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TOGETHER WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF ITS DESCENDANTS,

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"The glory of children are their fathers."

*"Multosque per annos
Stat fortuna domus, et avi numerantur avorum."*

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THESE ANNALS OF SOME OF HIS ANCESTORS ARE, BY HIS

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P R E F A C E .



THE compilers of this work have undertaken to tell, with what care and exactness they can, the history of the Wilmer family and its descendants. The task was begun at the request of several members of the family, who were desirous of having some record of their ancestors, and to their encouragement and support it owes in some measure its successful accomplishment. The genealogies that it contains will, it is believed, be found to be reliable, for no evidence other than that of the most undeniable character has been admitted. This statement, however, does not wholly apply in the case of the various families that are descended from the Wilmers, many of the pedigrees of which have been compiled from information derived from living members of those families. This has involved a very large amount of correspondence, the results of which have been carefully sifted and, as far as possible, verified. Yet it is difficult to collect satisfactory evidence in this way, and the family annalist who is concerned with persons living in the present and last centuries is beset with greater difficulties than he who, dealing with an earlier age, draws his information from such pure and generally accessible sources as the public records. "Only those persons," says a writer in the *Archæological Journal*, "who have embarked upon such arduous undertakings can realize what the family historian has to encounter, and those persons who go conscientiously to work can say with truth with the old

“writer, ‘What toil hath been taken as no man thinketh so
“ ‘no man believeth but he that hath made the trial.’ ”*

It is unnecessary in this place to give a full list of the authorities from which the earlier portion of the pedigree has been compiled; for these will be made sufficiently clear by the footnotes and Index II.; yet it may be mentioned that exhaustive searches for wills have been made in the principal registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, in some of the minor courts at Somerset House, and in the probate registries of York, Lincoln, Peterborough, Northampton, Lichfield, and Worcester. Extensive use has also been made of the public records, the whole range of county histories, the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and the manuscript collections and numberless genealogical and topographical books in the British Museum and Bodleian Libraries. The sources of information which have been at once the most prolific and the most useful, as well from an antiquarian as from a genealogical point of view, are the Chancery proceedings, wills, parish and other registers, *inquisitiones post mortem*, close rolls, and feet of fines. Of these sets of records, the Chancery proceedings and wills are probably the most important; for the former were given upon oath, and entered into the minutest details respecting persons and property. In the case of the latter, the testator, while making his last dispositions with a view to death, either imminent or prospective, could have no motive in stating other than the simple truth. The majority of wills in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were made within a short time of death, when the testator was “sicke and weake in bodie,” which was probably the reason why in so many instances they did not bear his signature.

Registers are almost, if not quite, of equal value; for they supply minor details for the pedigrees of which the broad lines and the sequence of the generations are proved

* Quoted from a notice of the *History of the Wilmer Family* in the *Archæological Journal*, vol. 44, p. 213.

by Chancery proceedings and wills. The registers and records of the Society of Friends are so minute and precise that it is possible to trace from them alone the pedigree of every old Quaker family in existence from the seventeenth century downwards.

It is a subject for regret that so few old family papers and diaries exist, for they would have served to relieve the dryness and monotony which are more or less inseparable from almost every genealogical record; but it must in justice be remembered that "this work is intended to be, not a mere temporary vehicle of amusement, but a permanent storehouse of authentic information, to which reference may hereafter confidently be made."

The compilers have each undertaken a separate portion of the work, and for his own part each is responsible. The Quaker branch of the Wilmers, with its numerous derivative families, was naturally chosen by Mr. Green, who had peculiar advantages for acquiring information about members of the Society of Friends, to which he himself belongs. The history of this part of the family is related in Chapters XIV. to XVIII. The remainder of the work, consisting of Chapters I. to XIII. and XIX. to XXIV., with the pedigrees, appendices, and exhaustive indices, fell to the share of the other compiler, who, in order to secure uniformity of treatment, prepared the whole of the manuscript for the press. He also undertook the work of correcting the proofs, and he desires to thank Miss Mary Foster and E.-P. Holmes, Esq., for the constant help that he received from them in that part of his labours. He and Mr. Green also wish to acknowledge the large amount of assistance and kindness that they have met with on all sides during the progress of the work. Where they are indebted to so many persons they cannot own their special debt to each; but there are some names that have a higher claim than the rest to be noticed, and they are these:—Mrs. Herbert, of Helmsley Hall; Mrs.

Mildred, of Chigwell ; Mrs. John Sterry ; Robert Pryor, Esq., J.P., D.L., of High Elms ; H.-S. Grazebrook, Esq. (*see p.* 40) ; J.-Challoner Smith, Esq. ; Richard Savage, Esq. (*see pp.* 88 and 380) ; Lieut.-Col. Louis-Worthington Wilmer ; Horace Wilmer, Esq. ; J.-J. Howard, Esq., LL.D., Maltravers Herald Extraordinary ; Samuel Woods, Esq. ; John Harman, Esq. ; William Boyd, Esq., who gave the compilers much assistance with the public records ; the Rev. John Richardson, Vicar of Barking, who twice searched the voluminous registers of his parish for entries relating to the Wilmer family ; the Rev. C.-B. Norcliffe, who gave access to his large genealogical collections (*see p.* 135) ; and the incumbents of the following parishes, who gave permission for their registers to be searched, and in some cases themselves made the search :—Braunston, Bromley - St. - Leonard's, Broughton, Budbrooke, Coleshill, Coventry (St. Michael's), Ellesborough, Everdon, Foleshill, Gamlingay, Haseley, Hatton, Upper Helmsley, Meriden, Moulsoe, Olney, Ryton-upon-Dunsmore, Sherborne, Staverton, Stratford-le-Bow, Sywell, and West Ham.

The general arrangement of this volume is so simple that it will be readily understood even by the few to whom it may be strange, and the reader has been assisted by cross-references wherever they seemed likely to be of use. For the sake of convenience in treatment, the family has been split up into various branches, each of which is distinguished by a special letter, as will be explained below (*p.* xv., § 3). The relation of these branches to one another is clearly set forth in the key pedigrees at pages 18 and 172, which are furnished with numerous references to the text.

It has been considered advisable in almost every case to give an English rendering of deeds and records when the original documents are in mediæval and contracted Latin, which would be unintelligible to many readers. But where the documents are in English the old mode of spelling and the quaint phraseology have always been retained.

While the compilers desire to thank those of the general public who have subscribed for copies of their work, they think that their thanks are not so much due to members and descendants of the Wilmer family, because it is for their benefit that this history has been written. They cannot, however, forbear from giving expression to their surprise and disappointment at the apathy and indifference displayed by so many in regard to anything that concerns the past, and that relates even to the history of their own immediate ancestors. Although one of the few extant branches of the Wilmer family has refused to give to the compilers its countenance and support, yet nowhere is this indifference more noticeable than in the case of some of the principal families which represent the now extinct Yorkshire Wilmers, and of which, in some instances, not a single individual has subscribed for a copy of the work, or afforded the information which has always been applied for. If these persons "thrust aside the mouldering relics of their predecessors," and have no care to possess themselves of this history of their ancestors, which has been offered to them in a convenient form, and, through the generosity of some of the supporters of the undertaking, at an almost nominal cost, then the compilers can only think and say with the ancient writer, "If any there be which are desirous to be strangers in their owne soile & forrainers in their owne citie, they may so continue, and therein flatter themselves; for suchlike I have not written these lines, nor taken these paines."

As it has been stated above, the object of the authors of the *History of the Wilmer Family* has been to give to its descendants an authentic record of their ancestors; and it is to be hoped that the result of the work will be to incite their children and their children's children to hand down to their descendants in far-off generations a name as unsullied and a shield as untarnished as those which they have inherited from their forefathers.

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A LIST OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE SPELLING OF THE NAME
OF WILMER IN THE WORK.

Whilmore.	Willmore.	Wulsmere.
Wildmore.	Wilmar.	Wylemer.
Willemere.	Wilmare.	Wylemere.
Willimore.	Wilmer.	Wylimer.
Willmar.	Wilmere.	Wylmoore.
Willmare.	Wilmmer.	Wylmar.
Willmer.	Wilmoor.	Wylmer.
Willmere.	Wilmor.	Wylmere.
Willmoor.	Wilmore.	Wylmor.
Willmoore.	Wulmere.	Wylmore.
Willmor.		

EXPLANATION

OF THE PLAN OF THE WORK, AND OF THE ABBREVIATIONS.

§ 1. The name of each successive representative of a family, or branch of a family, is printed in **old English** type; and Roman numerals of the same type are placed before such names in order to render the order of succession clear.

§ 2. Large Roman numerals (*e. g.*, I.) are placed before the names of children of persons printed in **old English** type, small Roman numerals (*e. g.*, i.) before the names of grandchildren, and Arabic numerals (*e. g.*, 1) before the names of great-grandchildren.

§ 3. Each branch of the Wilmer family, as well as each of the chief derivative families, is distinguished by a special capital letter, which is enclosed in square brackets placed immediately after the names printed in **old English** type; the object being to show at a glance of what branch of the family any particular person is a member; while reference to the key pedigrees will show the relative position of that branch in the general pedigree.

§ 4. In chapters III. to VII. and IX. to XVIII., in addition to the special letters just mentioned, Roman numerals are enclosed in the square brackets that follow the names printed in **old English** type. These numerals show in what degree the persons to whose names they are attached were related to William Wilmer [A], of Ryton (*see p.* 17), the common ancestor of all the Wilmers treated of in the said chapters. Thus:—Robert Wilmer [III B] denotes that Robert Wilmer was a member of the Sywell branch of the Wilmer family, and was third in descent from William Wilmer [A]. In chapters XIV. to XVIII. the Roman numerals are printed in *italics* to show the presumptive relationship to William William [A], (*see p.* 172).

§ 5. The names of living members and descendants of the Wilmer family are printed in thick type, *e. g.*, **Robert Wilmer**.

§ 6. Where a person has two or more Christian names, a hyphen has, or hyphens have been used to connect them, in order to distinguish them from the surname.

ABBREVIATIONS.

b.	born.
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baker's History of Northamptonshire.</i>
bapt.	baptized.
<i>Bridges</i>	<i>Bridges's History of Northamptonshire.</i>
bur.	buried.
ch.	chart.
Chan. Pro.	Chancery Proceedings from the Public Record Office.
Close R.	Close Rolls from the Public Record Office.
co.	county.
coh.	coheir.
d.	died.
d. and h.	daughter and heiress.

dat.	dated.
dau.	daughter.
F. B. G.	Friends' burial-ground.
F. M. H.	Friends' meeting-house.
fo.	folio.
Harl. MSS.	Harleian Manuscripts in the British Museum.
Harl. Soc. Publ.	Harleian Society's Publications.
Hil.	Hilary Term.
<i>ibid.</i>	<i>ibidem, i.e.</i> , at the same place.
Inq. <i>p. m.</i>	Inquisition <i>post mortem</i> from the Public Record Office.
m.	membrane.
mar. <i>or</i> =	married.
mar. lic.	marriage licence.
mar. lic. B. L.	marriage licence granted by the Bishop of London.
mar. lic. Fac. Off.	marriage licence issued from the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury at London.
mar. lic. Vic.-Gen. A. C.	marriage licence issued from the office of the Vicar General of the Archbishop of Canterbury.
Mich.	Michaelmas Term.
<i>n. f.</i>	<i>ne fallor</i> —implying a doubt.
no.	number.
par. reg.	parish registers.
Pat. R.	Patent Rolls from the Public Record Office.
ped.	pedigree.
P. C. C.	Prerogative Court of Canterbury.
R.	Roll.
<i>s. p.</i>	<i>sine prole, i.e.</i> , without issue.
<i>temp.</i>	<i>tempore, i.e.</i> , in the time of.
Trin.	Trinity Term.
Visit.	The Heralds' Visitation of the county.





CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTION.

“Enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers.”—JOB viii. 8.



