Phil' de Penniton, Rob' de Blecheles, Elya de Stokes, Reyn' de Withiford, Madoco de Elleworthyn, Joh'e fil' Baldwyni de Erkalwe, Will' Fuc' de Rowlton.

Sciant &c q'd ego Will's filius Rob'ti de Kaneswell dedi Symoi de Pickestok totu' tenemtu' cu' edificiis q'd h'ui in villa de Hopton Habend' &c imppetuu' Reddendo anuati' mihi & h'ed' meis tres obolos ad fest' Paschi p' om'i s'vicio et D'no feodi duodec' denar' et Domui Sci Thom' m'rtir' jux' Staff' sex solidos. Test. D'no Will'o de Kaneswell milite, Rog'o fr'e ejus, Ric'o de Draiton d'no de Hopton, Ric'o le Crispe de eade', Will'o de Bek', Robto de Havenyate, Thom' de Lerneria, Will'o cl'ico.

Sciant &c q' ego Alicia d'na de Hopton dedi Rob'to del Bech filio Rob'ti del Bech quid' p'te t're mee i' Hopton de dominio meo scilie' una' bovata' t're illa scilie' q' Ricard' Ruffus tenuit de me & ix seilones i't' dominiu' meu' & t'ra Reginal de le B'ch jux' Chillesdenemedewe & xiiii seiliones int' Chesenltcheweie & t'ra Galfridi de Bech & xxii seilones ap' Sichet cu' p'to i't' t'ra Galf'di le Cosin & t'ra Cecilie le Bret & ij seilones i't' t'ra' Galf' de Bech & t'ra' Johanis fil' Ph' & ix seilon' a Brehstint' t'ra' Galf' le Cosin & t'ra' Reginal' le Becher & xvj seilon' extend-etes ad via' de Instu' & q' traginta sex seilon' a longe'ine' int' t'ra' Galf' le Cosin & t'ra' ge'tis de villa & xiiij seilone' a Hon-ginthul int' dominiu' & margu' meu' & xij seilon' a be'nen'ie i't' dominiu' & t'ra' Galf' de Bech & xxx seilon' a Baldrichelowe & vij seilon' int' dominiu' & t'ra' Ric' Huald ret' aula' & xxx seilon' jux' it' de Chesenitche & tota' t'ra' Caldewallehul int' has divisas seil' int' fossatu' S'ci Thome & t'ra' Walt'r de Have'yhate de alto vico usq' ad t'ra' Galf' de Bech Tenend' & habend' &c. Reddend' anuatim m' & hedib' meis vj denarios p' o'i' s'vicio & p'dict' Rob' dedit m' dimidia' marca' argenti.

Test: Rob' Capp'l'o de Hopton, Radulfo de Mitteu', Rob' de Kav'eswalle, Johane de Saice, Walto de Ha'nig'yhate, Ric' fil' Nicol', Galf' Cosin, Rob' de Burchestu', Will' Veyin', Will' Umfrezi.

Omn'bus Xri fidelibus &c Joh' de Erkalewe sal'm in d'no Nov'itis me remisisse & imppetuu' de me & heredibus meis quietum clamasse Deo & Eccleie beate Mar' de Lilleshull & canonicis ibidem Deo s'vientibus totum jus & clamiu' quod h'ui in villa de Coldehatton, salva mihi & h'redibus meis scota hominu' suor' in p'd'ca villa de Coldehatton existenciu' ad molendinu' meu' de la Lake. Test: D'nis Odon' de Hodenet, Joh'e fil' Hugonis, Joh'e fil' Aeri militibus, Rob'o Corbet de Morton, Pet' de Oxtan, Rob'o de Stanton, P'ho de Peninton.

Om'ib' X'ri fidelib' Ric' de Loskeford sal'm et'nam in d'no Noverit me concessisse & confirmasse Joh'i de Erkal' d'no de Erkal' p' s'vicio suo & p' q'tuor marc' argenti, q'ddam mesuag' croftum & curtilag' sicut Gadce Postes'nt p' visum vicinor' et cuida' Noka' terre in villa de Waleton q'd quide' mesuag' situ' est int' mesuag' Reyn' le Wyne & mesuag' Will' Pigun. Illud scilie' mesuag' &c que Elyas fil' me' ad voluntate' mea' de me in eade' villa p'ri tenuit. Habend' &c de me hedib' meis a festo b'e mar'e in m'rcio anno regni Reg' Henr' fil' Joh'is Reg' qdri-

gecimo quinto' usq' ad t'minu' vigenti q'tuor annor' Reddendo
anuati' unu' flore' roseu' p' om'i s'vicio. Test. D'no Odone de
Hodenet, Rob' Corbet d'no de Morton, Joh'e fil' Aeri, Phil' de
Peninton, Henr' Mawvesin, Reg' de Tyrne, Ric' de ead'.

Omib' X'ri fidelib' &c frater Joh'es Prior humilis de Wenloke
et ejusd'm loci conventus ordinis Cluniacens' Herefordens'
dioces' &c dedisse & concessisse Rev'endo p'ri D'no Joh'i
Cantuariens' Archiepo &c totum jus & clamiu' q'd habuim'
Ecel'e de Aldelima q'd quidem jus habuim' de dono Hugon'
quondam d'ni de Adelina in p'petuam elemosina' in p'petuu'.
Test. Mag'ro Thom' de Yngelthorp Decano s'ci Pauli London',
Mag'ro Will'o de la Cornere canonico Licheffeldens', Dno Nich'o
de Knowle, mag'i'o Alano de Lyndeseya, D'nis Goscelino Justiciar'
Cestrie, Hogon de Knowle, Odon' de Hodenet, Will'o Hagod,
Rog'o Sp'nhose militib', Joh'e de Esthop, Joh'e de Ayno cl'ico.
Dat. apd. Wenlok die Sci Oswaldi a° d' millesimo duocesimo
octogesimo.

Omnib' s'ci matri Ecclie filiis &c J. Dei gra' Abbas Salop &
ejusdem loci co'ventu', Sal'm Noverit nos unanimi co'sensu
totius cap'li dedisse coquie co'vent' Abbatis nre totum
redditum n'rm de Aston Stone monte Gilbti ad nos qual'it'
ptinen' Quicu'q' autem hanc concessione' n'ram ausu infir-
mare indignationem omnipotentis Dei & nram maledictum
incurrat. Dat. in pleno cap'lo n'ro die Me'uris in festo S'ci
Calixti martir' anno D'ni m° cc° octuagesimo t'co.

A tous ceaux qui cestes p'sentes l'res venent Alyne que fu' la
femme Snr Edward Burnel Salus in deo Sachez moi avoir
venen & grancee a Sir Wylliam de Ercalawe chyvaler p'or une
somme d'argent tous mes biens & mes chateus de la Manor de
granc Ercaluwe. Don' a Buldewas le v'cisine jour de Octob'r
en lan du Regne le Re' Edward neosxine.

Sibilla la femme Hughe Burnel en pure viduoci' confims to
Master William Burnel mon frere mon tenemt en Brocton pres
de Welinton. Test. Robt Corbett, Thomas Corbett, Ric' de
Harley, Ric' de Leghton chivalers. Don' a Eudon Burnel
lundy en la fest Seint Juliane virgine et m'tris l'an du reigne
le Roi Edward vynt & seto.

Robt. Burnel conferme a Sir William Ercalwe & Peronelle' nre
cosin nre manoir de Alvodemara en faunte mariage.

Ego Ric' dns de Leghton concessi p' me & heredib' meis Mich'i de Morton & heredib' suis quod si averia p'dei Michaelis p' defectu' custodie evaserint infra clausuram meam de Rudon videl' de Spedehelde usq' ad Caldewalle & de Caldewalle jux' cepem usq' ad corneru' de Middeifeld que est p'x semite' que ducit de Eye versus le Lode ad inferius caput de Hay canebelke de Eye sine ali'ci rede'pt'one resurgent' quousq' p'd'ca placia claudatur. Test. Magr'o Payn de P'ston, Joh'e de Hauckeston, Ph'o de Leghton cap'llan', Henr' de Garmeston, Will'o Payn de Leghton.

Patent un'v'sis &c q'd nos Will' de Leghton & Isabella uxor mea t'dim' & concessim' Sibill' uxor' Will'i de Herfordsire & Henr' fil' suo unam domu' & medietate' gardini in villa de Borewarton q'm Thom' de Herefordsire q'nd' tenuit. Habend' &c ad tm'nu' vite eor' Reddendo annuati' xij d'n' arge'ti p' om'i' svi'cio, p' hac co'cesco'e dederunt iij sol' arge'ti. Test: Philipp' de Chorlecote, Edmund de ead', Thom' le Coste'tin, Ric' clerico de Midelton.

Conven'o f'c'a int' d'n'm Will'm de Ercaluwe et Rog'm filiu' Rad'i de Hatton & Rog'm filiu' ejus q'd p'd'es d'ns Will's concessit p'd'eis Rog'o & Rog'o ad totu' t'm'um vite utriusq' eor' una' placeam prati & pasture de vasto suo de Ercaluwe jacent' in le Smalthornes in latitudine int' la Campunisdich le Urodelakrdich & terram d'ni de Roulton & de Ellewardin ex una p'te et terram cultam existente in loco vocat' le Smalthornes ex alt'a, cuj' unu' capud extendit de ponte Isabelle Forst in longitudine usq' le Russulmiste & le Smethebruche Reddendo annuati' octo solidos argenti et q'ndo in fata sua decedant quadraginta denar' argenti nomine hereoti. Test: Will'o fil' Ric'i del Hul de Mocliton, Ric'o fr'e ejus, Joh'e Worcok de Egebaldenham, Will'o fil' Rob'i Henrx, Thoma de Meston.

Sciant &c q'd ego Rob' de Clerc dedi Hug' fil' Ric' una' bovata t're in Leilonde q'm Gileb' de Withil tenuit, cum mesuagio i' Schahe, in excambiu' p'pter illa' bovata' q'm p'd'c's Hugo fil' Ric' tenuit in Longet' p' homagio & servicio suo Reddendo per annu' duos solidos Propt' hoc eschambiu' dedit m' duas marcas argenti. Test: War' Busel, Rob' Busel, Ada' de hoc, Ada' Banast', War' de Witingh', Will' Ban', Ric' de Chern, Ric' Fit, Joh' Fit, Will' de Helond.

Sciunt &c q'd Ego Joh'es de Wenloke dedi Symoni d'co de Celario una mesugiam & unam dimidiam virgata[m] terre cum p'to in villa & t'itorio de Coppenhalle in excamb' unius mesuagii & uni' noke terre que habui ex feoffacone p'd'ci Symonis in villa & t'itorio de Dunston Habend' de capitalib' d'nis feodi illius p'd'co Symoni ad totam vitam sua' ita q'd post d'ci Symonis decessum p'd'em mesuag' cu' p'd'ca dimidia virgata terre Margerie filie Rob'ti Phelip de Stafford & heredib' suis remaneat. Test: Will'o Godefrey, Will'o de Stalbroke, Rob'to de Dodinton, Rob'to de Maresco, Ric'o le Paumer de Burton. Dat. apud Coppenhale die d'nica p'x' post festum Annu'ciacois b'e marie in martio anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo octavo.

Omnib' X'ri fidelib' &c Henr' le Tannur & Margir' uxor ej' dedisse Ph' le Poer unam ac'm t're cu' septe' buttas in t'itorio de Cotes videlicet illam de duob' selyonib' que capitant sup' t'ram Rad' de Cotes in Morfeld & septe' buttas ibidem scilicet ad caput Cordesdik Habend' &c Reddendo annuati' unu' obolu'. Pro h'e aut' donac'one dedit mi tres sol' & sex denar'. Test: Hugon' de London, Rad' de Cotes, Ric' Morite', Joh' Rav'lot, Steph' Aur', Steph' de Broc.

Omib' X'ri fidelib' &c Will's Fraunceys de Cherleton concessisse Ric'o Bernehond de Cherleton una' ac'm terr' in camp' Walcote jacente sup' Sundornehull a f'o s'ci Mich'is anno regni Reg' Edward t'cesimo q'rto usq' ad t'minu' sex cropp' plenar' inde p'cipiend' que quide' ac' jacet int' t'ram Joh'is de Cherleton ex p'te una et Michaelen de Paeleye ex p'te altera It'm concess' eide' Ric'o una' aliam ac'm in camp' ag' la Ree a f'o s'ci Mich'is anno regni Reg' Edward' sup'd'co usq' ad t'minu' t'm cropp' plenar' inde p'cipiend' et d'ca ac' jacet sup' Berdun int' t'ram r'toris de Aldrescote ex p'te una & t'ra' Alani le Pakere ex p'te alt'a p' q'dam sum'a p'cunie Habend' &c Redd' an'uat' una' rosam. Test: Ad' Bernehond, Alano le Pakere, Joh'e de Pyrhull, Rodb'to fil' Rog' le Pyrn.

William de Ercaluwe done a William le K'n de Jdeshale & Joh'ne sa file a terme de leur deux vies trois acres de tere de mon gast de Cottewalle pres de la tere John le Kent Rendant de an en an deux souez pur les deux acres & pur la terce acre une rose. Done a Ercaluwe le Lundi p'cheyn ap'e la feste de Seynt Margaret l'an du regne le Roi Edward fiz au Roi Edward tresyme.

Sciant &c q'd ego Will's Fraunceis de Cherleton dedi Rog'o le Monck de Salop & Juliane ux'i sue p' q'nda' summa' pecunie unu' mesuagiu' cum tota terra mea in Cherleton quod quid' mesuagiu' situm est int' tenementu' d'ni Joh'is de Cherleton militis ex p'te una & tenementu' quod p'tinet ad ecc'iam b'e marie Salop ex p'te alt'a Habend' &c de capitalib' d'nis feod' ill' impetuu' Reddendo annuatim capitalib' d'nis feodi illius debitu' redditu' &c Test: Joh'e de la Leye, Adam Gernelond, Ric'o Gernelond, Alano le Pokere, Thom' le Fox, Will'o de la Baillie de Salop, Joh'e de Rodinton, Thom' de Wythinton, Dat' ap'd Cherleton die Mercurii ante festu' s'ci Mathi Ap'li anno regni Regis Edward fil' Regis Edwardi s'e'do.

Sciant &c q'd ego Alicia q'nd'm uxor Will'i Hurre de Mere in mea pura viduatate dedi &c Petro de Walkere de Newport unu' dimidiu' burgagiu' q'd scitu' est in villa de Newport int' burgagiu' d'ci Petri ex p'te una et Burgagiu' q'nd'm Joh'is le Suon ex p'te altera et extendit se in longi'e a via regali usq' ad g'ngia p'dci Pet Habend' in feodo & h'editate impetuu' de capitalibus d'nis feodi illi' faciendo inde consuetudines p'dce ville quas p'tine't tant' tenemento Pro hac donac'one d'eus Petr' q'ng' m'reas arge't dedit. Test. Galfrido Rondulf, Will'mo Rondulf, Will'mo in le Stones, Joh'e le T'nour, Will'mo le Hdemon, Dat' ap'd Neuport die Jovis p'x' post festu' translaconis beati M'ch'i anno regni Regis Edward filii Reg' Edward quinto decimo.

Sciant &c q'd ego Petronilla quondam uxor Will'i Haket de Astleye dedi &c Thome de Roshale de Salop p' qua'dam sum'a pecunie unam acram terre in Astleye que jacet int' t'ram Ric'i fil' Rog'i de Astleye ex p'te una & terram p'dci Thom' ex p'te alt'a & extendit se a t'ra que fuit Will'i le Schirmestur usq' Paddocuspute Habend' de capitalib' d'nis feodi p' svicia inde debita & consueta imp'petuu' Test: Will'o le Banastr', Rog'o de Leton, Rog'o le Banastr', Joh'e Gamel, Ric'o Gamel. Dat' ap'd Asteleye die d'nic' in decollaco'e S'ci Joh'is Baptiste anno regni Reg' Edward' fil' Regis Edward' sexto decimo.

Sciant &c q'd nos Johanna & Matildis filie qondam Rog'i le Archer de Slope conjunctim dedimus &c d'no Ric'o de Adbaston capellano & om'ib' successorib' suis ad missam b'e Marie in ecc'ia de Ercalewe celebrand' in liberam & puram & p'petuam elemosinm p' salute' animaru' nostr' & p' salute' animaru' Rog'i patris mei & Cecilie matris mei & p' animab' successor' nostror' &

omni' fidelium deffunctor' unam acram terre jacentem in campo de Crugelton que jacet int' terram Rog'i Weg' ex una p'te & terram Rog'i de la Grene ex alt'a et unum capud extendit se usq' ad Greneloweswey & alt' capud extendit se sup' terram Will'i Weg' Habend' &c Test: D'no Will'o de Ercalewe milit', Dno Joh'e de Morton' tu'e p'petuo Vicario ecc'ie de Ercalewe, Will'o Baudewyn de Walton, Alano de Rodone Willo Fraunceys de Roulton, Joh'e le Kent de Tyrne, Joh'e de Roudenhurst. Dat. ap'd Crugelton die Jovis p'x' ante festum b'i Georgii anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi septimo decimo.

Conven'co f'ca int' d'n'm Will'm d'n'm de Ercalewe ex p'te una & Joh'em filiu' Rog'i Bazesone de Salop' Rog'um & Thom' f'res ejusd' Joh'is ex p'te alt'a q'd d'n's Will's concessit eis Joh'i Rog'o & Thom'e duas acras t're & dimidia' campestris in Bruera de Cottewalle ad vita' eor'd' & cui eor' sup' vix'it que jacent sup' le Brounehelde int' tram ip'i Joh'is ex p'te una' & Bruera de Cottewalle ex p'te alt'a et extend'nt se a fossato d'ci Joh'is usq' ad bruera' de Tierne Reddendo annuatim duos solid' & sex den' argenti et duos solid' argenti no'ie herioti. Test: Joh'e de Wichiford, Ph'o de Berewik' Will'o de Acton, Will'o de M'chetton, Rob'to de Acton. Dat' ap'd Ercalewe die Ven' p'x' post f'm s'ci Michael' anno regni Regis Edward' fil' Reg' Edward' decimo nono.

Nov'nt universi me Joh'em dn'm de Leghton relaxisse & om'io q'et clamasse p' me & he'd' meis Ivoni Cresset & he'd' suis totu' jus & clameu' q'd umq'm vel aliq' m'o h're pot'o in q'nc' selionib's t're de tenement' illo quod Willm's le Spenc' quo'd'm tenuit in Garmeston & jacet in quod'm loco q' vocat' le Cruftins jux' Grenelongeley infra tram p'd'ci Ivonis ex quacuq' p'te ita videlic' q'd n' ego p'd'cs Joh'es n' he'd' mei n' aliquis no'ie meo aliq'd juris v'l el'm in pd'cis q'nc' selionib's t're de ceto vendicare v'l exige' potim' impetui' In cuj' rei testimoniu' huic p'senti sc'pto sigillu' meu' apposui Hiis testib' Joh'e le Straunge de Leghton, Walt'o fr'e ejusd'm Joh'is, Henrico de Garmeston, Joh'e le Costanton & aliis. circa 1350.

Convenc'o f'ca inter Adam fil' Reginald' de Wyke ex una p'te & Elyam de Wyk cl'icum ex alt'a p'te viz. q'd p'd'cus Adam dedisse &c medietate' toti prati s'm in Brademer que jacet inter p'tu' p'd'ci Ad'e ex una p'te & p'tu' p'd'ci Elye ex alt'a p'te ad t'm'i vij annor' incipient' ad f'm s'ci Mich'is anno r' r' E.

tercii a conquest' quarto p' q'dam s'm' pecunie. Test: Will'o de Leveresete, Ric'o pat' noster, Will'o Hod', Thom' de Scoon-
ynton, Thom' de la Knolle, Hug' Colle Data ap'd Wyke die
d'nica in festo Nativitat' S'ci Joh'is Baptist' anno sup'd'eo.

Sciant &c quod ego Rog'us de Corfhul dedi &c Ricardo filio
Will'o de Oxnebolde duas acras t're mee in campis de Corfhul
quarum una se extendit ad illam t'ram que vocatur Medewe-
acrat ex parte una' & ad illam t'ram que vocatur Copegreve p'
alt'a parte pro homagio & s'vicio suo & pro undecim solidos ar-
genti, alt'a v'o p'd'carum acrarum se extendit ex una parte ad
illam t'ram que vocatur oldecorfhul & ex alta' parte ad illam
t'ram que vocatur Luctlemod Habend' &c Reddendo annuatim
duos denar' argenti pro omni s'vicio seculari. Test: Thoma
d'no de Staunton, Hugone de Patiton', Rog'o de Ghyros, Rog'o
de Kylmescot, Ricardo de Westbradel, Will'o de Lotwich.

Sciant &c q'd Ego Nich'us de Synnesbury dedi &c Rog'o de
Corfhull cap'll'o om'ia t'ras & ten' mea cu' p'tin' que & quas
h'ui in Corfhull ex dono & feoffamento p'd'ei Rog'i una cu'
comuna pastur' in feodo de Oxnebolde Habend' &c de capital'
d'no feod' illi' in feodo & he'ditate inppetuu' Red' s'vicia debita
& de jur' consueta capitali d'no feodi illi inde anuati' faciend'
Test: Ph'o de Patyton, Ric'o Smalemon, Ric'o fil' Thom' de Es-
thop, Joh'e fr'e suo, Will'o Joldwyn. Dat' apud Corfhul die
Jovis p'x' post f'm S'ci Luce Evangele anno regni Reg' Edwardi
t'cii post conquestu' vicesimo q'rto.

Sciant &c q'd ego Ricard' de Wreken de Donynton' dedi &c
Ad'e fil' Ad'e Anicoks de Admuston om'ia tras & tenementa in
villa & campis de Donynton que & quas h'ui ex dono Johannis
de Donynton capellani Habend' &c inppetuu' de capit' d'nis
feodi illi p' s'vicia inde debita. Test: Rog'o Frenssche, Will'o
Forster, Rob'to de Yocultun, Ric'o Cludde de Admustun, Joh'e
Elkyn. Dat' apud Admustun die d'nica p'x' post festu' S'ci
Barnabe Ap'li anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi a conquestu
primo.

Sciant &c q'd nos Will's Dyngul rector eccl'ie de Roppesley
Alanus de Cawleye rector eccl'ie de Codyngton Nich's Barbour
rector eccl'ie de Halghton & Philippus de Routon cap'll's dedi-
mus &c Hugon' de Ingestre Joh'ni Atte Lake cap'll'nis & Ric'o
de Hildreston balliv' de Drayton om'ia terr' & ten' reddit' &
s'vicia ac rev'siones quas cuq' quæ & quas habuim' de dono

feoffamento & concessione quond' Hugon' Snel de Stafford in Stafford & Coton jux' Stafford Habend' imp'petuu' de capital' d'nis feod' illor' p' s'vicia ind' debit'. Test: D'nis Nich'o de Stafford & Will'o de Chetewynd milit'. Will'mo de Halghton, Will'o Wasteneys, Will'o Bochar'd' & Henr' Preost tu'e ball'is de Stafford & Joh'e de Dorlaston de ead'm. Dat' apud Stafford die M'rt's in festo S'ei Barnab' ap'li anno regni Regis Ric'i s'e'di post conquestu' q'rto.

Indentura facta int' Joh'em Bovale d'nm de Frodesley ex una p'te & Reginald Skryven de Salop ex alt'a p'te testat' q'd p'dict' Joh'es tradidit concessit & dimisit p'dicto Reginaldo man'ia sua de Marton & Heggwey cu' molend'io aquatico ib'm cum om'ib' boscis lib'attib' & aysiamenis in aquis moris & mariscis pratis & pasturis &c Habend' &c a festo An'uciac' b'e marie p'x post dat' p'sent' usq' ad t'minu' quatuor annor' Reddend' anuatim una' rubea' rosam si petat' p' om'ib' s'viciis. Test: Joh'ne de Wytton, Joh'ne Corbet de Stanford, Joh'ne Corbet de Haburley, Joh'ne de Eyton, Thoma Dod. Dat' ap'd Marton die lune p'x' post f'm Circu'cisionis D'ni anno regni Regis Ric'i secundi post conquestu' duodecimo.

Novit' &c me Will'm de Byriton de Salop seniore teneri & firmit' obligari Thome de Byriton filio meo & Elianore fil' Hugonis de Withiford de Salop in centu' libris argenti ex causa mutui solvend' eisd'm Thome & Elianore hered' et execut' suis in festo Natal' D'ni p'x' futur' post dat' p'sent' &c obligo hered' & execut' meos & om'ia bona & catalla mea mobilia & imobilia. Dat' die Ven'is in festo S'ei Dunstani epi' anno regni Reg' Ric'i s'e'di post conquestu' quarto decimo.

Ric'us Husee clericus ac Joh'es p'petuus vicari' vicarie de Alburbury ac Decan' Decanat' de Pontysbury, Comissarii ven' pris & d'ni Joh'is Dei gra' Hefforden' Ep'i legitie deputati dilecto nobis in X'ro Mag'ro Thome Newport clerico salt'm & Dei ben' Ad lib'am capella' de Pullerbach d'ce Hefforden' dioc' ad qua' p' Thoma Gech p'tu'e patronu' p'sentat' existis te admittim' & te p' birreti n'ri t'dic'oem canonicè instituim' in ead' cu' omib' suis jurib' & p'tin' univ's Dat' apud Longeden qu'ito die me's Augusti sub sigillo Decani Decanat' de Pontysbury anno d'ni mill'mo trece^{mo} nonogesimo quarto ac sub signo & subscripco'e discreti viri d'ni Will'i Rodenhurst no'tii pu' de mandato n'ro signat'.

Et ego Will'us de Rodenhurst p'b'r Lich' dioc' p'u' auct'e ap'lica notarius p'missis admissioni' instituci' ac om'ib' aliis & sing'lis p'ut sup'scribunt' & recitant' una cum testib' inf' no'iat' p'sens nces'm' ea q' sic fieri vidi audiv' ac de mandato ven' vicarii mag'ri Ric'i Husee in legib' bacular' & d'ni Joh'is p'petu' vicarii de Albury ac Decani de Pontesbury revend' in X'ro p'ris ac d'ni d'ni Joh'is Dei gra' Heford' Epi commissarii in causa sup'script' sp'ialit' deputator' me subscripsi signo q' meo & noi'e consuet' signand' in fidem & testiom' om'iu' & singlor' p'missor' ac sunt hec sub anno d'ni milli'o ccc^{mo} nonagesimo quarto Indictione quarta Pontificat' s'cissimi in X'ro p'ris ac d'ni n'ri D'ni Bonifac' p'pe noni anno quarto mens' August die quinte in capella de Longedon Heford' dioc' p'sentib' rev' & discret' viris Willo Jaundrell, Rog' Whelwregthe, Joh'ne Esenbrugge & Joh'ne Whitebirche Heford' & Lich' dioc' testib' ad p'missa vocat' sp'ialis ac rogatis.

Johannes p'missione divina Hereford Ep'us viro mag'ro Ric'o Husey in legib' baccalario & Decano n'ro de Pontesbury sal'm Domina Johanna de Cherleton relicta quond'm Joh'is de Cherleton d'ni de Powys diltm sibi in X'ro Mag'r'm Thomam de Newport ad prebendam sive portionem in eccl'ia collegiata sive portiomaria S'ci Georgii de Pontesbury n're dioc' quam nup' tenuit Walt'us Pryde in ead'. Dat apud Whiteborn xx die mensis December anno D'ni millimo ccc^{mo} nonagesimo quarto et me' cons' sexto.

Indentura fact' int' Thomam p'missio'e divina Abb'em mon' b'i Petri Salop & ejusdm loci co'ventu' ex p'te una et Joh'em Corbet de Haburley ex p'te alt'a testat' q'd p'du' Abbas & Co'ventus dederunt &c p'fat' Joh'i offic'u' forestar' bosc' sive forest' eor' d'ni Abbis & coventus de monte Gilb'ti in com' Salop' Habend' &c p'd'co Joh'i durante vita ip'ius Concesser'nt etiam & ad firmam dimiser'nt p'fato Joh'i & Elizabet ux' ejus ac Thom' & Joh'i lib'is eor'd'm Joh'is & Elizb't om'ia tras & tenementa eor'd'm Abbis & co'ventus in Snallesdon inf' d'niu de Eyton que Joh'es Ree ib'm prius tenuit simulcu quad'm pastura jux' Aston Abb'is vocat' Commesmore H'endu' durante vita Reddendo annuat' viginti quatuor solidos Et p'dicti Joh'es &c de novo edificabu't apud Snallesdon una' domu' vocat' Insetehous una' g'ngiam & unam boveriam ac beuriam ib'm nu'c existente repa'b'nt &c sumpib' suis p'ter q'd hab'nt mearemiu' in bosc' del Wrekene Test Thoma' Fouleshurste Joh'ne de Leghton, Will'o Poymour, Will'o fil' suo. Dat' in

domo capitlari mon' p'd'ei die lune p'x post f'm S'ci Barnabe
Apli a.r Henr' quinti quarto.

Sciant &c q'd ego Willm's Tavernere de Salop dedi &c Joh' Falk de ead'm & Thome Barbo' vicar' ecc'lie sancti Alkmundi Salop' ten' meu' jac' in alto vico Salop in quo Thomas Hervy modo inh'itat & est tenens ejusd'm H'end' imppetuu' de capit' d'nis feodi illius p' s'vic' inde debet'. Test: Thoma Forst' & Will'mo Boerley tunc ballis ville Salop, Will'o Hord, Joh'e Glover, Nicho' Shetton. Dat' Salop' die d'nica p'x post festu' Assenconis d'ni anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestu' tercio decimo.

Indentura fact' int' Will'm Tav'nere de Salop ex una p'te & Joh'em Falk de ead'm & Thoma' Barbo' vicar' ecc'lie S'ci Alkmu'di Salop ex alt'a p'te testat' q'd cu' p'd'eus Will's dederit &c p'fato Joh'i & Thome ten' suu' jacens in alto vico Salop in quo Thom' Hervy modo inh'itat & est tenens ejusd'm imppetuu' Pred'ei tamen Joh'es & Thom' volunt & conced'nt q'd si p'd'eus Willm's solvat centum solid' argenti in festo s'ci Mich'is Arch'i p'x futuro post dat' p'sent' q'd extunc p'd'ca carta &c p' nulla h'eat' alioquin in suis robors stent & virtute. Test. Thom' Forst' & Will'o Boerley tu'e balli's ville Salop, Will'mo Hord, Nicho' Shetton, Joh'e Glover Dat' Salop' die d'nica p'x post f'm Assenco'nis d'ni anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestu' Angl' t'ciodecimo.

Hec Indentura testat' q'd Thomas Newport d'ns de Ercalewe tradidit & dimisit Rog'o Iryssh om'ia tr'as & ten' que Rob'tus Webbe modo tenet ab instanti firma res'vata solomodo except', simul cu' uno tofto voc' Blakehalle & duob' landis t're que Joh'es Badiley nup' tenuit ad voluntatem ejus H'end' &c ad t'r'm quadraginta annor' Reddendo inde annuatim viginti duos solidos & unu' denar' et si obierit dabit D'no melius suu' ai'al' noie h'iet' et si recesserit infra t'mi' p'd'cm dabit D'no tresdecim solidos & quatuor denar' noie far'. Test. Joh'e Greve balli'o ib'm, Joh'e Waderobe, Thom' Wegge Dat' apud Ercalewe in vigil' s'ci Valentini m'rtir' anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conq'm decimo nono.

Hec Indentura facta vicesimo tercio die Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici sexti vicesimo prim' inter Ricardu' Lawrens de villa Salopie gen'os' ex p'te una et Edwardu' Bent burgens' ville Salop' ex pte altera Testatur q'd predictus Ricardus tradidit & concessit et ad firmam dimisit qued'm ten'tu' suu' in Salop situatu' in vico de Sheplache int' ten' heredu' Roberti Thornis ex p'te una & ten'tu' quondam Agnetis Lyng & postea art' pannarior' ville predictae ex p'te al'ta et continet se in longitudine a via regia usq' ad t'ram heredu' Joh'is Gamell H'end' &c ad finem t'i quatuor annor' Reddendo annuatim qui'q' libras legalis monete Anglie. Test: Thoma' Wythyford de villa Salop gentilm', Edwardo Hosier de ead' drap' & Will'mo Sherer de Crowe mele husbondman. Dat' die & anno supradict.

Sciunt &c q'd ego Rob'tus Corbet miles dedi &c Joh'i Brusyerd, Ric'o Welde, Joh'i Dorewyn, & Thome Wascelyn totum manerium meum de Hadeleigh in com' Salop' Hend' &c de capitalib' d'nis illius feodi p' svicia inde debit' & consueta. Test: Joh'ne Burgh, Ric'o Laken militib', Nich'o Eton, Thoma Newport, Rogero Corbet de Moorton armigeris. Dat' apud Hadleigh p'd'eam die Ven'is p'x' ante festum S'ce Marie Magdelene anno regni Regis Henrici Sexti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo tercio.