HERE seems to be no reason for doubting that the family of Wilmer is a purely English one, although it has been supposed by some people that its early history must be sought in German records. We are told that the name is used in that country both as a personal and also as a surname, but we have met with no evidence that would support the theory of a German origin. On the other hand, we can show that the name, or a form very similar to it, existed in this country at a time prior to the Norman Conquest. It is occasionally found in the public records from the 12th century downwards, but it is not until the 16th century that it becomes at all common. Wilmer, or the older form *Wulmer*, it is conjectured, has a common origin with, or is itself the parent of the names of *Wolmer*, *Wilmot*, *Willman*, *Wellman*, *Wymer*, *Wyman*, and others. It seems to be the same as the name of *Wlmar*, or *Vlmar*, which is of frequent occurrence in *Domesday Book*. A certain *Wlmarus*, of the County of Suffolk, was a tenant-in-chief at the time of the Survey:—

“Sudfulc’—The land of Wlmarus. Risebruge Hundred. In Lafham there are XXIII. acres and half a carucate, and they are worth III. shillings. There is soc to the holy men. In the same the same Wlmarus holds IX. acres, which he held in mortgage in the time of King William of an ancestor of Ralph Pinel for XXI. shillings, and they are worth XII.*d.* Roger the Sheriff held them of the inheritance of his father.”

A large number of persons of the name of Wlmar, Wlmarus, Vlmar, or Vlmarus, etc., were under-tenants at the formation of *Domesday*; and many also of the same name held land in the time of King Edward the Confessor, and previous to the Survey, among whom was one Wlmarus, a Priest of King Edward, to whose name Sir Henry Ellis appends the following note:—

“Wulnarus, probably the same person, chaplin to Wlfin Bishop of Dorchester, occurs as a witness to Thorold of Buckenhale’s grant of Spalding to Croyland Abbey 1051. Wlmarus had held land in Buckinghamshire, which was then in the diocese of Dorchester.”—[*Introduction to “Domesday Book,”* ii. p. 271.]

We will now give a short summary of the more important notices of the name of Wlmar, or Wilmer, that we have met with prior to the reign of Henry VII.

In the 7th century there was a certain *Sanctus Vulmarus, Abbas Silviacensis prope Bononiam in Picardia*—S. Vulmar,¹ Abbot of Silviacum, near Boulogne, in Picardy. He was a monk of the Benedictine Order, and was commemorated on the 20th of July. He was born of Christian and illustrious parents, in the lower parts of Gaul, not far from the sea-shore, in a village called Silviacum, in the province of Boulogne. His father was Vulpertus, and his mother Duda, and he had a brother named Wamarus. He married Holcorholda, who had been divorced from a certain Wilmarus, but, leaving her, he entered a monastery at Altimontis (Haumont). Sometime after this he returned to his native place, and there, in a wood, built a hut or cell (*tugurium*), where he continued to dwell. In 688 Ceadwalla, King of the Western Saxons, while on a journey from Britain to Rome,

1. It should be remembered that Vulmar is used here as a Christian name.

where the Venerable Bede says that he died in 689, hearing of S. Vulmar's good works, hastened to see him, and gave him 30s. to adorn a church which he was building.² S. Vulmar is said by Mabillonius to have died about 710. The cell which he built at Silviacum, or (to use the modern name) Samer,³ was destroyed in the 8th century by the Norwegians, and was afterwards rebuilt by Eustace, Count of Bouillon, father of Godfrey de Bouillon, under the title of L'Abbaye de S. Wilmer, by which name it was known until its suppression at the time of the French Revolution.⁴ The remains of it, for some still exist, have been converted into dwelling-houses and a large orchard, as we are told by Colonel Randal Wilmer, who visited Samer a few months ago.

A.D. 1203-4.—“John, by the grace of God, etc. Know ye that we have granted, and by the present charter have confirmed, to John Pincerne and his heirs, all the land which Wolmerus de Wodehus held, that is to say, two bovates of land in Wodehus, and one bovate in La Hull, and one bovate in Uvertorp, to be held of us and our heirs in fee for one mark of silver per annum for every service, etc.”—[*Charter Roll*, 5 John, m. 16.]

1263.—“William Wolmer' and Agnes his wife give half a mark for one assize of novel disseisin, to be taken before William de Wylton, in the County of Northampton. And it is commanded [to the Sheriff that he cause the assize to be taken] in the County of Northampton.”—[*Fine Roll*, 47 Henry III., m. 2; *Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, ii. p. 404.]

By a writ, dated at Northampton, 12th March, 1300-1, Radulphus Wylmer was summoned from the County of Devon to perform military service in person against the Scots. Muster at Berwick-upon-Tweed, on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 24th June 1301.—[*Close Roll*, 29 Edward I., m. 13 and 12 d.; *Parliamentary Writs*, i. p. 905.]

Radulphus Wylemer was one of the Burgesses returned to represent Barnstaple in the Parliament at Carlisle, in eight days of St. Hilary, 20th January, 35 Edward I. (A. D. 1306-7).—[*Parliamentary Writs*, i. 905.]

2. *Recueil des Historiens des Gaules et de la France*, iii. pp. 625-6. See also *Acta Sanctorum* and *Gallia Christiana*.

3. *Saulmerium*, *Saumerium*, or *Samer*, is said to be a contraction of S. *Vulmar*.

4. See a letter by J[ohn] W[ilmer], who cites Piganoil de la Force as his authority, in *St. James's Magazine*, ed. J. B. Burke, i. pp. 159-60.

William Wylmere was one of the Jury on an Inquisition held at Exeter, 24th April, 6 Edward III. (A.D. 1332), before the Escheator of the King on the hither side of the Trent.

“Devon. Inquis̄ capta apđ Exoñ die Martę p̄x añ fm Nāt sc̄i Johis Bap̄te anno regni Rege Rīci sc̄di post cōqm p̄mo, etc.

“Q̄ dicūt s̄r sc̄rm suū qđ [qui]d Randts de Wille[me]re adquiš de Walfo Lessone ⁊ Elena ux̄e eius quatuor acf̄ ire cū p̄tiñ in Barnastap̄t tempe E. paui dñi Rę nūc que de eodē dño Rę pauo tenebant̄ in capite sine licenē eiusd Rę Eę s̄r hoc optenta.

“Et dicūt qđ occōne p̄dic̄t alienacōis, etc., ĩre sup̄dōe cū p̄tiñ in manu ip̄ius Eę paui ĩc̄ capte ⁊ seisite fuerūt ⁊ nō alia occōne ⁊ ea occōne ⁊ nō alia in manu dñi Rę Eę aui dñi Rę nūc a diu exstiterint ⁊ sic in manū dñi Rę nūc ea occōne ⁊ nō alia iam existant. Et dicūt qđ Wiłms Willemere filius Walfi de Willemere fit p̄d̄c̄i Randti de Willemere est consanguineus ⁊ p̄pinquior hēf̄ eiusd Randti, etc.”—*[Chancery Inquisition post mortem, 1 Richard II., no. 63. The Writ of diem clausit extremum, in accordance with which this Inquisition was taken, was dated 24th May 1 Richard II. (A.D. 1378).]*

Alianora, who was the wife of John Wilmore, senior, is mentioned in an Indenture relating to the County of Devon.—*[Close Roll, 37 Henry VI., part 1 (38) (A.D. 1458-9).]*

“Hundred of Mitford, co. Norfolk, in the time of Edward I. Touching sheriffs and bailiffs whatsoever taking [bribes] to remove *recognitores* from the assizes [and] juries.

“They say that Roger de Stepham took one cube of oats to remove Ralph Wlmer from the Assize, and Robert de Ausing half a cube of oats from Adam p̄mitiss’, but they call this safe in themselves (*sic*).—*[Hundred Rolls, vol. i. p. 444.]*

“Hundred of Fourhove, co. Norfolk, in the time of Edward I. Touching those who shall have approvers imprisoned, etc.

“Robert de Nortun, the sheriff, caused John de Pikeham, an approver, to accuse by the procurement of Walter de Wylemere of Kyneburl, on account of gain, Eustace de Pastimer of the same vill, a faithful man, until he made a fine of one mark.”—*[Hundred Rolls, vol. 1, p. 448.]*

“In the name of God, Amen, on the 24th day of July in the year of our Lord 1400, and in the first year of the reign of King Henry the Fourth after the conquest of England, I, SIMON WILMER, of loveyne in Braban’, of sound mind and in good memory, constitute and make my will in this manner: First, I commend my soul to Almighty

God, the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the Saints, and my body to be buried in the Church of St. Benedick ffynk, London, and for my burial to be held there I bequeath to the fabric of the aforesaid church xxs. Also I bequeath to the high altar of the aforesaid church for my tithes and oblations, which have been forgotten and kept back, vjs. viij*d*. Also I bequeath to every chaplain of the same church for keeping my soul in remembrance in his prayers xij*d*. Also I bequeath to the parish clergyman of the same church xx*d*. And I will that the expenses of my funeral shall be ordered according to the wish of my wife Johne. But the residue of all my goods and chattels wherever they exist, after my debts in which I am legally bound have been paid and the aforesaid legacies fulfilled, I give and bequeath to Johne, my wife, and William, my son, and further, I give and bequeath to the aforesaid Johne, my wife, and the aforesaid William, my son, all those lands and tenements, rents and possessions whatsoever, which ought to descend to me by hereditary right after the death of Simon Wilmer, my father, in the town of Guytecom, in braban', or in any other place soever within the confines of Braban', to be possessed and held by the same Johne and by William, my son, and their heirs and assigns for ever, thenceforward to be made and disposed as of their own goods, without any qualification whatsoever. Of this my will I make and constitute the aforesaid Johne, my wife, my sole executrix, to whom I hand over the administration and execution of this my last will, to be performed and fulfilled as shall seem to be best pleasing to God and to conduce to the safety of my soul. In witness of which I have to these presents set my seal, there being witnesses, *Dominus* Henry Trank, Rector of the aforesaid church, Thomas Burgh, Terrenus Dripston, Brouderer, Adam Tauerner, *Segres* Coster, and others, dated at London, the day and year above-mentioned. This will was proved before the commissary the tenth of the Kalends of October [22nd September], in the year above-mentioned. And administration was granted, etc., to Johne, the above-mentioned executrix, etc. [She has acquittance.]—” [*Archidiaconal Court of London*, folio 90b.]

1441, October 23rd.—“Certificate of the acquittance of Jehan Wilmer, Master of the Carpenters' work at Rouen, for 16*l*. 12*s*. Townen for his wages for 166 days at 2*s*. per Day.”—[*British Museum, Add. MS.* 3922.]

1441, March 28th.—“Letter of Henry VI., King of England and France, granting to Jehan Wylmer a years respite from paying homage

for his lands in the baillages of Rouen and Caux. Dated at Rouen."—
[*British Museum, Add. Charter, 14374.*]

It is at best merely probable that the records we have just cited refer to the family whose history we are about to relate ; leaving, therefore, the regions of uncertainty, we find ourselves standing on the firm ground of proven facts at the beginning of the reign of Henry VII. From that date we have a pedigree based on the solid foundation of the Heralds' Visitations, every generation of which has been verified and proved by evidence adduced from Proceedings in the Court of Chancery, Close and Patent Rolls, Final Concords, Wills, and other documents. The Wilmer family was settled at Ryton-upon-Dunsmore, a small village in the east of Warwickshire, at the close of the 15th century, and with that place the senior line was closely connected for the next two hundred years. In the 16th century the family multiplied rapidly, and spread eastward into Northamptonshire, where its members married into good families and became possessed of considerable estates and wealth. At Sywell, in that county, was seated one of the most important branches of the family. A junior branch of the Ryton house was settled in the neighbourhood of London in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and had numerous offshoots. Its members, as would naturally be expected, were occupied chiefly in mercantile enterprises, and from them were descended many London and Essex and several Yorkshire families.

It now only remains for us to say a few words about the social position of the early Wilmers, before they attained the position of gentry and esquires, or knightly rank. At the point at which our pedigree begins, they may be described as yeomen,—a class originally composed of small freeholders, who held their patrimonies by free though not by military tenure, and afterwards "strengthened by the addition of the body of tenant farmers, whose interests were very much the same as those of the smaller freeholders, and who shared with them the common name of yeoman." Speaking of this class, the Bishop of Chester says :—

“Next after the gentry, in respect of that political weight which depends on the ownership of land, was ranked the great body of freeholders, the yeomanry of the middle ages, a body which, in antiquity of possession and purity of extraction, was probably superior to the classes that looked down upon it as ignoble. It was from the younger brothers of the yeoman families that the households of the great lords were recruited: they furnished men-at-arms, archers and hobelers, to the royal force at home and abroad, and, settling down as tradesmen in the cities, formed one of the links that bound the urban to the rural population.”—[*Constitutional History of England*, iii. p. 551.]

and again :—

“The house of the freeholder was substantially but simply furnished, his stores of clothes and linen were ample, he had money in his purse and credit at the shop and at the market. He was able in his will to leave a legacy to his parish church or to the parish roads, and to remember all his servants and friends with a piece of money or an article of clothing. The inventory of his furniture, which was enrolled with his will, enables the antiquary to reproduce a fair picture of every room in the house: there were often comforts and even luxuries, although not such as those of later days; but there was generally abundance.”—[*Ibid*, p. 555.]

In addition to these remarks, which are fully borne out by the wills of the early Wilmers, it may be mentioned that the family was entitled to coat-armour.

To the yeomanry England as a nation owes much; their bravery left her victorious on many a battle-field of the middle ages, and their sterling good qualities contributed in a large measure to make her what Mr. Froude describes as a “sound nation,” that is, “a nation that is composed of sound human beings, healthy in body, strong of limb, true in word and deed—“brave, sober, temperate, chaste, to whom morals are of more importance than wealth or knowledge—where duty is first and “the rights of man are second—where, in short, men grow up “and live and work, having in them what our ancestors called “the ‘fear of God.’”⁶

6. *Oceana*, p. 133.

Such, then, we may believe, was the simple, homely life of these early Wilmers,—a life that Horace admired ; and one that Virgil never tired of praising, for it was with reference to the Roman *Agricolæ* that he sang :—

“ At segura quies et nescia fallere vita,
Dives opum variarum, at latis otia fundis,
Speluncæ vivique lacus et frigida tempe
Mugitusque boum mollesque sub arbore somni,
Non absunt ; illic saltus ac lustra ferarum,
Et patiens operum exiguoque adsueta juvenus,
Sacra deum sanctique patres ; extrema per illos
Justitia excedens terris vestigia fecit.”—*Geor.* 2, 467-74.





CHAPTER II.

THE COAT-ARMOUR OF THE WILMER FAMILY.

“Coates of Armes were invented by our wise auncestors, to these 3 ends; The first was, to honour and adorne the family of him that had well deserved towards his countrye. The seconde, to make him more worthy and famous above the rest, which had not done merit, and thereby they might be prouoked to doe the like. The third was, to differ out the severall lignes and issues, from the noble auncestor descending; so that the eldest borne might be known from the second, and he from the thirde, &c.”—SIR JOHN FERNE.



It is uncertain at what period the Wilmers first used coat-armour, but it was stated in 1582-3 that they had “of longe tyme vsed and boren Armes as apt
“and significant tokens of their race and gentry.”

We shall proceed at once to give copies of the several grants of arms to the family, which are recorded in the Heralds' College, London.

“TO THOMAS WYLMER OF RUYTON IN COM' WARW: BY ROB: COOKE,
CLARENCEUX, 1582.

“To all and singuler as well nobles and gentilz as others to whome these presentes shall come, Robert Cooke Esquire alias Clarenceux Kinge of Armes and principall Herald of the East West and South partes of the realme of England from the Ryver of Trent southwardes, Sendeth greetinge in our lord God everlastinge. Forasmuch as Thomas Wulsmere alias Wylmer of Ruyton in the Countie of Warwike is well borne and descended of such as haue of longe tyme vsed and boren

Armes as apt and significant tokens of their race and gentry, Which lykewyse to him by iust descent and prerogatyve of birth ar duely deryved ; Vnto the which no creast cognoysance or ornament on the heulme is knowen properly to belonge (as vnto very meny auneynt Cotes of Armes there be none) and hath therfore requyred me the said Clarencieulx to assigne vnto his auneynt Armes a creast or cognoysance meete and lawfull to be boren without preiudice or offence to any other pson, and the same skillfully to describe and warrantably to delyuer vnto him vnder my hand and the seale of myne office, to be presy^duid and conveyed to his yssue and posteritie for ever. In consyderation wheerof I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes by vertue of myne office and by power and authoritie to me co'mitted by letters patentes vnd^r the greate seale of England, have assigned gyven and graunted vnto the said Thomas Wylmer, to his auneynt Armes, beinge Gueules a cheveron varyr betwene three Eglettes displayd gold ; ffor his creast or cognoysance vpon the healme, on a Torce or Wreath gold and gueules, an Egles hedd gold betwene two Wynges varyr. The mantelles dependant beinge gueules doubled or lyned argent, as more playnly appereth depicted and illumined in the margine herof. Which Armes and Creast or cognoysance and every part and parcell thereof I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes do by these presentes ratify, confirme, gyve and graunt vnto the said Thomas Wylmere & to his yssue ofspringe and posteritie for ever. He and they the same to haue hold vse & beare at all tymes and for ever hereafter at their liberty and pleasure, with the distinctions and differences due accordinge to the laudable vsage and custome of bearinge Armes, without th' impediment, lett or interruption of any pson or psons. In Witnesse wherof I the said Clarencieulx King of Armes haue heervnto subscrybed my name and sette to the Seale of myne Office the XVIth day of february in the yere of our lord God a thousand fyve hundred eighty two, and in the xxvth yere of the reigne of our most gracious Souu'eigne Lady Queene Elizabeth."—

"From the original draft now remaini^{ng} in the Heralds College, London, this 15th May 1885."

(Signed) "STEPHEN TUCKER,

"*Somersct II.*"

These arms and this crest were confirmed to Sir William Wilmer, Knt., of Sywell, by Sir Richard St. George, Knt., Clarenceux King-of-Arms (*see p. 44*).¹ In the Visitation of

1. Harl. M.S. 1553.

Warwickshire, made in 1619, the arms of Wylmer are given as— A chevron vair between three ducal coronets (not blazoned). This mistake is all the more strange, since it was made less than forty years after the confirmation by Robert Cooke; and the same Thomas Wilmer, to whom the arms were then confirmed, was the head of the family at the time of the Visitation.

Early in the 17th century, George Wilmer of Stratford-le-Bow, who was descended from a second son of the Ryton house, and was the ancestor of the Wilmers of Yorkshire, obtained a grant of arms:—

“GEORGE WILMERE’S PATENT FOR CHANGING HIS CHEVERN,
AND OBTAINING A NEW CREST.

“*Quæ apud uetustissimos paucorum erant, et ad libitum in bello tantum usurpata, seu in clypeis depicta, seu galeis imposita Insignia, ea postea propter eorum dignitatem, et splendorem non solum alij innumeri gliscente uirtute bellica sibi pro tempore uaria ascripsêrunt, uerum etiam eadem ipsa ueluti nobilitatis suæ argumenta posteris transmisêre. Atq: ita demum hæreditaria effecta, quæ tantum personam usurpantis in principio comitabantur. Ceterum ne usu eorum promiscuo sorderet institutio aut sequeretur confusio, neue ex iniuria dum unus, atque alius idem Insigne comportaret seditio inter partes exoriretur, prudentissimo maiorum inuento lex data rei unde pulcherrimus ille qui nunc conspicitur ordo, omnisque profluxit HARALDORUM tum potestas atque artis suppellex, tum etiam ipsa institutio. Verumenimvero cum in omni republica omnis authoritas a principe per magistratus uarios ueluti per uenas in populum diriuatur, sic ne nihil non rite fieret, principum indulgentia creati Armorum Reges, iisque quedam quasi regia in rebus ad honorem, atque Arma spectantibus potestas in diplomatis donata erat. Ea potestate nos GULIELMUS SEGAR al’s GARTAR, et GULIELMUS CAMDEN al’s CLARENCEULX, principales diuersarum prouinciarum ad Arma Reges instructi GEORGII WILMERE Armigeri gentilitia ad eius rogatum inspeximus; Et cum idem Georgius Wilmere hereditario sed minus digniori iure ueluti qui ex abau sui Richardi Wilmere de Ruyton in comitatu Warwicensi secundo natu filio oriundus, clypeum Wilmerorum Gules a Cheuern Varie between three Eaglets displayed Or, quem ad modum hic in margine a sinistra cernitur lunula argentea (quæ paulum dignitatis auferret) distinguere oporteret: Cum etiam tessera quæ cristam insignit galea Vpon a wreath gowld and gules, An Eagles head Or, between two*

wings varie. Anno 1582 in complementu auiti splendoris a Roberto Cooke tum Clarenceaulx Thome Wilmere de Ruyton predicta, iure primogenituræ arma sine differentia gerentis et heredibus suis in perpetuum data et concessa erat, quam tesseram præfatus Georgius Wilmere nullo suo iure gestare potuit quia Thomas ille non nisi sibi, et suis parauit: Ideo nos Gulielmus Segar al's Gartar, et Gulielmus Camden al's Clarenceulx prefati, Armorum Reges damus primo et concedimus predicto Georgio Wilmere per presentes, ut a debita lunulæ differentia gerenda immunis sit: Deïnda ne primogenituræ senioris familiæ fiat iniuria damus etiam et concedimus per presentes ut loco illius Wilmerorum clymei quam A Cheuern varié cohonestat, prefatus Georgius habeat et portet arma quæ in margine hic a dextra conspiciuntur depicta, quæquæ uerba sequentia clarissime expriment Gules a Cheuern Siluer beetween three Eaglets Or. armed and langued sable. Neue gestamen illud existæ sit expers proprie ad specialem Georgij illius rogatum, atque etiam ut stimulos uirtuti subderemus, et pro maiori crescentis familiæ ornatu, damus porro, et concedimus prefato Georgio Wilmere Vpon a wreath Gowld and Gules an Eagle displayed Gowld, armed and langued Sable, howlding in his beak a Garland of laurel proper, ueluti in margine hic a dextra suo minio et metallis rutilans conspicitur. Habendum et tenendum immunitatem preconcessam, preconcessa Arma, cristamque preconcessam cum laudabilibus tamen, et antiquitus usitatis differentiarum nobulis prefato Georgio, heredibus suis et descendentibus ex se, omnimodo, ubicunque, libere et in perpetuum: In cuius rei testimonium nos prefati Gartar et Clarenceulx Armorum Reges huic presenti instrumento proprijs manibus subscripsimus et utroque sigillum sui Officij sigillatim apposuimus."

"From the original (R. 22., pa. 311) in the Heralds' College, London.

(Signed) "STEPHEN TUCKER,

"24 April, '85.