Universis X'ri fidelib' &c Nos cam'arii Custos & p'curator hospitalis S'ce Trinitatis & S'ei Thome m'ris i' urbe Romana fu'dati Salt'm & utriusq' hom'is co'tinuu' i'creme'tu' Eloquio sacro testante ac eciam i'formam' q'd bona sp'ualia qua'to magis distribunt & int' X'ricolas seminat' ta'to pociora p'mia & fructus ueberiores n're et caritat' affer'nt & i'duc'nt sine quib' nemo Ierarchie celestis p'ticeps efficit' & quib' mediantib' sp'uali naufragio fluctuant' ad portu' eu' turmis s'cor' eternaliter p'ma'suri veru' q' int' cet'os eccl'ie s'ce Romane po'tifices qui om'ib' utriusq' sexus f'rib' & sororib' hospitalis p'fati largas & amplas i'dulge'cias co'cesser'nt felicis recordaco'is bone memorie D'ns Eugenius papa quarto octavo kl Novemb' anno Incarnaco'is d'nice millimo cccc^{mo} xlv^o sui po'tificat' anno qui'tode'cis p'fatis f'rib' & sororib' om'ib' et singul' c'ofrat'rnit'at' p'd'ce ubilibet co'stitut' ac infra trienni a data co'cessio'is sue deceto' recipie'dis co'cessit quoties opus fuit ut eligere sibi valeat co'fessores ydoneos seculares vel regulares qui eoru' audit' co'fessionib' i'iu'cta p'ma salutari ip'os ab om'ib' crim'ib' nisi sup' quib' sedes ap'lica sit merito co'sulenda absolvere ac i'

artic'lo mort' om'i p'ec'oru' plena' remissione' co'ced'e possint
qua' pia' co'cessione' s'cissim' i' X'ro pat' & d'n's n'r'D'n's Nich'us
papa qu'tus misericordit' anno p'mo sue co'secrac'o'is decreto
ap'lico p' amplius co'firmavit om'ib' eor' co'fratrib' & sororib'
quibusc'u'q' p'ut i' ip'ius s'c'issimi' n'ri p'ris l'ris pleni' co'tinet'.
Sic tu' q'd idem co'fessor de hirs de quib' fuit alt'i satisfaccio
i' pendenda ea' eis p' eos vel he'des eoru' facie'da i'iu'gat qua'
ip'i vel illi face' teneant p'ut i' eisd'e l'ris ap'licis co'tinet' Nos
igitur cam'arii custos & p'curator sup'd'ci auct'a ap'lica vigor'
q' officioru' n'roru' quibus in p'veiaru' preesse dinessimur Rob'
Joh'son & Agnete uxorem ejus in n'ram co'fraternitate' sp'aliter
recipientes n'roru' privilegioru' ac huioi' i'dulgenciaru' missaru'
o'ronu' suffragioru' alioru'q' om'i opu' pietat' nobiscu' mie pro
semp' p'ti'cipes i' om'ib' facim' p' p'ntes Sigillo officii hospit'lis
p'dei co'signat' Dat' Salop' octavo die Julii anno d'ni millimo
cccc^{mo} xlvij^o.

Hec Indentura testat' q'd Willm's Symon de Salop' bocho' et
Alicia' ux' ejus tradider'nt & ad firma' dimiser'nt Joh'i Barbro'
et Benedicte ux'i ejus unu' croftu' vocat' Colverhouse Crofte
jaciens int' via' ducente retro Castru' Salop' ex una p'te et
muru' terr' ex alt'ra p'te H'end' &c ad fine' t'i octo annor'
Reddend' anuat'i una' rosam rubea' Test: Joh'e Trenth'm &
Thoma Biryton tu'e ball'is Salop', Ric'o Stury, Robt Scryven,
Nich'o Stafford. Dat' apud Salop' in festo Purificac'o'is b'e
Marie virg'is anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conq'm Anglie
tricesimo octavo.

Sciant &c q'd ego Thom's Knyght de villa Salop' armig' dedi
&c Georgio Harebrowne Isabelle ux'i sue et Ric'o Harebrowne
filio et hered' apparent tota' p'partia' sive p'tem meam de & in
illis duob' ten't meis in vico de Shepelache in villa Salop' que
nuper fuer' edificat' et quor' un'm ten't ja' decasset et evacuatu'
consistit et alt'u' ten't edificat ad huc est ac ecia' tota' tra' ac
gardinu' eisd' ten't p'tinent sive adjacent Habend' imp'ptuu'
de capitalib' d'nis feodi illi' p' s'vic' inde debit' et de jure con-
suet' Et insuper sciatis me atto'nasse Thoma' Byryton gen-
tulma' Rog'i Donne pannariu' et Ric'm Atkys m'ceru' meos
atto'nat'. Dat' quarto deci'o die Decembris anno regni Regis
Henrici octavi.

The Keepers of the Liberties of England by authority of Parliament to the Sheriffe of Salop greeting we com'and you that you take Richard Allestree, Reginald Piper & John Stanier if they shal be found in your bayliewicke and them safely keepe so that you may have their bodyes before us in the upper bench at Westm^r on munday next after the morrow of the Purificac'on of the blessed Virgine Mary to satisfie James Poole of six pounds which to the said James lately in our Court of Upper Bench before us were adjudged by the forme of the Statute thereof lately made & provided for his damages costs & charges by him about his defence in a certaine acc'on of trespas at the suite of the said Richard Reginald and John in the same Court sustained whereof the said Richard Reginald & John are convicted as to it appeereth of Record And that you have there then this writ Witnes R. Newdigate at Westm^r the xvijth day of November in the yeare of our Lord M.DC.LIX.

Wightwicke & Henley.

BRIDGNORTH.

THE following somewhat curious account of Bridgnorth may prove of some interest to the readers of the Transactions.

The original MSS. are very well written on rather small pieces of paper, each sheet having the foot notes at the bottom, as they appear in the following print. A rough pen and ink plan of the town, with references to the streets, accompanies the MSS.

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Salop, 1st January, 1886.

A SHORT TOPOGRAPHICAL ACCOUNT OF BRIDGNORTH IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP.

Taken from the original papers of the Rev. Mr. RICHARD CORNES, late Minister of the Parish of St. Mary Magdalen, in Bridgnorth, to which are added some remarkable occurrences and natural observations. (1789.)

Sat placuisse Prodest.

BRIDGNORTH¹ is pleasantly situated upon the river Severn on the west of the antient forest of Morfe, and was built, according to Cambden, by Edelfleda² Lady of the

¹ A softer pronounciation only of its old name, Brugg or Bruggnorth. In a Charter of King John it is called Bruges. In another of Edward III. Brugg and Brugg-north, and in a third of King Charles the 1st Bridgnorth, alias Brugg-north, alias Bruges. Both Brugg and Bruges signify a Bridge or Bridges, and the termination North, whether it be as some would have it, a corruption of the word Morfe or not, was doubtless added with regard to the situation of the place.

N.B.—Bruges in Flanders is so called from its many bridges, and Brugg-bote is an old word for pontage or bridg-toll.

² Edelfleda alias Elfleda, eldest daughter of Alfred the Great, said by some to be the first absolute Monarch over the English. She married Ethelred, to whom Alfred gave the government of the city of

Mercians, but encompassed with a wall, and fortified by Robert de Belesme¹ Earl of Shrewsbury, and afterwards favoured by King John and other kings, with many and great privileges, granted in their respective charters. It is governed by two Bayliffs, with the Burgesses in Common Hall assembled. The Bayliffs are annually chosen out of 24 Aldermen upon St. Matthew's Day after the following remarkable manner. The Court being met, the names of twelve Aldermen (seniors of those that are there present, and who have not been callers for three years before), being separately wrote upon small scroles of paper all of the same size, and rolled up close by the Townclerk, are thrown into a large purse, which being shut, well shaken, and tossed by the two Chamberlains, standing upon the Chequer² is afterwards held open betwixt them before the Bayliffs, whence each Bayliff according to seniority putting in his hand takes a scrole by which the callers are fixed, who, immediately mounting the Chequer, alternately call the jury out of such persons as are burgesses, and then present in court, to the number of fourteen. These being all sworn neither to eat nor drink till they, or twelve of them, have made choice of two fitte persons (who have not been Bayliffs for

London, which he had then taken from the Danes, and the title of Earl of Mercia, an empty title, till by his valour he became Master of grent part of that province. After his death Elfreda, being a princess of great martial prowess, took upon her the government of her husband, and fortified many towns to keep the Danes out of Mercia. Afterwards she carried her arms in conjunction with her brother, King Edward, against the Welsh, and obliged them to become tributary; about this time (913.) She is said to have built and repaired several places, as Stafford, Bridgnorth, &c.—See *Rapin* from *Sax. Ann.*, *Hunting*, *Hovend*, vol. 1st, pag. 88.

¹ Robert de Belesme, a man outrageously cruel to his own sons and hostages, whom he castrated with his own hands, and plucked out their eyes. But being deserted by the Welsh was seized, and being convicted of high treason, was afterwards imprisoned, others say banished for life, and thus suffered condign punishment for his notorious wickedness.—See *Cambden*, *Baker's Chron* : &c.

² A large square table in the middle of the Court, encompassed with Seats.

three years before) to serve the office of Bayliffs for the year ensuing, are locked up together till agreed, which hath often occasioned very long and tedious fastings,¹ even to the prejudice of their healths. However, when they are agreed, they make report of the persons they have elected, and they are sworn into office upon Michaelmas day.²

This borough, as others, has a Recorder,³ Town Clerk, and two representatives in Parliament⁴.

The town is divided by a stately stone bridge⁵ over the river, into two unequal parts; the lesser part that lies upon the east of y^e river is called the Low Town, and consists of two streets, one extending from the bridge to the very foot of Morfe, and goes by the name of St. John's Street, from a religious house there in times of Popery, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, upon the site of which hath been erected a large and very fair structure⁶.

In this street also stands Diamond Hall, another lofty square pile of building⁷. The other street strikes out of this towards the north, in which are several large and

¹ This year 1739, at the Election of Bayliffs, the jury fasted no less than 70 hours.

² The Bayliffs for the time being are Justices of the Peace and Lords of the Mannor for the Town and Liberties, which are extensive, being one way six or seven miles.

³ Thomas Whitmore, of Apley, Esq.

⁴ Thomas Whitmore, of Apley, Esq., is one of the representatives in the present Parliament, the other is Gray James Grove, Esq., of Pool Hall.

⁵ This bridge has seven arches, and formerly had a draw portcullis and other engines of defence, the old Gate House upon it, still standing, and several other houses, have been built upon its peers.

⁶ Built by the late Mr. Lancelot Taylor, Attorney-at-Law, in 1698, the most commodious house in the whole town for a gentleman's family.

⁷ Built by Roger Pope, Esq., Equerry to King Charles the second, and so called from the name of a favourite race horse of his, that at Wallery, in Cheshire, won a £2,000 match with — Venables, Esq., of Burton Hall, in that county. In memorial whereof the representation of the horse and his rider is placed for a vane on the top of the cupola.

handsome houses, and amongst the rest Cann Hall¹, an ancient but pleasant seat, with neat gardens upon a Plain, and beyond them a fine shady grove of firs upon the ascent adjoining to Morfe.

This street is called the Mill Street because it leads towards the Town Mills, granted by Royal Charter to this borough by the name of Pendlestone Mills, lying at some small distance upon the conflux of the small river Worfe into Severn, and are supposed to take that name from a high craggy rock that is near them, so called from the pendant stones upon the top of it, formerly very frightfull to travellers that passed under them.

One of the most prominent of these stones, now thrown down for the prevention of future danger went immemorially by the name of the Taylor's Stone, if tradition may be credited, from the sad catastrophe of a certain Taylor, who, having engaged to make that stone his table-board, accordingly sat there to work, but accidentally dropping his thimble and endeavouring to catch it, fell headlong into the road at the foot of the rock, and broke his neck.² From this lower part of the town, by an easy ascent towards south east, is frequently taken an exceeding healthful airing, upon the Morfe, formerly covered with stately oaks, but now an open plain, whereon is one of the finest horse-courses³ perhaps in the whole kingdom, all upon the plain turf, except one small descent about the middle, bearing the name of Essex fall, because, as 'tis said, an Earl of that title there fell from his horse, and lost his life.⁴

To the east the ascent of the hill is somewhat more difficult, but to north-east is much more facilitated by a way cut deep in the rock leading up from the end of the town to some small houses cut out of the rock

¹ Now in the possession of William Whitmore, Major of General Whetham's Regiment of Foot.

² In height no less than fifty yards.

³ In length at present two miles, but formerly four.

⁴ Others will have it that it was a rider belonging to an Earl of Essex that was there killed.

near its summit, known by the name of the Hermitage, having been formerly the retreat of an ancient hermit, from whence (according to some) was a subterraneous passage to a large convent of Minor Friars situated in the north skirts of the town, upon the opposite and Western bank of the river. However, from this Hermitage there is a very entertaining prospect of *Severn* rolling down her silver streams in the vale below. Thus the poet :—

Hence Sabrina's stream delights the wandering eye,
Gliding below amidst the verdant meads,
No rival owns but Thames is alone.

The course of the river is here from north to south, and the most common freight upon it is pit coal from Broseley, very famous for its collieries,¹ where the earth is so perforated by the pits that several houses that stood over them are fallen, and many others are much cracked, but the Parish Church, tho' said to be undermined, yet stands, and 'tis hoped may still stand firm and secure.

The river abounds with divers sorts of the most excellent fish, as salmon, pike, shad, trout, grayling, flounders, eels, chub, gudgeon, and what goes here by the name of samlet, a small fish spotted with red, not much unlike the trout, only the spots lie in a more direct line on its sides, it seldom exceeds four or five inches in length, and is of a most delicious taste, but to be taken only at certain seasons of the year. In summer, when the water is low, the fisher goes bare-legged into

¹ This place is also remarkable for making the finest earthenware and tobacco pipes. It lies upon the west bank of the river, five or six miles north from hence. In the year 1711, not long after great thunder, there burst out in this place a burning well, about 200 yards from the river Severn, which, having afterwards an iron cistern placed round it, with a cover and hole in the middle, a lighted candle being put to the hole, the water would immediately take fire and burn like spirits of wine, with a very intense heat, so as to boil meat and consume green boughs, or any other combustible matter placed over it.—See *Philosophical Transactions*, 384.

N.B.—These inflammable vapours were of no long continuance.

the shallows, and having on a pair of old shoes, stirs up the gravel and sand, so as to discolour the water, and thus by angling there usually takes many of them, together with gudgeons and blays, but they are mostly taken with an artificial fly.

The head of the river is on the mountain Plymlymon, in the County of Montgomery, whence it flows thro' this county, that of Worcester, Gloucester, diffusing its vital moisture as it passes, till it empties itself into the Severn Sea below the city of Bristol. 'Tis navigable for about 140 miles, and has a great number of vessels¹ continually flying upon it. The High Town lies upon the western bank of the river that rises gradually to a considerable height. The ascent begins from the end of the bridge, where what is first worth notice is a passage² for people on foot, cut deep in the rock, ascending with convenient flights of steps at proper distances, much resembling, as travellers have observed, the ascent of Mount Calvary in Jerusalem; on the south of this passage opens a large cave³ in the rock, remarkable here for being the repository of that excellent beer formerly sold and very much esteemed in the City of London by the name of EAVES'S BEER. At the entrance of the cave stands a lion rampant carved in stone, and within there's a large vessel or tun, that contains above five hogsheads⁴ bestrid by a small Bacchus. This passage thro' the rock, known by the name of the Stone way, together with a compleat street for carriages, called the Cartway⁵ lead from Underhill Street, at the end of the bridge, to the summit of the hill on which the High Town stands⁶, consisting of the six following streets.

¹ Most of the vessels made use of upon this river are built here in several dock yards.

² About 160 yards in length.

³ In length 38, in breadth 27 feet.

⁴ 328 gallons.

⁵ On the north side of the Cartway there are several houses and shops hewn out of the solid rock. Over the tops of them there was formerly a footway, but now stopped by new buildings.

⁶ This part of the town is plentifully supplied with fountain water

The High Street, in the middle of which stands a large and spacious Town Hall or Market house¹, where the Assizes for this county have not only formerly but of late been often held.

This spacious street² had formerly piazzas or stalls, as they were here called, on each side before the shops, under which people passed commodiously in bad weather, but of late years they have been taken in to enlarge the shops, so that not many footsteps of them are now remaining. Out of this street, that extends itself from north to south, and is mostly inhabited by wealthy shopkeepers and trading persons, issue three several streets to the west, viz., Listley³, Hungary or St. Mary, Whitburn or Raven Streets. Listley Street opens directly opposite to the head of the Cartway,⁴ and goes round the south-west skirts of the Town till it unites with St. Mary's Street at its gate-house to the west, that opens into Little Brugg.

St. Mary Street is supposed to take its name from a religious house that formerly stood there, dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The original of the other names are not known, only the Raven Street is so called from the Raven Inn that there opens. Directly opposite to Raven Street is the Church Lane,⁵ leading out of the High Street to the east, up to the Churchyard of St. Leonard, which is large and almost surrounded with

out of the neighbouring fields, the gift of Sir William Whitmore, the elder, of Apley, Baronet, as it is also with river water by an engine that throws it to the top of the Castle Hill, about 120 yards in height, the gracious gift of the late William Whitmore, of Apley, Esq., to this Corporation. Built 1706.

¹ In length 85, in breadth 8 yards; built 1650.

² In length about 800, in breadth 26 yards.

³ From the middle of this street opens another short one, leading down into the new Town, lying upon the declivity of the rock, towards the south west, in nothing remarkable but for a vineyard newly walled in, and planted by William Bridgen, gent.

⁴ Formerly called Cowgate-street.

⁵ Here stand almshouses for twelve poor people. The yearly rents belonging to them are about £35.

handsome buildings, as well as pleasant walks curiously set with Elms.¹

Within the western circuit of these walks stands the Free School, but when founded is uncertain. However, there was doubtless a Grammer School here in the reign of King Henry the Eighth, if not before.²

The present structure was built by Sir William Whitmore the Elder, of Apley, Baronet, who also built two contiguous and convenient houses on the other side this Churchyard,³ one inhabited by the minister of St. Leonard, and the other by the Head Schoolmaster.

In the late civil wars this Churchyard was a scene of action, the town being then garrisoned for the king, part of the Parliament forces marched to attack it. Upon their arrival the Infantry forced an entrance into this Churchyard, being a place not so well defended as other parts of the town, upon which there ensued a sharp engagement, wherein on the king's part was slain Collonel Billingsley,⁴ of Astley Abbots, and many others.

¹ Opening into these walks hath been lately built a very neat house of the rustick order in front, with a delightful prospect of the river Severn and the common of Morfe.

² The salary belonging to the school in the 2nd of Edward the 6th was £8 per annum, which was augmented by Sir Rowland Hayward, Lord Mayor of London, 1570, and afterwards further increased by Sir John Hayward, his son.

N.B.—Mr. Edward Careswell, of Blacklands, in the county of Stafford, left a considerable estate for better maintenance of 18 scholars in the University of Oxford, to be natives of this county, and elected out of the following schools:—Shrewsbury, 4; Newport, 4; Bridgnorth, 3; Shifnal, 3; Wem, 2; Donnington, 2. But disputes arising concerning this conveyance 'tis not yet settled.

³ Below the Houses upon the side of the hill, to the East, is a pleasant small vineyard, planted by the late Mr. Richard Littlehales, Attorney-at-Law, 1725, and has since produced about a hogshead of wine in a year, near the middle of this vineyard grows a pretty large Cork Tree, looked upon as a great rarity in these parts. In girth 5, in height about 84 feet.

⁴ This is recorded upon the front of the hospital in this churchyard long after built, and endowed for the accommodation and maintenance of 10 widows by Rev. Mr. Francis Palmer, Rector of Sandy, in the county of Bedford, whose mother was sister to Collonell Billingsley, slain as above. The yearly value about £40.

During this dispute by the infantry the cavalry advanced through a narrow defile¹ of a considerable length, close up to the north gate², where many of their men and horses were killed by the guard, not only with their shot, but also by pushing down large stones upon them from the battlements. But the foot having got possession of the town soon opened the gate and gave admittance to the horse, the king's garrison being then retired to the Castle.

The Parish Church of St. Leonard was originally a large and magnificent structure, with a college near it for the habitation of the Chantry priests, who were two in number, appointed to pray for the requiem or rest of Thomas the Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury.³

But both Church⁴ and Colledge⁵ were burnt and consumed, as was also most of the High Town, for the Parliament forces having got, as before, possession of the town, Sir Lewis Kirk, then Governour of the Castle, fired it over their heads.⁶

This Castle opened upon a plain from the south end of the High Street, and now consists of two streets adorned with many handsome and convenient houses

¹ The road leading up to this gate is in some places upwards of 20 feet deep in the rock.

² This gate hath been lately re-built in a very handsome manner at the publick expense of the Corporation.

³ This appears from the title of a Rent Roll of the Chantry. See *Appendix* No. 4. The clear yearly value of this Chantry, which was founded by the Bayliffs and Burgesses of Bridgnorth, when it came to the Crown by a Statute of 2d Edward the 6th, was £24 ls. 2½d. See *Appendix* No. 3.

⁴ The Church was re-built, though not quite so large as before, after the Restoration by letters patent, bearing date 1662, and has lately been adorned with an organ, and beautifully ceiled by liberal contributions of the parishioners.

⁵ Upon the site of the old Colledge stands now a compact and handsome house, built 1709.

N.B.—The river water has been lately (1738) brought to this and several other houses on the east of this churchyard by pipes laid from the main branch in the High Street, near 20 feet deep in some parts of the Rock.

⁶ Upon Easter Tuesday, 1646.

leading to the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalen, a free Collegiate Chapel,¹ founded by William the Conqueror, consisting then of a dean and five prebends, and is now the Consistory, or Head of the Royal exempt Jurisdiction or Deanary of Bridgnorth, containing four country parishes and two in the town. The Church of St. Mary² was made use of at this time for a magazine by the garrison in the Castle, which being understood by the Parliament forces then in the town, they began a sap in the face of the rock towards the river pointing directly under the church, but this work, when almost compleated, was stopped upon the capitulation.³

The Tower stood near this church, upon the south point of the rock, exceeding strong as well by nature as art, being plentifully furnished with water by a large well sunk deep thro' the rock.⁴ But the garrison, having held out a month or more after the town was taken, was forced to capitulate for want of ammunition, and by the articles of capitulation marched to Worcester.⁵

When Robert de Belesme, Earl of Shrewsbury, supported by the Welsh, fortified and held this Castle in rebellion, Anno 1102, against King Henry the first. Ralphe Pitchford behaved himself so valiantly here that

¹ The revenues of this Collegiate Chappel came to the Crown by the Statute of 1st Edward the 6th, cap. 14. The yearly value then, £131 19s. 3½d. See *Appendix* No. 3.

² This Church hath of late years been ceiled by the parishioners, and since furnished with a very handsome service of plate for the communion, a crimson velvet pulpit cloth and cushion, a sconce, and also a set of musical chimes by a legacy of the late Edward Bridgen, merchant, of London, a native of this parish, to whose memory a very neat monument hath been since erected in this Church (1741), as also an altar piece of exquisite workmanship at the expense of the Rev. John Bridgen, Priest, Professor of Divinity at Gresham College, London.

³ This cavity is still to be seen, now commonly called Levingtons Hole.

⁴ No marks of this well are now to be seen.

⁵ The 23rd July following Worcester was surrendered by Collonel Washington to Collonel Whalley and Rainsborough, who then besieged it.

the King gave him little Brugg¹ near it to hold by the service of finding dry wood for the great Chamber of the Castle of Brugg against the coming of his Sovereign Lord the King.

At a seige of this Castle by King Henry the second, Anno 1155 (Roger Mortimar trusting to the natural strength of the place, and then defending it against his Prince, but without success) the King being levelled at with an arrow had in all probability been shot through the body had not S^r Hubert Syncler² a noble and trusty servant to the King interposed himself, and to save his Sovereign received the arrow and therewith his death wound.

It is also reported that at the last seige of this Castle in the civil war a very remarkable accident happened. A battery being raised upon an eminence on the opposite side of the deep valley, lying to south west of the Castle, played very furiously upon the beseiged.³ But the cannoneer answering them smartly from the Tower, sent his ball directly into the Chace of one of their great guns, burst it, killed their Engineer, and many of their men.

This strong Castle was demolished, if not by the Parliament forces before they left it, yet certainly before the Restoration, though the time is not now exactly here known.

In a parabolical line about the ancient castle walls and on the very brow of the hill we have a very pleasant and healthful walk,⁴ said to be much admired by King

¹ The site of this place was without St. Mary and Whitburn Gates, and now consists of two small streets that unite and lead from the town to the west towards Shrewsbury, Ludlow, &c.—See page 199.

² De Sancta Clarâ (viz^t) St. Clare in Suffolk, a noble village upon the river Stour, from whence the Earls of Clare and afterwards the Dukes of Clarence took their titles.—See *Cambden*.

³ Many impressions of their shot are still to be seen upon the old ruins that are yet standing, but in a very threatening posture.

⁴ This walk is in compass about 590 yards, and under one part of it towards the river is a small villa Pauperum, consisting of 12 or 14 houses roofed with the natural rock.

Charles the first when he was here¹ with his two sons the princes, in the beginning of the civil wars, who was then pleased to say that it was as pleasant a walk as any in his kingdom.

Within the circuit of this walk is now situated a very curious and spacious bowling green, unrivall'd in the pleasantness of its prospect over the river Severn and the south east parts of the country. In one view of this prospect appears St. James's at the end of the town, now a substantial farm house, but in ancient times a lazaret or house of lepers,² accommodated with a church or chapel. In another view is seen a small round mount, which some will have to be a Saxon, others a small Roman encampment, many of which sort are to be seen in this county, as at Chesterton, Branden, Tongley, and upon the Clee Hill,³ the Weekin, and Caradock,⁴ remains of British camp are still to be seen.

The soil in these parts is of a very different nature.

¹ It is certain that Prince Rupert, the King's nephew, was here the 21st of September, 1642, from a letter of that date wrote by himself to the jury then appointed for the election of Bayliffs.—See copy of it in the *Appendix* No. 1.

The King was then at Shrewsbury, but on the 12th of October following, in his march from thence, he lodged in this Castle, and from hence marched to Wolverhampton, Birmingham, &c.

² This appears from old Deeds, &c.—See *Appendix* No. 2.

³ T^{is} observed by Camlden that these hills were famous for bearing the best barley, an observation that has been thought by some entirely groundless ; however, this is certain, that upon the Southern and open skirts of the Brown Clee, there are plain marks of ancient tillage yet to be seen, and probably might be the very spot of ground pointed at by that excellent Chorographer, and the rather because the publick road lies directly over it, and therefore might be the more readily observed by travellers and observers of the country, especially when clothed with plentiful crop of grain.

⁴ Caradock. This was the camp of the brave Briton Caratacus, conquered by Ostorius Scapula, Governour of Britain, under the Emperor Claudius, and led in triumph to Rome, where his undaunted and heroick conduct procured him the Emperor's pardon.—See *Rapin*, vol. i., p. 14, Anno 50:

N.B.—Ostorius, for his victory over this British Prince, had the same honours decreed him as Scipio and Emilius had for theirs over Syphax and Perfeus.

Eastward of the river Severn lies a fine dry sandy soil, fit for bearing rye, barley, &c., and is therefore commonly distinguished by the name of the Rye-land from the other parts of the country that lie on the west of the river, where the soil is much upon a moist clay, fit for wheat, pease, &c., yet not so peculiarly adapted to these sorts of grain, but that several lighter parts of this quarter oftentimes bear very plentiful crops of barley, oats, &c.

The Common Fields¹ adjoining to this town bear grain of all kinds. one of them being yearly appropriated for corn, nay, the very sides of the rock upon which the town stands, tho' the soil there be but shallow, yet when well manured produce great and very early crops of pease, beans, cucumbers, asparagus, and all sorts of garden herbs in perfection.

The air of this place is exceeding healthy, and for ought I know may vie even with that of Montpelier itself, 'tis certain we have very few consumptive people amongst us; so that as it is preservative to the natives, in all probability it might be restorative to strangers. However, we have this convenience from the variety of situations.² That if the air in the upper part of the town be too fine and sharp for our constitutions, we may soon remove into the lower, where it is much softer, and by that means possibly find relief, and continue till old age in its natural course carries us to the grave. In short, many of the inhabitants here live to very advanced years, there being many instances of those that have exceeded an hundred.³

¹ The fields are 8; the Highfield, the Conduit field, and the Hookfield.

² Dr. Hollins, an eminent physician in Shrewsbury, father to the late Dr. Hollins, physician to his present Majesty, made it his observation that when any epidemical distempers were abroad, Bridgnorth was sooner freed from 'em than any other place that he knew. The same hath been since confirmed by the observations of Dr. Anthony Weaver, now an ingenious physician in this place.

³ N.B.—There are three old hatters now living in the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, and bidding fair for an hundred each, whose present age being computed together make somewhat more than 257 years (a) 1739.

A table of births and burials for twelve years in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, which contains about 520 families, and of St. Leonard, containing about 550 families, which, allowing five to each family, amounts to 2,600 inhabitants in the parish of St. Mary, and to 2,750 in the parish of St. Leonard, in all 5,350.

In the Parish of St. Mary Magdalen.				In the Parish of St. Leonard.			
Births.	Burials.			Births.	Burials.		
54	... 119	Small	Pox.	1727	68	... 100	Small Pox.
72	... 77			1728	72	... 61	
52	... 74			1729	54	... 78	
65	... 78			1730	84	... 65	
75	... 36			1731	70	... 53	
64	... 41			1732	47	... 49	
70	... 46			1733	79	... 65	
69	... 77			1734	64	... 90	
46	... 56			1735	72	... 57	
60	... 32			1736	79	... 39	
67	... 22			1737	71	... 56	
61	... 53			1738	62	... 65	
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755	... 711			822	... 778		

Tot. Increase, 88.

APPENDIX No. I.

A copy of Prince Rupert's letter, dated 21st September, being St. Matthew's Day, 1642, from Mr. Holland's, of Cann Hall, in Bridgnorth, to the jury then appointed to choose Bayliffs.

You Gentlemen of the Jury, who are to have voices in this Election. These are to intreat you out of a tender care, both of his Majesty's service and of your own Happiness and Welfare, that in this present Election you make choice of such men for your Bayliffs as ye are sure are well affected for his Majesty's service, by which you shall oblige me to remain,

Your Loving Friend,

RUPERT.

N.B.—September 28^d, 1642. Two days only after the date of the above letter, Prince Rupert, with a few of the King's troops, defeated a far greater number of the Parliament Cavalry at Wikefield, near Worcester. Collonel Sandys, Major Doughlas, and other Commanders being then slain, and six cornetts of horse taken, and all this with the loss of but one man.—See *Dugdale's View*, pag. 105.

Other historians say the Prince lost a few men in this encounter, but no one person of note.

The original of Prince Rupert's letter, and some of the other papers in the following Appendix, are amongst the Town Records, now in the custody of Mr. William Haslewood, the elder, Attorney-at-Law, the present Town Clerk of Bridgnorth.

APPENDIX No. II.

By a Deed dated } One Tenement with the appurten'ces
die dmea D.D. post } in Brugge in Spitle Street situate be-
Nat. Sc^t. Joh. Bapt. } tween the Tenement of W^m the Zayer on
anno 16 E. 2. }

the one part and the Tenement of Alice & Hellen daughters of Rich^d de Roughton who was some time forester of Morfe on the other Part demised by W^m Guardian of the House of the Lepers of St. James of Brugg Hend in ffeod imppet. Redd 12^d

By an old } It is mentioned That by the first foundation of
Petition. } St. James Hospitality should be kept and if any
Inhabitant of the said Town happen by the Visitation of God
to be infected with Leprosie or with any other such like foul
sickness that they should there have Hospitality and the Priest
to say them Mass and to pray for the founders to the Honour
of Almighty God.

By an old Writing under } King Henry the 1st gave the
Seal it is written. } Church of S^t James into pure &
pe'petual Alms & the mansure
wherein the House of the Lepers is founded and the Assart
Land ¹ which to the said House doth belong. Richard of
Brecun who was a servant in the King's Court purchased part
of the Land of the Lepers of the King and Thomas the Clerk
which were brothers conversant in the same house hath pur-
chased another part. William of Henegate and other honest
men built the Church.

APPENDIX No. III.