"*Somerset Herald.*"

It will be observed that no date is given in the above grant, but we can determine the time at which it was made to within twenty years; for Sir William Segar was Garter King-of-Arms from 1603 to 1633, and William Camden held the office of Clarenceulx King-of-Arms from 1597 to 1623. The grant, therefore, must have been made between 1603 and 1623. We have been able to find but few instances of the use of the arms

and crest that were thus granted to George Wilmer. They appear in the *Liber Memorialis* of Trinity College, Cambridge, in connection with his gift of books to the library of that foundation (*see p.* 114), and on the tombstone of his grandson, John Wilmer, at Walthamstow (*see p.* 119). In both these cases, however, the crest is depicted as an eagle issuing from a mural coronet, and without the garland of laurel. The arms, without the crest, appear impaled by Beachcroft, in the funeral bill of Sir Robert Beachcroft, Knt. (*see p.* 120); and, impaling Cornwall, in that of Dorothy, the wife of Randall Wilmer (*see p.* 124). After this they seem to have fallen into disuse, and the arms and crest of the Ryton Wilmers, without any mark of cadency or difference, to have been adopted in their place. To the latter coat-of-arms the Yorkshire Wilmers had no doubt a right by virtue of their descent from the Ryton house, if it were possible to ignore the new grant to George Wilmer, their more immediate ancestor. But if they bore those arms at all, they ought at any rate to have charged them with a crescent on a crescent, for twice had the descent passed through second sons. To the crest they had no right whatever, for it was not borne by the Ryton Wilmers, until granted in 1582-3 to Thomas Wilmer, to whom the Yorkshire Wilmers were only collaterally related. Yet in the 18th century the Yorkshire Wilmers used no other arms and crest, as is shown by the monuments in Upper Helmsley church and by family papers; and not only so, but the Heralds of the present century seem to have allowed the claim of Mr. John-Wilmer Field and Mr. Joshua Field, descendants of the Yorkshire Wilmers, to quarter these arms; and in 1832 when Wilmer Gossip (*see p.* 135) and Thomas-George Gossip (*see p.* 133) assumed the surname of Wilmer, in consequence of their descent from an heiress of the Yorkshire branch of that family, the arms of the Ryton Wilmers were confirmed to them in the following grant:—

“To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Sir Ralph Bigland Knight Garter Principal King of Arms and Edmund

Lodge Esquire Norroy King of Arms of the North Parts of England from the River Trent Northwards send Greeting:—Whereas His Majesty by Warrant under His Royal Signet and Sign Manual bearing date the twenty fifth day of October last signified unto the Most Noble Bernard Edward Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England One of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council that He had been graciously pleased to give and grant unto Wilmer Gossip second surviving Son and Thomas George Gossip third surviving Son of the late Randall Gossip of Thorp Arch Hall in the County of York Esquire a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, deceased,—(which Randall Gossip was the Son of Thomas Gossip and Grandson of William Gossip of Thorp Arch and of the City of York Esquire deceased by Anne his Wife second daughter and Coheir of George Wilmer heretofore of Over Helmsley in the said County and of the said City of York Esquire also deceased) His Royal Licence and Authority that they the said Wilmer Gossip and Thomas George Gossip and their issue respectively may use, assume and bear the Surname of Wilmer only and also bear the arms of Wilmer in compliance with an Injunction in a Codicil to the Last Will and Testament of the said Randall Gossip, such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in the Heralds Office otherwise the said Royal Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect: And forasmuch as the said Earl Marshal did by Warrant under his hand and seal bearing date the seventh day of November instant authorize and require us to exemplify the said Arms of Wilmer accordingly: Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Norroy in obedience to His Majesty's Command, in pursuance of His Grace's Warrant, and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our several Offices to each of Us respectively granted do by these Presents exemplify unto the said Wilmer Gossip now Wilmer Wilmer and unto the said Thomas George Gossip now Thomas George Wilmer the Arms of Wilmer viz^t. Gules a Chevron vair between three Eagles displayed Or (a Mullet for difference²) And the Crest of Wilmer viz^t. On a Wreath of the Colours an Eagle's Head couped Or between two wings Vair (differenced as the Arms) as the same are in the Margin hereof more plainly depicted to be borne and used for ever hereafter by them the said Wilmer Wilmer and Thomas George Wilmer and their Issue respectively according to the tenor of His Majesty's said Sign Manual and the Laws of Arms:

2. Thomas Gossip, the grandfather of the grantees, was the third son, who

left issue, of William Gossip and Anne Wilmer, his wife (*see p. 132*).

In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Norroy Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices this ninth day of November in the Third year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord William the fourth by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. : and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two

(Signed) "RALPH BIGLAND, GARTER. EDM^d. LODGE, NORROY."

[*From the College of Arms. In the original painting of the arms the motto is—"Expertus credo".*]

Thus considerable confusion has arisen from the disregard in which the grant of arms to George Wilmer has been held,—a disregard to which the College of Arms has, as we have seen, given the sanction of its authority.





CHAPTER III.

WILMER OF RYTON, STAVERTON, BUDBROOKE,
AND DUDLEY.

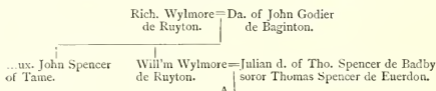
*O fortunatos nimium, sua si bona norint,
Agricolas, quibus ipsa procul aiscordibus armis
Fundit humo facilem victum iustissima tellus.*—VIRGIL, *Georg.*, 2. 458.

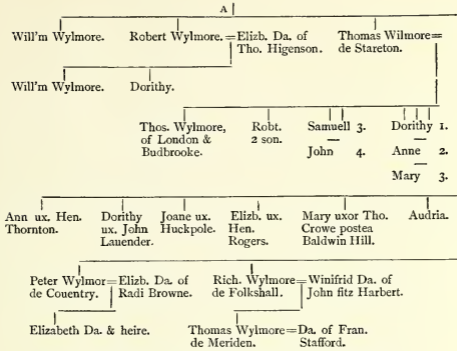
ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES DISPLAYED OR.
CREST: AN EAGLE'S HEAD OR BETWEEN TWO WINGS EXPANDED VAIR.



THE following pedigree is taken from the Visitation of Warwickshire, made in 1619, for William Camden, Clarenceux King-of-Arms, by his deputies, Sampson Lennard, Blewmantle, and Augustine Vincent, as printed in volume XII. of the Publications of the Harleian Society, from the Harleian MS. 1167, under the editorship of John Fetherston, Esq., F.S.A.

Wylmer.





ARMS:—*A chevron vair between three ducal coronets (not blazoned).**
In the Manuscript drawn in pencil.

H.—**William Wilmer** [A], Yeoman, of Withybrooke¹ and Ryton-upon-Dunsmore, co. Warwick, is the first of the family from whom we have been able to prove a pedigree. It is probable that he was the common ancestor of all those branches of the Wilmer family, the history of which is recorded in the following pages, although in several cases the connecting generations are missing. By a deed, bearing date 20th September 1486, Sir John Weston, Knt., Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, granted to William Wilmer the manor or farm of Ryton, with the appurtenances, for the term of sixty years, at a certain annual rent.² The village of Ryton is situate on the southern side of the River Avon, four miles and a half to the south-east

*These are not the arms of the Wilmer family (*see p. 10*).

1. So described in Visit. Northampton, 1618-19, which refers to an Inquisition taken at Kenilworth on Saturday, 7 Sept., 2 Hen. VII. (Harl. MS. 1094, fo. 115). In Metcalfe's printed edition of this Visitation the

day of the week is given as Sunday. The 7th Sept., 2 Hen. VII. fell upon a Thursday; and that is the day of the week given in a pedigree compiled from sources in the College of Arms.

2. Forster *v.* Wildmore, Chan. Pro. (*see p. 29*).

of Coventry. The manor seems to have been a member of Stoneleigh, and in 14 Edward I. was granted by Thomas de Arden to the Hospitalers,³ who held it until the reign of Henry VIII.⁴ William Wilmer had two sons:—

ÆÆ.—I. RICHARD WILMER. *See below*, ÆÆ.

II. THOMAS WILMER, Mercer, of Coventry, who made his will 6th October 1540. It was proved at Lichfield, 8th March 1540-1, but is now missing from the registry. By Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Wilmer had an only child, JOANE WILMER.

William Wilmer appears to have borne the arms: Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or, for they were confirmed to his descendant, Thomas Wilmer, of Ryton, in 1582-3, in consequence of his being "well borne and descended of such as haue of longe tyme vsed and boren Armes as apt and significant tokens of their race and gentry, Which lykewyse to him by iust descent and prerogatyve of birth ar duely deryved" (*see p. 9*).

ÆÆ.—Richard Wilmer [IA], Yeoman, was the executor of his father's will, and succeeded him at Ryton.² He married Joane, daughter of John Goodere, of Baginton, near Coventry, and Alice, his wife. We have no direct evidence to show John Goodere's parentage, but he seems to have been a member of the knightly family of Goodere, which resided at Baginton, Polesworth, and other places in Warwickshire. This family was descended from Sir Richard Goodere, Knt., Lord of Poynton, in Cheshire, and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Clare, Knt., son of the Earl of Gloucester.⁵ In the Harleian MS. 1551, folio 131, it is stated that John Goodere bore the arms of this family, namely: Gules, a fess between two chevrons vair. In

3. Pat. R., 14 Edw. I., m. 20.

4. Dugdale's *Warwickshire*, p. 33, ed. 1765.

2. Forster *v.* Wildmore, Chan. Pro. (*see p. 29*).

5. Berry's *Hertfordshire Peaigrees*, p. 185.

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92), = Susan
(*query*)
Cole.

John Wilmer [IV K], Esq. (*p.* 167), =
of Shrewley; d. 1624.

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K Wilmer of Shrewley and Stratford,
le-Bow (*p.* 167-171).

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le-Bow, Bromley-St.-Leonard's,
g (*p.* 153-166).

er, d. 1806.

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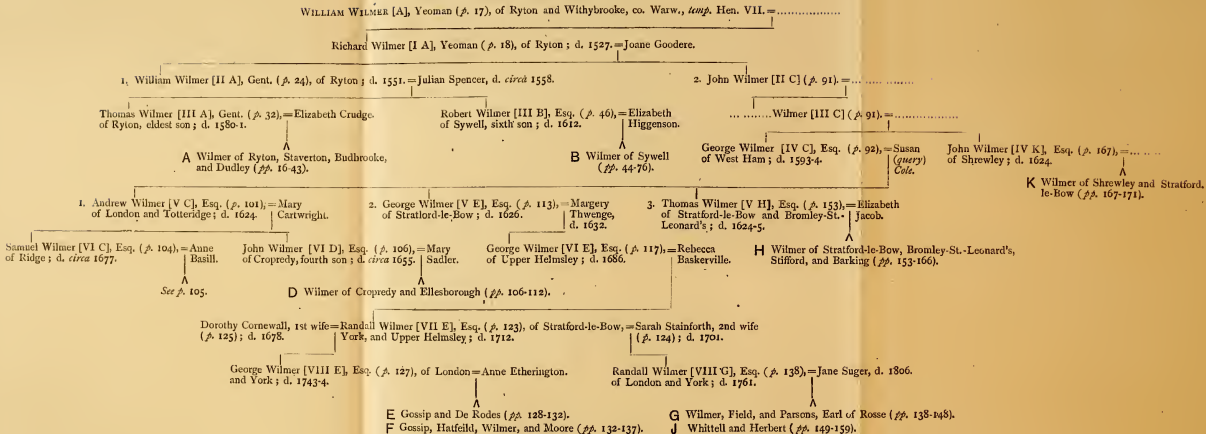
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Chart K.

KEY PEDIGREE A.



*. The capital letters in thick type correspond to similar letters in the text.

his will, which was dated 19th August 1521, and proved 17th October following,⁶ John Goodere bequeathed to "Johan Willmar wife of Richard Willmar of Ryton 6s. 8d.," and to "every child of the same Richard Willmar a silver spoon," and appointed his "curate and ghostly father Richard Willmar of "Ryton" one of the overseers. It is possible that this Richard Willmar was the son of the Richard Wilmer of whom we are writing, for the latter was described on his tombstone as a farmer. Richard and Joane Wilmer had issue :—

III.—I. WILLIAM WILMER. *See below*, III.

II. JOHN WILMER, ancestor of the Wilmers of London, Essex, and Yorkshire (*see chapter IX.*).

III. RICHARD WILMER, living in 1527.

I. ALICE WILMER, married first Tomlyns, of Thame, co. Oxford; and secondly, John Spencer, Esq., of Thame, second son of William Spencer, Esq., of Badby and Everdon (*see pedigree*, p. 25). They had an only child, ALICE SPENCER, who married James Wilcocks, of Hardwicke, (*query*) near Thame.