In the Certificate of George Blount, Knight, Reynold Corbett, Rich^d. Hartlee, and Richard Cupper, Brotherhoods, Guilds, Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Heredita^{is}, and certain other things given to the year of his Highness's reign, within the counties of Salop and Stafford, by virtue of the King's, of Nov. in the 2nd year of the reign of our Sovereign, Lord Edward the 6th, by the grace of God, of Ireland, in each the Supreme Head, amongst other things, is contained as followeth :—

The p'ish with the necessity of the Endowm ^t of a Vicar.	{ The Colledges, Chuntries, Free Chapels, & such like with their foundations. }	{ The yearly value, the Reprisses, and the clear Remainder of the same.
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The free chapel or Colledge of Mary Magdalen within the Castle of Bridgnorth being a parish Church founded by King W ^m the Con- queror of one Dean & 5 Preben- daries to Celebrate divine Service within the said Church dayly in- tended to have continuance for ever.	}		£	s.	d.
		The Value	131	6	2½
		fleo'd	2	6	8
		Solar. Epo	0	0	8
		Wages of Conducts	1	11	8
		The Remainder ...	127	7	2½

The Parish of Mary Magdalen in Bridgnorth.

The Service of our Lady founded of certain Lands & Tenements here- tofore given and enfeofed by divers persons to the use of the finding of a Priest to Celebrate at the Altar of our Lady within the Parish Church there intended to continue for ever.	}				
		The Value	4	12	11
		The Reprists	0	0	10
		The Remainder	4	12	1

¹ Lands grubbed or cleared from trees and bushes, &c.

The Parish of St. Leonard in Bridgnorth.

The Chuntries within the said Parish founded by the Bayliffs & Burgesses of the Town of Bridg- north by Divers Kings' Licences of two Priests to Celebrate within the Parish Church there intended to continue for ever, May, 1597.	}	The Value	35	19	6
		The Reprists	1	18	3½
		The Remainder	34	1	2½

E. Cur, Augmentation.

APPENDIX No. IIIA.

Gent. Comm^{rs} with others appointed for the survey of Colledges, Chuntries, Free Chappels, Fraternities, King's Majesty by Act of Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the 4th day of Nov., in the first Majisties most honourable Commission to them and others directed, made and certified the 20th day of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c., and of the Church of England, and also

The Incumbents, Ministers and Stipends.	}	Their yearly Stipends and Portions there	}	Employ ^{ts} to Preachers, Schoolmasters, &c.
Thomas Magnus Dean and other Living	}	51 18 2		
John Synger Prebendarie and other Living	}	6 8 4		
John Fisher Prebendarie and other Living	}	6 0 0		
John Leveson Prebendarie and other Living	}	10 0 0		
Hugh Coroner Prebendarie and other Living	}	20 0 0		
Hamelet Slings Prebendarie and other Living	}	6 6 0		
Stipends p ^d to divers Curates		22 0 0		
John Preen Stipendary		4 10 1		
Wm. Swanwicke one of the In- cumbents aged 68 and no other living		5 0 0		To Rowland Hymell Preacher £5
Richard Knowles the other Incumbent aged 46 and hath no other Living		5 0 0		To a Schoolmaster keeping Grammar School there £8

APPENDIX No. IV.

The title of an ancient Rent Roll of the Chantry in St. Leonard in Bridgnorth, dated the 22nd or last year of the reign of Richard the second.

A Rent Roll for the Chantry mass celebrated in the Church of St. Leonard for the requiem or rest of the soul of St. Thomas the Martyr at the feasts of St. Michael and the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary. Dated the 22nd year of the reign of Richard the second, after the Conquest.

The original of the above Rent Roll is in the custody of John Weaver, of Morvill, Esq., and contains various sums collected by assessment in all parts of the town, the highest sum 6s. 6d., and the lowest 2d., amounting in the whole to £5 Os. 7d., collected, in all probability, twice a year.

MIDDLE.

The Parish Registers commence in the year 1541.

- 1542 Elizth d. of W^m. & Anne Onslow of Marton (agricolæ)
bap Apr. 10.
- 1543 Nicholas s. of W^m. Onslowe of Marton gent. & Anne his
wife bap 1 Nov.
Elinor d. of Henry Twyfert gent. of Ellesmere par. &
Anne his wife bap. 5 Nov^r.
Elen d. of Mr. Kinaston of Shotton & Elen his wife &
Ric^d. Watson of Hodnet par. mar^d. Feb. 5.
Tho^s. Mylwarde s. of Humphrey gent. of the parish of
Loppington & Anne his wife bap. 26 Jan.
Richard Watson of the parish of Hornes and Elenor
Kinaston da^r. of Mr. Kinaston of Middle & Elen his
wife mar 5 Feb.
Ursula Newton d. of Arthur N. gent. of Middle &
Elizabeth his wife bap 20 April.
- 1544 Ursula d. of Arthur Newton gent. of Middle & Elizabeth
his wife bur. 22 July
Thomas Kinaston gent. of Hollons & Margery his
wife of the parish of Middle marr Feb. 1544.
- 1545 Thomas Kinaston & Alice his wife (incertu' est ubi
habitat) marr. 20 Aug.
Francis s. of Roger Kinaston of Shotton gent. & Maria
his wife bap. 22 March.
Jane d. of Geoffrey Thornes of Webstoe gent & Jane his
wife bap. 13 Feb.
- 1546 Elizabeth wife of Roger Manaringe of Sleape gent. died
22 April.
William s. of Roger Nicolas of Balderton gent. & Alice
his wife bap. 28 July.
George son of W^m. Onslowe of Marton gent. & Agnes his
wife bap 17 Sept.
- 1547 Thomas s. of Roger Kinaston of Smethcot gent & Maria
his wife bap 10 July.
Elizabeth dau. of Roger Nicolas of Balderton gent &
Alice his wife, bap. 13 Jan.

- 1548 Margaret d. of Roger Kinaston of Shotton gent & Maria his wife bap. 24 July.
Barnard s. of Richard Banester of Hadnall gent. & Constantia his wife died 16 Mar.
- 1549 Arthur Newton of Hadnall gent. died 8 Sept.
Edward s. of William Onslowe of Marton, gent. & Ann his wife bap. 20 Nov.
— dau. of Roger Nicholas of Balderton gent. & Alice his wife bap. 24 Nov.
(Elizth. ?) Isabel dau. of Roger Nicholas of Balderton gent. & Alice his wife bur. 27 Nov.
- 1550 Thomas Maneringe & Anne his wife servant of Rich^d. More of Middle gent. mar. 10 May
Elen d. of Roger Kinaston of Smethcot gent. & Maria his wife bap. 11 July.
Roger Maynwaring of Sleape gent. ob. 24 Aug.
William s. of Roger Nicolas of Balderton gent. & Alice his wife bap. 23 Jan.
Richard More of Middle gent. in vita May 10.
- 1551 William s. of Richard More of Middle gent. ob. 23 May.
Sir Thomas Tonge rector of the church of Middle ob. 24 Aug.
George s. of Peter Banaster of Hadnall gent. & Constantia his wife ob. 15 Sept.
Richard Atckes Alderman & Burgess of Salop ob. 16 Feb.
- 1552 Jane d. of W^m Onslowe de Marton gent. & Anne his wife bap. 3 June
Jane d. of W^m Onslowe of Marton gent. & Ann his wife ob. 20 Dec.
Anne d. of Roger Kinaston of Shotton gent. & Maria his wife bap. 16 Feb.
Roste d. of Robert Mayneringe of Slepe gent. & Jane his wife bap. 10 March.
- Register deficient for 5 years—1553 to 1558.
- 1558 John s. of Peter Banaster of Hadnall gent. & Constantia his wife ob. 24 Dec.
John s. of Richard Acks of Marton gent. and Anne his wife bap. 8 Mar.
- 1559 Ann d. of Rob^t. Maynwaringe of Slepe gent. & Edw^d Pey of Loppington mar. June 26
Elen w. of George Sterie of Haston gent. ob. 29 Mar.
Roger s. of Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. & Ann his wife bap. 18 April.

- 1560 Humphrey s. of Roger Kinaston of Shotton gent. & Maria his wife bapt. 6 June.
- 1561 Johanna & Ann d. of Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. & Ann his wife bapt. 19 Oct.
- 1562 Ann d. of d^o. ob^t. Sep. 2.
Francis Mearicke of the parish of Baschurch & Joanna d. of Roger Nicolas of Balderton gent. marr. 1 April.
Richard s. of Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. & Ann his wife bap. 2 Feb.
- 1563 William Banaster curate of Middle ob. 17 April
Ursula d. of Roger Nicolas of Balderton gent. & Alice his wife bap. 7 Jan.
Elen d. of Roger Nicolas of Balderton gent. & Alice his wife bap. Jan. 7 bur. 16 Mar.
- 1564 Arthur Chambre of Petton gent. & patron of the parish of Middle died Aug. 31.
Morgan ap P^hbert of Middle gent. living Aug. 7
- 1565 Richard s. of Robert Corbet of Stanarton esq^r. p^hsh Baschurch bapt. 1 April 1564 (sic)
Rich^d. s. of Rich^d. Actkes of Marton gent. & Katherine his wife bap. 21 Oct.
- 1567 Morgan s. of Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. and Ann his wife bap. 21 Aug.
- 1568 Richard Banaster of Hadnall gent. ob. 15 Ap.
Geoffrey s. of M^r. Banaster of Hadnall & Constantia his wife ob. 15 Oct.
- 1569 John s. of Humphrey Onslowe bapt. & died 20 May.
- 1569 Judith d. of Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. and Anne his wife bapt. 24 Sept.
Maria d. of W^m. Onslowe of Marton gent. ob. 6 Jan.
- 1570 Katherine dau. of Geoffrey Thornes of p^hsh of Riton gent. & Jane his wife ob. 14 July.
W^m. Onslowe of Marton gent. ob. 17 Aug.
David ap Robert Vaughan gent. of Middle ob. 20 Sept.
[W^m. Roberts mentioned as Minister of Riton]
- 1571 Mary d. of Tho^s. Charleton of Salop ob. Sep. 8.
- 1572 Margery Kaneston (Elisei) of Marton widow ob. Nov. 20
William son of Elisha Hanmer of Middle (lanii) butcher & Helen his wife bap. 4 May ob. 1598
Helen wife of George Stury of Haston gent. bur. 29 June
Roger Nicolas of Balderton gent. bur. 12 July
Margaret d. of Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. & Anne his wife bap. 16 Nov.

- 1573 George Stury of Haston gent, bur. 28 July
- 1574 Elizabeth d. of Elisha Hanmer of Middle & Helen his wife bur. 7 Jan.
- 1575 Peter Banaster of Hadnall esq^r. bur. 3 Aug.
Constantia Banaster of Hadnall widow bur. 11 Sept.
Morgan s. of Nicholas Onslowe of Marton gent. & Jane his wife bap. 6 Nov.
[Thomas Wilton rector of Middle 1575
Thomas Newnes rector of Broughton 1571]
Elizabeth d. of Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. & Ann his wife bap. 17 April bur^d. June 18
- 1578 [Robert Wilton is mentioned as being rector of Fitz.]
Alice Nicolas of Balderton widow bur. 14 April
Thomas s. of Elisha Hanmer of Middle, butcher & Helen his wife bap. 9 Aug.
- 1579 Constantia dau. of Philip Banaster of Hadnall gen. bur. 19 June.
- 1581 Humphrey s. of Nicholas Onslow of Marton gent. & Jane his wife bapt. 26 Nov^r.
Anne Onslowe of Marton widow bur^d. June. 3.
Roger Hanmer of Marton gent. bur. 21 Dec.
Tho^s. Woolda' p'sbiter of Hadnall bur^d. Mar. 1
1582. Elizabeth dau. of Philip Banaster of Hadnall gent. bur. 2 Dec.
- 1583 Peter s. of Philip Banaster of Hadnall gent. bap. in the church of Shawbury 24 Oct. and bur^d. Jan. 6.
s^d. Peter Banaster bur 6 Jan.
Anne d. of Nich^s. Onslowe of Marton gent. & Jane his wife bap. 19 Jan.
- 1584 Morgan s. of George Watson of Middle, gent. & Jane his wife bap. 2 Aug.
Andrew s. of Peter Studley of Salop bur^d. May 24.
Hugh Mainwaringe & Magdalen Thurlingh of the p'sh of Baschurch mar. 28 Jan.
- 1586 son of Francis Kinaston of Shotton gent. bur. 7 Oct.
W^m. s. of Nich^s. Onslow of Marton gent. & Jane his wife bap. 8 Jan :
Morgan ap P'bert of Middle Baley obiit 1586.
- 1587 Alice d. of George Watson of Middle gent. & Jane his wife bap. 17 Mar.
Mitton — infans bur^d. Apr. 27 his father lived in Salop.
- 1590 Thomas s. of Fulk Standley of Balderton gent. bap. 10 Jan.
- 1592 Jane d. of George Watson of Middle gent. & Jane his wife bap. 9 April.

- 1592 Elisha Hanmer bur^d.
 1593 Thomas s. of Nicholas Onslow gent. & Jane his wife
 bap. 24 Mar.
 1594 Thomas s. of Nicholas Onslow of Marton gent. and Jane
 his wife bur. 21 July.
 1595 Lloyd s. of Edward Peerse of Marton gent. bap. 24 Aug.
 1596 Francis Kinaston of Shotton gent. bur. 9 May.
 Thomas Wilton rector of Middle bur. 10 July.
 William s. of Edw^d. Pearce of Marton gent. bap. 1 Jan.
 Ap. 26 Tho^s. s. of John Hanmer of Middle & Catherine
 his w. bap.
 1597 Ann. d. of Edw^d. Peerse of Marton gent. bap 19 Mar.
 1598 Elenor Hanmere of Middle widow bur^d. Mar. 14
 George Watson of Middle gent. bur. 7 June he drowned
 himself in Harmere.
 1599 Edward Clive of Walford par. Baschurch esq^r. & Judith
 Hanmer dau. of Ann Hanmer of Marton widow mar.
 12 April
 Judith d. of Arthur Chambre esq. of Petton & Kath
 b^d. Nov. 5
 Robert de Marton clerk of Hadnall in the p'sh of Middle
 bur. 15 April.
 1600 Anne d. of Richard Gittins of Middle gent. & Alice his
 wife bap. 12 Oct.
 Anne d. of Richard Gittins gent. & Alice his wife bur.
 4 March.
 1601 Nathaniel s. of Ralph Kinaston rector of Middle &
 Susanna his wife bapt. 4 Oct.
 William Granger of p'sh St. Julian Salop mercer & Ann
 Gittins of p'sh of Middle mar. 30 Jan.
 John s. of Rob^t. Charlton of Tern gent. & Alice bur^d.
 June 12
 1602 Richard Gittins s. of Rich^d. G. of Middle gent. & Alice
 his wife bap. 25 April.
 Jane w. of W^m. Bentley of Pixley in Chetwind p'sh.
 gent. bur^d. July 30
 Martha Hill dau. of Osmari Hill of Bilmarsh gent. &
 Maria his wife bap. 5 Dec.
 Rich^d s. of John Wilky of Weston in Baschurch par.
 gent. & Anne bap. Nov. 14
 Sarah d. of Ralph Kinaston rector of Middle & Susanna
 his wife bap. 23 Jan.
 1603 Katherine Huet wife of John Huet of Slepe hall bur. 11
 May
 Daniel s. of Rich^d. Gittins of Marton gent. & Alice his
 wife bap. 12 Feb.

- 1604 Elizabeth d. of William Gittins of Salop tanner & Elizabeth his wife bap. 26 Aug.
Collected for the relief of the City of Geneva this year the sum of 26^s 8^d.
Elizabeth d. of Arthur Kinaston of Balderton merchant of the Staple & Judith his wife bap. 25 Nov.
- 1605 Maria d. of Richard Gittins of Middle gent. & Alice his wife bap 22 April.
Philip Banaster of Hadnall gent. bur 1 June.
William Menley of the p'sh of Baschurch & Elizabeth Onslow of the p'sh of Middle mar. 2 Nov.
Samuel s. of Ralph Kinaston rector of Middle & Susanna his wife bap. 1 Dec.
Margaret Tyler wife of Richard Tyler of Hardwick gent. bur. 20 Feb.
- 1606 John Morgan clerk vicar of Prees & Eleanor Tyler of the p'sh. of Middle mar. 19 May
Richard Tyler of Hardwick gent. bur. 25 July in nocte
Jane Downton wife of Tho^s. Downton of Alderton Bailiff of the Lordship of Middle bur. 28 Nov.
- 1607 Ralph s. of Ralph Kinaston rector of Middle & Susanna his wife bap. 24 Mar.
- 1608 Sarah Hill d. of Osmari Hill of Bilmarsh gent. & Maria his wife bap. 1 Jan.
George Watson s. of George Watson of Balderton husbandman & Ann his wife bap. 19 Mar. 1608.
- 1609 s^d. George Watson the yo^r. bur. 11 Jan.
Henry Tayler vel Lewis Tayler rector of Morton Corbett and Margaret Banester of Hadnall mar. 11 May
Tho^s. Atcherley s. of Tho^s. Atcherley of Marton tanner and Elizabeth his wife bap. 31 Dec.
John s. of Ralph Kinaston rector of Middle & Susanna his wife bap. 4 Mar.
- 1610 Margaret Watson of Middle bur. 18 Ap^l.
Samuel s. of Geo Watson of Balderton husbandman & Ann his wife bapt. Jan. 27.
- 1611 Elizabeth d. of Ralph Kinaston rector of Middle & Susanna his wife bap. 3 Mar.
- 1612 Elizabeth wife of Thomas Atcherley of Marton tanner bur. 15 June.
William Hanmer son of Humphrey of Marton gent. & Maria d. of William Baker of Marton yeoman mar. 20 July.
Thomas Atcherley of Marton tanner & Jane Hinks of Burlton mar. 17 Nov.

- 1612 wife of Humphrey Onslow of Cleve gent. bur.
18 Feb.
- 1613 Tho^s. Pace of the p'sh of Hodnet & Alice Watson of the
p'sh of Middle mar. 1 June
Humphrey Onslow of Clyve gent. bur. 14 June
- 1615 Eliza d. of Thomas Atcherley of Marton tanner & Jane
his wife bap. 9 June.
Anne Banester of Hadnall widow bur. Aug. 25
Elizabeth d. of John Downton of Alderton gent. & Alice
his wife bap. 17 Dec.
- 1616 Maria d. of Ralph Kinaston rector of Middle & Susanna
his wife bap. 17 June
Elizabeth d. of W^m. Hanmer gent. bap. Feb. 16.
Tho^s. s. of Thomas Atcherley of Marton and Jane his
wife bap. 5 Jan.
Humphrey Onslow of Mydle husbandman bur^d. Feb. 7

On the last leaf of this Register is as follows :—

"The inhabitants of Hadnall ease have agreed with this side of the parish the 5th June 1594 to pay one fourth part of all charge belonging to the parish (except bread & wine for the communion) unto the church wardens of Middle by the wardens of Hadnal."

"THO : WILTON."

- John s. of John & Alice Downton of Alderton gent. bap.
Feb. 15
Elizth. d. of Tho^s. Hochkis of Webbscott gent & Elizth.
bap. Aug. 17
- 1618 Elizabeth d. of Tho^s. Atcherley of Marton tanner & Jane
bap. 11 October
- 1619 Maria d. of Tho^s. Scriven esq^r. and Margaret bur. 15
April.
William s. of W^m. Hanmer of Marton gent. & Maria bap.
30 Dec.
- 1621 W^m. s. of John Hanmer of Middle wood bur. 14 Oct.
- 1622 Theophilus and Susanna children of William Hanmer
of Marton gent. & Maria bap. 19 Jan.
Sara Kynaston of Rad. rector of Mydle & Rad.
Thurlin of Salop mercer mar^d. June 2
Maria d. of Tho^s. Atcherley of Marton tanner & Jane,
bap. 2 Feb.
Lewis Hanmer gent. and Alece Johnes of Marton widow
mar. 18 Feb.

- 1623 Morgan Onslowe of Marton eldest s. of Nicholas Onslowe of Marton gent. bur. 20 April
 Maria wife of W^m. Hanmer of Marton gent. bur. 27 May
 Robert Betton son of Betton of Salop gent. bur. 17 Dec.
- 1624 Nicholas Onslowe of Marton gent. bur. 12 Apr.
 Elizth. d. of W^m. Watkies of Shotton gent. and Elizth. bap. 25 April.
 Richard Gittins of Middle gent. bur. 1 Jan.
- 1625 Radulph s. of Rich^d. Gittins of Middle gent. & Marg^t. bap. 24 July
 Maria d. of John Downton of Alderton gent. & Alice bap. 14 Aug.
 Richard s. of Tho^s. Atcherley of Marton tanner & Jane bap. 21 Aug.
- 1626 Roger Burd of *Merede* (qu: *Merrington*) weaver of the parish of Preston Gubbals & Margaret Hanmer of Marton mar. 14 Nov.
 Sarah d. of W^m. Onslowe of Marton yeoman & Elizth bap. 25 Feb.
- 1627 Jane wife of Tho^s. Atcherley of Marton tanner bur. 15 April.
 Elenor wife of W^m. Downton of Alderton gent. bur. 16 Apr.
 John s. of Tho^s. & Alice Downton bap. at Hadnal May 27
 George s. of W^m. Watkis of Shotton gent. & Elizth. bap. 16 Dec.
- 1628 Margaret d. of Rich^d. Hanmer of Middle wood labourer & Maria bap. 8 Feb.
 Ralph Kinaston gent^l. M.A. Chaplain to King James Prebend of Llanvair in the Cathedral of St. Asaph, rector of Middle & Vicar of Kinnerley bur. 9 Nov. 1629
 Marg^t. d. of Tho^s. Nunyley of Bradwood gent. & Isabel bap. 25 July
- 1629 Elizth. d. of W^m. & Jane Onslowe of Marton bap. 17 Jan.
 John Downton of Alderton bur. Dec. 26
 Rich. s. of W^m. Watkis of Shotton bap. 7 Feb.
 Arthur s. of Tho^s. and Isabella Nonile bap. Aug. 15
- 1630 Eliz. d. of Tho^s. & Alice Downton of Alderton gent bap. May 9
 Mary d. of Sam^l. & Eliz. Downton of Alderton bap. Jan^y. 2
- 1631 Priscilla d. of Edw^d. & Merriden bap Oct. 23

- 1632 W^m. s. of W^m. & Elizth. Onslowe of Marton bap 7 Oct.
Tho^s. s. of Rob^t. More "Decuriani" of Mydle & Jane
bap. Nov. 1.
- 1633 Eliz. d. of Sam. and Eliz. Downton of Alderton bap.
Sep. 22
- 1634 Richard Goughe s. of Richard Goughe of Newton on the
hill & bap. 18 Jan.
Rich^d. s. of Rich^d. & Mary Wynne of Pentremorgan
gent. bap. Jan. 15
- 1635 Osmari Hill of Bilmarsh gent. bur. 23 July
Rob^t. s. of Rob^t. More "Decuriani" of Mydle & Jane
bap. June 5
Giles Symons of Balderton gent. bur. 3 Nov.
John Hanmer of Middle wood labourer bur. 13 Mar.
- 1636 Catherine Hanmer of Middle wood widow bur. 30
March
Tho^s. s. of W^m. Onslowe of Marton & Eliz. bap. 1 May
W^m. s. of Abraham Hanmer of Middle wood labourer &
Martha bap. 3 July.
- 1634 Richard Winne s. of Rich^d. W. of Pentre gent. & Maria
bap. 15 Jan.
- 1636 Tho^s. s. of W^m. Onslowe and Elizth. bur. 28 July.
Alice d. of Peter Ledsom curate of Mydle and Alice bap.
Oct. 28
Robert s. of Richard Winne of Pentremorgan gent. &
Maria bap. Aug. 8.
- 1637 William Hanmer of Marton gent. bur 13 Apr.
Nicholas s. of W^m. Onslowe of Marton yeoman & Elizth.
bap. 6 Aug.
- 1638 Edward Scholfeild Curate
Eleanor d. of Sam^l. & Elizth Downton of Alderton bap.
Jan. 24
- 1639 Johnson a Londoner died at Hasen & bur^d.
June 21.
Sam^l. s. of Tho^s. Downton of Alderton gent. bap. Dec. 8
- 1641 Tho^s. s. of John Downton gent. bap. Nov. 24
W^m. s. of W^m. & Hanmer gent. bap. Dec 6
- 1642 Sam^l. son of John & Anne Downton bap. Feb 5
W^m. s. of Sam^l & Eliz. Downton of Alderton bap.
Mar. 7
Martha d. of Rev. John Soothill Curate bap. Mar 21
Mary w. of d^o. bur^d. Mar 22
William s. of Rich^d & Marg^t. Gittins of Middle bap.
16 April.
- 1644 William Gittins of Middle gent. bur. 8 July.

- 1646 Tho^s. s. of Tho^s. & Eleanor Atcherley of Marton bap. Feb. 28
 1647 Richard Harise of Condober bur^d. July 13
 Ales w. of Tho^s. Downton of Alderton gent. bur^d. Oct. 29
 Abraham s. of do. bur^d. Nov. 13
 Elizth. d. of Rich^d. & Margery Gittins of Middle gent.
 bap. Nov. 16
 Sara d. of Tho^s. Downton of Alderton gent. bur^d. Nov. 23
 Marg^t. Juckes y^e elder of Middle widow bur^d. Mar. 8
 1648 Rich^d. Onslow of Clive gent. bur. Apr. 18
 Edw^d. s. of Owen & Cath. Meridine of Middle gent.
 bap. July 9
 Edw^d. s. of W^m. & Eliz. Hanmer of Marton gent. bap.
 Nov. 16
 Rich^d. Onslow of y^e Clive bur^d. Apr. 8
 1649 Rich^d. s. of Owen & Cath. Meridine of Middle gent. bap.
 July 2
 1650 W^m. Onslow of Clive bur^d. May 26
 Joshua s. of Rev. Joshua Richardson Min^r. & Eliz. bap.
 June 27
 Tho^s. s. of Tho^s. & Joane Hall of Balderton gent. bap.
 Aug. 22
 Eliz. d. of Tho^s. & Rebecca Phillips of Salop gent. bap.
 Jan. 8
 1651 Sara w. of Joshua Richardson of Broughton gent. bur^d.
 May 13
 Mary w. of Tho^s. Hotchkis of Wagrant House gent. bur.
 May 13
 Arthur s. of W^m. & Eliz. Hanmer of Marton gent. bap.
 Oct. 24 bur^d. Dec. 21
 Isaiah s. of Rev. Joshua & Eliz. Richardson bap. & bur^d.
 Dec. 28
 1652 Priscilla d. of Tho^s. Rocke Esq. & Priscilla bur^d. Sep. 10
 Edw^d. s. of Tho^s. & Joane Hall of Balderton gent. bap.
 Oct. 6
 1653 Arthur s. of W^m. & Eliz. Hanmer of Marton gent. bap.
 May 31
 Zachary Thomas of Bishop's Castle gent. & Elizth Jones
 of Shrewsbury mar^d. June 24
 Rebecca d. of Tho^s. & Rebecca Phillips of Shrewsbury
 gent. bur^d. July 15
 Eliz. d. of Rich^d. & Margery Gittins of Middle gent. bur^d.
 Aug. 30
 W^m. Watkins of Shotton gent. bur^d. Sep. 9
 John Lloyd of Trewillon gent. who died in Middle bur^d.
 Feb. 13.

- Dorothy d. of Tho^s. Downton of Alderton gent. bur^d.
Feb. 18.
- 1654 Joan d. of Rob^t. & Jane Walford gent. nat Nov. 16
Fra^s. Watkins of Shotton gent. & Mary d. of John
Teage of the Lea in Pontesbury p^{sh} mar^d. Oct. 4.
W^m. son of Tho^s and Joanna Hall of Balderton gent. nat
Oct. 16
Rich^d. Poole of Shrewsbury draper & Jane Watkins
of Shotton mar^d. Oct. 15
- 1655 Richard Walford of Smethcot bur^d Sep. 13
Joshua Richardson of Broughton gent. bur^d. July 26
Fra^s. s. of Fra^s. & Mary Watkins of Shotton gent. nat.
Oct. 10
Eliz. d. of Fra^s. & Mary Watkins of Shotton gent. nat.
Aug. 10
- 1656 Rob^t. s. of Rob. & Jane Walford of Smethcote nat. Feb. 2
W^m. Richardson gent. Min^r. of Dudleston bur^d. Aug. 26
Andrew s. of Tho^s & Joan Hall of Balderton gent. nat.
Oct. 10
Joanna d. of Tho^s. & Joanna Hall of Balderton gent.
nat. Sep. 10
W^m. s. of Fra^s. & Mary Watkins of Shotton gent. nat.
Jan. 26
Eliz. d. of Rich^d. Waring of Shrewsbury Esq. & Eliz.
bur^d. Feb. 13
- 1657 James s. of W^m. & Eliz. Hanmer of Marton gent. nat.
Mar. 28
M^{rs}. Eliz. Watkies of Shotton widow bur^d. Apr. 30
- 1658 Tho^s. Mitton of Houlson laborer bur^d. Mar. 6
Rich^d Onslow of y^c Clive bur^d. Apr. 8
- 1659 . . . d. of Tho^s. and Joanna Hall of Balderton gent.
nat. & bur^d. Nov. 10
- 1660 Alice w. of Tho^s. Hayward of Balderton gent. bur^d.
Sep. 3
W^m. Reeve of Fenimere in Baschurch p^{sh}. & Rebecca
d. of Sarah Bradley of Middle mar^d Sep. 7
Mary d. of Fra^s. & Mary Watkins of Shotton gent. bap.
Sep. 23
Matthew s. of Tho^s. & Joanna Hall of Balderton gent.
bap. Jan. 1.
W^m. Hanmer of Marton gent. bur^d. Feb. 23
- 1661 Mary d. of Tho^s. and Joanna Hall of Balderton bap.
Jan. 1.
- 1662 Eliz. d. of John Downton of Alderton & Eliz. bur^d.
Apr. 8

- Arthur s. of Arthur Chambre of Salop bur^d. Apr. 30.
 John s. of Fra^s. Watkins of Shotton gent. bap Oct. 30.
 Humf. Hanmer of Marton gent. & Anne d. of John
 Gro'me of Sleepe "homi plebeii celebratae" mar^d. Jan.
 21.
 Rev^d. W^m. Holway clerk M^r. of Arts instituted Feb. 5
 by John Hoskins Vic. of Ellesmere
 1663 Anne d. of M^r. Tho^s. & Joan Hall of Alderton bap. Apr. 2.
 M^r. Rich^d. Gittins of Middle gent. bur^d. June 20
 Fra^s. Watkins of Shotton gent. bur^d. Mar. 23
 1664 Cha^s. s. of Tho^s. & Joan Hall of Balderton gent. bap.
 May 3
 Sarah d. of M^r. Tho^s. Atcherley of Marton bur^d. Sep. 4
 1665 Marg^t. d. of Tho^s. & Joan Hall gent. of Balderton bap.
 May 27
 Mary d. of Hump^h. & Anne Hanmer of Marton bap.
 July 26
 Rowl^d. s. of Rich^d. Cotton of Haston bur^d. Nov. 21
 Cha^s. s. of John & Eliz. Downton gent. of Alderton bap.
 Dec. 27
 1666 W^m. s. of Humf. & Anne Hanmer of Marton bap. Nov.
 14
 Humf. s. of Tho^s. & Joan Hall of Balderton bap. Nov. 16
 1668 Joshua s. of D^o. bap. May 29 bur^d. 16
 Eliz. d. of John Downton gent. of Alderton bur^d. Nov. 19
 Marg^t. d. of M^r. Tho^s. Hall of Balderton bur^d. Dec. 8
 Jocosa d. of Edw^d. Barret of Salop Esq. bur^d. Jan. 3
 Cha^s. s. of M^r. Tho^s. Hall of Balderton bur^d. Feb. 9
 Badduley s. of M^r. Rich^d. Gough of Newton & Joan bap.
 Feb. 23 bur^d. Dec. 25 1669
 1670 Tho^s. s. of M^{rs}. Elizth. Hanmer of Marton widow bur^d
 Mar. 3
 Eliz. d. of Humf. & Anne Hanmer gent. bap. Apr. 7
 Eliz. d. of John & Eliz. Downton of Alderton bap.
 Jan. 3.
 1671 Badduley s. of M^r. Rich^d. Gough & Joan bap. June 30
 Eliz. d. of Humf. Hanmer bur^d. Feb. 18
 1672 John s. of d^o. & Anne bap. Mar. 6 bur^d. 24th
 1673 W^m. s. of M^r. Rich^d. Gough & Joan bap. May 8 bur^d.
 Feb. 13 1674
 Mary w. of M^r. John Moor of Middle bur^d. Nov. 13
 Arthur s. of M^r. Arthur Tong of Shrewsbury bur^d.
 Oct. 15
 Sam^l. s. of John & Eliz. Downton gent. bap. Oct. 28
 M^r. John Moor of Middle bur^d. Nov. 13

- Mary d. of Mr. Tho^s. Hall bur^d. Nov. 29
 Rich^d. s. of Mr. W^m. & Sarah Gittins bap. Dec. 4
 Sam^l. Downton of Alderton bur^d. Jan. 18
 1674 Anne d. of Mr. Rich^d. and Joan Gough bap. Jan. 12
 Nath^l. Kynaston gent. of co. Montgomery &
 Elianor d. of Mr. Tho^s. Atcherley of y^s. P^{sh}. mar^d. Jan.
 29.
 1676 W^m. s. of Mr. Rich^d. & Joan Gough bap. Mar. 28.
 Mary d. of Mr. W^m. & Sarah Gittins bap. June 15
 Margery Mitton bur^d. Dec. 6.
 Rev. Tho^s Tyther curate & Elizth. d. of Rev. W^m. Hol-
 way rector mar. 10th.
 1677 Rich^d. Gittins gent. bur. Apr. 9
 Daniel Gittins gent. bur^d. July 21
 M^{rs}. Marg^t. Gittins widow bur^d. Aug. 22
 Mary d. of Tho^s & Mary Moore bap. Dec. 26
 Mary d. of W^m. & Sarah Gittins bur^d. Feb. 9
 1678 Marg^t d. of do. bap. June 20
 Daniel s. of Daniel & Alice Hanmer bap. July 14.
 Dorothy d. of Mr. Rich^d. & Joan Gough, bap. Oct. 10.
 1679 Judith d. of Mr. Tho^s. & Mary Moore bap.
 Marg^t. d. of d^o. bap. Dec. 26 & bur^d. Sep. 20. 1680.
 1681 Elinor d. of Mr. William Gittins & Sarah bap. June 9.
 Mr. Tho^s. Atcherley of Marton gent. bur. Aug. 6.
 Tho^s. s. of Daniel Hanmer & Alice bap. Jan 5
 Mr. Tho^s. Cole of Salop & Jane d. of M^{rs}. Elenor
 Atcherley of Marton mar. Jan. 10.
 1682 Mr. Richard Atcherley gent. bur. Dec. 29.
 1683 Charles s. of Mr. Arthur Chambre of Burleton & Mary
 d. of M^{rs}. Elinor Atcherley of Marton widow mar.
 July 24.
 Sarah d. of Mr. W^m. Gittins & Sarah bap. Dec. 26.
 Dorothea d. of Mr. W^m. Watkins & Elizth. bap. Dec. 27.
 Martha wife of Abraham Hanmer bur. Feb. 16.
 Abraham Hanmer, bur. Feb. 23.
 Mr. Richard Hayward bur. Mar. 3.
 Jane w. of Rev. W^m. Holway rector bur^d Apr. 11.
 1684 George s. of Arthur Noneley bur. April 1.
 Mr. John Cotton of Haston bur. July 2.
 Arthur s. of Mr. Cha^s. Chambre & Mary bap. July 8.
 Alice w. of Daniel Hanmer bur. Sep. 3.
 M^{rs} Elizth Hanmer widow bur. Sep. 18.
 1685 William s. of Mr. W^m. Gittins & Sara. bap. Apr. 7.
 W^m. s. of Arthur Noneley bur. Apr. 7.
 Mary d. of Mr W^m Watkins & Elizth. bap. July 13.