II. KATHERINE WILMER, married Richard Bourne, Gent, of Chesterton, co. Oxford, and had issue.⁷ Arms of Bourne: Argent, on a mount vert, standing on four bars wavy in base of the field and azure, a castle triple-towered gules, on a chief of the third a sun between two estoiles or.

"The Deposicons of certeyn Deponentes Taken at Couentre the Thursday next afore the feast of Penthecost the tenth yere of the Reygn of o^r Sou^raygn lord Kyng Henry the viij. by s^r Rob't Brudenell Knyght & other the Kynges co'myssyon^rs by vertue of the Kynges co'myssyon to theym directyd vppon a byll of Compleynt putt vpp by Wyl'm Coke & John Lawrence ayeunst Richard Willm^r for lond inclosed.

"The Intergatoryes for the part of Will^m

Cooke & John Laurence ayeunst Richard Wylm^r.

6. P.C.C. 16 Mainwaring.

7. Visit. Oxford, 1634; Harl. Soc. Publ., v. p. 316.

- “ 1. Fyrst whather there were any suche composyc'on as ys surmysed & affirmed by Ric' Wilmer or nott.
- “ 2. It'm whather Blakeden Hyll and the More haue ben comen and so vsed to all the ten^{antes} & fireholders of the toune of Ruyton tyme owt of mynd or nott.
- “ 3. It'm whather the seyd Wylmer haue inclosed any of the londes & ten^{tes} belongyng to the forseyd Will^m Cooke and John Laurence or any of them or nott.
- “ 4. It'm whather the seyd Wylmer dyd enforce coarc oppresse vex or sue the ten^{antes} & inh^{it}'nntes of the seyd toune of Ruyton wrongfully or nott.
- “ 5. It'm whather the forseyd Cooke and Laurence haue any other landes Rentes or Recompense for theyr owne landes as ys surmysed by the seyd Wylmer or nott.
- “ 6. It'm whather the forseyd Wylmer caused to be wrongfully endvted at Warwyk by his othe the seyd Will^m Cooke John Coup John Cooke Will^m Bradwell & John Whyttell or nott.

“ Deposic'o'es ex pte Willⁱ Cooke & Joh^{'is} Laurence versus Willmer.

“ John Coup of Ruyton ten^{ant} to the seyd Will^m Cooke of the age of xl yeres sworn & examyned the yere day & place aboueseyd seyth and deposyth as folouyeth

“ To the fyrst & second articles he seyth that there was neu^r Composyc'on concluded bytwene the lordes of the seynt Johns & the ten^{antes} of Ruyton but there was a Co'icac'on bytwene the fermer of the seyd lordes of seynt Johns & the seyd ten^{antes} for a pease to be had for a yere Whyche was that the seyd ferm^r shold leeve out a ground called Blakden w^t hyll & more for cōen to the seyd ten^{antes} and the same ferm^r to medell w^t no pt ther of Nor in the toune feldes or medowes to haue but CCC. shepe goyng in Dunsmore Heth whych agrement the seyd erm^r wold nott kepe for he aft^r that inclosyd wyth dyke & hege the seyd ground called Blakden w^t hyll & more and kept yt seu^rall and aft^r the seyd ten^{antes} had cast down the seyd dyke and hege to vse theyre Cōen there the seyd Wylmer made newe agayne the said dyke and hege and so kepyth yt seu^rall styll and also by the seyd agrement the same Wylmer shold put out no man out of hys fermes and after cont^{rye} to that he put owte on' Thom^{as} Cotysbroke out of hys ferme of the psonage & the londes and also he put out Thom^{as} Herbert & thys deponēt also owt of theyre fermes and toke a yard lond from Thom^{as} Lampar and by reason therof the seyd Richard Wilm^r put in the toune feldes c.

shepe more and by Cotysbroke ys ferme he putt in ccc shepe more contrary to the seyde agreement. To the iij & iiij articles he seyth that the seyde Wylm^r hath inclosed another feld called Hall Hyll by estymac'on conteynyng c acr' and also a feld called Barbelowe conteynyng by estymac'on c acr' wherein the seyde ten^{ants} had theyre Comen. And Will^m Cooke hath viij londes & a pyke^{7a} in the seid Hall Hyll and xiiij londes in barbelow And John Lawrence had a medow plott of iij londes of hey by yere in the Hall Hyll and the heyre of Will^m Hall hath x londes in barbelowe & Will^m Cooke xiiij londes in the same also he hath inclosed a nother close called the Hayes & the Lynche conteynyng by estymac'on vppon a lxxx acr' and a medow plott called Haddesmore whych will bere yerely xxx lodes of haye wherin Will^m Cooke hath a plott of iij lodes of haye & also an acr' of ayreable lond in the seyde feld called Dodwyth acr' And also the seyde Wylm^r inclosed a nother close called Oxford leys conteynyng by estymac'on vppon a lx acr' and a medow plott longyng to the same called Halyams and in the seyde felde John Laur^{es} hath xix londes & in the medowe a plott of a lode & a half of haye in all whych inclosure the seyde ten^{ants} haue used to haue Comen in tymes past all wey in the opyn tyme.

“To the vth article he seyth that the seyde Wylm^r wold haue leyde owt certeyn londes too recompense the seyde fireholders whyche they wold nott take except that John Smyth toke a part in recompence for a yere Will^m Mawdeley dyd also take a nother pte in recompence for a yere and sens they haue left up the same ground by cause the seyde Wylmer wold nott kepe hys appoyntement in other thynges.

“As to the vj article he seyth that the seyde Wylm^r by hys oth and by hys means caused Will^m Coke John Cop John Coke Will^m Bradwell and John Whytell to be indyted of Ryott for castyng downe the heges of the seyde newe inclosure whych were not at the seyde castyng downe of the heges of the seyde Inclosures and more he knowyth nott.

“Thom^s Cotysbroke of Stretton a myle from Ruyton husbondman of the age of lx yeres sworn and examyned the day & yere aboueseyde seyth & deposyth

“As to the j & ij articles he seyth & deposyth as the forseyde John Coup hath deposed and seyth More that the seyde Wylm^r hath c. shepe more goyng in the town and felde of Ruyton by reason of Leadbrokes lond where he hath lett downe the hous & occupyeth the lond.

7a. A pyke was a large cock of hay.

“To the iij iiij and v artycles he agreeth that the forseyd John Coup and also seyth that the seyde Wylm^r hath wrongfully vexed thys deponēt and dyu^s other as puttyng theyme out of theyre fermes wrongfully distreynyng theyre catell and suyng them at the lawe w^t dyu^s other harmes to theyme don and to the vj article he seyth as the seyde Coup hath aboueseyd.

“[Roger Smyth of Wolston a myle from Ruyton aforeseyd of the age of lx yeres & more, John Lapworth of Brandon of the pysshe of Wolston one myle from Ruyton of the age of lxvij yeres, Henry Scotte other wyse called Henry Heryng of Brandon aforeseyd of the age of lxxx yeres and aboue, Rob^t Wryght of Wolston aforeseyd of the age of xxx yeres, and Thom^s Yong of the same towne of the age of xxxviiij yeres, sworne and examyned seye as the seyde John Cowp and Thom^s Cottesbroke haue deposed in all thinges.”—*Star Chamber Proceedings*, Henry VIII., vol. ix., folios 181-2.]

Richard Wilmer died 24th May 1527, and was buried in St. Leonard's church, at Ryton. His wife, who survived him, was buried in the same place, where they were formerly commemorated by a brass, part of which was sold some time ago to Mr. J. J. Green, and is now in his possession. On the brass were engraved figures of Wilmer and his wife, and their sons and six daughters. Those of the daughters only now remain. The legend is as follows:—

All crysten peple walkyng alone :
 be holde the ymages of yis stone :
 wher lyeu | Rycharde wylm^r t his wyffe Johne :
 the yriiij day of may w^t good recorde
 he | Dep^ted out of yis world ye zere of o^r lord
 a myrrour to whose sollys Iesus geue co^rdord |
 far^r of yis towne well knooue was he :
 of yor charge say p^r n^r and auc :

The following is a copy of Richard Wilmer's will:—

1527.—“IN DEI NOMINE AMEN, the xxjth day of June in the year of o^r Lorde god A Thousande fyve hundreth twenty and seven I Richarde Wylmer of Ruyton beyng in good helthe and of fite mynde and good remēbrance make my last will and testament in this wise ffirst I bequeth my soule to Allmightie god the ffather the sonne And the holy goste And to o^r lady saint Mary And to all the Holy Companie

of heven And my bodie to be buried in the parishe church of Saint Leonard of Ruyton Also I bequeth for my mortuary my best good as custome dothe require Also I bequeth to the Mother church of Couentrie for to have an absolution vj^s viiiij^d Also I bequeth to the high Aulter of the parisshe church of Ryton for Tithes forgotten vj^s viiiij^d Also I bequeth to the Rep^rations and building of the church of Ruyton and therein to be buried twenty shillings Also I bequeth to the whight ffreers of Couentre for to have a solempne Dirige and masse ten shillinges Also I bequeth to the graye ffreers of Couentre for to have a solempne dirige and masse ten shillinges Also I bequeth to the ffreers of Adderston for to have a dirige and masse x^s Also I bequeth to the Augusteyne freers of Warwick for to have a trentall ⁸ of masse x^s Also I bequeth to my Lord Abbot of Combe and to his brethren for to have a solempne dirige and (*sic*) vj^s viiiij^d And if he come to my burying w^t his brether'n xiiij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeth to my lorde Abbot and Couent of Stoneley for to have a solempne Dirige and masse v^s viiiij^d Also I bequeth to the church of bubnehill iij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeth to the church of Wappenbury iij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeth to the Church of Stretton iij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeth to the church of Wolston iij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeth to the church of Brinkelow iij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeth to the church of Wolnycot iij^s iiiij^d Also I bequeth to Johan Wylmer my wife lx^{li} And she to be at her election and chosing whether she will take the saied lx^{li} in money goods or catell Also I bequeth to the saied Johane halfe a dozen of silver spones and a silver salte a garnisshe of vessell ij greate pannes ij pottes a more and a lesse ij mattres and a ffether bed ij couflettes and a couering w^t iij paire of blankettes twenty paire of shetes and the one halfe of Napery ware in the house Also I bequeth to the saied Johan my wif iij Kyen iij^{xx} ewes iij^{xx} wedders and the saied Catell to be at the finding and coste of charge summer and winter on the ferme of Ryton Also it is my will that the saied Johane shall have a chamber at her election wⁱⁿ the house and fuell and also mete and drinke at the coste and charge of them that kepith the ferme Also I bequeth to the said Johane my wif iij^{li} vj^s viij^d of yerely rent to be paied to the saied Johane or to her assignes forthe of my londe in Saubrege of the chief Ten't during her life Also I bequeth to euery one of my children as to William to Alice to Katheryne to John and Richard to euery one of them xxx^l And if it fortune eny of my children to departe this p'nte lif beyng wⁱⁿ age or before that the saied goodes be delivered unto them Then I will that the parte of the saied childe that is dep'ted

8. A trental was thirty masses for the dead.

or deed shall be deuyded to the Residue of my children lefte on lyue by even portion And if it soo chance that my wif or eny other of my children will not be content w^t suche goodes as are bequest vnto them by this my will but to make discension debate and suytt or cause to be made ageinst myne ex'ors or eny of them then it is my Will that they that soo doo or cause soo to be done shall lese and neu^r enioye eny suche goodes as are bequest vnto them in this my will Also I will gyue and bequeth vnto William my sonne all my londes tenementes groundes fermes and takings that I have and holde wⁱⁿ Northamptonshire and Warwicke shire and hym I make myne heire execut^r depute and assigne Also I give and bequeth vnto the saied William my sonne all my goodes moveable and vnmoueable as corne catell waynes cartes plowes And all other stuff belonging vnto husbandry and all my household stuff that I have wⁱⁿ house or ferme of Royton Also I will that John Goodyere of Bagyn-ton be one of my executors and Edward ferys overseers to have for his labor xx^s Also I will that Thomas Wylmer of Couentre my brother be ou^rseer and to have for his labor vj^s viij^d Also I will that Thomas Wylmer day of my burying to have a solempne dirige and masse And euery preest that is there present to have for his labor viij^d and euery clerke ij^d And euery childe that ys lerned i^d Also I will that all pore people as men women and children as many as come to my buriall euery one of them to have i^d and also mete and drinke for my neighbours as shall be p^ovyded for them Also if it please God that I departe this my present lif my yongest sonnes beyng wⁱⁿ age then I will that my ex'ors shall fynde them at schole vnto suche tyme as they be of p^rfite age and able to obtaine there living The Residue of my goods not geuen nor bequethed I gyue and bequeth unto William Wylmer my sonne and vnto John Goodyere and th^e I make my ex'ors to dispoase my goodes for the welth of my soule and for my ffrendes soules and for all Xp^en soules as they shall thinke beste & expedient for my soule helthe Witnessith John Cockes of Royton Wallier Richard Goodyere of Bagyn-ton pynner Richard Lamparde of Sterton husbondeman Acta sunt hec die et anno sup^rdicto coram me d^{no} Alexandro Legg curat^r de Ruyton In cuius Rei Testimon^u hac pres^r Test^r manu mea scripsi." [Proved by W^m Wylmer and John Goodyere, 12th July 1527. P.C.C. 21 Porch.]