- Mary w. of Mr Dan^l. Platt bur. July 14.
 Mr John Joyce of Cockshutt & M^{rs} Elizth Watkins of
 this parish mar. Dec. 24.
- 1686 Tho^s. s. of Mr Tho^s Lloyd & Marg^t. d. of Tho^s. Freeman
 mar. Apr. 21.
- 1687 Tho^s s. of Mr Charles Chambre & Mary bap. May 4.
 Rich^d s. of Mr Tho^s Lloyd of Middle & Marg^t. christ^d Aug.
 2
- 1689 Rev^d. Mr W^m Holway M.A. rector of Middle bur.
 June 25.
 Rev^d. Hugh Dale M.A. Fellow of Brasenose Coll. Oxon
 inducted.
 Frances s. of Mr. W^m Watkins of Shotton & Elizth bap.
 March 6.
 Rich^d Gough jun^r. s. of Mr Gough of Newton bur^d
 Oct. 8.
 Mr. Rich^d. Hatchet & M^{rs} Mary Richards both of
 Ellesmere par mar^d. May 31.
- 1690 Nathaniel s. of Mr. W^m. Gittins & Sara bap. May 9.
 Tho^s s. of Mr. Cha^s. Chambre & Mary bap. Nov. 12.
 Jane d. of Mr. Humphrey Hanmer of Marton &
 Katherine bap. Feb. 26.
- 1691 William s. of Mr. W^m. Watkins of Shotton & Elizth. bap.
 Oct. 23 bur. Nov. 23.
 W^m. s. of Mr W^m. Gittins bur. Jan. 28.
- 1692 Edw^d. s. of Mr. Humph. Hanmer of Marton & Kath^e
 bap. June 15.
 Elenor d. of Mr. W^m. & Sarah Gittins bap. Feb. 9.
 Mr. Tho^s. Lloyd of Middle bur. Feb. 13.
- 1693 Joanna Hall w. of Mr. Tho^s. Hall bur. Mar. 29.
 M^{rs}. Elenor Dale of Middle widow bur. Apr. 12.
 John s. of Mr. W^m. Watkins of Shotton & Elizth. bap.
 May 3.
 Rich^d. s. of Mr. Geo. Beacall & Jane bap. Dec. 6.
 Rowland s. of Mr. Geo. Beacall of Alderton bur^d. Mar. 4.
 M^{rs}. Mary Gittins of Middle bur. July 25.
 Elenor d. of Mr. W^m. Gittins bur. Jan. 11.
- 1694 Joane wife of Mr. Rich^d. Gough of Newton bur. Nov. 13.
- 1695 Humphrey & Catherine s. & d. of Mr. Humphrey
 Hanmer of Marton & Cath. bap. Aug. 2.
 Tho^s. Downton of Alderton bur^d. Feb. 4.
- 1696 Rev^d. Mr. Henry Bradley vicar of Great Ness & M^{rs}.
 Frances Dormer of this parish mar. Oct. 13 by licence
 Susannah d. of William & Elizth Watkins of Shotton
 bap. Dec. 7.

- Rev^d. W^m. James vicar of Eastham co. Essex & M^{rs}. Jane Griffith of St. Mary's p'sh Salop mar^d. May 3 by licence.
- Rowland s. of Rowl^d. & Eliz. Stanway bap. July 29.
- M^r. Benjⁿ. Wright of Wellington & M^{rs}. Ursula Jebb of Newton in Wem p'sh mar^d Nov. 1 by licence.
- Mary d. of M^r. Geo. & Jane Beacall bap. Dec. 18.
- M^{rs}. Dorothy Cotton of Hadnall widow bur^d. Feb. 25 æt. 94.
- 1697 Sarah d. of M^r. Tho^s. & Marg^t. Gittins christ. Aug. 25
M^{rs} Mary Cotton widow late of Shotton bur. Nov. 24
William s. of M^r Humph. & Cath. Hanmer of Marton christ. Jan. 25.
M^{rs}. Ann Gough of y^s p'sh & John Poling of Baschurch mar^d. Dec. 23 by licence
- 1698 Thomas s. of M^r. William Watkins of Shotton & Elizth. christ. Jan. 17.
- 1699 Tho^s. s. of M^r. Tho^s. Gittins of Middle & Marg^t. christ. Apr. 6.
Jane bap. July 2 & Mary d. of Hugh Dale rector of Middle.
Humphrey s. of M. Cath. Hanmer of Marton widow bur. Ap. 17.
Tho^s. s. of M^r. Tho^s. Cotton of Haston bur. April 20.
- 1700 John s. of M^r. Robert Twisse of Hadnall bur. July 11
W^m. & Edw^d. s. of Rev^d. Hugh Dale bap. June 27
Elizth. d. of d^o. bap. June 13 bur^d. 18.
- 1701 Elizth. d. of M^r. Tho^s. & Marg^t. Gittins chris. Mar. 25
- 1702 Robert. s. of M^r. Tho^s. Cotton of Haston bur. Ap. 21.
Anne w. of M. Tho^s. Cotton of Haston bur. May 12
- 1703 William s. of W^m. & Jane Hanmer christ. Mar. 30
Richard s. of M^r. Rich^d. & Jane Gittins of Middle christ. Jan. 18.
- 1704 Tho^s. s. of M^r. Rich^d. & Elizth. Atcherley of Marton christ. Apr. 6.
Sara d. of Rev. Hugh Dale & Jane bap. Apr. 17.
Sara d. of M^r. John Price of Webscote & Sara christ. Jan. 2.
John s. of Tho^s. & Marg^t. Gittins of Middle christ. July 6
- 1705 Sarah d. of M^r. W^m. Watkins & Elizth. bap. Mar. 25
Rich^d. s. of M^r. Rich^d. & Eliz. Atcherley of Marton bap. Oct. 30
Jane d. of M^r. Rich^d. & Jane Gittins of Middle bap. Jan. 19
Jane d. of Rev^d. Hugh Dale & Jane bap. Mar 10

- 1706 Dorothy d. of Mr. Rich^d. Gough of Newton bur^d. July 24
Francis s. of Mr. W^m. Watkins of Shotton bur^d. Aug. 10
& Ann his dau'r Aug. 27.
Mr. John Haward & Eliz. Barnett both of Wem p'sh
mar^d. Feb. 24
- 1707 Elizth. Presland of St. Julians & Tho^s. Gardiner of St.
Mary's Salop mar^d. Ap. 17
- 1708 M^{rs}. Ann Lloyd of St. Chad's p'sh & Mr. Rich^d. Reynolds
of St. Margarets London mar^d. Oct. 15.
- 1709 W^m. s. of Tho^s. & Marg^t. Gittins, christ. June 24.
Martha d. of Mr. William Hall bur. Sep. 28.
Esther d. of Mr. William Gittins bur. Dec. 8
Sara wife of Mr. William Gittins bur. Dec. 24
Mr. Griffith Edwards & M^{rs}. Elizth. Masterson both of
Whitchurch p'sh mar^d. Nov. 8
- 1710 Daniel Hanmer of Middle wood bur. July 19.
W^m. s. of M^{rs}. Cath. Hanmer widow bur. Mar. 15
- 1711 Catherine d. of M^{rs}. Cath. Hanmer bur. Sep. 11.
Marg^t. d. of Tho^s. & Marg^t. Gittins christ. Jan. 30.
- 1712 Marg^t. wife of Mr. Tho^s. Lloyd of the p'sh of Layton
bur. Jan. 7.
- 1713 Edward s. of Rich^d. & Jane Gittins christ. Mar. 27.
Mr. W^m. Hall of Cockshutt bur. Apr. 5
Mr. Alex^r. Hudleston & M^{rs}. Mary Shenton of Wem
mar^d. Apr. 24
Marg^t. w. of Tho^s. Gittins bur. May 21
Sarah widow to Mr. Gittins late vicar of Loppington
bur. Aug. 18.
M^{rs}. Mary Edwards of St. Alkmond's Salop & Capt. W^m.
Foden of Stafford mar^d. Sep. 28
Mr. John Embry of Grinsil & M^{rs}. Mary Watkins of
Shotton mar. Dec. 17
- 1714 Mr. Cha^s. Kynaston of Ellesmere & M^{rs}. Ann Davis of
Hordley mar^d. Mar. 31
Mr. Rich^d. Groome jun^r. of Marton bur. Aug. 19.
Mr. W^m. Gittins of Middle bur. Mar. 19.
- 1715 Anne w. of Mr. Tho^s. Cureton bur. Apr. 24
- 1716 Ann d. of Mr. Tho^s. Gittins & Ann christ. June 8.
Jane w. of Rev. Hugh Dale rector of Middle bur^d. Jan. 30.
- 1717 M^{rs}. Cath. Lloyd of Ellesmere p'sh & Mr. Tho^s. Parry of
Oswestry mar^d. May 16
- 1718 Joseph Colemere & M^{rs}. Elizth. Stonesheet mar^d. June 22
- 1719 M^{rs}. Jane Cole wife of Tho^s. Cole esq. of Salop bur.
Apr. 24
M^{rs}. Ann Angell widow bur^d. Mar. 15

- Frances d. of Edward Hanmer of Marton gent. & Frances christ. June 9
- 1720 Rev^d. Richard Lloyd rector of Petton bur. Aug. 29.
- 1721 Eliz. d. of Edw^d. & Frances Hanmer bap. Apr. 10
- M^{rs}. Ann Angell widow of Middle & M^r. John Rogers of Grafton mar^d. Dec. 21
- Henry Egerton B^p of Hereford rector of Middle.
- 1722 M^{rs}. Elenor Twiss widow of Hadnal bur^d. Dec. 3.
- William s. of W^m. & Marg^t. Hanmer bap. Mar. 10.
- Sarah d. of M^r Edw^d. Appleyard & Sara of Hadnal bap. Oct. 9.
- Rich^d. Gough gent. bur^d. Feb. 12.
- 1723 W^m. s. of Edw. Appleyard gent. & Sara bap. Feb. 17.
- 1725 Edw^d. s. of Edw^d. Hanmer gent. & Frances bap. June 1.
- Christian s. of Edw^d. Appleyard gent. & Sara bap. June 3.
- Edw^d s. of Rev. Hugh Dale bur^d.
- W^m. s. of ditto bur^d.
- 1726 Mary d. of W^m. and Marg^t Hanmer bap. May 7.
- Sir Francis Edwards bart. & M^{rs}. Hesther Lacon mar. June 20 by licence.
- Margaret d. of Edw^d. Hanmer gent. & Frances christ. Mar. 12.
- Rev^d. Sam^l. Jenks of Marbury & M^{rs}. Eliz. Thicknesse of Prees mar^d. Jan. 21.
- 1727 Elizabeth wife of Will^m. Watkins of Shotton gent. bur. Aug. 25.
- Tho^s. s. of Rev. Sam^l. Jenks (curate) & Eliz. bap. Jan. 4.
- 1729 Elenor Gittins spinster bur. June 28.
- Tho^s. Cole of Salop gent. bur. Dec. 12.
- Catherine Hanmer of Marton widow gen^r bur. Jan. 22.
- 1730 Charles Hesketh of Ellesmere gent. & Sarah Cooke of Slape mar. Aug. 16 by licence.
- Elizth. Lloyd widow gen^r bur^d. May 3.
- Humphrey s. of Edw^d. Hanmer gent. & Frances bap. Oct. 8 bur^d. 1731.
- Michael Brayne & Jane Gittins married Jan. 8.
- Ann d. of John and Mary Cotton of Haston bap. Jan. 30.
- 1731 Abraham Hanmer a child bur. May 18.
- W^m. Watkins of Shotton gent. bur. Sep. 15.
- W^m. s. of M^r. Edw^d. & Frances Hanmer bap. Oct. 26.
- Humphrey Hanmer a child bur. Feb. 23.
- 1732 Humphrey s. of M^r. Edward Hanmer & Frances bap. Jan. 19.

- 1733 Frances wife of Edw^d. Hanmer gent. of Marton bur.
June 19 (mar^d. at Grinshill)
- 1734 Richard s. of Mr. John Watkins & Elizth. bap. June 13.
Rev. Edw^d. Vaughan & M^{rs}. Penelope Kynaston mar^d.
at Hadnall June 24.
- 1736 W^m. s. of Mr. John Watkins & Elizth. bap. Mar. 30.
Tho^s. s. of Mr. Tho^s. Acharley & Dorothy bap. July 1.
- 1737 Tho^s. s. of Mr. John Watkins & Elizth. bap. June 7.
- 1738 Mary d. of Dan^l & Alice Hanmer bap. Sep. 10.
Jane Atcherley a child bur. Mar. 16.
- 1739 Edward s. of Mr. John Watkins & Elizth. bap. Apr. 25.
- 1740 John Watkins a child bur. Ap. 10.
Mary d. of Mr. Watkins & Elizth. bap. June 28.
- 1743 Tho^s. Fardo & Elizth. Hanmer mar. Nov. 21.
March 13 Tho^s. s. of Tho^s. & Alice Hanmer bap.
- 1746 W^m. s. of Dan^l. & Alice Hanmer, bap. June 15.
- 1748 James s. of Mr. John Watkins & Elizth. bap. Apr. 26.
Mary Hanmer a child bur. Jan. 19.
Mr. Rich^d. Palin & M^{rs}. Elizth. Atcherley mar. Feb. 2.
- 1749 James Watkins a child bur. Aug. 19.
Rich^d. s. of Rich^d. & Elizth. Palin bap. Jan. 1.
- 1750 Mr. Rich^d. Atcherley sen^r. bur. May 15.
- 1751 Rich^d. Palin gent. bur. Jan. 26.
- 1752 Mr. Edw^d. Hanmer of Marton bur. June 24
Hester d. of Dan^l. & Alice Hanmer bap. Dec. 31
- 1753 M^{rs}. Elizth. Watkins bur. Feb. 23
M^{rs}. Martha Hanmer bur. Aug. 25
Samuel Phillips & Mary Hanmer mar. 28 Dec.
- 1755 M^{rs}. Elizth. Atcherley of Marton widow bur. 28 July
aged 75
- 1756 Miss Dorothy Watkins bur. 23 Jan.
Margaret Gittins bur. 2 July
Edw^d. s. of Mr. W^m. Hanmer of Marton & Anne bap. 30
Sept.
- 1757 Mr. Edw^d. Hanmer & Jane Davies mar. June 2 by lic.
- 1758 Will^m. s. of W^m. Hanmer of Marton & Anne bap. 18 May
Mr. Rob^t. Atcherley of Marton bur. 13 Sept.
- 1759 Richard Twisse of Hadnal bur. 16 Feb.
Ann d. of W^m. & Anne Hanmer bap. Aug. 25 bur. Jan.
21 1760
- 1761 Rich^d. Palin gent. bur. Jan. 30
Ann Hanmer bur. Ap. 2
Dorothy d. of Rich^d. & Jane Atcherley bap. July 14
- 1762 Jane d. of Rich^d. & Jane Atcherley priv. bap. July 9
publ. bap. 10 Aug.

- 1763 Rich^d. s. of Rich^d. & Jane Atcherley bap. Oct. 15
 1765 Elizth. d. of Rich^d. & Jane Atcherley bap. Jan 5
 Rev^d John Tomkins rector of Petton bur. Oct. 22
 Mr. John Watkins bur. Dec. 2
 1766 Tho^s. s. of Rich^d. & Jane Atcherley bap. Feb. 28
 Mr. Rich^d. Atcherley of Wem bur. Ap^l. 16
 Mr. Rich^d. Atcherley of Marton bur. Ap^l. 26
 Daniel Hanmer bur. May 9
 1769 Margaret Hanmer bur. Jan. 4
 1771 Widow Hanmer bur. Aug. 13
 1779 Mr. Watkis bur. Oct. 19
 1782 W^m. s. of W^m. & Elizth. Hanmer bap. Jan. 2
 1789 J. T. Barham esq. from Hardwick bur^d. July 25
 Dame Mary Hall from Hardwick bur^d. July 25 æt 59
 1790 Tho^s. s. of John & Elizth. Gittins bap. Dec. 31
 1797 Edw^d. Henry s. of Cha^s. & Elizth. Hanmer bap. Oct. 19
 1799 Watkin W^m. s. of Watkin Watkins esq. & Ann bap.
 Feb. 1.
 1788 Buried from Wem Mar. 17 Miss Dorothy Atcherley
 1789 July 25 bur. J. F. Barham esq. from Hardwick
 July 25 bur. Dame Mary Hill from Hardwick aged 59
 1791 Mr. William Watkins bur. June 3
 1792 M^{rs}. Dorothy Atcherley bur. May 29
 Rich^d. Watkins esq. bur. Sept. 17
 Register lost from 1799—1811
 1811 William Hanmer bur. Apr. 10
 1813 Tho^s. Humphrey s. of Cha^s. & Elizth. Hanmer of Marton
 bap. Sept. 5
 1815 Martha Alice d. of Cha^s. & Elizth. Hanmer bap. Sep. 15
 & bur. 1816
 1817 Martha Alice d. of Cha^s. & Elizth. Hanmer bap. Nov. 8
 1826 Dec. 27 W^m. Watkin s. of Watkin William & Catherine
 Watkins of Shotton surgeon bap.
 1825 James Watkins esq. of Edinbrgh & Mary Ann Watkins
 of this parish mar. Jan. 18.

INSCRIPTION ON A SILVER SALVER USED AT THE
COMMUNION.

"The Gift of M^{rs}. Elizth. Vaughan widdow of Shrewsbury
 daughter of Mr. John & M^{rs}. Elizth. Downton of Alderton to the
 Parish Church of Middle in the County of Salop in the 74th
 year of her age. 1744."

RECTORS.

A person of the name of Foster or Forrester is mentioned by Gough in his History of Middle as rector before the Reformation. He was succeeded by

Thomas Tong, whose death is thus recorded in the Parish Register:—"1551 Sir Thomas Tonge rector of the church of Middle ob. 24 Aug."

Thomas Wilton M.A. succeeded. He died July 5 & was buried at Middle July 10, 1596. To him succeeded in 1598

Ralph Kinaston M.A. chaplain to James 1st Prebend of Llanvair in the cathedral of St. Asaph, & vicar of Kinnerley co. Salop. He died Nov. 8 & was buried at Middle Nov. 9, 1629, æt. 69.

Thomas More, Vicar of Ellesmere, presented by the Earl of Bridgwater. Displaced by the Parliament during the Civil Wars 1646.

Joshua Richardson M.A. substituted. He conducted himself so much to the satisfaction of his parishioners, that the Earl of Bridgwater on the death of Mr. More allowed him to continue Rector. On the restoration of Charles 2nd, he refused to subscribe & was in consequence displaced. He was buried at Whitchurch. To him succeeded

4 Jan: 1662. William Holway M.A. Student of Christ Church College, Oxford. He died May 1689 and lies buried at Middle.

Hugh Dale M.A. Fellow of Brazen nose college Oxon' presented 25 June 1689 by John earl of Bridgwater.

21 Nov. 1720 Hon: & Rev^d. Henry Egerton, LL.D., afterwards B

of Hereford. He died 1746.

25 April 1746 Egerton Leigh D.D. on the presentation of John duke of Bridgwater. Resigned 1749 & was succeeded by his son.

18 Nov^r. 1749 Peter Leigh LL.B. on the presentation of Fra^s. duke of Bridgwater with the consent of Rachael duchess of Bridgwater & Samuel Egerton esq^r. his Guardians He died 15 July 1758.

5 Jan: 1759 John Leigh A.B. of Emanuel College Cambridge by Fra^s. duke of Bridgwater. On his resignation

14 June 1759 Robert Reynolds A.M. of Pembroke College Oxon' succeeded on presentation of Fra^s. duke of Bridgwater.

21 Aug. 1767 On the death of Mr. Reynolds Richard Smyth M.A. was presented by Fra^s. duke of Bridgwater. Died.

13 July 1797 Francis Henry Egerton M.A. Prebend^y. of Durham & Rector of Whitchurch, by Fra^s. d. of Bridgwater.

- 1828 Hon. & Rev^d. Henry Egerton afterwards Earl of Bridgewater rector, died in Paris.
Rev. James Horseman succeeded.
Rev^d. Canon Egerton

Miscellanea f'm the Mem^m. book of Middle Parish.

- 1793 Sunday school established.
1634 Part of the steeple fell down as far as the breast-plate of the church; the whole was taken down & rebuilt.
1744 The body of the church rebuilt.
1808 £9 . 8 . 7 amount collected for the British Prisoners in France.

1827 A large library consisting chiefly of the most valuable classics of France & Italy was forwarded from France by the Duke of Bridgewater and presented to the parish of Middle. Several impressions of a portrait of the donor in lithography & medals in bronze & copper accompanied this gift.

On the obverse of the medals is a well executed profile head of the Duke & on the reverse an Inscription.

Church-Wardens Accounts 1651.

For the table & benches & the rest of the materials & the caring of it home 1 11 7

A new cocke for the steeple £1.

to 2 masons & a boy for mending of the steeple & lime 5/4

To Allin Channer for nayles & work 1^s/

To W^m. Channer for carring of sand to the church 1/6

To R^d. Raphes for carring it into the church 1/-

1652

To Rob^t. Crumpe Slater for reparinge over the leads of the church 7/6

For gatheringe of mosse to lay under y^e slate 1^s 4^d

To Rich^d. Eaton for a fox head 1^s/

1655

It. payd to Richard Clarke for stocking y^e three bells 14^s/

It. payd to Richard Clarke for mending the brase of y^e litell bell & for a lace to y^e clocke 1^s/

1656

To Henry Maddox for covering the porch, making a dore, cresting the church 12^s 8^d

To Ri. Eaton Da Tilsley & Bat. Mancell for urchins 4^s/4^d

To Tho^s. Rawlins for seting the clocke in order, covering it, seting the Pulpitt & desk in its ould place & seting up one seate
£2 10 0

- To Bat. Mancell for 2 baltrockes and a hinge 2/6
 For 2 warrants & wine 3 lecture daies 13^s. 8^d.
 1657-58
 For glassing the church windows £1 10 0
 Payd to Frances Davies for a hedge-hog 2^d
 Payd to the Minister for wine for 3 Lectures 12^s
 For mending the Bells 1^s
 An acte 6^d
 Payd to Petter Lloyd for mending the church gatt 6^d
 1659-1660
 Jole monyes at Cristide 8^s/
 For baltrockes for the bells 3^s 6^d
 For an hour glasse 9^d
 For a frame for the hour glasse 2^s/6^d
 For shilling the church £1
 To Allen Challener for mending the bell wheles & hammer 1^s/
 1661-1662
 Payd to John Wood Limner for adorning the church £4 6 0
 Payd for ale for John Wood & for ringing at the same time
 1^s/6^d
 Payd for vessels and fire for his use 1^s 6^d
 Payd for timber to make the church-yarde gate & a plank
 for the school-hous 16^s/
 Payd for glazing the windows of the church 17^s
 Payd for mending the church & steeple wth sclate & nayles
 for it 12^s/
 For surplice, table-cloth, carpet, silke, thred, washing,
 making £4 0 0
 For the church booke to the Bushop 7^s
 For two books to the prator 2^s expences 1^s
 Payd to the prator for the Kings directions to Ministers 1^s
 For Ale for the Joyner & Peeter Lloyd for taking up the
 rayles in the chancel 1^s
 To Tho. Hayghway for iron work about the bells 1^s
 1663-1664
 Spent on workmen that came to take the making of the Bell
 wheels 1^s
 Spent at taking down the three bells 1^s 6^d
 For 3^{qrs} & nine pound of iron 17^s
 For carring the iron 1^s 6^d
 To Thomas Atcherley for timber £1 1^s 0^d
 For carring the timber 1^s
 To Henry Maddox for making the bell wheels £2 10 0
 Spent on Henry Maddox 1^s 6^d
 To Henry Maddox for a stock for the first bell 3^s 8^d

Given to Ric. Maddox in berrage 1^s 6^d
 For the smithes work at the bells £1 0^s 0^d
 For the Brasses of the Bells £1 0 0
 Nayles for the bell wheels 5^s 8^d
 For two Belropes 7^s
 For Ale for the workmen for hanging the bells 2^s
 For the Books of Homilies and Cannans 9^s
 To the pator for 3 p'clamations 2^s
 For washing the Surplice 1^s 6^d
 For washing the church linens 8^d
 For the new table & frame 14^s
 For carring it from Preston Brockhurst 1/6

1664

For the booke of Articles 6^d
 Spent upon the Minister & the p'ish going the p'ambulacion
 4^s
 For clock cords & urger for the clock 2^s 10^d
 Payd for the table of marriag 6^d

1664-1665

Payd for the cushion 16^s

1665

For a booke & parchment 3^s
 To know my Lord Bishop pleasure 3^s
 For a booke & p'climation from the Bishop 2^s
 For to send a note to Lichfield for to aqzuant my Lord
 Bishop y^t there was nothing collected
 For cloath, & fringe & compleating it for the Pulpit £1 . 2 . 0
 Spent at the Court of Correction 2^s 6^d

1666

To y^e paretar for a buke & ffor the bringing the money that
 was gather'd for London to Lichfield 4^s 6^d
 To Rich^d Maddox for mending a bell 8^d
 To Tho: Highwaye for coveringe tow graves 4^s

1667

Item for timber to mend the Lichgate¹ 11^d
 For mendinge the gate & for an irone plate 1^s 6^d
 Paid for a lock and key for y^e Lich gate 8^d
 For covering two graves 3^s
 For seting on the shingles after y^e gret wind 2^s 6^d
 For a plate to serve the bred on at y^e Sacrement 1^s 8^d
 To y^e goldsmith for puting 3 pins in y^e cup to keep on y^e
 top 1^s

¹ The Lichgate was a shed at the entrance of the Churchyard, where the corpse rested for interment till the minister arrived.

To y^e glassier for work at y^e Church 11^s
 Paide to Rich. Madox & severall others for taking down the
 bell to fasten y^e gudgin in y^e stock 2^s 6^d

1668

To the Ringers on the coronac'on day 3^s
 To the Apparator for bringeing Mr Hall's Excom' 2^s 6^d
 For a booke of Articles 1^s
 For Mr. Hallwayes dinner with the Chancellor 1^s 6^d
 Laid out in proping up the roof of the steeple for making
 the scaffoldes & timber worke about the steple & takeing downe
 the bells £2 10 0

For stockeing the second bell & for tow gudgeons 4^s 4^d
 For the Bell founders charges & his man when he came to
 take the tune of the Bell 5^s 4^d

For a dinner for him his wife & servants att casteing the
 Bell which they claime as a custome 8^s

For ale to the workemen which they claime as a custome
 12^s 6^d

For casteing the Bell £12

For over metle £4 . 10 . 0

For stockeing the bell 3^s

The Bellfounders charges & his 2 men att hangeing the
 bell 6^s

Carrying the Bell to Wellington & fetcheing itt backe £1

For gatheringe up the tyles of 9 graves & filling them up
 with earth & two cloates for the bells 6^d

1669

Paid for a key for the schoole house doore & a catch for the
 pulpit doore 6^d

Given to the Ringers on the Coronation day 3^s

1672

For mending the Pewter gunne 2^d

1673-1674

For mending the pewter gun 4^d

To the Parator for two bookes for the fast 1^s 6^d

For mending the cover of the Silver chalice 6^d

1678

For y^e Acte for burying in woollen 6^d

P^d Adam Dale for mending the porch 11^s

P^d for y^e booke of Com'on Prayer 13^s

P^d for ffasts books 5^s

1679

P^d to Tho^s. Highway for laying y^e graves on y^e ile 2^s

P^d to d^o for nayles for the light yates 4^d

P^d for timber for y^e lightyates frame 13^s 6^d

P^d for making the lightyates frames 5^s 6^d

1681

For our expences with the Parson and Sydesmen of Hadnall

13^s

Paid for fast booke & a booke of Articles 2^s . 6.^d

Paid for cuttinge the Ivy rootes of the steeple 1^s

1682

Laid out att a visitac'on in August upon the Parson and Sidesmen of Hadnall & in fees of Court £1 1 0.

Laid out att another visitac'on in fees & expences with the Sydesmen of Hadnall 10^s/

1685

For a service booke for the 29 of May 2^s

For a booke of Can'ons 1^s

For a service booke for 30 January & the 6 of Feb. 1^s 6^d

1686

Paid for two Oswestrey weights of hempe to make a clocke roppe & bell ropes 5/

Paid for a booke for instructktions for marriage 2^s

Paid for a booke of Articles 6^d

1687

Paid John Onslowe & his sonne for 8 dayes worke in takeinge downe & shinglinge the North side of the church £1

P^d for a brasse dyall head & a dowlpin for y^e dyall 7^s 1^d

P^d Rich^d Smeith for workinge & settinge up the dyall £1 . 7 . 0

P^d for a p'clama'con & service booke for the thanksgiving for the Queenes beinge with child 1^s 6^d

1688 P^d for three keys one for y^e schoolehouse & two for the church & a hanginge locke & key betweene y^e church & the schoolehouse 2^s

BENEFACTIONS.

Roger Chaloner born at Marton left £12 . 10 . 0 to use of the Poor.

W^m. Gough born at Newton left £5 for setting out poor children apprentices.

Richard Hayward born at Balderton £10 to use of poor.

Sam^l. Formeston jun^r. born at Brandwood £8 to d^o.

Tho^s. Atcherley born at Marton £1 4 0 per ann. to d^o.

Eleanor Atcherley widow of Tho^s. born in St. Chad's £10 to d^o.

Tho^s. Lloyd sen^r. born at Emstrey £5 to d^o.

1697 M^{rs}. Mary Cotton late Watkins of Shotton widow £5 to d^o.

W^m. Watkins of Shotton her son gave £5 to d^o.
 Mary Mason sister to s^d W. W. added £5 to d^o.
 Mary Prichard widow £5 to d^o.
 Rich^d. Gough of Newton a rent charge of 12^s/yearly to d^o.
 Dan^l. Whittingham gave £5 interest to d^o.

BELLS.

1. M^R. EDWARD HANMER M . ADAM DOWNES C^HWARDENS 1715.
2. PETRVS APOSTOLVS ET PAVLVS DOCTOR GENAIVM.
3. CAETEROS VOCO IPSE NON INTRO.

RICH. GOUGH WILL FORMESTON C. W, 1663.

MIDDLE CHURCH-YARD FENCE

as it was written by the Rev^d M^r Tho^s Wilton Long since Deceased.

The Church Yard Rail begins at the East end: The Wood-houses belonging to Middle repair Six Yards: The Wood houses or Wood Lands are Tenements in Braindwood (To witt) Fewtrels. Bickleys, Hills. Noneleys. Guests. Hordleys. Taylors & Chidloes) These are to repair six yards over against M^r Gittins's house.

Next along the south side Middle repairs Eighteen Yards.

Next Marton Eighteen Yards.

Next Webbscott Eight Yards.

Next Sleep Hall Seven Yards which ends at the South west Corner & the water course which runs thro' the Church Yard runs under Sleep Hall Rails from the Corner along the west side Hadnall Thirty Nine Yards.

Next Alderton Seven Yards——over them there is a step into Eatons Yard.

Next Newton Ten Yards——Next Hooson Eight Yards which ends at the West Corner at Middle Street.

Next Balderton Seven Yards the Water Course runs under these Rails where the wall begins and Marton goes from thence northward Eighteen Yards & that Stile.

Next Middle Eighteen Yards.

Sleep Hall Five Yards.

Hooson Eight Yards

Newton Eight Yards and two Stiles.

Hadnalls Ease Forty Yards.

Webscott Five Yards—Alderton Nine Yards: Balderton Nine Yards which ends where the Rails begins.

N: B: The other Stile belonging to Newton is at the Litch Gates. Newtons Eight Yards in the wall, end at the Corner by the Stocks that Corner of the wall is to be repaired by Newton & Hadnal's Ease Equally.

Webscott Five Yards Lie Three on the North Side of the Litch Gates and two on the South Side and Newton makes a Stile over the two Yards.

Note: that these Yards are something Longer than the Standard.

This was transcribed out of the Register in the year 1661 when it was more Legible than now it is.

By some obscure figures in the Margent of the Register it appears that this Divission of the Church Yard Fence was made in the year 1379.

The agreem^t Between Middle & Hadnall's Ease was made in the year 1594 concerning Hadnall's Ease paying a fourth part of all Charges belonging to the parish Church (bread & wine for the Sacrament Excepted) to be paid by the Wardens of Hadnall's Ease to the Wardens of Middle upon Easter Monday & the Wardens of Middle are to spend upon them at the payment of this Money Two Shillings Yearly Let the Leawn be Little or Much.

Witnessed

Pr Tho^s Wilton then Minister

} This is an Exact Copy of the
original I am Sir in all sincerity
yo^r Most Obedient Serv^t

RAND COOKE

WOOLSTON WELL, SHROPSHIRE.

As it is the opinion of some who have visited this well that the little cottage which stands over it was originally built as a Baptistry Chapel, I should like to make a few remarks as the result of some of my own investigations in the matter, with the view of provoking the criticism of those who, from their greater experience in archæological matters, are better able to form an opinion as to the original purpose of the structure, and in the hopes of perhaps lending some further interest to the subject.

I need not describe the building beyond briefly stating that it is at present a pretty little half-timber cottage, standing near the foot of a gently rising hill; with the door on the south side facing the hill, the walls on the rear and sides, owing to the sloping nature of the ground, being of coursed masonry, built up to the level, at which point the half-timber structure commences.

The main block of the cottage is 25 feet long by 12 feet wide, and there is a short projection on the north side about 7 feet square, forming a figure like the letter T.

There is under the cottage, about the middle of it, in a chamber about 6 feet square, enclosed on three sides by masonry, a spring of clear water which flows northwards, through an arched opening 3 feet 6 inches wide, into a large bath (now too much out of repair to be water-tight), which is partly covered over by the small projection of the cottage and partly in the open.

The bath is 17 feet 6 inches long and 6 feet 6 inches wide, enclosed by walls of ashlar work, 10 inches thick, and 4 feet 2 inches in height. Just beyond the covered-

in portion there are two flights of steps on opposite sides, the upper steps being set back from the line of the bath, giving it a somewhat cruciform shape. This, I think, is an accident, as in no other way could they be placed without forming an obstruction in the bath.

Beyond this bath, in the same line, there is a second bath about 6 feet square, the walls of which are now much broken, but whose height does not exceed 2 feet when perfect, and was, I think, probably built for washing sheep.

I will now briefly quote to you what I have been able to find that has been written by others with reference to Woolston, which, though perhaps not quite bearing strictly on the point in view, still may, I hope, prove interesting.

In *Domesday Book* Woolston is called Osulvestone, and it there says that it was held by Berewick under Rainald Vicomes.

Eyton, in his *Antiquities of Shropshire*, gives a long and interesting account of the early Lords of the Manor of Woolston and Sandford, but makes no mention of a chapel there.

The only mention I have been able to find of the well is in a manuscript work written in the latter end of the last century, by one who, by the other writings he has left behind him, proves himself to have been, even if reckoned among the men of the present day, an archæologist of no mean order, and as the description is short and perhaps interesting, I here quote it:—

“Of Woolston I never heard anything worth troubling history except the following :

“A Court house being built in Woolston over a well made for a bath for the Jones’ of Sandford family, when they left Sandford it became the rendezvous of the country, who from the middle of May to the end of Harvest resorted from all parts thither, some (at nights) to bathe and dance and riot most of the night at the Ale Houses, of which there were during the

summer not less than five : this ill custom lasted many years till it was broke about the year 1755. Woolston is called in old deeds Wystem and Ouzleton, the first watery, low town, and the other signifies the same, though some will have it, takes its name from the water Ouzle."

Eyton says with reference to the derivation of the name "that although it stands four miles from the scene of Oswald's death it probably got its name from some connection with him on his line of march—Oswald's Stone or Oswaldston."

This is, I think, rather far-fetched, and am inclined to believe that Wystem is correct (as it is still pronounced by the common people with the "t" dropped), and is the early form of Aston, which, as a name and a termination of a name of a place, is so frequently found in this neighbourhood ; and in all cases they belong to low-lying situations—*e.g.*, Aston, Osbaston, Kinaston, Dovaston. Taking it for granted that the well above-mentioned is the well we are now discussing, the cottage must be the Court-house ; at any rate, I have it from one now living, who in his youth attended the Court with his father, who in those days was the representative in a sense of the Lord of the Manor of Woolston and Sandford, that the Court Leets were held in this building up to the year 1824.

I will now point out certain details in the construction of the Court-house which, in my opinion, proves that it owes its ecclesiastical appearance to the fact that it has been built up of materials removed from some ecclesiastical structure during the time of some alterations or alleged improvements. Similar instances are not unfrequently found in the neighbourhood of ancient churches.

There is nothing, I think, in the appearance of the cottage, either outside or in, to lead one to suppose that it was originally built for a chapel save the peculiar framing of the roof, nor has anything, as far as I can learn, been found in any ancient writings to give the

least colour to that supposition. Therefore to this roof I will first call your attention. There are two trusses carrying the roof timbers; one is what is called a collar beam truss and the other a tie beam truss.

The collar beam truss, that nearest to the fire-place, has evidently had inserted under it at the time of its being re-used in the present structure a rough beam that might be supposed to be an extra tie, but in reality is used to rest the principal rafters upon, to supply the place of the stone corbel or solid masonry which it had in its original position as a tie; the stout collar beam is sufficient for the purpose, and it shows no appearance of ever having been other than sufficient.

Its original position, too, was against a wall, as is proved by the fact of the moulding on the face of the principal rafters being on one side only, the other side being rough.

Notice, too, the notches in the principal rafters which receive the purlines are two inches larger than the purlines, which show that either the present purlines have been moved lower down from their original position or the original purlines were two inches larger. In any case, we may safely conclude that those skilful mediæval artisans (I nearly said artists) who wrought those mouldings with such care and labour and framed their work so true were not the men to spoil the work by leaving it as we see it now.

The other truss, too, with its curved tie beam has also originally been a wall truss, and has been mutilated in a similar manner to the other one. Notice how sadly out of proportion to the height and size of the building this truss is. And even if it is in its original position I fail to see the meaning of the curved tie coming so low to the ground.

It could not be intended to form the purpose served by a rood screen in churches, as in a chapel that would be out of place. There is nothing in the framing of the windows to give one the idea that they and the roof timbers were fashioned by the same hands.

The little ante-room on the north was probably intended and used as a dressing-room for the bathers.

Notice on the west side of the buildings, behind the chimney, there has been placed (for ornament undoubtedly, not for use, as it is only 5 feet from the floor line) a segmental door head with a rose ornament in the spandril which savours rather of the Tudor period.

I will now turn to the well, which we read was built for a bath for the Joneses of Sandford.

There is an entrance to the chamber in which the spring is from the outside of the bath enclosure; this has the appearance of having been formed at the time of the making of the bath to compensate the public, who, by the building of the bath, would be otherwise deprived of their original mode of access to the spring—that is, by means of the ancient arched opening through which the water flows.

The razed state of the well on the inside shows that the opening has been cut since the building of the wall.

Notice the two moulded timbers which have been placed there to carry a roof of the spring across the opening made in the wall enclosing it. These timbers are coeval with the roof timbers; they are not placed for ornament, or they would not be side by side as they are, but merely because they were on the spot to be used like the other old materials, and because they answered the purpose as well as the rough-hewn ones by their side.

There is one more point that calls for attention. It is not improbable that some of the masons' work that is, the niche over the arched opening to the spring may have been derived from the same source as the carpenters', and that these two stones now standing up side by side may have been, by a whim of the builder, placed in the new work which was being built over the old well front to raise the walls to the floor line of the cottage.

At any rate, it seems strange, if this was originally

built as a niche for a statue, as some say it was, that the mason who worked the mouldings so true of the stones forming the sides of it, should have allowed the waller with his axe to dress the canted angle of the stone forming the sill as he has done.

I may, in conclusion, say that the counterparts of every form of moulding and mode of framing of the timbers which are found thrown together in disorder in this building may be found in what remains of the ancient structure of West Felton Church.

ADOLPHUS DOVASTON.

RUYTON OF THE ELEVEN TOWNS.

ROT. CART. 5 Edward 2 n : 42 pro Edmundo Comite Arundell'.

Rex Archiepiscopis &c salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et fideli nostro Edmundo Comite Arundell' quod ipse et heredes sui imperpetuum habeant unum Mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Mercurii apud manerium suum de Ruyton in Marcia Walliæ et unum Feriam ibidem singulis annis per quinque dies duraturam (videlicet) in vigilia et in die Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Babbista et per tres dies sequentes nisi Mercatum illud et Feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum Mercatorum et vicinarum Feriarum quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predictus Edmundus et heredes sui imperpetuum habeant predicta Mercatum et Feriam cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi Mercatum et Feriam pertinentibus nisi Mercatum illud et Feria illa sint nocumentum vicinorum Mercatorum et vicinarum Feriarum sicut predictum est. Hiis testibus Venerabilibus Patribus W. Wighorn' Ep'o Cancellario nostro, J. Ciestr' Ep'o, Gilberto de Clare Com' Glouc' et Hertf', Thoma Comite Lancast', Henr' de Percy, Rob'to de Clifford, Pagano Tibetot et aliis. Dat' p' manum nostrum apud London' xxv^o die Augusti.

TRANSLATED COPY OF THE CHARTER OF RUYTON.

To all Christian people to whom this present writing may come John Earl of Arundel and Lord of Maltravers sendeth greeting in the Lord everlasting. We have seen a certain Writing of Confirmation of a Charter of Edmund late Earl of Arundel our ancestor, made to the Burgesses of our Town of Ruyton, their Heirs and successors by Richard, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, in these words—To all to whom this present writing shall come greeting in the Lord. We have seen a certain writing of Edmund our grandfather late Earl of Arundel in these words, To all men to whom this present Writing may be seen or heard Edmund Earl of Arundel sendeth greeting in

the Lord everlasting. Know ye that we have granted and by this our present Charter confirmed to our beloved and faithful Burgesses of Ruyton and to their heirs and successors that they may have a free Borough in the Town of Ruyton and we have given and granted to every one that hath taken or henceforth may be willing to take one Burgage Place and Three Acres of Field Land to have and to hold from us and our Heirs to themselves and to their Heirs and successors freely for ever, rendering therefore yearly to us and our Heirs for each Burgage twelve pence and for each Acre of Land four pence at two terms of the year, to wit the one-half at the Feast of St. Michael and the other half at the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary for all things and demands. We have also granted for us and our heirs that the aforesaid Burgesses and their successors be free of Toll, Passage and Pontage through all our Lands and also of Heriots, Reliefs, Tallages and of all other customs belonging to us and our Heirs for ever and that the aforesaid Burgesses may have the laws and customs of Bristol whole and inviolable for ever, so that no Bailiff of ours do in anywise set his hand against the Laws and Customs aforesaid to the loss of the said Burgesses nor enter there to the prejudice of the same and that they may have the laws and customs aforesaid as wholly and freely as the citizens of Hereford or the Burgesses of Shrewsbury hold them in all things to the same laws and customs belonging for ever, and that from henceforth no one may transact any merchandize in the Borough aforesaid unless it be according to the said law or by the consent of the said Burgesses and that the Burgesses aforesaid may have a Guild Mercatory with Assize of Bread and Ale and with all things to the same Guild belonging, so that if any stranger shall come into the said Borough and hold Land and be in scot and lot with the Burgesses aforesaid for one year and one day he may remain there free and never be hindered by his Lord. We have also granted to the same Burgesses that they may be able to attach, imprison and of themselves to judge all thieves, homicides, and evil-doers that may come into the said Borough and if it shall happen that we or our heirs take any victuals of the Burgesses aforesaid we will satisfy them for the same within forty days then next following, but if we do not, we may take nothing from them until we have made satisfaction for the debt aforesaid, excepting always, that for each Brewing that they have brewed in the said Borough they shall give to us and our Heirs three gallons of ale. We also will and have granted for us and our heirs that no one do presume to brew, sell or buy in our Lord.

ship of Ruyton with its members where our power is, unless by the consent of the Burgesses aforesaid and by leave of the same, and that all and singular the Burgesses aforesaid and their Heirs and successors have free common of pasture for all their cattle everywhere within the whole manor of Ruyton with its members where our tenants as well as others do common and that a free Court be established and held from three weeks to three weeks if it be necessary, and that no one of them be impleaded nor judged unless in the said Court, and that by their equals. And we the said Earl Edmund and our Heirs all the Burgesses aforesaid their lands and tenements aforesaid with all and singular the Liberties, Laws, free Customs and easements and all other their appurtenances aforesaid, to all and singular the Burgesses and their Heirs and successors as well present as to come against all men will warrant, acquit and for ever defend. In witness whereof to this present Writing we have put our Seal. Dated at Ruyton on the Sunday next before the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist in the second year of the reign of the Lord King Edward son of King Edward. Which certain writing to the same Burgesses and their successors we approve, ratify and confirm in all things, so that we nor our Heirs by reason of this present ratification, of any right, royalty &c which we and our ancestors of old time have had or ought to have against the said Burgesses and their successors in no case may be prejudiced or excluded in future. In Witness whereof to these presents we have caused our Seal to be affixed. Dated at our Castle Philip the first day of September in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Richard the Second. Which same Charter and Writing with all and singular the Liberties and Franchises in the said Charter contained, We the same Earl John, for us and our Heirs, to our beloved Burgesses of our Town of Ruyton aforesaid their Heirs and successors we approve, ratify and by these presents confirm. In Witness we have put our Seal to these presents. Dated the twenty second day of April in our Manor aforesaid in the eighth year of the reign of King Henry the Sixth after the Conquest (A.D. 1430).

The eleven Townships included in this Charter are Cotton, Eardiston, Ruyton, Shelvock, Shotatton, Wikey, Haughton, Rednal, Sutton, Tedsmore, and West Felton.

SHREWSBURY ABBEY.

THE following deed relates to a sale by Queen Elizabeth of lands and houses, part of the possessions of the late dissolved Monastery of St. Peter and St. Paul, at Shrewsbury. The property appears to have been situate in the Abbey Foregate, or immediately adjoining. The ancient names of the lands are given, and most, if not all, of these may be identified in the present names or in those on the parish map. There are aliases to several of the names of the tenants, which seems suggestive of the manner in which nicknames usurped the proper surname.

W. A. L.

22nd June 21 Elizabeth 1578 Inspeximus of this date whereby the Queen granted to Thomas Leigh of London gentⁿ & Francis Bowyer of the same place grocer for £1119:14:11 all that messuage & garden & 26½ landes of arable land in Barleiffelde in the occupation of Robert Moryce alias Morett & Agnes his wife situate near the street called the Foriet near the town of Salop in the county of Salop. And a pasture called Weman at Saint Giles in the same street in the tenure of Robert Moryce alias Moward & Agnes his wife. Also a pasture called the Waterfelde in the same street in the tenure of Richard Glasyer. Also a messuage with an Orchard in the same street in the tenure of Thomas Maunsell. Also a messuage & one for's & one garden in the tenure of Thomas Arlington in the same street. Also two messuages & one garden in the same street in the tenure of Thomas Adderton. Also the pasture or meadow called the Coller medowe late in the tenure of Robert Dudley gentⁿ & now of Richard Capper. Also a pasture called Thaylleswell Hill & one tenement in the same street in the tenure of Thomas Maunsell & Jecosa his wife. Also those lands or pastures called Saint Giles felde &

Werehill in the same street in the tenure of John Poyner. Also half of a meadow called Potters Medowe & one croft in Saint Giles field late in the tenure of Barth' Deane. Also a messuage near Saint Giles church & ten selions of land in two fields in the tenure of Richard Hatton. Also a pasture or meadow called Tryell Medowe & half a coppice in the centre of the same pasture in the tenure of the said Richard Hatton. Also two pastures called Jackisbury & Freer medowe in the tenure of Thomas Chorleton & Alice his wife. Also a pasture called Wilfield near a mill called in the tenure of Rose Powes widow. Also a meadow called Pottersmeadowe between Tryell Mill & Carvecole in the tenure of Sibilla Browne widow & John her son. Also a messuage on the Stone Bridge with a barn & orchard & a croft adjoining & a messuage and garden in the tenure of Thomas Morris alias Milward. Also a messuage in the Foriet & a croft adjoining & a pasture called Brokesbury & all lands in the common fields there late in the tenure of Thomas Maunsell & now of Thomas Fraunce. Also a messuage situate and built near to the almes house of Holy Cross in the Foriet in the tenure of Richard Hatton. Also a messuage, two crofts & all arable lands to the same messuage belonging & the eighth part of a pasture called Chilton's More & the fifth part of Empsterskey in the tenure of Thomas Maddock. Also all the land & pasture called Hundreth in the tenure of Thomas Power and George Sutton. Also all that part and purpart of a barn in the Monks' Foriet near the town of Salop late in the hands and proper occupation of the late abbot and Convent of the late Monastery of S^t. Peter & Paul in the said Town only lately restored to the use of his existing (*hospitium*) lodging. Also a meadow called Carvecole medowe and one angular house and one little workshop (*opellam*) on the hill (*sup' montem*) and one messuage in Colham and one pasture called Judas Butt in the tenure of John Copland. Also a cottage below that house & a garden adjoining and a barn and one croft adjoining the barn in the tenure of Thomas Beehecott. Also ten landes of arable land in the common fields near Salop and one parcel of land called the Wytt Reynes in Cleyfeld containing by estimation one rood of land in the tenure of the said Thomas Beehecott. Also a messuage with a garden adjoining in Sgitlane in the tenure of Robert Gery and Thomas Gery. Also a tenement and a garden and three (*pet*) of waste land in the common fields in the tenure of Thomas Fraunce and another tenement and garden adjoining in the Foriet in the tenure of Thomas Osseley. Also a tenement and

garden adjoining in the Foriet in the tenure of Thomas Osseley and Johanna his wife. Also a messuage with barn and garden adjoining and one croft of land or orchard & ten landes in Barleffelde and Cleyfelde in the tenure of Humphrey Butler and Elizabeth his wife. Also a tenement in the tenure of Thomas Heynes. Also a tenement and a pasture called Aldefielde divided into two parts containing by estimation 20 acres in the tenure of Thomas Jones. Also a messuage and garden in the tenure of Thomas Cookes alias Smyth. Also a messuage and orchard adjoining and eight landes of land in Cleyhill and seven landes in Botefeld and six landes in Brockbery feld and five landes in Barlefeld all in the Foriet in the tenure of John Nicholas and Alice his wife. Also a messuage and garden adjoining and six landes of land in Barlefeld and Clayfeld in the tenure of William Higgenson. Also a messuage and garden adjoining in Meryvall in the said street and one tenement on the bridge there and two other tenements on the bridge there opposite the Mill and one croft of land lying in width between the two orchards and Milbroke and one small workshop on the said bridge and two cottages and one Garden situate in the said street in the tenure of Richard Osseley, all which said houses and lands belonged to the late Monastery of S^t. Peter and Paul.

We give also for the aforesaid consideration to the said Thomas Leigh and Francis Bowier all other messuages cottages mills houses edifices barns stables dove-cotes gardens orchards lands tenements meadows pastures waters fishings fisheries rents reversions services and hereditaments of every kind in the Town and fields of Salop near the said street of the Foriet formerly belonging to the Monastery of S^t. Peter and Paul to the extent of the annual rent of £6=6=6.

We further give to the said Thomas Leigh and Francis Bowier all woods underwoods and trees growing on the aforesaid premises and lands, together with the soil and ground on which they grow.

And we give to the said Thomas Leigh and Francis Bowier all the aforesaid hereditaments in as ample a manner as any Abbot or Prior of the said Monastery ever possessed them or as our father King Henry 8th or our brother King Edward 6th or our sister Queen Mary on the suppression of the said Monastery by Acts of Parliament obtained them and which hereditaments are of the clear annual value of £52 3s. 7½d. always however excepting all the Bells and all the lead on the premises as leaden gutters and lead in windows and all Advowsons and Incumbencies.

To hold to the said Thomas Leigh and Francis Bowier their heirs and assigns for ever of us our heirs and successors of our manor of Estgrenwich in the county of Kent in free socage and not in capite.

This Exemplification was inrolled at the request of Thomas Hatton gent. and Thomas Rocke.

THE FRIAR-PREACHERS, OR BLACKFRIARS, OF SHREWSBURY.*

By THE REV. C. F. R. PALMER.

SPEAKING of Shrewsbury, Leland says, "The House of the Blacke Fryers was of the Lady Genevilles Foundation, and this stood a litle without the Wall upon Severne Syde, at the end of Marwell Street." Camden states that . . . de Charleton was the founder; whilst it is declared by others that the friars' church was built by one Richard, a burgess of Shrewsbury, who was probably Richard Pride, at that time a great man in the town.¹ These various accounts may be reconciled, if Charleton gave the first site, Richard erected the church, and Lady Genevile built the domicile, as Leland implies; so that each of the three would have a just claim to the title of founder. Henry III., too, gave assistance both for the house and church.

Lady Maud de Genevile was the daughter of Gilbert de Lasce or Laci, and grand-daughter and co-heiress of the great Walter de Lasce, lord of Ludlow, who died about Easter, 1241. She was married, in 1243, to Peter de Geneva, who died in 1249, and before 1253, to Geoffry, lord of Vaucoulour (called in English records, Geynville or Genevile de Valle Coloris), brother of John, the celebrated companion and biographer of St. Louis, king of France. She and her second husband were alive in 1292; still, during her

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¹ Leland: Itin. Owen and Blakeway, Hist. of Shrewsbury.

short widowhood, about 1250, she might have supplied the friars of Shrewsbury with the means of fully establishing their house.

The friar-preachers betook themselves to Shrewsbury in, or shortly after, 1230, in obedience probably to an order of the provincial chapter held that year at Oxford. In May, 1232, Henry III. visited this town, and the friars hastened to secure the royal bounty in forwarding their settlement. On the 28th of that month the king gave them thirty *fusta* "ad operacionem ecclesie sue," and ten *robora* for fuel. These he commanded John de Monem' to let them have out of his bailiwick, where it would be best and nearest to their works, and do the least damage to the forest.¹ Being at Worcester, June 4th following, the king commanded the Sheriff of Salop to let the friars have the rock (*petra*) which lay in the Severn, under the bailey of Shrewsbury Castle, for the fabric of their church; and at the same time he enjoined J. de Monem' to give them, in place of the thirty *fusta*, thirty oaks out of the forest of La Lye, and the ten *robora* were to be taken from the forest of Hagenia.² Shortly after, Monemue ceased from the office of justiciary of the royal forests, and was succeeded by Peter de Rivallis, before the friars had received all their oaks. Thereupon the king, being again at Shrewsbury, August 9th, ordered the new justiciary to let them have the rest of the thirty and the ten trees.³

The priory stood south of St. Mary's Water Lane, anciently termed Water Lode, or as Leland calls it, Marwell Street, probably a corruption of Mary Well. On the west and south were the houses of the streets called Dogpole, and Under the Wyle leading to one of the bridges over the Severn. Close by on the west was the parish-church of St. Mary: the religious were often distinguished as St. Mary's Friars. The buildings were

¹ Claus. 16 Hen. III., m. 10.

^{2 3} Ibid. m. 6.

more than twenty years before they were completed. From time to time Henry III. made gifts of lime, stone, and money. He directed a mandate, March 8th, 1239-40, to the wardens of the works at Salopesbir', for thirty quarters of the king's lime to be given to the friars 'ad operacionem suam faciendam';¹ May 15th following, to the Sheriff of Salop, for twenty quarters out of the royal kiln at Mons Gileberti (the Wrekin) for the fabric of the church, but this the friars did not receive, for the plain reason that the sheriff had then no lime there;² March 14th, 1241-2, to the sheriff, for fifty *summæ* of lime under Mons Gilberti, and at the same time the bailiffs and sheriff of Salop to give two-hundred cart loads of those stones (*lapides*) which remained over in making the town-wall;³ July 18th, 1244, to the keeper of the bishopric of Chester, for ten marks for the fabric of the church;⁴ and November 6th, 1245, to the sheriff, for fifty *summæ* of the lime of the works of the royal castle of Salop, and this lime he was to carry to the friars' house for their works.⁵

The king granted to the friars, March 13th, 1241-2, "quod ad majorem securitatem domus sue, murum quo circumcingitur villa Salop' ubi corrui, possint contig-nare muro quo clauditur domus sua: et mandatum est probis hominibus Salop', quod ita fieri permittant."⁶ The town-wall was now being rebuilt, and the sheriff had a mandate, February 15th, 1245-6, "quod murum ville Salop' ire faciat juxta aquam subtus edificia fra-trum predicatorum ejusdem ville, prout per ipsum et Galfridum de Bello campo et alios de comitatu suo fuit provisum, et sicut idem vicecomes per literas suas regi significavit."⁷ In 1279, Edward I. willed that the

¹ Ibid. 24 Hen. III., m. 15.

² Rot. liberat. 24 Hen. III., m. 13.

³ Claus. 26 Hen. III., p. 1, m. 7.

⁴ Liberat. 28 Hen. III., m. 6.

⁵ Ibid. 30 Hen. III., m. 25.

⁶ Claus. 26 Hen. III., p. 1, m. 7.

⁷ Ibid. 30 Hen. III., m. 18.

town-wall contiguous to the site of the friars and their gate in the same wall should be raised to the height of eight feet, and November 6th, ordered the bailiffs and approved men to make the alteration out of the issues of the murage of the town.¹

The lands which the friars added to their site were not very considerable. A lane ran under their church towards the north, and the rain-floods along it did so much harm to their church, that they sought to have it altered. So they got a royal mandate, July 23rd, 1258, directed to Peter de Monte Forti, sheriff, James de Audithel, Thomas Corbet, and John Extraneus, who were to take with them the bailiffs and other approved men of, and outside, the town, and go as quickly as they could, and for the saving of the church provide, that the lane should be blocked up and turned elsewhere, as would be least to the detriment of the town.² All which was done. For enlarging the site, the king, for the weal of his soul and the souls of his ancestors and heirs, granted to the friars, June 2nd, 1263, in free and pure almoign, a plot of land which they had acquired on the banks of the Severn, lying between the curtilages of the men of the town and the river, and extending from their house towards the bridge.³ Simon de Wycumb, dean of St. Mary's Church, out of divine charity, and with the assent of the king and his fellow-canons, gave to the friars, in pure and perpetual almoign, the whole garden which once belonged to the deanery, and lay outside the town-wall which divided between the dean's house on the one part, and was girt on every other part by the friars' site; to be held of the dean and his successors: and for this gift, Andrew, lord of Wylibeg', gave the Church of St. Mary and the dean the yearly rent of 6s. 8d. out of the rent of 12s., which Robert Skile,

¹ Ibid. 7 Edw. I., m. 3.

² Pat. 42 Hen. III., m. 5.

³ Pat. 47 Hen. III., m. 10.

burgess of the town, was once accustomed to pay for two *selde* in the middle of the market-place. This grant of the garden received the royal confirmation March 5th, 1264-5.¹

The friars immediately desired to wall in the plot of land which the king had given them on the river bank; and as it appeared from the testimony of Peter de Monteforti, James de Altithele, and other trustworthy persons, that it was not to the injury of the townsmen, but it was rather to the security and utility of the town if the plot thus acquired was augmented, and being connected with the bridge was enclosed with a wall; so the king, for the souls of himself, his ancestors and heirs, March 7th, 1264-5, granted the requisite licence.² Under this licence the friars began to occupy in the Severn, and carried on the manual work for enlarging the plot. This, however, was opposed by the abbot and monks of Shrewsbury, as the occupation of the land seemed to be to their prejudice and disservice. But in a little time an agreement was framed. The monks conceded to the friars a curtilage next their court, in recompense of the *approving* on the Severn, and allowed them, within their own land and at the foot only, to close the fence so as to resist the violence of the river floods, lest the land should be laid waste. The abbot and prior should use their best endeavours to obtain from the king another curtilage contiguous to the priory by reasonable exchange, and the monks give a mark in aid. If this could not be done, the friars should return to their first estate, and the abbot take back his curtilage; and if they thought expedient the friars should resume their occupations in the Severn; saving to the abbey its legitimate defences, unless a peace was meanwhile formed again: but if the curtilages were assigned to the friars, they agreed to cease from their occupations and manual

¹ Rot. Cart. 49 Hen. III., m. 5.

² Ibid. no. 92.

works, and to renounce any royal instrument granted or to be granted for the occupation in the Severn. The abbot also released to the friars the yearly rent of 10d., which they were accustomed to pay to the abbey for two curtilages; granted them free faculty to acquire other curtilages there, if they could; wholly remitted the rent due to the abbey; and allowed the friars to repair the stank which he had destroyed.¹

But it is apparent that the parties fell back into their original condition. The friars secured the good offices of Prince Edward for the royal protection in what the king had granted to them. At the instance of this prince, Henry III., his father, conceded to the friars, February 20th, 1268-9, that they should peaceably hold the whole plot, together with the lane in Irkelande long blocked up, which they had of the royal gift, quit of all rent and service to the crown. Also the king conceded to them, as he had done before, whatever they had been able to acquire on the Severn next the plot, without any trouble or hindrance on the part of the crown or any others. Moreover, the king received into the royal protection and defence, the friars, the plot, the blocked-up lane, and the acquirement, forbidding, under grave forfeiture, that any should disturb them in these concessions, or damage, molest, or aggrieve them therein.²

In the inquisitions of Quo Warranto, taken about the year 1279, it was found that the friars had obstructed the way from the street of Doggepol, at Yrkyslode, which appears to have been a narrow lane leading from Dogpole down to the river.³ This was the lane stopped on account of the rain-floods.

A royal licence was granted, April 25th, 1346, for the bailiffs and commonalty of the town, to assign to the friars, for enlarging their homestead, a plot of land

¹ Agreement: in Owen and Blakeway.

² Pat. 58 Henry III., m. 21.

³ Owen and Blakeway.

lying between their churchyard and some land once belonging to Robert le Spicer. The plot was parcel of the town held of the crown in capite, was worth 1d. a year, and contained three perticates in length and 11ft. in breadth. It was to be enclosed with a wall of stone and mortar, and a door was to be made in the wall. It had been found on inquisition that this concession would not be injurious or dangerous to the town, nor lessen the farm rent which the burgesses paid to the crown.¹

In 1346, the friars received a royal confirmation dated June 20th, of the grants of June 2nd, 1263, March 5th, and March 7th, 1264-5, and February 20th, 1268-9.²

The friars obtained a royal licence, August 1st, 1365, for Nicholas Gerard, of Salopia to assign a plot of land to them in a field between the town and a wood called Monkesmore. The plot was 20ft. long and 20ft. broad, and was held of the crown by the service of a peppercorn; and in it was a spring called Flegwell. This plot they were to enclose and cover over, and from the spring to make an underground conduit to their house, and lay underground pipes in places where it could be most conveniently done, with the assent of those whom it concerned; and they were empowered to examine and repair the conduit and pipes as often and where it became necessary.³ "These," say Owen and Blakeway, "must, of course, have been laid under the river; a degree of contrivance which one should scarcely have supposed to have been known in that age" But that *age* was fully equal to more difficult undertakings than the engineering skill required to sink a lead pipe into a river bed.