III.—**William Wilmer** [IIA], Gent., of Ryton, the eldest son of Richard Wilmer [IA], married Julian, daughter of William Spencer, Esq.,⁹ of Badby and Everdon, co. North-

9. *Baker*, i. pp. 108-9, 364.

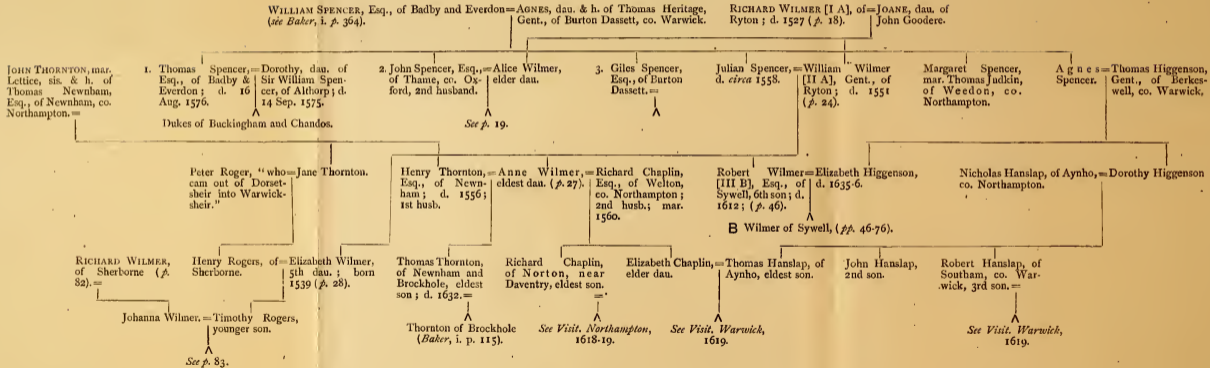
or deed shall be deuyled to the Residue of my children lefte on lyue by even portion And if it soo chance that my wif or eny other of my children will not be content w^t suche goodes as are bequest vnto them by this my will but to make discension debate and suytt or cause to be made against myne ex^{ors} or eny of them then it is my Will that they that soo doo or cause soo to be done shall lese and neu^r enioye eny suche goodes as are bequest vnto them in this my will Also I will gyue and bequeth vnto William my sonne all my londes tenementes groundes fermes and takings that I have and holde wⁱⁿ Northamptonshire and Warwicke shire and hym I make myne heire execut^r depute and assigne Also I give and bequeth vnto the saied William my sonne all my goodes moveable and vnmoueable as corne catell waynes cartes plowes And all other stuff belonging vnto husbandry and all my household stuff that I have wⁱⁿ house or ferme of Royton Also I will that John Goodyere of Bagyn-ton be one of my executors and Edward ferys overseers to have for his labor xx^s Also I will that Thomas Wylmer of Couentre my brother be ou^rseer and to have for his labor vj^s viij^d Also I will that Thomas Wylmer day of my burying to have a solempne dirige and masse And euery preest that is there present to have for his labor viij^d and euery clerke ij^d And euery childe that ys lerned i^d Also I will that all pore people as men women and children as many as come to my buriall euery one of them to have i^d and also mete and drinke for my neighbours as shall be p^ovyded for them Also if it please God that I departe this my present lif my yongest sonnes beyng wⁱⁿ age then I will that my ex^{ors} shall fynde them at schole vnto suche tyme as they be of p^rfite age and able to obtaine their living The Residue of my goods not geuen nor bequethed I gyue and bequeth unto William Wylmer my sonne and vnto John Goodyere and th^e I make my ex^{ors} to dispoase my goodes for the welth of my soule and for my ffrendes soules and for all Xp^en soules as they shall thinke beste & expedient for my soule helthe Witnessith John Cockes of Royton Wallier Richard Goodyere of Bagyn-ton pyenner Richard Lamparde of Sterton husbondeman Acta sunt hec die et anno sup^rdicto coram me d^{no} Alexandro Legg curat^r de Ruyton In cuius Rei Testimon^o hac pres^r Test^r manu mea scripsi." [Proved by W^m Wylmer and John Goodyere, 12th July 1527. P.C.C. 21 Porch.]

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9. *Baker*, i. pp. 108-9, 364.

Chart II.

PEDIGREE OF THE FAMILIES OF WILMER, SPENCER, HIGGENSON, THORNTON, CHAPLIN, ROGERS, AND HANSLAP.



PEDIG

WILLIAM
(see Baker,

JOHN THORNTON, mar.
Lettice, sis. & h. of
Thomas Newnham.
Esq., of Newnham, co.
Northampton. =

1. Thomas Spencer, = Dorothy, d.
Esq., of Balby & Sir William
Everdon; d. 16 cer, of Althc
Aug. 1576. 14 Sep. 157.

^
Dukes of Buckingham and Chanc

Peter Roger, "who = Jane
cam out of Dorset-
sheir into Warwiek-
sheir."

RICHARD WILMER,
of Sherborne (p.
82). =

Henry Rogers, of = Elizab
Sherborne. 5th d
1539 (

Johanna Wilmer. = Timothy Rogers,
younger son.

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See p. 83.

ampton, and sister of John Spencer, Esq., of Thame, who married Alice Wilmer (*see p. 19*). Of a family so well known and highly honoured as that of the Spencers it is needless for us to write at any length, but some particulars of the children of William Spencer will be found in the accompanying pedigree. Arms of Spencer of Badby and Everdon : Sable, on a fess or between three bezants as many lions' heads erased of the field. William and Julian Wilmer had issue :—

Æ.—I. THOMAS WILMER. *See below, Æ.*

II. WILLIAM WILMER, Gent., of Spratton, co. Northampton, a minor in 1558; died at Little Creaton, a hamlet in the parish of Spratton, 10th April 1599; buried in the north chantry chapel of Spratton church, where there are the arms of Wilmer and a brass plate bearing the following inscription :—

HERE LYETH BURIED THE BODIE OF
WILLIAM WILLMER WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE THE TENTHE DAVE OF
APRILL IN THE YERE OF OUR LORD
GOD ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETIE NINE.

The following is an abstract of his will :—

8th October 1592.—IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I WILLIAM WILLMER, etc. My body to be buried within the Church of Daventry or Starton at the will of my executors. To the poor of the parish 10*s*. To every one of my brother Richard his children 20*l*. a piece when 21 years of age. My brother Peter Willmer his daughter 20*l*. on her marriage. My brother Robert Willmer his daughter Dorothe Willmor 100 marks on her marriage. To William Willmer my brother Robert Willmer his sonne and heir 1000 marks to be invested in land. To my brother Richard Willmor 5*l*. To my brother Peter 5*l*. The residue I give to William Willmor my brother Robert his sonne whom I make sole executor. I make my good kynsman, Robert Higginson, of Sillhill, and Robert Willmer, my nephew, overseers. Witnesses :—Matthew Salter and Robt. Willmor. [Proved 23rd April 1599. P.C.C. 30 Kidd.]

III. RICHARD WILMER, Gent., of Folkeshall (now Foleshill), co. Warwick, a minor in 1558; married Winifred, daughter of John FitzHerbert, and had issue:—

- i. THOMAS WILMER, Gent., of Meriden, co. Warwick, married Anne, daughter of Francis Stafford, and had a son, EDWARD WILMER, and a daughter, ANNE WILMER, who were both under age in 1610. His will was dated 14th April 1610, and proved 27th September 1610,¹⁰ by Anne Wilmer, his widow. He desires to be buried in some convenient place in Berkeswell church, and leaves 10s. apiece to his father and mother; 5s. to Margaret Johnson, wife of John Johnson; and appoints as overseers his “loving kinsmen and friends, “Samuel Willimore,¹¹ Jobe Lavender, John “Halsall, Thomas Mattershead, and Richard “Gresbrooke.” The witnesses were Richard Buggs, Thomas Rotten, John Halsall, Clement Lavender, and Jobe Lavender.

Richard Wilmer probably had other children, for his brother, William Wilmer, left legacies “to “every one of my brother Richard his children.” The following entries from the parish registers of Foleshill probably refer to them:—Elizabeth Wilmer, buried 30th October 1581; John, son of (?) *Richard* Wilmer, baptized 11th June 1579; Henry, son of (?) *Richard* Wilmer, baptized 2nd May 1585; Martha, daughter of John Wilmer, baptized 10th August 1604; Anna, daughter of John Wilmer, baptized 24th October 1605. Richard Wilmer himself was buried at Foleshill, 12th June 1612. It is said that his will was dated or proved in that year.

10. P.C.C. 82 Wingfield.

11. This was probably the testator's

first cousin, Samuel Wilmer, of Bea-
thorpe (*see p.* 34).

- IV. ROGER WILMER, not named in the wills of his father and mother, but mentioned in the Visitation of Northamptonshire made in 1618-19. In 1595 a fine was passed between William Leigh, Knt., querent, and a certain Roger Wilmore and Elena his wife, deforciants, of land in Withybrooke.¹² In 1608-9 another fine was passed between Thomas Garrett, querent, and Roger Wilmore and Elena his wife, deforciants, of premises in Yelvertoft, co. Northampton.¹³
- V. PETER WILMER, Gent., of Coventry, baptized 1st August 1545;† married first Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Browne,¹⁴ of Coventry, and had a daughter and heiress, ELIZABETH WILMER. He married secondly daughter of Thomas Barker, citizen of Coventry, by whom he had no issue in 1618-19. His will is said to have been dated or proved in 1597.
- VI. ROBERT WILMER, ancestor of the Wilmers of Sywell (*see p. 46*).
- I. ANNE WILMER, married first Henry Thornton, Esq.,¹⁵ of Newnham, co. Northampton, and had issue (*see ped. p. 25*). He was buried at Newnham, 28th December 1556. Arms of Thornton: Argent, on a bend gules three escarbuncles or; quartering Newnham: Azure, three demi-lions argent. Anne Thornton married secondly, at Newnham, 17th April 1560, Richard Chaplin, Esq., of Welton, co. Northampton, and had issue (*see ped. p. 25*). Arms of Chaplin: Gules, three covered cups between eight crosses crosslet fitchée argent.

12. Feet of Fines, Warwick, Easter 37 Eliz.

13. Feet of Fines, Northampton, Hil. 6 Jac. I.

† Par. reg. of Ryton.

14. In Visit. Northampton, 1618-19, he is called *Richard Boone*.

15. *Baker*, i. p. 115.