Although the buildings of the priory stood outside the town-wall, some part of the land lay contiguous within, as the wall divided the land into two portions. The inconvenience was great, as the only access to the

¹ Pat. 20 Edw. III., p. 2, m. 26.

² Cart. 20 Edw. III., no. 8.

³ Pat. 39 Edw. III., p. 2, m. 29.

part within was roundabout through the town-gate. Many burgesses had posterns in the wall for their own private uses; and in 1380, the friars petitioned the king that they might enjoy a similar privilege. The royal licence was granted, May 1st, and they were empowered to make a postern over against the front of St. Mary's Church, for the carriage of necessities by hand only. But when the king pleased, on a reasonable cause, the friars at their own cost were to do away with the postern, and close the wall again when any imminent danger threatened the town: and they were to find security before the bailiffs that no damage or danger should happen to the town through this postern.¹

The provincial chapter of the order was celebrated here at the festival of the Assumption, 1299, and again in 1345. The king ordered the barons of the exchequer, March 14th, 1299-1300, to allow Thomas Corbet, sheriff of Salop and Stafford, in his accounts, £10 13s. 4d. he had given for two days' food of the late chapter.² In 1345, the writ "De orando pro rege," was issued, August 5th, to the capitular fathers; ³ and December 2nd, the usual royal alms of £15. was given for the expenses of the assembly.⁴

Speed asserts that Lady Charleton, probably the foundress, was buried here.⁵ William de Hadleg', escheater in Shropshire, bequeathed to these friars £10, which his executors paid over to them under the obligation that the sum should be returned if it was needed for the payment of his debts to the crown in the discharge of his office. The friars petitioned Henry III. that the executors might be acquitted of the payment of the sum in part payment of the debts, and thereupon the king, August 5th, 1261, issued a mandate to the barons of the exchequer in accordance with

¹ Pat. 3 Rich. II., p. 2, m. 1.

² L. T. R. Memoranda Rolls, 29 Edw. I., ro. 29 d.

³ Claus. 19 Edw. III., p. 2, m. 18 d.

⁴ Exit. scac. Mich. 20 Edw. III., m. 16.

⁵ Speed's Historie.

the request.¹ Soon after Michaelmas, 1291, this convent received 100s. from the executors of Queen Eleanor of Castile, through F. William de Hotham, provincial, to whom the money was paid by Robert de Middelton.²

F. Thomas de Ringstead, bishop of Bangor, spent his closing days amongst his brethren in this convent. Here he made his last will, December 3rd, 1365, and here he died, January 8th following; but he ordered his body to be buried in London. F. John Beauchamp and F. Nicholas de Monnington were two of the executors; and F. Thomas Ivelcestre was a witness of the will. The bishop, in life, was a benefactor to the friars here, but made no bequest in their favour.³ By will made on the day of her death, August 4th, 1369, Katherine countess of Warwick, bequeathed £20 to the friar-preachers of Shrewsbury.⁴ She was the daughter of Roger Mortimer, first earl of March, and her mother, Joan de Geneville, countess of March, was the granddaughter of Maud, foundress of this house; and it is probable that from this connection Edward IV., heir of both these families, bestowed especial notice on this convent.

The master-general, July 5th, 1391, "concessit magistro Rogero Clismer confessionem (*confessarium*?) et assignavit eum conventui suo Salopesburie, et concessit ei socium, cum quo possit exire conventum, et eum occupare, et quod possit recipere duo annualia, et dimittere bona infra ordinem ad beneplacitum, et venire ad ipsum reverendissimum magistrum." And December 1st following, he confirmed to the same F. Roger de Cleysmer all the graces conceded to him by any master of the order, and by the provincial of his province.⁵ F. John Richard was a man of some note

¹ Rot. fin. 45 Hen. III.

² Rot. (garder.) liberat. pro regina, etc. 19-20 Edw. I.

³ Willis's Bangor.

⁴ Nicholas' Testamenta Vetusta.

⁵ Reg. Mag. Gen. Ordinis Romæ asservat.

in his time : he preached before Richard II. on Christmas Day, 1383, at Eltham, and received the royal alms of 20s. for his sermon ; on Easter Day, April 6th, 1393, at Eltham, being then S. Th. Mag. ; and on Good-Friday, March 31st, 1396, before noon and again after dinner, at York, and was rewarded at Eltham with 40s., and at York with the same amount. In 1398, he is mentioned as belonging to Shrewsbury.¹

Henry, prince of Wales, abode for a considerable time at Shrewsbury, in the spring of 1403. On his first arrival in the town, in April, he attended the church of the friar-preachers, and made an offering of 6s. 8d. On the feast of the Ascension, May 24th, and on the feast of Pentecost, June 3rd, high mass was celebrated in this church in his presence, and at each time he made an offering of 3s. 4d.² The presence of the prince at Shrewsbury was occasioned by the rebellion of the Percys which was ended by the battle of Shrewsbury, fought July 20th, 1403. King Henry IV. and his son, Prince Henry, were in the engagement, while the army of the Percys was led by Sir Henry Percy, surnamed Hotspur. Although the conflict lasted only three hours, it was a most obstinate and bloody affair. Hotspur was slain, and with him the cause of his family fell. Out of 24,000 combatants, 6,000 privates perished, of whom two thirds were in Percy's army. On the part of the king many persons of rank fell, and amongst them Edmund de Stafford, Sir Richard le Scrope of Bolton, Sir Hugh Shirley, Sir John Clifton, Sir John Cockayn, Sir Nicholas Gausell, Sir John Massey (of Puddington), Sir Walter Blunt, Sir John Calverley, Sir Hugh Mortimer, Sir Robert Gausell, etc. The bodies were buried chiefly in a great pit, and in various directions for the space of three miles round the battle-field ; but those of distinguished rank were interred in

¹ Comp. custod. gard. hosp. Regis, 7-8 Rich. II. Ibid. 16-17 Rich. II. Lib. contrarot. c. g. h. r. 19-20 Rich. II.

² Comp. d'ni Sim. Bache, thes. hospic. Hen. prin. Wall', 4 Hen. IV. Rec. of Exch. Miscel. ⁶⁰/₁₀

the town of Shrewsbury, and for the most part in the Dominican churchyard.¹

To this convent belonged F. Philip Boyden, who received the religious habit and made his profession here. He became prior of King's Langley, but was deposed by the master-general of the order, and sent back to Shrewsbury, and forbidden to return to Langley; and this decree, among other matters, was affirmed, August 26th, 1426, by Pope Martin V.²

In the Wars of the Roses the men of Shrewsbury were zealous partizans of the House of York. Richard, Duke of York, was slain in the Battle of Wakefield, December 30th, 1460, his son Edward, Earl of March, being then resident in Shrewsbury, where he kept the Christmas within the house of the friar-preachers.³ The Earl became King of England, March 4th following, under the title of Edward IV. After he had firmly settled himself on the throne, by the second and final expulsion of Henry VI., April 14th, 1470-1, he sent his queen (Elizabeth Woodville) here to be delivered of her second son, who was born in 1473. He chose the house of these friars for her residence, and seems to have accompanied her hither; at least it is certain that he was in Shrewsbury during a part of the same year. The queen also gave birth here to her third son, George. These two sons, thus born in the hospitium of this convent, met with early deaths; Richard, Duke of York, was murdered, with his elder brother, Edward V., 1483, in the Tower of London; George, Duke of Bedford, died an infant.⁴

F. Richard Schersmyth, of the convent of *Sthreny-shyrie*, was empowered, May 17th, 1478, by the master-general, "semel in anno plenarie confiteri."⁵ The foreign amanuensis evidently had before him *Schrewysbyrie*, which he carefully endeavoured to copy.

¹ Owen and Blakeway. Baker.

² Bullar. Ord, Praed. tom. II.

³ Wilh. Wyrcester, Annales Rerum Anglic. Leland's Collect.

⁴ Owen and Blakeway.

⁵ Reg. Mag. Gen. Ord.

About the year 1480, the prior and convent made complaint concerning certain nuisances which they suffered, and the following letter was written, in the name of the Prince of Wales, to the bailiffs of the town, for remedying the evils :—

“ BY THE PRINCE.

Trusty and wellbeloved, we grete you well, and where as it is greuously *represented unto us* by the prioure and convent of the frers prechers within the town of Shrovesbury being, *that certain inhabitants* of the said town have laied dunge, guttes, and other garbage of bests, *in their way* as they shuld com into the said town, whiche is to the great annoyance of *the said frers*, also that hogges bring in the said karen into their chirch when *they be assembled* there to goddes plesure, and also, as it is said, letteth gretly the devocon of *such persons as have* divers tymes comen into the said chirche, and have arrested *their charity* of partie. Whiche is to the breche of the privelage of the said place graunted *unto them by our* progenitors. We therfor desire and pray you to goo to the said place, and se and *understand the truthe* of the same, and theruppon to set suche a redresse and remedie herin as may sownde *to the honour* of almighty god, and the wele of the said place. So as they shall have no cause of *applying unto us* for their firther remedie in eny part of the premisses. Not failing thereof *as we look from you*. Geven under our Signet at the Castell of ludlow the Vth day of Decemb

To oure trusty and welbeloved the Bailies of the Town of Shrovesbury, and to either of them.”¹

In 1484, F. Robert Ellysmar, prior of the friar-preachers of Salop, granted a participation in the merits of all their prayers, fasts, etc., to Thomas Wyttecome and Elizabet his wife. This Thomas and his wife were, doubtless, benefactors ; he was a gentleman of ancient family, seated at Berwick, near Atcham, from the reign of Henry IV. to that of George I.² Thomas Forster, of Isdale, by his will, September 21st, 1522, left a small

¹ Letter : in Owen and Blakeway. The words in italics are conjecturally supplied.

² Gough's MSS. Bibl. Bodl.

legacy to St. Mary's friars, by which name the friar-preachers here latterly were in general called.¹

The friar-preachers here maintained themselves in good report, and received marks of respect from their fellow-townsmen down to the last. When the corporation, in 1531, ordered their "chamburleyn to persue the dettes of the towne or ellas have no fee," it was added "that the blak freres shall have xls. of such dettes as can be recovered." And in the corporation accounts from Michaelmas 28th to 29th, Henry VIII., occurs — "Regardo Provinciali fratrum predicator. p'dicanti & pronuncianti verbu' Dei p' tota' ebdomada' rogaconum'" (May 6th—12th, 1537), reward to the provincial of the friar-preachers for preaching and pronouncing the Word of God through the whole of Rogation-week, 10s.²

The Suffragan-bishop of Dover made his visitation of Shrewsbury in August, 1538, and on the 13th he received the surrender of the Greyfriars and the Augustinians, but left the blackfriars for awhile.

"M^d. thys xij day of august In y^e xxx^d yere of owr most dred sov'en lord kyng he'ry the viijth rycharde byschope of Dou' & vysyter vnder the lorde p'uy seal for y^e kyngs grace was In schrewysbery wher y^t In p'sens of master edmu'de cole and master adam a mytton balys ther The sayd vysyter was In all y^e iij placeys of fryers and ther accordeyng to his comysyon vysyte y^e sayd howseys & ther toke In eche place an Inue'tory of all ther goods and comyttyd y^e same to y^e before nameyd balys custody tyll y^e kyngs plesure be farther knowyn and as towcheyng the graye fryers to y^e black-fryers he gave certen Iniunxeyons toke ther accounts & so lefte them to kepe goode order & thus leuy'ge both y^e graye and austen howseys w^t y^e portena's & stufte In y^e balys handds by Inde'turs & so dep'tyd thys wyttenesseythe the sayd balys w^t other.

p' me EDMUND COLE.
p' me ADAM MYTTON."³

The proceedings of the suffragan in regard to the

¹ ² Owen and Blakeway.

³ Treas. of Rec. of Exch., vol. A $\frac{8}{11}$ fol. 42.

blackfriars are best related in his own words, taken from his letters to Cromwell. On the same August 13th, from this town, he informed his master that he had lately taken into the king's hands two convents in Worsetur, one in Brygenorthe, one in Atherston, one in Lechefeld, two in Stafforde, one in Newcastle und' Lyne, "and ij in schrewysbery : and ther on standeythe styll, the occasyon of yt standeynge ys be cause that I alwaye haue declaryd y^t I had no comyssyon to suppresse no howse, nor no' I dede suppresse but suche as war not abull to lyve : yff they gave ther howsys In to the kyngs hannds for pou'te, I receyueyed them and alls no'. now for y^t howse In Schrewysbery y^t standeyth' yt ys of the blacke fryers and I cowde fynde no gret cause In them to cause them to gyve vp, and also yt schall declare y^t I do not suppresse the howsys but suche as gyve vp ; seyng that su' stande (and not all put downe). In Schrewysbery be iij howsys ; the blacke fryers stande as before I haue wrytyn, the graye fryers had conveyed all" *etc.*¹ In the next letter, August 23rd, from Ludlowe, the suffragan wrote, "I haue lefte but one co'ue't stondeyng, & that ys y^e blacke fryers of schrewsbery, for y^e whyche ther shall be gret sute made to yow to haue yt stonde styll, and that specyally by one of y^e balys mast' adam a mytton, the wyche as he saythe ys moche bownde to yowr lordschype, and for yowr sake he made me grett chere ; yet for all y^t I wolde y^t he had su' plesur, but not y^t plesur." After speaking of another similar suit from the Augustinian prior, he continues, "theys ij suts I ware lothe schulde be harde, how be yt, as yt shall plese y^e kyngs grace & yowr lordschype yt shall plese me."² Again, August 27th, from Harforde-est, he urged the suppression. "(In Schrewysbery) The Blacke Fryeres yet standeythe, and for the contynewans of that shall be made moche labour to yow. I praye yow grauntt nott

¹ Original letter : Cotton MSS, Cleopatra E. IV., p. 248:

² Miscellaneous Letters, temp. Hen. VIII. 2nd series, vol. viii., no. 180.

but as I shall order that accordenge to my commyssyon, for the standeynge of that makeythe me to haue more besynes in dyverse placeys than I schulde haue."¹

But before Michaelmas the friars were driven out, and in October the superfluous buildings were pulled down in five days, and the materials sold for £23 14s. 2d. The sale of the goods here, and at the greyfriars, realised 75s. Although the suffragan had made the return that there was no lead here, or at the whitefriars, except small gutters, still out of that metal at the three friaries 61 sows were cast, valued at £88 3s. One bell of the blackfriars, weighing 1 cwt., was sold to John Gitton for 19s. ; the other bell, weighing 7 cwt., and valued at 112s., remained unsold for upwards of a twelvemonth.² The plate of "the Blacke fryers in Shrewesbury" was delivered into the royal treasury, April 25th, 1539, by Thomas Thacker.³

The debts of the community at the dissolution amounted to 64s. for victuals and other articles, being 20s. to John Dawes, 36s. to Robert Barton, and 8s. to Alice Selbeye; all of which were paid by the crown-collector of rents. The site of the convent, with the waste land of the superfluous buildings, the orchard of 4a. lying west of the Severn, the churchyard of 1r., and another parcel of land $\frac{1}{2}$ r., at the west end of the church, all which had not been let before the dissolution, were now let to Thomas Penson (Benson or Bentson), one of the king's sergeants, and crown-collector, for 20s. ; and a garden had been let to Thomas Chorleton, for 3s. ; a cottage to William Whitacre, for 2s. 8d. ; and Richard Merke had a tenement for 8s. 8d. : total, 34s. 4d. a year.⁴ William Penson, of the royal household, obtained, November 25th, 1541, a lease of the site, orchard, churchyard, and parcel of land, at the

¹ Orig. Cotton MSS. ut supra, p. 268.

² Treas. of Rec. of Exch., vol. A $\frac{8}{11}$, fol. 5. Ministers' Accounts *infra*.

³ Account of Monastic Treasures confiscated. (Abbotsford Club.)

⁴ Ministers' Accounts, 30-31 Hen. VIII., no. 100. Et seq. annis.

former rent of 20s. ; in the same lease was included the site of the greyfriars for 28s. 9d. a year.¹

The particulars for the sale of the whole were made out for Richard Androys, and included the lease to *Thomas Penson*, and the holdings of *Chorleton*, *White* and *Merike*.² By royal grant, July 4th, 1543, along with other church property to the value of £2,403 5s. 2d., the *Blake Fryers* was conveyed to Richard Andrewes, of Hayles, co. Glouc., and Nicholas Temple (his agent or trustee), and his heirs and assigns for ever, to be held by the 20th part of a fief and the yearly rent or tenth of 3s. 5½d. ; with the issues from the previous Michaelmas.³ Andrewes had the royal licence, August 26th, 1544, Temple being now dead, to transfer the whole to Roger Lewys, *alias* Pope, of the town of Salop, draper ;⁴ and since that time the land has passed into many hands.

In 1610, Speed depicts the site as bare, except a single dwelling house between the town wall and the Severn ; and in course of time this house, too, disappeared. In 1801, the upper part of the Friars was partially levelled. A gentleman then saw a skeleton dug up 7ft. 2in. in length ; and an eminent physician saw five skeletons laid close together, without any appearance of a coffin : they were young subjects, with the teeth firm in their heads, and were probably some of those that fell at Battle Field, in 1403. In September, 1823, the site of the friary was very extensively levelled for a new wharf, and the foundations of three chambers were laid open, all of them 31ft. long, one of them 20ft., and another 18ft. wide. They seem to have been only cellars or subterraneous apartments ; but many fragments of mullions, of a very handsome late Gothic style, were discovered, and many pieces of very small octagonal pillars of an elegant form.⁵

¹ Misc. Books of Court Augm., vol. cexiv. (leases), fol. 8b.

² Particulars for grants, temp. Hen. VIII.

³ Rot. Orig. 35 Hen VIII., p. 3, ro. 101.

⁴ Ibid. 36 Hen. VIII., p. 4, ro. 116.

⁵ Owen and Blakeway.

THE MITTON AND LUDLOW PEDIGREES.

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THE value of a Pedigree depends upon its authenticity, and its authenticity depends very much upon the support it receives from extraneous evidence. One of our commonest sources of genealogy is the records left by the officers of the College of Arms at their Visitations of the several counties, but some of the originals of these documents have disappeared, and we fall back upon copies made about the same time, from a collation of which, and comparison with Wills, deeds, papers, &c., we are able to trace the descent which has been lost.

The original Visitations were, of course, subject to the disadvantage of defective or false information and the errors of clerks in their entry, and since many of the manuscripts were written in a character which requires the experience of years to read with accuracy, it is not surprising that in the multiplied copies we find multiple errors. There are two other causes which render these sources of information defective. Firstly, they, for the most part, ignore younger branches of a family and their offspring in the upper part of the pedigree, and give fully only those who were well known to the family at the time the visitation was made; secondly, if a family removed from one county to another they only give a reference to the former county or country where they had previously been seated, and sometimes even this is omitted. For the most part Visitations ceased after the Restoration. The last for the county of Salop is that held by Dugdale in 1663-4; the one immediately previous was held by Robert Treswell,

Esq^{re}, of Somerset, and Aug^t Vincent, Rouge Croix, 1623. The original volumes are extant and preserved with laudable care in the College of Arms. By the kind courtesy of Her Majesty's Officers at Arms, some of whom are personal friends of the writer, he has had opportunities of examining these volumes and making some interesting extracts from them. From these, in conjunction with the Mytton MSS., which certainly ought to furnish authentic evidence, he has drawn out the accompanying pedigree of Mitton.

The word Wilts in many copies of the Mitton Descent is probably a misreading for Fitz. The subsequent alliances are for the most part with neighbouring Shropshire families.

There is a decided break in the pedigree between John Mytton and Haukin Mytton which is marked in the *Heralds' Visitation* by a dotted line, the usual sign of illegitimacy, though in the present instance I am inclined to believe it rather denotes a question in the mind of the authors as to whether Haukin Mytton was the son of this particular John Mytton and Anne, his wife, or some other relation—*e.g.*, nephew. Some of the alliances would seem to suggest that John Mitton was of much later date than Haukin Mytton.

Though the progeny of Richard, the younger brother of Thomas Mitton, died out in the male line at a comparatively speaking early period, yet he founded a family both widely spread and of considerable influence on the borders of Shropshire. We have several members of the family of Mitton of Weston mentioned, besides those enumerated in the pedigree, thus: Elizabeth Mytton was the wife of Thomas Scott, of the Heath, near Shiffnall, who died about 1630, and their daughter, Mary, was the wife of Francis Forster, of Ruckley Grange; Joan, the daughter of Edward Mitton, of Weston, was the wife of Robert Forster, of Barton Green, a younger son of Robert Forster, of Evelith, living 1531, and Catherine, daughter of William Barker, of Coulshurst; and again, in the Records of the Mercers'

Guild of Shrewsbury, in 1576, Thomas, son of Edward Mytton of Weston, co. Stafford, ar., was made freeman for 16s. 8d., and in 1580 William, son of Edward Mytton of Weston, co. Staff., esquier, was apprenticed to Thomas Mytton for seven years, and in the following year he was transferred from Thomas Mytton to Richard Powell, gent. We also find under the date 1586 that John Lloyd, son of Thomas Lloyd, of Domgay, co. Montgomery, gent., was apprenticed to William Mytton for eight years.

PEDIGREE OF MYTTON.

ROGER (MYTTON of Fitz) = Anne, dau. to Richard Hussey.

Stephen = Jane, dau. of Phillip Strange of Knockin.

Edwin = Jocosa, dau. of William Pursell.

Phillip = Jane, dau. of Sir Henry Vernon.

Sir Adam Peshale = . . . heiress of John Weston of Weston under Lizzard.

William = Anne, dau. of William Picton.

Adam of Weston = Elizabeth, coheir of Phillip ab Rhys.

John = Anne, dau. of Sir Frances Darrell.

Robert =

Haukin = Alicia.

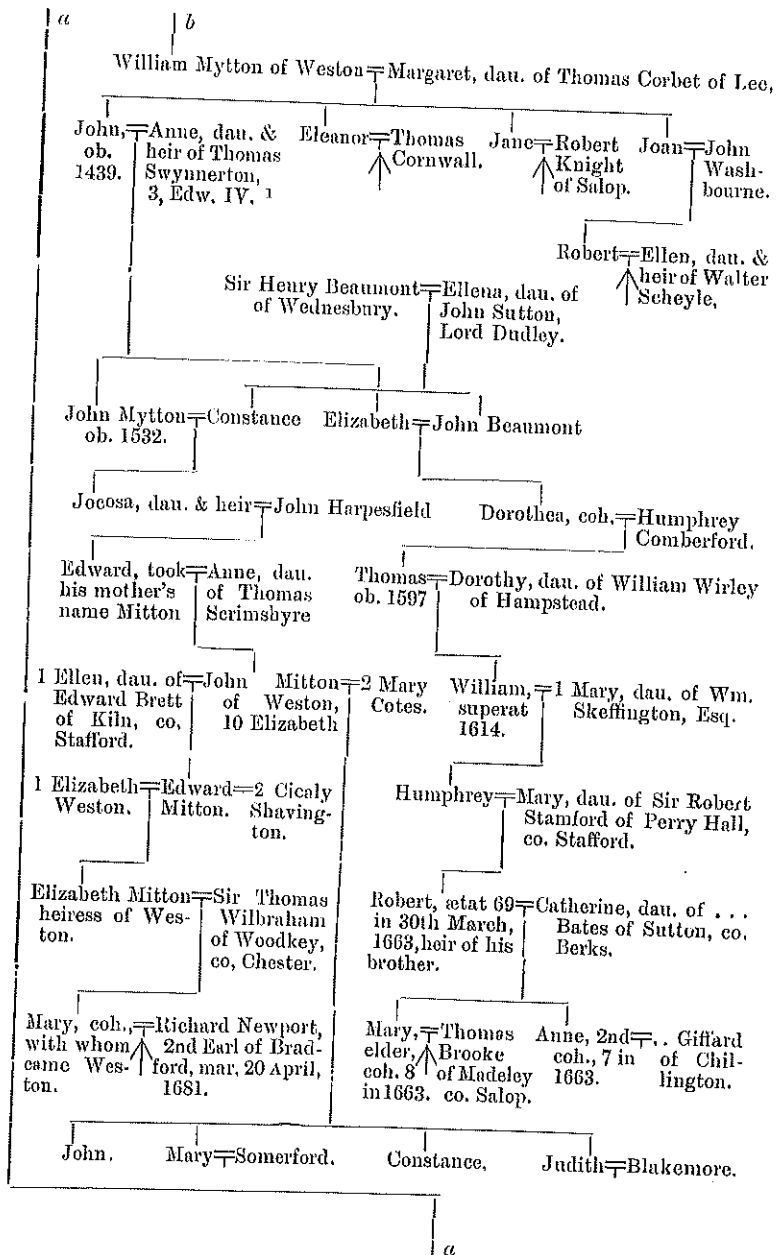
Sir Adam = Jocosa, sister and heir of John Lord Bottourt.

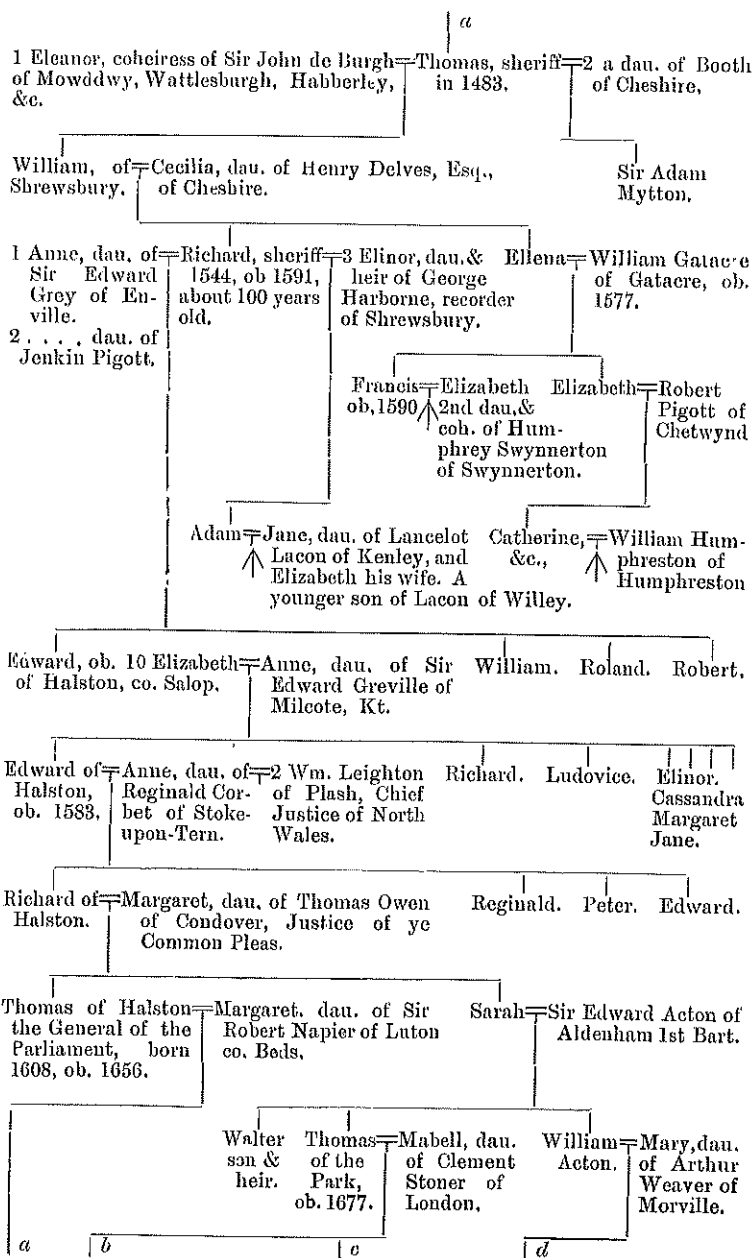
Reginald of Shrewsbury = Anne, sole dau. and heir of Hamon Vychau, son of Thomas by Anne Eyton of Eyton.

Johanna = . . . de Birmingham, coh. \uparrow ham,

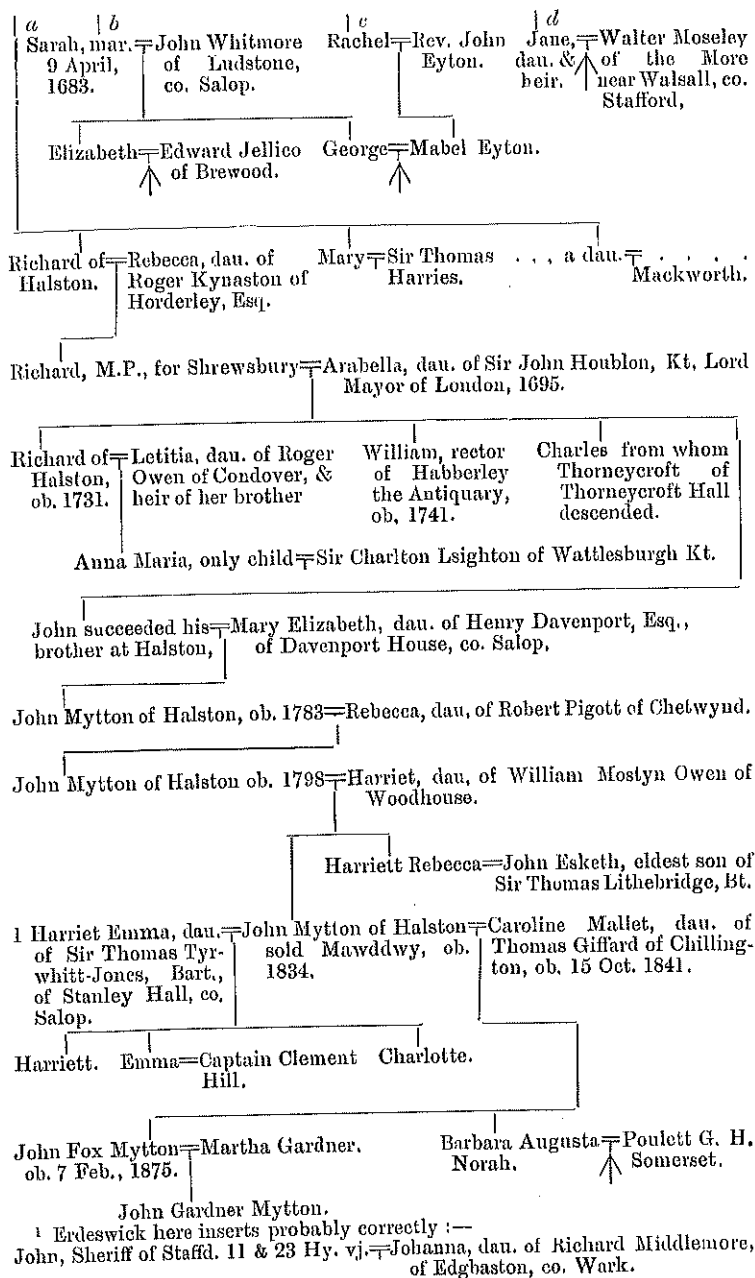
Thomas = Cecille Burleigh, heiress of William Boerley the last of her race. N.B.—Cecilia Burleigh sometimes called Agnes, was the dau. of William and Isabella his wife, dau. of William Tour of Shrewsbury, by Jane, dau. and heir of John Pride of the same place.

Richard, 2nd son. = Margaret coheir.

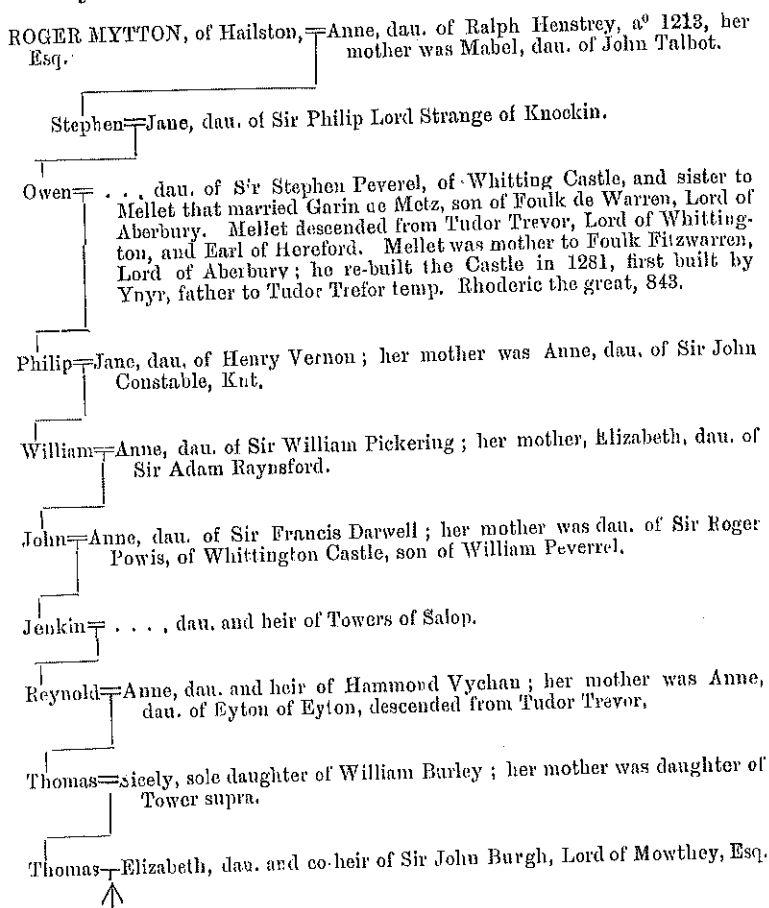




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In a very scarce book of pedigrees, compiled by John Reynolds, of Oswestry, antiquarian, and printed at Chester in 1739, occurs the following under the head of 'Mytton of Hailston, near Oswestry,' :—



Margaret, the wife of William Mytton, of Weston, was the daughter of Thomas Corbet, of Lea, by Jane, daughter of Sir John Boerley, of Bromcroft, in Corvedale, and so related to the wife of her husband's uncle.

Sir Henry Beaumont, of Wednesbury, died 11 Ed.

IV., and was the son of Sir Henry Beaumont, who obtained his Wednesbury estate through his wife, Joan, daughter and heir of William Leventhorp. Sir Henry was second son of Henry Lord Beaumont, son of John Lord Beaumont, son of another Henry Lord Beaumont (by Margaret, daughter of John de Vere, Earl of Oxford, ob^t 43 Ed. 3, son of John Lord Beaumont, ob^t 16 Ed. 3, by the Lady Eleanor Plantagenet, sister of Henry Duke of Lancaster.) So that in this way the Mittons of Weston were descended from the Royal House.

Ellena, or Eleanor, the mother of John Beaumont and his sister, Constance Mitton, of Weston, was the daughter of John Sutton Lord Dudley, K.G., by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Berkeley, of Beverston, and widow of Sir Edward Charlton Lord Powis. This John was son of another John Sutton Lord Dudley (by Constance, daughter of Sir Walter Blount), son of John (by his second wife, Joan, daughter of Sir John de Clinton, of Maxtoke Castle, co. Warwick) son of John Sutton and Isabell, daughter of Sir John de Charleton Lord Powis.

There are in Shropshire two very illustrious sources of descent through which the royal blood of the ancient British monarchy has been distributed amongst many families of less noble and more modern origin. One is that derived from Sir John de Burgh through his four co-heirs; the other that derived from the Charletons Lords Powis, the former representing a line of the Princes of South Wales, the latter a line of the Princes of Powys. It will be observed that the Mitton family have both. The Shrewsbury branch of the family has the former descent through the marriage of Thomas Mitton, Sheriff of Salop, in 1483, with Eleanor, co-heir of the above Sir John de Burgh; and, as we have just seen, the Weston branch of the family gains the latter from the Charletons. At a subsequent period, however, after the representation of the Weston branch had passed, by an heiress, to the Wilbrahams, their heiress, by marriage with Richard Newport, united the two

descents, he being the descendant and senior representative of William Newport and Elizabeth, eldest daughter and co-heir of Sir John de Burgh.

Elizabeth Mytton, of the Weston line, was, by her union with John Beaumont, the mother of sundry co-heirs. Dorothy was the wife of Humphrey Cumberland, Ellena of Humphrey Babington, and Agnes of William Babington (*Har^m. MS.*, 6128). Their grandchild, William Cumberland, married Mary, the daughter of William Skeffington, of the Whiteladies, co. Salop, and Joan Leveson, his wife. In the Skeffington Pedigree, two generations lower than Mary, we find that Cecilia Skeffington (whose mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Dering, of Pluckley, in Kent) was the wife of Edward Mytton, *esq^{re}*, who died 19th Feb^y. 1637, seized of the Manor of Bobington, co. Stafford. Mitton is not an uncommon name, there being places so called on the borders of Yorkshire, and also a manor and estate in Staffordshire, between Penkridge and Lapley.

Mary, the daughter of Sir Robert Staunford, or Stanford, belonged to a family whose pedigree is given in several Staffordshire MSS. Her father was seated at Perry Hall, near Birmingham, and her mother was Anne, daughter of John Leveson, of Wolverhampton. Sir Robert's grandfather had a brother, Thomas Stanford, of Rowley, co. Stafford, who married the daughter and heir of Henshawe, Mayor of Gloucester, by whom he left issue. He had also a natural son, Roger Stanford, of Handsworth, who married Margery, daughter of Walter Blount, of Astley, co. Worcester, and grand-daughter of Sir Thomas Blount, of Kinlet, by Isabel, daughter and co-heir of Walter Acton, of Acton, co. Worcester. From an old family deed belonging to the writer it is evident that their son, Robert, married Magdalen, daughter of Robert Whorwood, of Sandwell, *Esq^{re}*, a fact which does not otherwise appear.

There is a slight discrepancy in the pedigrees as to

the issue of Humphrey Cumberford and Mary Stanford. According to Brooke the Herald, whose version is given in the text, Robert was their son, and succeeded his eldest brother, William, who died unmarried; but according to the pedigree in Shaw's *History of Staffordshire* Robert was the son of William. Mary became sole heir, her sister, Anne, dying without issue.

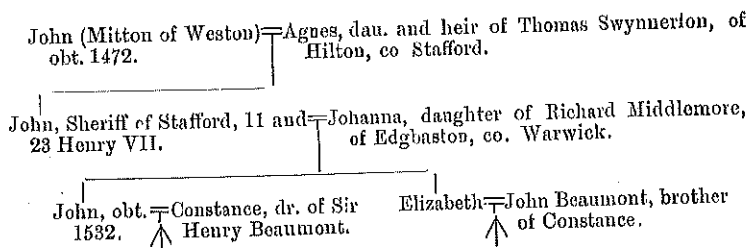
The ancestry of Eleanor, co-heiress of Sir John de Burgh and wife of Thomas Mitton of Shrewsbury, Sheriff in 1483, is very fully given in a valuable work entitled *The Princes of South Wales*, by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Bridgeman, Rector of Wigan.

Sir Edward Grey, of Enville, married twice—viz., Joyce, daughter of John Hoorde, and Elizabeth, daughter of Sampson Erdeswick, though some make all his issue by Joyce Hoorde. His father, Humphrey Grey, had married Anne, daughter of William Fielding, of Newnham Paddox, and his grandfather, Robert, a younger brother of Edward Lord Grey, of Groby, had obtained the Whittington and Enville estates with his wife Eleanor, daughter and heir of Humphrey Lowe, of Whittington and Enville. His daughter, Anne, is not mentioned in the *Visitations of Warwickshire* in 1619 (Har.^m MS., 1167), and there Joyce Hoorde is the only wife mentioned; but in Harleian MS., 1556, where the two sisters, Cassandra and Joyce, are mentioned as wives respectively of William Whorwood, Attorney-General, and John Whorwood, of Compton, they are especially designated daughters of Sir Edward Grey, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sampson Erdeswick.

Anne, the daughter of Elizabeth Grevill, of Milcote, is mentioned in Har.^m MS., 1167, though the marriage is not given. Her mother was Anne, daughter of John Denton, of Amersden, by Isabell, relict of Philip Purefoy, and daughter of John Brome, of Baddesley Clinton, co. Warwick, and Beatrice, daughter of Sir Ralph Shirley, of Leicestershire. Sir Edward Grevill was the son of John Grevill, by Jane, daughter of Sir Humphrey Forster, of Arden-in-Henley.

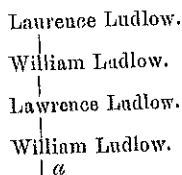
Reginald Corbet, of Stoke, father of Ann, wife of Edward Mytton, of Halston, was a younger son of Sir Robert Corbet, of Morton Corbet, and Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Vernon, of Tong Castle, co. Salop. His wife was Alice Gratwood.

But before leaving this pedigree we must notice the account of the celebrated Staffordshire Historian, Erdeswick, who gives another generation between the two Johns thus:—

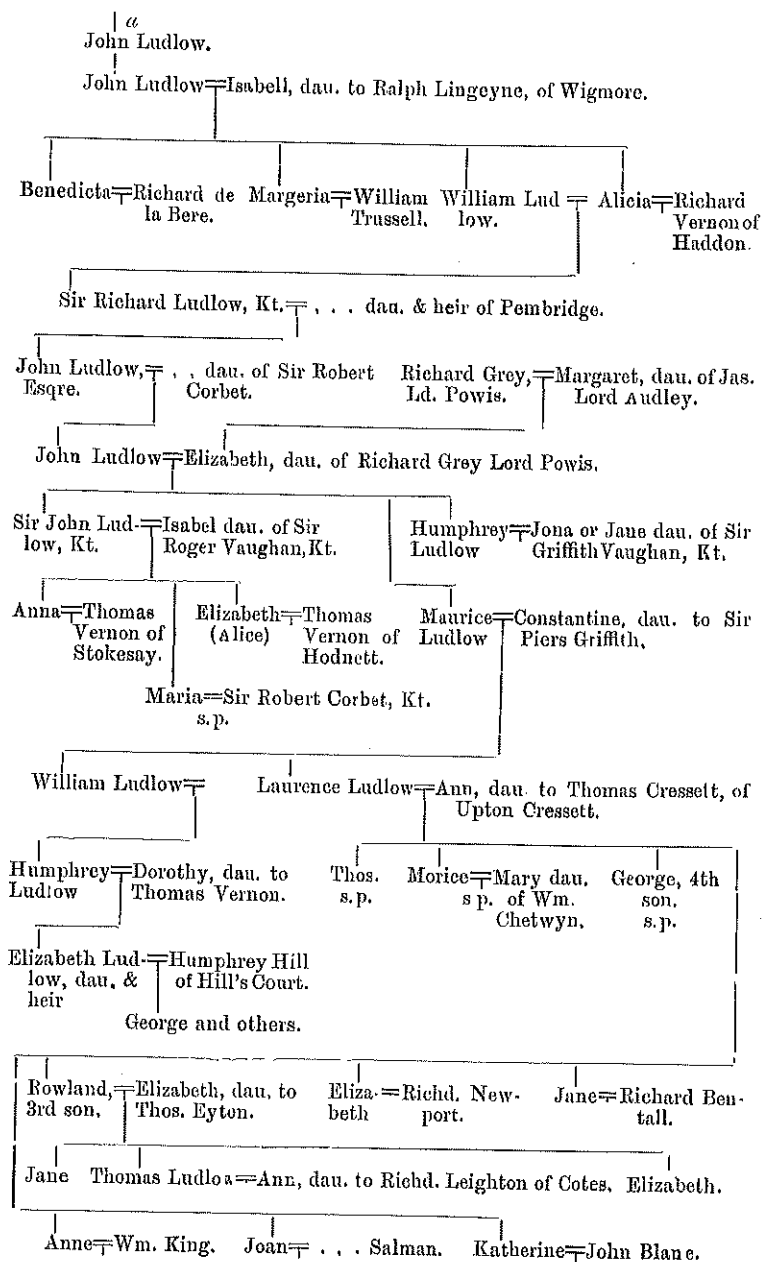


This, founded upon evidence, seems to be the correct version. Where the same Christian name constantly recurs, omissions of a generation are easily made.

The fact of variations in copies of pedigrees of old standing are rather to be expected, but in many cases they can be corrected by collating them, when it becomes evident how the error has arisen, either, perhaps, through a transcriber or the misplacing of a generation. The Vernon pedigree is one in point. A great number of versions of this pedigree exist, all differing somewhat, and so also with their relatives, the Ludlows. The following is the version given by Dugdale, the original MS. of which was formerly in the possession of Francis Benthall, Esq., F.S.A., of Buckfast Abbey:—

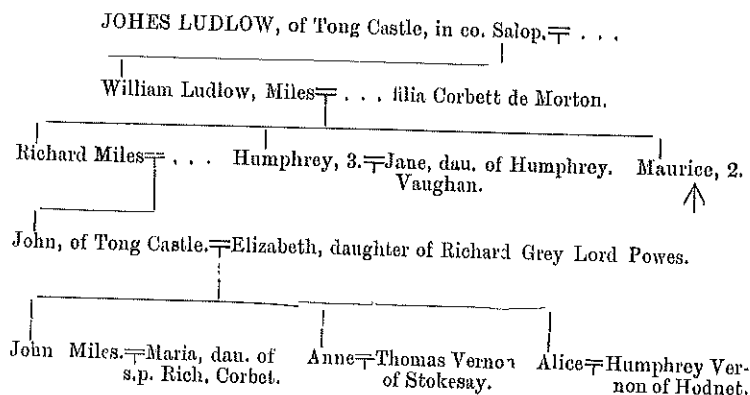


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With this agrees a pedigree kindly sent by T. J. de Mazzinghi, Esq., taken from MS. 355 in the W^m. Salt Library at Stafford.

The following is the same pedigree, as taken from Harleian MS. 4031 :—

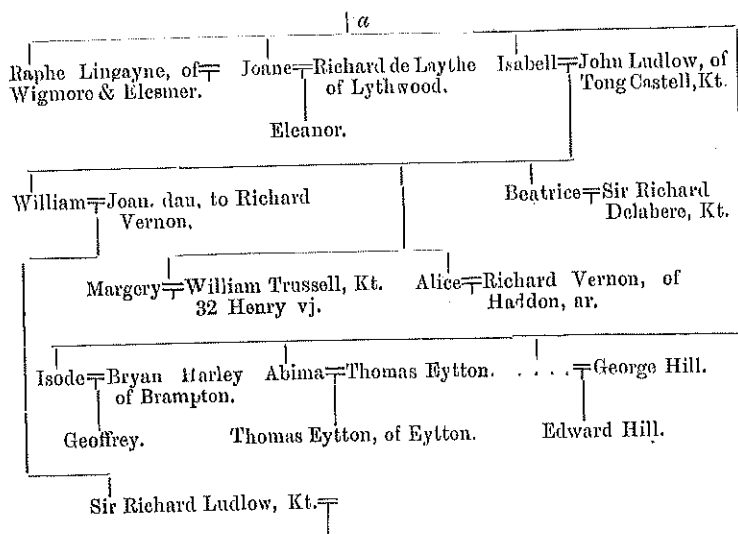


Other versions of the same pedigree drawn from the Harleian MSS. have previously been given by the writer in the *Transactions* of the Society, and upon reference to them and collating the whole it will be seen that the variations chiefly arise from confusing the same name in different generations. The pedigree given by Sir William Dugdale is to be preferred perhaps, he having been connected with the Vernons through the Swynfens.

Before, however, closing these few remarks, the writer thinks the following extract from Har^{lm}. MS. 1982, will be of interest to many in our Society and county :—

RALPHE LINGEN, of Elesmer, in ⚭ Isode, dau. and heir of William Subbinge, com. Salop. *Argent* on a chevron *gules*, 3 roses of the 1st.

Az. a bend *arg.* and bordure *or.*, by Sibell, sister and heir of William, and daughter of Roger Mortimer, of Acton Burnell, son of John, of Acton Burnell, son of Sir Edward, of Acton Burnell, son of Roger Earl of March, obt. 26th Feb., 1359, by Philippa, dau. of William Montague, Earl of Salisbury.



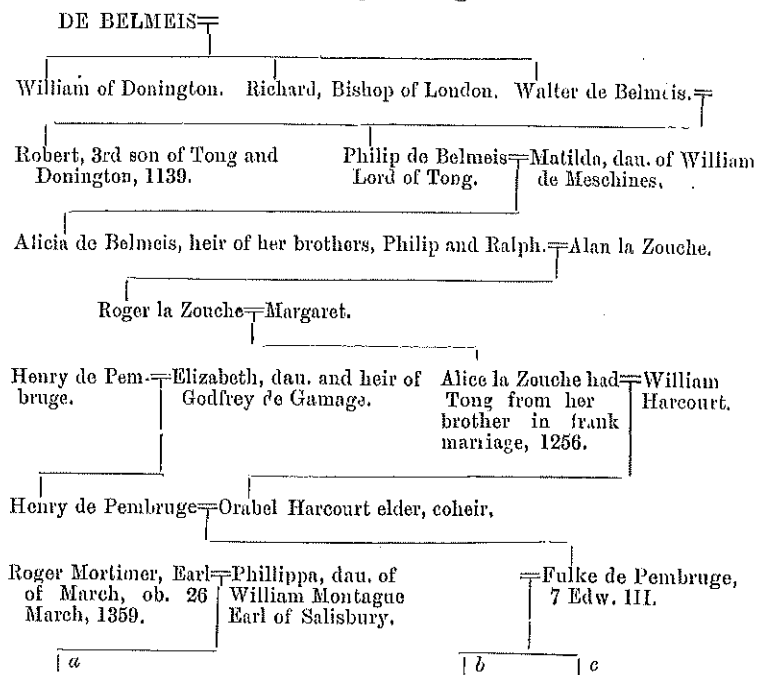
Lawrence, obt, s pl.

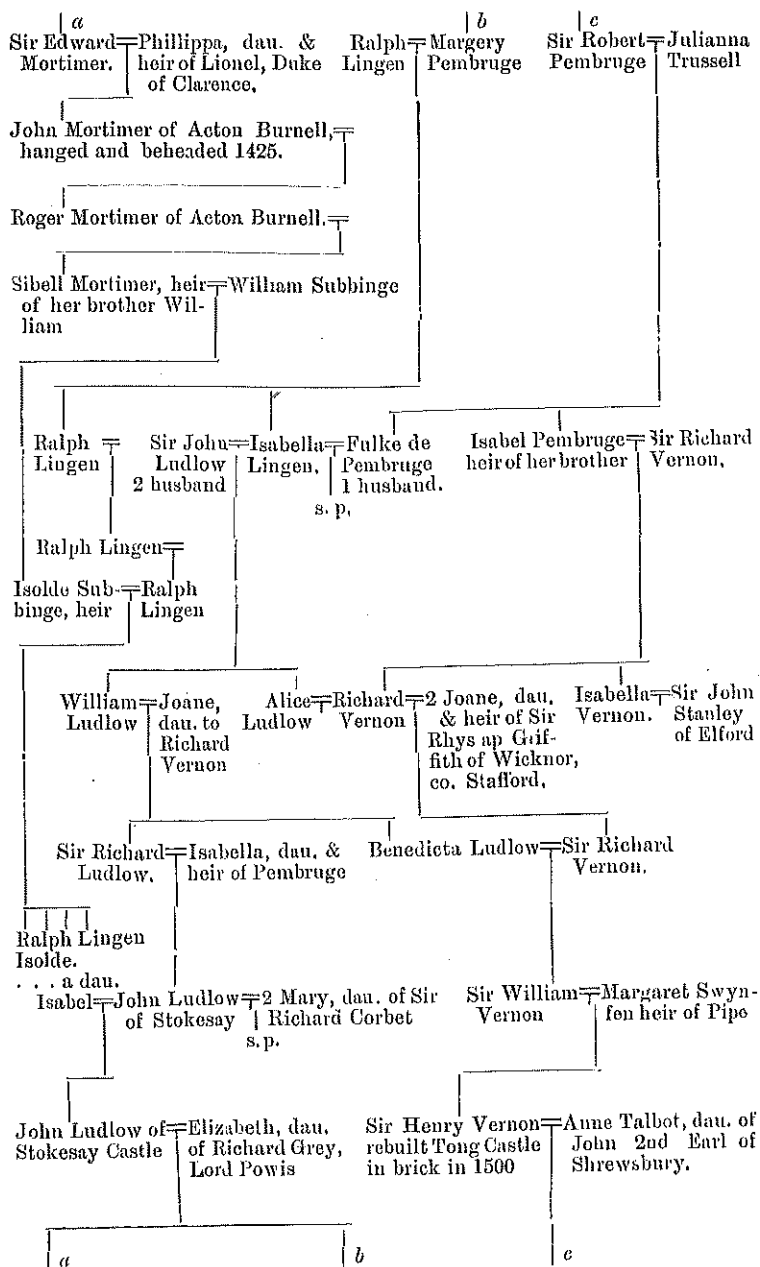
It is perhaps well to observe that the Corbet Pedigree has an entry of Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Corbet and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Walter Devereux Lord Ferrers of Chartley. The aforesaid Mary Corbet is stated to have had as her first husband John Ludlow, s.p., and to have subsequently become the wife of Sir Thomas Lacon, of Willey. Sir Roger Vaughan, Kt., was of Talgarth, and married, first, Margaret daughter to Rich^d. . . . widow of Lord Powis, by whom he had a daughter, who became the wife of Humphrey Kynaston; and secondly, Dennis, daughter to Thomas ab Philip Vaughan, of Tyliglas, which said Thomas had married Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Harley, Kn^t. Sir Gruffudd Vaughan married Margaret, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Gruffudd ab Jenkin, of Broughton, and according to the Cedwain MSS. it was his daughter Margaret who married Morys Ludlow. Sir Piers Griffith was connected with Newtown, in Montgomeryshire.

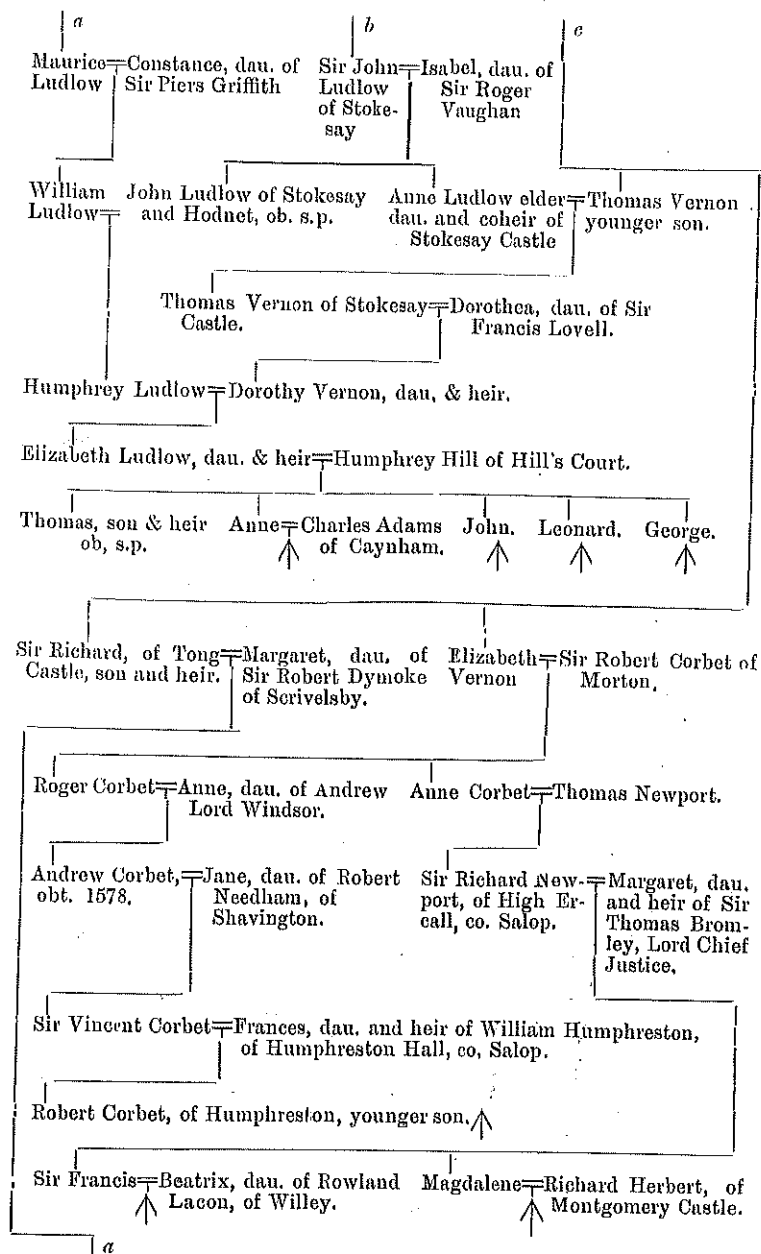
The above may point out some of the difficulties with which genealogists have to contend, and since the value

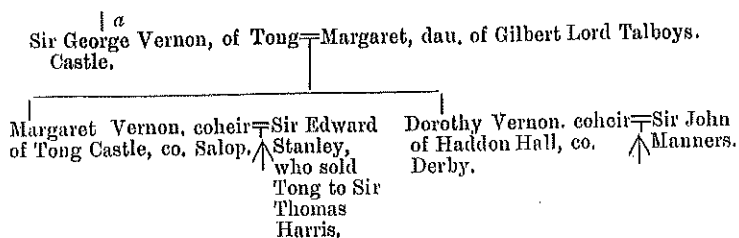
of a copied pedigree is destroyed by alterations from the original, it may happen that two pedigrees of the same family may appear differing in many respects, but further light can often be thrown upon the matter from external evidence which shows how errors have arisen, or which must be the correct version.

Since so much has already been said upon the subject of the Vernon pedigree, which is a very intricate one, our readers may feel some interest in having a copy which, while not contradicting existing manuscript authority to any great extent, seems to coincide more perfectly with the dates of persons mentioned and the positions in which they occur in the several pedigrees of their own families. That it is perfectly free from incidental errors is more than the writer can venture to hope, but it has been very carefully compiled from some of the best authorities, and subjected to the examination of some experienced genealogists.









THE WALLS OF SHREWSBURY.

FROM BLAKEWAY'S MSS., IN THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY, OXFORD.

THE walls of Shrewsbury may still be traced along their whole circuit, except in a few places, with considerable certainty. Setting off from the castle towards the west they passed from the upper Castle-gate along the edge of the bank on which the Free Schools, Castle Street, and Pride Hill stand. In the former part of this course, the buildings are recessed a little back from the walls, leaving originally a passage between them and the houses; but from about opposite to the Cross downwards to the bottom of Pride Hill, the houses are actually built upon the town wall, as they are marked in Speed's map, and the wall may here be distinctly seen. From Rowshill Lane we lose the traces of them down the course of that lane till we come to the river, where the old foundations again commence, and are continued to the old Welsh bridge. Hence they proceeded in a southerly direction to the bottom of Barker Street, leaving the Austin Friary on their outside to the right hand. Their traces are here very visible, and at the bottom of the Barker Street was a gateway, taken down about years ago. The walls then went up the middle of the hill to Clermont Buildings, about which place was a tower, taken down before 1739, and through the middle of the present St. Chad's Church to the end of St. John's Hill. On, or near the site of the present St. Chad's Church was a large square tower, and again another near the end of

St. John's Hill. A road ran on each side of this last, and when it was taken down the northern of these roads was most unfortunately sold to a member of the Corporation to erect a house on, by which means the remaining road is most inconveniently narrow, and the fine view which might have been obtained of the portico of St. Chad's, the handsomest feature of that structure, entirely obstructed. From this last tower the walls went on to the part now remaining at the bottom of Swan Hill. I need not say that hence they proceed to the Back Street. From the termination of the existing part at the beginning of Back Street, we are a little uncertain as to their course. One wall evidently went along the right-hand side of the Back Street down to the Stone bridge, and traces of it are yet to be seen on both sides the Friars' Lane; but this seems to have been only designed to maintain a communication with the bridge; the town walls themselves proceeded, I apprehend, in a north-easterly direction, in the direction of, but leaving to the left, a narrow alley yet remaining, as far as the Wyle, which it crossed about the middle of its descent, and in the back part of the premises opposite, now occupied by Sir John Betton, were the foundations of a strong tower now destroyed. A few yards further, and in the same premises, a wall sets off, parallel to that lately mentioned in the Back Street, and intended for the same purpose, to keep up a communication with the bridge. It has been of no great thickness, but is ancient, being of red sand-stone, and some of its loop-holes are still visible. From the tower aforesaid, on the east side of the Wyle, the town walls proceeded northerly along the edge of the precipice on which Dogpole and St. Mary's Church are seated; the houses in which direction, except the Infirmary, which is built *upon* the wall, are all recessed at some distance from it; leaving as before a passage between. Passing by the Infirmary, and in front of the Stone House, the walls crossed the Water Lane at its upper gate, and proceeding along the upper edge of the Council House

Terraces, where in the southern part they have been entirely destroyed, but they re-appear as soon as the terrace turns eastward and join the Castle mount under the gardens occupied by Mrs. Parry, where they are distinctly visible and whence they continue to the Castle-gate from whence they set out.

This was not the only protection of the town. Over the lower Castle-gates passed another line of wall, still entire, and called Rowshill walls, a name which properly belongs only to its western moiety. The part next the Castle, as far as the river, was also defended by a very deep ditch, formerly filled by water to the very foot of the mount on which the Castle stands, and crossed by a draw-bridge. On reaching the river, the line of wall followed the banks of the Severn about a third part along the Raven meadow, where, when Speed's map was made, it terminated abruptly in two square towers, forming, I presume, a barbican, or outer bulwark to the Castle, and leaving, as far as appears from that map, the meadow quite open to the river. But just at the termination of the old foundations, the swelling of the turf indicates a wall turning up the hill to the Castle Street; no doubt crossing Castle Street to the west of the turning down St. Mary's Water-Lane, protected at the bottom by another barbican in St. Mary's Friars, which appears in Speed's map, and the views of Cole and Bowen, and enclosing the Bailey of the Castle, which thus extended from the Raven Meadow to St. Mary's Friars. Half-way between the Castle and the river stood a tower called Gerewald's, and frequently mentioned in our records. In the 40th of Henry III. four men are paid 30s. for working "apud castellum Garewald," or, as it is also there called, Garewald's Toure. It should seem to have been then building, as in the next year 8d. is paid to a man for making a foundation at Garewald. Again two years later, "to a mason (cementario) and three men to cover the wall at Garewald with mud and straw (luto et stramine) three days, 21d."; and "To three men one day laying

the floor of the barrier (ad sternendum planchatum garule) apud Garewald, 3s. 3½d." *Bailiff's accounts*. In the Hundred-rolls of 3 Edw. I., is the following entry, relating, as I conceive, to this tower. "A certain barrier (Jarola) was made in the time of the Great War [no doubt that between Henry III. and his barons] upon the outer ditch (fornisecum fossatum) at the expenses of the men of the town; who afterwards sold it for 40s., and added that to the monies arising from the tolls which they collect under the King's writ for the purpose of building a stone wall."

DIDDLEBURY.

DIDDLEBURY or Delbury Church is mentioned in *Domesday* as "the Church of the Manor of Corfham." Of the Saxon edifice considerable remains may be traced in the long and short work rising from a square basement at the east end of the chancel; also in the narrow round-headed north door, the plain mouldings of which spring from plain square capitals resting on square pilasters; and probably, also in the small round-headed windows in the north wall of the nave. The present structure is 88 feet long, of which the chancel is 32 feet, and consists of a western tower, nave, chancel, south aisle and north transept. In south wall of chancel is an arch, with ball-flower ornaments, a piscina, and a round-headed window, an Early-English Priest's door, and a square low-sided window beside it. There is no chancel arch, but corbels remain which sustained the rood-loft. On the north side of the nave is a modern decorated window, then the Saxon door, eastwards of which, in the interior, is a large quantity of herring-bone masonry, then a small short round-headed window, a modern decorated one, on the splayed soffit of which is the base of a Saxon interwoven cross, and a long low-sided, round-headed window, into which is built a curious foliated cross containing two human figures among branches.

On the north of the chancel is a square transept or chapel used as an organ chamber.

The nave is separated from the south aisle (9ft. 3in. in width), by five arches, on octagonal pillars, with plain mouldings and imposts. The east window of south aisle is a modern decorated one. The south wall is pierced by two modern perpendicular windows, an Early English door with a modern porch, and a modern decorated window. The west window is a single tre-foiled light.

The arch opening from the tower into the nave is Early-English of three recessed mouldings and plain imposts and pilasters.

The roof is of open timber work, and the font is octagonal and modern.

The tower is of two storeys, originally Norman, with Early-English buttresses. The west door is of horse-shoe shape built up, and a transition door turned in with an old head as a key-stone.

THE BELLS.

- I. All prayse and glory be to God for ever. 1665.
- II. Soli Deo gloria pax hominibus William Stedman Cornelius Benions. 1665.
- III. Edward Baxter Thomas Bluck, Wardens. 1676.
- IV. John Bawdewin of Middlehope gent Edward Pulley of Peedle gent C. W. 1670.