- II. MARGERY WILMER, married Wilmer, of
Sowe, co. Warwick, and was a widow in 1558
(*see p. 78*).
- III. DOROTHY WILMER, married 6th November
1554,† John Lavender. The Ryton Register
records her marriage, but does not mention the
name of her husband. She had three daughters,
ANNE, JOYCE, and MARY LAVENDER, who were
all living in 1558. A John Lavender was one of
the witnesses of the will of Edward Willmer, of
Fulbrooke, in 1616-17 (*see p. 79*).
- IV. JOANE WILMER married prior to 1558,
Hickfall [or Hucksale or Huckpole].
- V. ELIZABETH WILMER, baptized 22nd August
1539;† married subsequently to 1558, Henry
Rogers, Gent., of Sherborne, co. Warwick, and
had issue (*see pcd. p. 25; see also p. 82*).
- VI. MARY WILMER, baptized 6th October 1540 †;
married first, subsequently to 1558, Thomas
Crowe; and secondly, Baldwin Hill.
- VII. AUDREY WILMER, baptized 6th May 1543 †;
married subsequently to 1558, Berry.

It appears that some time after the death of his father William Wilmer was called upon to show by what right he held the farm at Ryton. The proceedings in the case were as follows:—

“TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR THOMAS AUDELEY KNYGHT
LORDE CHAUNCELOER OF ENGLAND.

* “Your supplycauntes, Giles Forster esquier and Isabell his wiff late the wiff of Marten Docwra decessed & also sole executrice of the laste will, &c., of the said Marten. That where Sr Thomas Docwra knight late Pryour of the Hospitall of Seynt John J'u'lem in England nowe decessed was seased of and in the Maner and Com'aunderie of Balsall with the members of the same, &c., in the Counties of Warr.

† Par. reg. of Ryton.

and Worcester * in the right of the said Hospitall of which forsaid Maner, &c., a certeyn Ferme called Ryton Ferme lying in the said Countie of Warr. * the said late Pryour * with the assent, &c., of all his Cobretherne * by their ded * bering date the fyrst daye of Maye in the xvijth yere of of * the King that now is demysed lesseed and graunted the said Maner, &c., unto the said Marten Dowcra to have and to holde, &c., unto the ende, &c., of xxvjth yeres* paying * oon' yerely rente of too hundred poundes * the said Marten * made * his last [will], &c., and made the said Isabell * executrice * and dyed three yeres nowe paste * the said Isabell lawfully proved the said last will & testament of the said Marten were maryed by vertue wherof your said supplycauntes entred into the said Maner and Co and were and yet be possessed of the said hole Maner and Com'aundry bot only of the said Ferme of Ryton. See yt is right honorable by colour that before this tyme haith be Fermer of the said Ferme of Ryton for certeyn yeres nowe fully expired and determined obteyned into his handes possess'on and custodye certeyn wrytinges and mynymentes wolde pleynly and manyfestly expiring and determynac'on of the said lesse of the forsaid Will^m Wyldmore in the said Ferme doithe wrongefully kepe the possess'on of the said Ferme, etc.

“THANSW^R OF WYLLIAM WYLMOR TO THE BYLL OF COMPLMENT OF GILES FOSTER AND ISABELL HYS WYFE.

. “Wilmor For awnsw^r sayth that long tyme afore that Sir Thomas Dokwayra * was p^lour * one Sir John Weston knyght decessed was P^lo^r of the sayd howse * The sayd John Weston Knyght * w^hassent, &c., of all his Coobrether of the same Howse by ther dede * datyd the xxth day of September the yere of o^r Lord God a thousand iiij^c lxxxvj demysed graunted and to Farm dyd lett the sayd Farm of Ryton by the name of the Mano^r of Ryton w^happ^rten^ances * to Wylyam Wylmor graunt Father unto the sayd Defend^aunt to have to hym and his assignes * unto thende and t^me of lx yeres * Yeldyng and paying therfore yerely * a certeyn' Rent * by force wherof the sayd Will^m the graunt Father into the sayd Farm, &c., entred and was [therof] possessed And so beyng therof possessed made Richard Wylmor his son Executo^r of his last Wyll and testament and the sayd William dyed * the sayd Richard

Wylmor in to the sayd Farm of Ryton entred * And he so beyng therof possessed made the sayd defend^{unt} his son executor of his last wyll, &c., and dyed * the sayd defend^{unt} in to the sayd landes, &c., entred, etc.

“THE REPLICAC’ON OF GYLES FOSTER, ETC

“The said Gyles and Isabell for Replicac’on saythe that Thomas Docwra, &c., by ther sufficyent dede demysed and gr^{anted} the said Comaunery of Balsall w^t all the Membrez, &c., whereof the said Ferme of Ryton is p^{cell} unto the said Martyn Docwra for t^{me} of xxvjth yeres, etc.” [Forster v. Wildmore, *Chan. Pro., Miscellaneous*, series 3, pt. 2, no. 95.]

William Wilmer died 17th October 1551.¹⁶ The following are abstracts of the wills of himself and his wife:—

16th October 1551. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I WILLIAM WILMER, of Ruighton, in the County of Warwick, Gent. To be buried in that church (Ruighton). To Julian my wife my messuage in Sawbridge, co. Warwick, for life, in recompense of her dower of all my lands. She to live with her son Thomas on the farm at Ruyington for the years yet to come. To William Wilmer, my second son, my two houses and lands in Ryton, which I late purchased to me and my heirs for ever, toward finding him at school until he be twenty-one years of age. To Richard Wilmer, Peter Wilmer, and Robert Wilmer, each 40*l.* To Dorothy my daughter 40*l.* To my daughters, Joan, Elizabeth, Marie, and Awdrie, each 40*l.*, when eighteen years of age or married. Residue to my son Thomas, whom I make sole executor. Overseers:—my brother-in-law, Thomas Spencer, and Bawdewine Porter, of Coventry, Esq. Witnesses:—Sir Robert Norris *alias* Coventre, clerk, and John Wilmer.¹⁷ [Proved by Thomas Wilmer, the executor, 13th February 1551-2. P.C.C. 6 Powell.]

24th August 1558. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I JULIANE WYLMER, late wife of Will^m Wilmer, of Ruington upon Donnesmoore, co. Warwick, deceased, being syck in body, etc. To be buried as shall seem good to my executor. To my four sons, William, Richard, Peter, and Robert Wylmer, 60*l.* each over and above their father’s bequest at their ages of twenty-one. To my daughters, Elisabeth, Mary, and Awdrye Wilmer, 40*l.* each besides their father’s bequest at their days of marriage. To my daughter, Margery Wylmer, widow, all my six Kye at

16. Harl. MS. 1551, fo. 131.

17. This was perhaps the testator’s brother.

Ruington, and also 10*l.*, and I forgive her the 4*l.* which she oweth me. To my daughter, Anne Thorneton, widow, certain debts owing to me by John Som^rscalde. To my daughter, Jone Hukfall, 20*l.* To my daughter, Dorothe Lavender, 30*l.*, of which 10*l.* is to be for the use and behoof of her three daughters, Anne, Joyce, and Mary Lavender. To Thomas Thornton, son and heir of Harry Thorneton, deceased, my right to a certain grove or spyney of wood in Newenham, co. Northampton, adjoining the ground of the said Harry there. To my son, Thomas Wylmer, household stuffe at Newingham and Ruington, and to his wife my cassock of grograin. To my daughter Elisabeth my best cross of gold, both my masers¹⁸ garnished with silver, etc. To my daughter Mary my tablet of gold and my silver cup and cover. To my daughter Awdry my silver goblet and cover. To my suster Spenser, of Everton, my best velvet sleeves. To my suster, Agnes Hyggynson, 20*s.* and I remit to Thomas Hyggynson certain monies which he owes me. To Dorothe Hyggynson 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to her brethren and sisters 3*s.* 4*d.* each. If any of my said sons, William, Richard, Peter and Robert, and my daughters, Elisabeth, Mary and Awdrye should die before receiving his her or their legacy or legacies then such legacy or legacies to be shared amongst the remainder. I make Thomas Spencer, of Everton, Esq., sole executor, and I give him 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Peter Temple, of Dassett, co. Warwick, Esq., and my son, Thomas Wylmer, to be overseers, and to each 40*s.* for their pains. The yearly revenue of my farm at Rowington to be received for three and a half years after my decease by my executor. Witnesses :—John Lavender, Nicholas Wootton, Roger Hopkyns, John Edson, Gregory Tallock, Thomas Symons, and Rich^d Battye, *Scr.* [Proved by Thomas Spencer, the executor, 14th April 1559. P.C.C. 8 Chayney.]

18. Masers were bowls or goblets, generally of a large size, and when "made of hard wood, and richly carved

"and ornamented, were formerly much "esteemed." They were often rimmed with silver or gold.






CHAPTER IV.

WILMER OF RYTON, STAVERTON, BUDBROOKE,
AND DUDLEY—(continued).

*“My thoughts are with the Dead, with them
I live in long past years,
Their virtues love, their faults condemn,
Partake their hopes and fears,
And from their lessons seek and find
Instruction with an humble mind”*—SOUTHEY,—*Occasional Pieces*, 18.

EV.— Thomas Wilmer [IIIA], Gent., of Ryton,¹ co. Warwick, and of Staverton, co. Northampton, was the eldest son and heir of William Wilmer [IIA] and Julian, his wife, daughter of William Spencer (*see p. 25*). He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Crudge, of co. Devon. The arms of Crudge, as given in Harleian MS. 1551, folio 131, are: Argent, on a bend azure between two foxes sable three martlets or. They had issue:—

V.—I. THOMAS WILMER. *See below, V.*

II. ROBERT WILMER, Gent., of Braunston, co. Northampton, married Frances, daughter of John Okeley, of Kilsby in the same county, and had a son and a daughter:—

1. He is styled “nuper de Ryeton,” in a Pat. R., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, | pt. 5, m. 36(6).

i. ROBERT WILMER, Gent., of Braunston, aged 20 in 1618-19; married Anne and had issue,

1. ROBERT WILMER, baptized 19th August 1627.¶
2. THOMAS WILMER, baptized 13th December 1629.¶
3. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 20th December 1632.¶
1. MARY WILMER, baptized 31st December 1633.¶

Robert Wilmer was a party to Fines passed at Michaelmas 22 James I., Easter 3 Charles I., Michaelmas 11 Charles I., and Michaelmas 14 Charles I., of premises in Braunston and Braunston Bury.² Anne Wilmer joined with her husband in levying the second and fourth of these Fines.

i. ELIZABETH WILMER, married before July 1615, John Parker, of Kibworth (-Beauchamp), co. Leicester. She was buried 27th September 1621.¶

Robert Wilmer was buried 3rd August 1622,¶ and his widow, Frances Wilmer, was buried 28th October 1632. ¶ His will was dated 20th July 1615, and proved 9th September 1622³. He bequeaths sums of money to his wife, Frances, and his daughter, Elizabeth Parker, and leaves the residue of his goods to his son, Robert Wilmer, appointing him sole executor. He constitutes his loving brother, Thomas Willmer, Esq., and his loving cousin, Thomas Thornton, Esq., tutors and

¶ Par. reg. of Braunston.

2. Feet of Fines, Northampton.

3. P.C.C. 80 Savile.

governours of his son during his minority. And he names Thomas Willmer and John Willmer, the two sons of his brother, Thomas Willmer. The witnesses to the will were Thomas Thornton, John Thornton, An Thornton, Thomas Hanslappe, and John Smith.