This Church was one of the earliest grants of Roger de Montgomery to Shrewsbury Abbey. The following Incumbents are recorded :—

Osbern parson 1148—1237.
 Aluric
 Osbern
 Osbert 1158—1159.
 Osbert 1189—99.
 Alexander
 William de Ros 1248—1255.
 Walter de Lodelowe 1278.
 Sir John le Bole 1314.
 Richard Lodelowe 1384.
 John Davyes 1388.
 Sir John Sutton 1296.

On a cast-iron slab in floor of Chancel :

HERE LIETH THE
BODY OF MARY THE
WIFE OF JOHN BAW
DEWIN, OF MIDLEHOP
GEN. WHO DYED NOV
EMBER 1659.

ARMS :—Quarterly of 11.—1. *arg.* a saltire *sa.* a crescent for difference. (*Baldwin.*) 2. Barry of six *az.* and *arg.* a chief *erm.* (*Wigley.*) 3. *gu.* a chevron *erm.* between 3 eagles' heads couped *arg.* (*Childe.*) 4. per pale *or* & *gu.* a fleur-de-lis counterchanged. (*Acheley.*) 5. *erm.* a saltire *arg.* (*Wentworth.*) 6. *gu.* a chevron between 3 leopards' faces 2 & 1 *or.* (*Parker.*) 7. per fesse indented *or* & *gu.* (*Leighton.*) 8. *or* a lion rampant *sa.* (*Lodelowe.*) 9. *arg.* a lion rampant *sa.* (*Botterell.*) 10. *or* a raven *ppr.* (*Corbet.*) 11. blank.

CREST :—A cockatrice, wings expanded *arg.* between the letters I B.

On a brass plate let in under a large arch, with ball-flower mouldings, in north wall of Chancel :

M. S.

CAROLUS BALDWIN DE ELSICH
ARMIGER HIC SITVS EST
OBIIT 14^o. DIE FEBRVARII
ANN^o. D'NI 1674
ANNO ÆTATIS SVÆ . . .

CREST : A cockatrice as before.

ARMS : Quarterly. 1. (*Baldwin.*) 2. *Wigley.* 3. *gu.* a chevron *erm.* between 3 eagles close 2 & 1 *arg.* (*Childe.*) 4. (*Acheley.*) Over all a crescent for difference.

On north Chancel wall :

John Powell Clerk M.A.
late of Sutton in this parish
Vicar of Pennington Lancashire
d. 17 March 1805
æt. 75.

Charles Powell Esq.
ob. Nov. 2. 1868 æt 87.

ARMS:—Quarterly 1 & 4 *gu.* a lion rampant regardant *or.*
(Powell of Sutton 1769.) 2 & 3 *arg.* 3 boars' heads 2 & 1
 coupé close. *(Powell of Bucknell and Worthen.)*

Here lyeth the Body of Edward Pull of Peeton in the county
 of Salop Gent, who departed this life the 2 Day of J. . . .
 An^o Dom' 1696 74

On glass in a decorated window :

Rev^d Tho^s Underwood
 born 1801 died 1860.

On mural tablet on south wall :

Here lyeth the Body of Elizabeth Fleming Relict of John
 Fleming Esq. of Westhope by whom she had 19 children 13
 sons and six daughters. She departed this life y^e 16th February
 17²⁸ aged 73 and of Hector Fleming of London Merch^t her
 10th son who died the 20th of the same month aged 38.

ARMS.—On a lozenge *gu.* 3 crescents 2 & 1 *erm.* between 7
 crosses fitchée *arg.* *Fleming*, impaling *erm.* lion rampant.

In memory of John Acton LL.D. Rector of Acton Scott
 and Vicar of Clunne, third son of Sir Edward Acton of Alden-
 ham Bart (who died March 4 1745 aged 57) Edward Acton
 Esq. his only son by his wife Beatrice erected this monument.

ARMS:—*gu.* 2 lions passant *arg.* armed & langued *az.*
 between nine cross crosslets fitchée *or.* *(Acton)*

The Hon^{ble}. Gilbert Fleming Esq. late Lieutenant General of
 His Majesty's Leeward and Carribee Islands in America dyed
 Jan 1. MDCCLXI.

This Monument is here placed in duty full Regard to his
 memory by order of his son Gilbert Farre Fleming Esq. lately
 deceased MDCCLXXVII

Near to this place lyeth interred Beatrice youngest daughter of JOHN FLEMING Esq^r wife of the Reverend John Acton Master of Arts and Vicar of Clunne youngest son of Sir Edward Acton of Aldenham Bart. She departed this life May y^e 25th 1724 ætat. 25. left one only son.

To her Memory this was erected by I. A. LL.D. and Rector of Acton Scott. 1726.

Within this Chancel lye interred Henry Fleming of Westhope Esq. who died A.D. 1650 aged 52.

John his eldest Son (who married Elizabeth elder daughter of Sr. John Edwards Knt by whom he had 13 sons and 6 daughters) died A.D. 1777 aged 63.

Elizabeth and Helen their 2 elder daughters who died A.D. 1682.

Hercules their 13th son who died A.D. 1750 aged 24 years.

ARMS:—*gu.* 3 crescents in fesse *erm.* between 7 cross crosslets fitchée *arg.* (*Fleming*) impaling per bend sinister *erm.* and *erm.* a lion rampant *or.* (*Tudor Trevor*)

Slab in floor of nave :

Three children of Charles & Mary Willis 1759.

Here lieth the body of Anne y^e daughter of George and Abigail Dallow who departed this life August the 20th 1717 aged 35.

In the chancel floor :

Here lyeth y^e body of John of Corfton hill
 of Salop Gent departed this day of
 April Dom. 1690.

Slab in floor of Nave :

. . . . Downes 1770.

On marble tablets in north chapel and organ chamber :

Frederick Cornwall aged 82. 1788.

His wife Maria Herbert ob. 1766 aged 47.

Three children.

F. H. W. Cornwall Epis^c. Wigorn 1831 aged 78.

F. H. Cornwall his son.

Frederick Hamilton Cornwall 1845 aged 55.

Anne wife of F. W. H. Cornwall of Decan Court 1795 aged 41.

ARMS:—*arg.* 10 plates 4, 3, 2, & 1 *gu.* (*See of Worcester.*) impaling quarterly 1 & 4 *arg.* lion rampant *gu.* armed & langued *az.* within a bordure engrailed *sa.* bezantée. (*Cornwall of Burford.*) 2. *gu.* 3 lions rampant 2 & 1 *arg.* armed and langued *az.* 3. *sa.* a cross raguly between 4 men's legs *arg.*

On alabaster tablet in north wall of north chapel :

Qui mare qui ferrum duræ qui vincula turris

Quondam transivit nunc ingens Atropos oc. . . .

Nomen si quæras soboles quot quæ fuit uxor

Occubuit quando quæ subsunt hæc tibi monstra.

ARMS:—On centre shield *ar.* a saltire *sa.* (*Baldwin.*) on dexter shield *or.* a raven *pper.* (*Corbet.*) on sinister shield *or.* lion rampant *sa.* vulned all over *gu.* (*Ludlow of Morehouse.*)

Thomas primogenitus Richardi Bawdewin de Diddleburie et Margiritæ uxoris ejus filia Lawrencii Ludlowe de Morehouse duxit in uxore' Gertrudam filiam Roberti Corbet de Stanwardine de qua genuit tres filios Edwardum, Johannem et Richardum et duas filias Dorotheam et Suzanna et valedicit mundo anno d'ni 1614 ætatis suæ LXVIII.

et obiit

4 Aprilis

1623

On slab in south aisle :

1580.

Roger Goffe

Nov^r 30. 1731 aged 54.

On marble tablets west end of Nave :

Edw^d Powell Dec. 25. 1809 aged 70.
Anne his wife June 9. 1814 : aged 59.

Edw^d Powell Aug. 12. 1851 aged 68.
Mary his wife Feb. 10. 1870 aged 74.

Tho^s Downes June 14. 18 . . .

Tho^s Downes, Milford Nov. 23. 1849 aged 61.

John Green, schoolmaster, June 26. 1807 aged 58.

W^m Beddoes June 20. 1838 aged 86.
Ann his wife Nov. 6. 1837 aged 85.

W^m Beddoes Oct. 23. 1843 aged 63.
Also widow to above W^m Beddoes.

In the Nave :

Tho^s Green late of Orleton 25 Jan. 1854 aged 28.
Tho^s eldest son of above Tho^s Green & Jane his wife 30 Nov.
1854 aged 24.

William Henry Beddoes late of Brinslow gent. April 15 1850
aged 33.

Edward Milcom Aug. 21. 1807 aged 55.
Ann Williams relict of above Aug. 15. 1840 aged 83.
John Butler their son Aug. 22. 1829 aged 79.
Elizabeth Milcom their daughter March 12 1856 aged 55.

Extracts by Rev. J. B. Blakeway from Diddlebury Register.

Diddlebury Register, imperfect. First entry now remaining 15 Dec. 1583.

- 1583-4 15 Mar. Marg^t d. Chas. Lutlei s.
22 Mar. Jn^o s. Ralph & Jane Hopton bap.
- 1584 29 May Alice d. Tho^s Stedman & Johane Berdet s.
2 Nov. Ri. Churchyarde & Marg^t Bearde mar.
27 Dec. Jn^o s. Ri. & Marg. Churchy^d bap.
- 1584-5 19 Jan. Adam Dycke & Marg^t. Hopton mar.
27 Jan. Marg^t More widow s.
- 1585 28 Mar. Anne d. Ralph Broke bap.
1 Aug. Ri. Tounsende & Marg^t Jones mar.
31 Aug. Marg^t d. Jn^o & Eth Stedman bap.
Childe — Jurden —
Nov. 4 Fra^s s. Fra^s & Kath. Grenways s.
9 Dec. Ri. Bawdewin de Dudleburie gent. s.
- 1585-6 28 Feb. Rob. Stedman s.
- 1586 8 Apr. Cha^s Bawdewyn s.
12 Jun. Eth d. Ralph & Jane Hopton bap.
9 Nov. Jn^o Hopton & Johane Jurden mar.
14 Dec. Joan d. Jn^o & Eth. Stedman bap.
17 — Tho. s. Ri. & Marg^t Churchyarde bap. s. 21
Feb. 86-7.
27 — Johanne Loher wid. s.
- 1586-7 Jan. 9 Tho^s Lutlei gent & Anne Costerne mar.
- 1587 7 Nov. Raffe Stedman & Kath. ap. John mar.
23 — Ri. Grenowes & Margerye Hoper mar.
9 Dec. Fra. Bowkeley s.
- 1587-8 Rachel filia Rowlandi fezy a frenchman s. 3 Feb.
17 Mar. Margery d. Rowl. Fezzy a frenchman &
Elinore ux^{is} bap.
- 1588 Apr. 4 Alice w. Tho. Stedman s.
Jun. 19 W^m Hopton & Eth Jackes mar.
30 Nov. Jn^o Stedman & Rose Yope mar.
- 1588-9 12 Jan. Anne d. Jn^o & Eth Stedman bap.
Jan. 23 Ankeret d W^m & Eth Hopton bap.
21 Feb. Tho^s s. Jn^o & Joan Hopton bap.
5 — Ri. Warde & Kath. Down mar.
12 Mar. Ales d. Jn^o & Rose Stedman bap.
- 1589 May 8, Geo. s. Geo. & Mary Mason bap.
June 2. Johana Talbott s.
2 Aug. W^m s. Tho^s & Eth Stedman bap.
19 Oct. Eth d Ri. & Kath. Warde bap.

- 2 Nov. W^m s. Tho^s & Mary Barker bap.
 16 — Dorothy d. Edw. Conolei.
 1589-90 8 Mar. Ri. s. Ralph and Jane Hopton bap.
 1590 25 Mar. Ri. Stedman of Corston s.
 24 Apr. Ri. s. Jn^o & Eth Stedman bap.
 8 Jun. Tho^s Crowther of Spargforde s.
 Sep. 1. W^m s. Geo. & Mary Mason bap.
 7 Oct. Adam Lutlei gent. s. at Tugford by license.
 22 Oct. Alice d. Jn^o & Rose Stedman s.
 3 Nov. Ri. Broke & Fr^s Tailer mar.
 5 Nov. W^m s. Geo. & Mary Mason s.
 1590-1 26 Jan. Ri. Stedman & Marg^t Hickoxe mar.
 1591 27 — Siblye y^e bastarde d^r of Cha^s Lutley s.
 Mar 30. Cha^s Lutlei s.
 10 Aug. Jn^o Stedman s.
 1591-2 7 Feb. Jn^o Knotte & Marg^t Stedman mar.
 14 — Ri. s. Ri. & Marg^t Stedman bap.
 — — Eth d. Jn^o & Eth Stedman bap.
 2 Mar. Cath. d. Ri. & Fr^s Broke bap.
 1592 16 Apr. Fr^s Broke w. Ri. B. s.
 4 May. Marg^t d. Jn^o & Rose Stedman bap.
 12 June. Anne Stedman wid. s.
 3 Sept. Ri. s. Tho^s & Eth Stedman bap.
 [Chasm from Jan. 1592-3 to July 1593.]
 1593 29 Jul. Ann d. Geo. & Anne More bap.
 9 Sep. Elinor d. Thomas Mason & Pezzen his w. bap.
 1593-4 22 Jan. Tho^s Stedman & Johanna Cardington mar.
 1594 23 Nov. Eth d. Tho. & Johanna Steadman bap.
 Humfr. Pulley.
 1594-5 23 Mar. Fra. s. Geo. & Ann More s.
 1595 18 May Gregory More gent. s.
 20 May Margery w. Tho. Stedman s.
 Ri. y^e sonne of John Lutley & Mary his w. of Brom-
 croft was bur. as Tugford y^e 19 of Jul. by lic. of
 y^e vic. at y^e special request of y^e s^d Mr Jn^o L.
 22 Aug. Tho. s. Tho. & Eth Stedman bap. s. 29.
 24 Aug. Tho. s. Jn^o & Rose Stedman bap.
 1595-6 Jan. 29 Tho. Stedman & Marg^t Launder mar.
 3 Feb. Tho. Stedman & Eth Scarlet mar.
 1596 20 Oct. Jn^o s. Tho. & Johan Stedman bap.
 1596-7 Edw^{lss} ap Humffrey & Clemanta More ducerent
 vinginti (*Sic*) nono die mēsis supradicto.
 1597 25 May W^m s. Geo. & Anne More bap.
 Anne y^e w. of Jn^o Fyild of Emstry Pearke bur^d at
 Abden by y^e lic of y^e vic.

1598 Jul. 19 Eth w. Tho. Stedman s.
 Aug. 14 Joan w. & Joan d. Ri. Broke s.

The following Extracts are from various Shropshire Parish Registers :—

John Baldwin & Mary Sprott mar. Feb. 20 1689. *Westbury.*
 Mr. Edw. Pryce of S^t Jul. Shy. & Mrs. Marg^t B. of sa: mar.
 Sep. 4, 1706. *Wrockwardine.*
 Mr. Edw^d B. incumb. ob. Mar. 25 1709. *Easthope.*
 Rich. B. & Mary Ludlow mar. Nov. 7 1545. *Shipton.*
 Ann B. S^t Mary Sh^y & And^w Philips of Shifn^l mar. Jan. 31
 1722. *Atcham.*
 Edw^d Crumpe & Sarah B. mar. July 31, 1705 *Broseley.*
 1737 Henry B. rector. *Bitterly.*
 Cha^s B. esq. of Aqual. & Cath. Childs mar. May 14, 1752.
 Cath. wife of Cha^s B. esq. bur. June 2, 1770. *Kinlet.*
 (Cha^s B. & Cha^s B. jun^r)
 Eliz. d. of Edw. & Mary B. bap. June 6, 1736. *Stapleton.*
 Jane d. of Urian & Jane B. of Hatton bap. Jan. 22, 1660.
Eatan-under-Heywood.
 Joyce d. of do. bap. Feb. 27, 1665.
 Urian s. of do. bap. June, 1671.
 Mr. Tho^s B. S^t Ch. Shy. mar. Sep. 29, 1689.
 Mr. Cha^s B. Elsie Diddleby. & Mrs. Mary Lutley mar. June
 18, 1617. *Burwanton.*
 Sam^l s. of do. bap. June 7, 1618.
 Tim^y s. of do. bap. Sep. 28, 1619.
 Benjⁿ B. & Barbara s. & d. of do. bap. Ap. 22, 1622.
 Rich^d B. g^t & Mary B. both of Munslow mar. Mar. 28, 1665.
Rushbury.
 Nich^s B. bur. June 30, 1563. *Munslow.*
 Roger B. bur. Feb. 18, 1567.
 Eliz. w. of Tho^s B. bur. Nov. 16, 1574.
 Edw. s. of John B. bur. May 3, 1575.
 Ada^s s. of Rich^d B. bur. Jan. 31, 1578.
 Anne w. of John B. bur. Nov. 17, 1581.
 Edw. s. of John B. bur. Feb. 16, 1582.
 Ann B. w^o of S^t Kenelms bur. Aug. 20, 1582.
 John B. g^t bur. June 28, 1605.
 Alice B. w^o bur. Sep. 25, 1610.
 John s. of W^m B. bur. Dec. 15, 1610.

- W^m B. of Aston bur. May 24, 1614.
 Joyce w. of W^m B. bur. Feb. 25, 1619.
 Edw^d s. of John B. g^t bur. May 4, 1657.
 John s. of Do. bur. May 22, 1657.
 Martha d. of Ric. & Sarah B. g^t born Mar. 8, 1657.
 Edw. s. of Jno. B. g^t bur. May 4, 1657.
 Ric. s. of Mr. Jno. & Mary B. bap. Aug. 1, 1699.
 Jno. s. of Tho^s B. esq. & Sarah bap. Apr. 9, 1694 *Newport*.
 John Peers sen^r & Anchoret B. mar. Oct. 28, 1567 *Pontesbury*.
 Rev^d Henry B. rector of 1 & 3 port. Pont^y d. July 17, 1737 æt 56
Arg. a saltire s. crest on a mount a cockatrice *arg.* combed
 wattled & beaked or ducally gorged & lined of last.
 Mr. Tho^s Bennett of S^t Chads & Mrs. Eliz B. of Holy Cross
 mar. Oct. 23, 1734
 W^m s. of W^m B. saddler bur. Dec. 26, 1728.
 Edw. B. esq. of Abbey bur. Nov. 26, 1735.
 John s. of Mr. B. & Eliz. bap. Mar. 16, 1664. *St. Mary's*.
 Mr. Rich^d B. & Mrs. Cath. Devereux mar. Jan. 23, 1678.
 Geo. s. of do. bap. Mar. 27, 1680.
 Dor^y & Brig^t twins of do. bap. June 18, 1681. Both died
 sa. yr.
 Dor^y d. of Mr. R^d B. bur. Dec. 29, 1681.
 Tho^s s. of Rich. & Cath. B. bap. Oct. 7, 1682. bur. Mar. 12
 1681.
 Edw. s. of do. bap. Aug. 10, 1683.
 Mr. Cha^s B. & Mrs. Mary Griffiths mar. Jan. 1, 1693.
 Tho^s s. of do. bap. Oct. 17, 1694.
 Eliz. d. of do. bap. Dec. 17, 1695.
 Anne d. of do. bap. Feb. 25, 1696.
 Mrs. Mary B. w^o of S^t Jul. bur. Mar. 30, 1714. *St. Mary's*.
 Geo. B. and Eliz. Green mar. Feb 28, 1719.
 Mr. B. bur. from y^e Gaol July 5, 1741.
 Mr. Tho^s B. bur. Mar. 17, 1762.
 Walter s. of Mr. Fra^s & Marg^t B. bap. Nov. 16, 1673. *St. Julian's*.
 Bridget d. of do. bap. Sep. 22, 1675.
 John s. of do. bap. Mar 3, 1675.
 Cath. d. of Mr. W^m B. bap. July 11, 1678. bur. 1679.
 Ann d. of Mr W. B. dyer. bap. Dec. 18, 1679. bur. 1681.
 Mary d. of Mr. Fra^s B. bap. Ap. 12, 1680. bur. 1680.
 Walter s. of do. bur. Sep. 23, 1680.
 Henry s. of Fra^s & Marg^t bap. July 8, 1618.
 Joyce dau. of Mr. W^m & Marg^t bap. Ap. 20, 1682.
 Sam^l s. of do. bap. May 24, 1683.
 Marg^t w. of Mr. Fra^s B. draper bur. June 28, 1684.
 Mary d. of Mr W^m B. bap. Sep. 14 1684.

- Mr. W^m B. dyer bur. Oct. 26, 1686.
 Marg^t B. w^o her d. Ann bap. Jan. 18, 1686. bur. 1687.
 Mr. Fra^s B. & Mrs. Mary Jevon mar. Oct 3, 1688.
 Mrs. Cath B. w^o bur. Jan. 26, 1688.
 Mrs. Isabell B. sp^r bur. Oct. 1, 1691.
 Fra^s s. of Fr^s draper & Ann bap. Ap. 23, 1703.
 Tho^s Powis drap^r & Bridget B. mar. Ap. 28, 1703.
 Mary d. of Fra^s B. drap^r & Jane, bap. June 26, 1705.
 Blaney s. of do. bap. June 23, 1706.
 Mr. Fra^s B. bur. May 15, 1707.
 John s. of Mr. Fra^s & Jane bap. July 25, 1707, bur. Aug. 10.
 Mrs. Joyse B. bur. May 27, 1707.
 Mr. Fra^s B. bur. Nov. 12, 1713.
 Mrs. Jane B. w^o f^m Holy Cross bur. June 23, 1739.
 John s. of W^m B. sadler & Lydia bap. Jan. 27, 1701, *St.*
Alkmond's bur. 1710.
 Eliz. d. of do. bap. Jan. 27, 1704.
 Alice d. of Martin B. esq. bur. Sep. 9, 1712.
 Mr. W^m B. bur. Nov. 25 f^m S^t Chad æt 73 1741.
 Mrs. Mary B. bur. at S^t Jul. Oct. 4 1758 æt 53.
 Mary d. of Mr. Edw. B. & Mary bap. Dec. 19 1647. *St. Chad's.*
 Mr. Thos. B. & Mrs. Dorothy Mackworth mar. May 23 1650.
 Ric. & Mary s. & d. of do. bap. Ap. 17 1651.
 Edw. s. of do. bap. July 10 1653.
 Ann d. of do. bap. June 25 1655.
 Mr. Edw^d B. inn holder bur. Jan. 26 1656
 Mrs. Dorothy B. w. of do. bur. June 17 1657.
 Tho^s s. of Mr. Tho^s & Ellin^r B. bap. Ap. 2 1659.
 Ellin d. of Mr. Edw. & Ellin B. bap. Aug 27 1678.
 Tho^s s. of Mr. Edw. bap. Jan. 17 1679.
 Ann d. of Edw. & Ellin bap. Mar. 22 1680.
 Cath. d. of do. bap. Mar. 20 1681.
 John s. of do. bap. Nov. 20 1684.
 Fras. s. of do. bap. Oct. 7 1685.
 Arabella d. of do. bap. Ap. 9 1689.
 Edw. s. of Rich. & Sara B. bap. Mar. 27 1719. *Acton Scot.*
 Cath. d. of Edw. B. Esq. & Eliz. bap. Feb. 14 1706. *Diddlebury.*
 Eliz. d. of do. bap. June 8 1707.
 Rich^d s. of do. bap. Aug. 15 1708.
 Thos. B. g^t bur. Jan. 6 1708.
 Mrs. Sarah B. bur. Nov. 29 1709.
 Edw. s. of Edw. Esq. & Eliz. bap. 1710.
 Sacheverell s. of do. bap. June 21 1711.
 Anne d. of do. bap. June 22 1712
 Tho^s s. of do. bap. Dec. 31 1713.

Joan d. of do. bap. June 15 1715.

Devereux s. of do. bap. Sep. 26 1716.

Rich^d s. of Rich & Sarah B. g^t bap. Mar. 16 1717 bur. Mar. 29 1719.

W^m s. of Edw. Esq. & Eliz. bap. Jan. 10 1718.

John s. of do. bap. Feb. 28 1719.

Mrs. Cath. B. bur. Sep. 4 1725.

Rich^d B. of D. esq. bur. Sep. 23 1729.

Edw. B. esq. bur. July 27 1733.

Dame Mary B. Lady of Manor of Maer & Forton co. Staff.
Patroness of y^e Ch. bur. at Bockleton co. Worc. July 35
bur^d there. *Forton.*

Cha^s s. of Cha^s B. of Aqualate Esq. & Lady Eliz. Strachan his
w. bap. Sep. 29. *Forton, c. Staffd.*

Eliz. Strachan w. of Cha^s B. of Aq. bur. Ap. 6, 1732.

Barbara d. of do. bap. Ap. 10, 1732.

Mrs. Eliz. B. sister to Cha^s B. esq. bur. Ap. 13, 1737.

Mr. Sam^l s. of Cha^s B. esq. of Aq. bur. Jan. 19, 1737.

Cha^s B. Ld of ye Manor & Patron of the Ch. bur. Ap. 8, 1751.

W^m s. of Cha^s of Aq. & Cath. bap. Nov. 23, 1755.

Cha^s s. of do. bap. Feb. 27, 1758.

Matthew B. of this p^h & Sarah Norgrave of Neen Savage mar.
Feb. 5, 1676. *Stottesden.*

W^m s. of Benjⁿ & Ann B. g^t bap. May 31, 1707. *Ch. Stretton.*

Edw^d B. curate of Clew St^t Marg^t, 1780.

John B. 16 s. of And^w of Coreley clerk May 9, 1751. *Wadham
Oxf.*

Edw. 16 s. of W^m B. of Ludlow g^t June 25, 1762. *St. Jno.
Eap. Oxf.*

Geo. Dev^x 18 s. of Edw. B. of Ludlow Coll. Jan. 28, 1796.
Corpus Oxf.

Tho^s B. of St^t Ch. Sh^y. & Mrs. Eliz. Lutley of Eaton und^r H.
mar. Sep. 19, 1689. *Eaton under Heywood.*

Rich^d B. of Diddleby & Mary Withers of Eaton H. mar. May
7, 1753.

Edw. s. of do. bap. Feb. 24, 1754.

W^m s. of do. bap. Jan. 18, 1755.

Tho^s B. g^t 13, Oct. 23, 1590. *St. Mary Hall Oxf.*

Sam^l s. of Cha^s B. of Burwarton g^t 16 Mar. 16, 1634. *Bal.*

Tim^y s. of do. 15 Mar. 16, 1634. *Bal. Oxf.*

W^m s. of Sam^l B. of Stoke Castle Esq. 16 May 4, 1666. *New
Coll. Oxf.*

Cha^s s. of do. 15 Dec. 13, 1667. *New Coll. Oxf.*

Edw. s. of Fra^s B. of Salop g^t 16 Dec. 9, 1687. *Wadham.*

Henry s. of do. 18 Mar. 2, 1698. *Xt. Ch.*

Acton s. of Cha^s B. of Stoke Esq. 15 Nov. 17, 1698. *Bal.*
 Henry s. of John B. of Munslow Esq. 20 Dec. 18, 1732. *Xt. Ch.*
 Cha^s B. esq. of Norton & Mrs. Anne Annesley of S^t Mary mar.
 Feb. 18, 1746. *Atcham.*

JOHN BAWDEWYN of Diddlebury = Anne, dau. & heir of Rich. L'infant.

Thomas Bawdewyn or Diddlebury =

William Bawdewyn of Diddlebury = Alice, dau. & heir of William Wigley.

Thomas Bawdewyn of Diddlebury =

George Bawdewyn of Diddlebury = Cicely, dau. of Sir Nicholas de Brwxston.

Roger Bawdewyn of Diddlebury = Ellenor, dau. of . . . Clinton.

William Bawdewyn = Matilda, dau. of . . . Corbett of Longnor. *or 2 ravens*
 of Diddlebury. *in pale ppr. within a border engrailed gu. bezantée,*

John Bawdewyn = Mary, dau. of . . . Leighton of Stretton. Quarterly per
 of Diddlebury. *fesse indented or & gu. ob. 1659.*

Joan, w. of John Baldwyn = Augustine, dau. of Richard Baldwyn = . . . dau.
 John Walker of Diddlebury, . . . Parker of . . . of . . .
 at's Leigh of s. & h. to John Norton Lees, co. ob. 1585. Porteman
 Stretton B. 3 Edw. IV. Derby.

William Baldwyn = Eliz. d. of Richd. Jenkes.

Edwd. Balde- . . . w. of Streete.
 wyn of Lon- . . . w. of Dodd of
 don, Vintner. Kenton.

Thomas = Eliz. d. of Ed-
 Baldwyn, ward Norton,
 of Collington.

Roger = . . .
 wyn. Balde-
 2d s.

William Balde-
 wyn of Norfolk.

Elizabeth.
 Margery.

John Baldwyn = Anne, dau. of Edwd.
 Crowther.

Ellen, w. of John Maddocks.
 Mary.
 Alice, wife of John Price of Knighton.

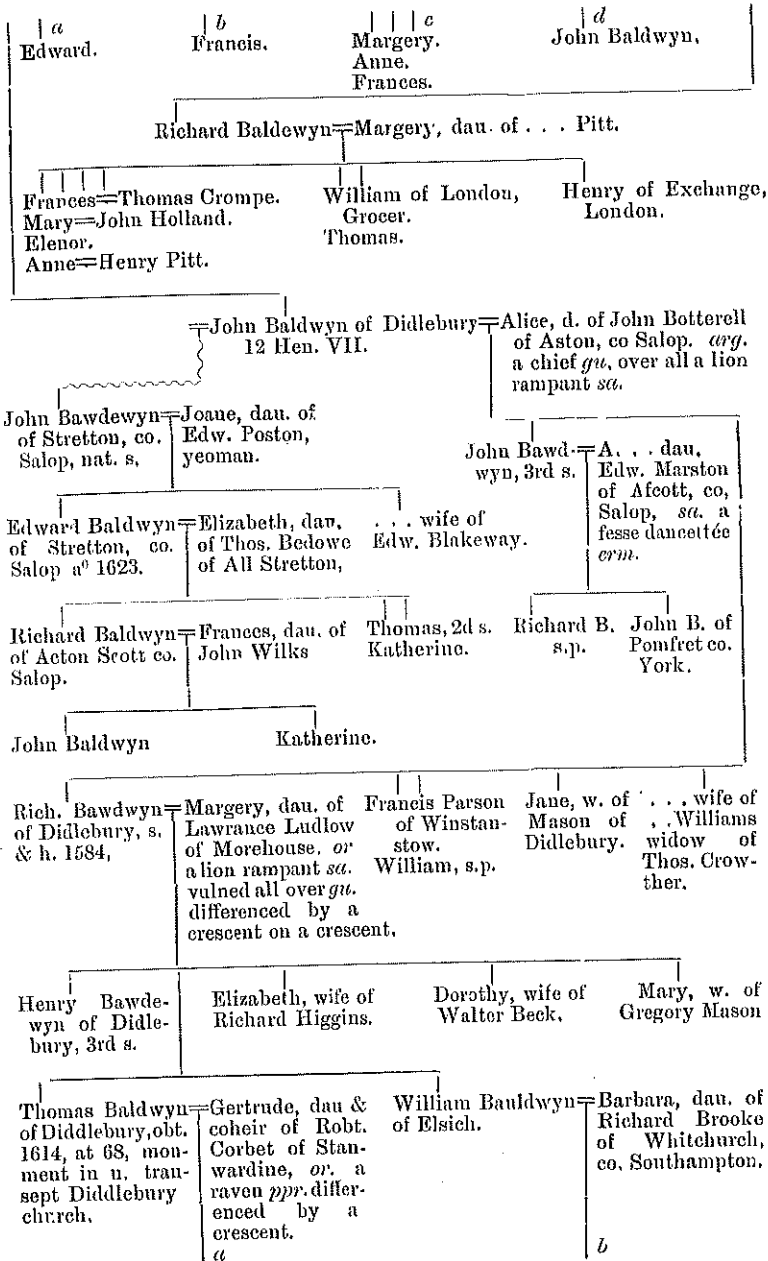
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 wyn. Forster of Watling
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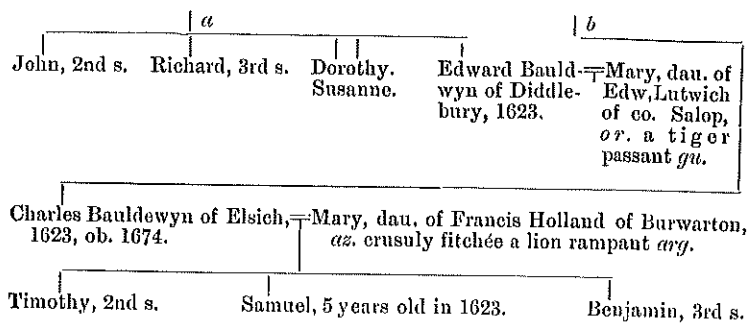
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