III. SAMUEL WILMER, Gent., of Boothorpe or Beauthorpe (also called Bowthorpe and Babthorpe), a hamlet in the parish of Blackfordby, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, co. Leicester. He married Susan, daughter of Hollingshed. He was born about 1562, and seems to have been an Attorney-at-Law. Acting as agent for his brother Thomas in 16 James I., he received the rents of the ninth Lord Dudley's estates. These estates, on account of his lordship's extravagance, were *extended*, and Thomas Wilmer had been appointed receiver.⁴ In Harleian MS. 1094, it is stated that Samuel Wilmer had issue. A certain Joseph Wilmer, Gent., of Bowthorpe, co. Leicester, married⁵ Sarah, daughter of Thomas Leason, Embroiderer, of St. Martin's, Ludgate, London. The licence for the marriage to be solemnized at the church of that parish was dated 6th June 1625.⁶

IV. ANTHONY WILMER, baptized 30th March 1569,§

V. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 24th July 1579,§

VI. ANOTHER SON.

I. CONSTANCE WILMER, baptized at Everdon 16th November 1558; buried there 24th January 1558-9.

4. Cornwallis v. Wilmer, Exchequer Suit, 16 Jac. 1.

5. Indenture, dat. 10 May 1631, which makes mention also of Sarah Leason's sister, Bridget Leason, and her

uncle, Robert Leason; Close R., No. 2886 (19).

6. Mar. Lic. B. L.

§ Par. reg. of Staverton,

II. DOROTHY WILMER.

III. ANNE WILMER, baptized 23rd May 1568. §

IV. MARY WILMER, baptized 22nd April 1574 ; §
married Samuel Boyle, of co. Stafford.

V. JOANE WILMER.

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Thomas Wilmer, *nuper de Ryeton*, who had been impleaded by Sir Thomas Nevill, Sheriff of Warwickshire, concerning a debt of 100*l.*, obtained a royal pardon for the said outlawry, 14th October 1555⁷. In 1559-60 the Queen granted a licence to Thomas Smythe to alienate to Thomas and Robert Wilmer, and the heirs of the said Thomas for ever, one messuage, 30 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture, which were held of the Queen *in capite* in Stanton' *alias* Stareton⁸ upon thill.⁹ A similar licence was granted, 4th January 1562-3, to Robert Smithe to alienate to Thomas Wilmar, senior, Robert Wilmar, and Thomas Wilmar, junior, one messuage and 60 acres of land in the same place.¹⁰ A Fine was passed in the *Curia Regine* at Hertford Castle, in fifteen days from St. Hilary's Day 1563-4, between John Milward, querent, and Thomas Wylmer, Gent., and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant, of 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 50 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, and 8 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances, in Lemynton' Hastinges, Bradwell' Hill, and Hardwike, co. Warwick. Another Fine was passed at the same date between John Over, querent, and Thomas Wilmer and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant, of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 1 barn, 36 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 12 acres of pasture, with the appurtenances, in the same places.¹¹

On the 22nd of June 1565, Henry Napton, Vicar of Fawsley, co. Northampton, filed a Bill in the Court of Chancery "in

§ Par. reg. of Staverton.

7. Pat. R., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, pt. 5. m. 36 (6).

8. Starton and Stareton are common contractions for Staverton.

9. Pat. R., 2 Eliz., pt. 1. m. 38 (6).

10. Pat. R., 5 Eliz., pt. 4. m. 40 (6).

11. Feet of Fines, Warwick, 11il. 6 Eliz.

“most humble wise complayninge” that Thomas Wilmer, of Staverton, and others, had “by the space of three yeares last past denied and refused to paie * one yearely profite and certen-
“tie of wheate graine and corne called Church Shott,” of which he was seized in right of the said vicarage, and which had “like-
“wise time oute of minde of man bene taken and gathered by the
“thurdbarows or tythingmen.” In their answer the defendants said that they “paied their juste and trewe tithes for their sev’al
“landes * The same decrye was obteyned against the saide
“p’ties by feyre p’omises and flattering wordes made, p’omysed and
“practised by one Sr Valentyne Knightley, Knight, Patron of
“the saide vicarage of Falseley, etc.”¹²

THE QUEEN To All to whom, etc., Greeting. Know ye that we of our special favour and for 10s. * have granted and given a licence * to Thomas Wilmer, senior, and Robert Wilmer, Gentleman, that they may be able to grant and alienate to John Momforde and Elizabeth his wife and James Momforde, one messuage or tenement, with all and singular the appurtenances, in Starton *alias* Staverton, now or late in the tenure * of William Hyllyer, or his assigns, in our county of Northampton, Which are held of us *in capite*, etc.—[*Patent Roll*, 17 Eliz., part 2, m. 41.]

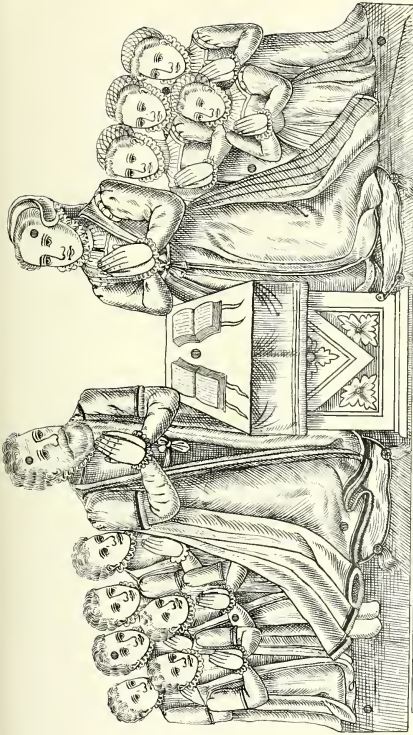
Thomas Wilmer died 31st January 1580-1, and was buried 14th February in the north chapel of Staverton church, where there is a large monument of the Ionic order to his memory. “In the central space between the base and the entablature
“is introduced a compartment of Purbeck marble inlaid with
“small brass figures of a man and his six sons, and his wife and
“four daughters kneeling at an altar with two open books before
“them ; and beneath them ”¹³ :—

Here under resteth the body of Thomas Wilmer Gent. who had to wife Elizabeth Crudge & had issue by her six sonnes and foure daughters wch Thomas deceased y^e 31 day of January Anno Domini 1580.

Above the inscription are the arms: Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or ; and the crest: An eagle’s head or between two wings expanded vair. Thomas Wilmer’s will was dated 5th June 1579, and proved 10th April 1581.¹⁴

12. *Napton v. Wilmer*, Chan. Pro.,
Miscellaneous, series 3, pt. 8. no. 82.

13. *Baker*, i. p. 439.
14. P.C.C. 11 Darcy.



Here under resteth the body of Thomas Wythmer
Gent who had to wife Elizabeth Studger A had issue
by her six sonnes and four daughters W^m Thomas
Deceased the 21. day of January Anno Domini. 1580.

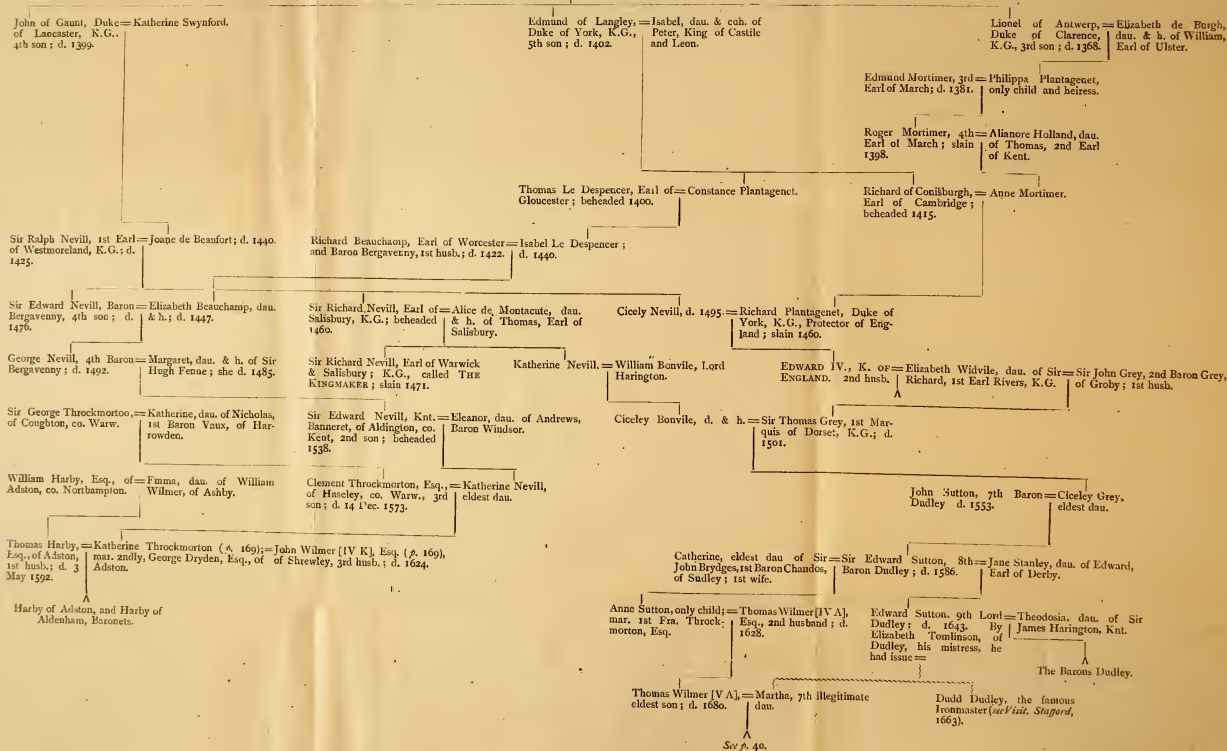
BRASS IN STAVERTON CHURCH TO THE MEMORY OF THOMAS WYLMER, GENTLEMAN



Chart III.

THE ROYAL DESCENTS OF THOMAS WILMER, ESQUIRE, OF DUDLEY, AND OF KATHERINE, THE WIFE OF JOHN WILMER, ESQUIRE, OF SHREWLEY.

Edward 3rd. King of England. = Philippa, dau. of William, Count of Hainault.



THE ROYAL DESCENTS

John of Gaunt, Duke = Katherine Swynford.
of Lancaster, K.G.,
4th son : d. 1399.

H.—**Thomas Wilmer** [IVA], Esq., Barrister-at-Law, of Lincoln's Inn, London, of Ryton and Budbrooke, co. Warwick, and of Dudley, co. Worcester, was the eldest son of Thomas Wilmer [IIIA]. He was baptized at Ryton 8th October 1554, and married Anne, the relict of Francis Throckmorton, Esq., of Feckenham Forest, co. Worcester, and the only child by his first wife of Sir Edward Sutton, eighth Baron Dudley. Her descent is shown in the accompanying pedigree. Arms of Sutton: Or, a lion rampant queuc fourché vert; quartering Somerie, Baron Dudley: Or, two lioncels passant azure. Thomas and Anne Wilmer had issue:—

II.—**I. THOMAS WILMER.** See below, **II.**

II. JOHN WILMER, Clerk^s, of Sedgley, co. Stafford, and of Dudley, married Elizabeth , and had issue:—

- i. *Richard Wilmer, baptized 10th March 1617-18†; buried 13th June 1624.†*
- ii. **THOMAS WILMER, senior**⁵², baptized 24th

15. The statements printed in italics are a little doubtful, but it is very probable that John Wilmer, who is described in the Dudley par. reg. as "Gent." was identical with John Wilmer, Clerk, of Sedgley. Richard, son of John Wilmer, Clerk, was bapt. at Sedgley in 1617-18, and was buried there in 1624 as the son of "John Willmore, Gent." There are other instances, too, of clergymen being described simply as "Gent." in neighbouring par. reg^s. At all events a John Willmore of Dudley was a clerk at this time, for Elizabeth Harvie and Eleanor Brooke were bapt. at Dudley in 1654 by "Mr. John Willmore," and a marriage was solemnized at Tipton (close to Dudley) in 1649 by "Mr. John Willmore dwelling in Dudley." Sedgley lay a few miles to the north of Dudley, and Baron Dudley was the lord of the manor. John Wilmer was not the Vicar of the parish, at any rate before 1625, for the register records the burial in that year of Rich: Browne, who had been Vicar of Sedgley for 53 years.

† Par. reg. of Sedgley.

15a. Thomas Wilmer is described as senior in the Sedgley registers, to distinguish him from a Thomas Willmore or Wilmer, junr., Nailor, of Upper Gornall, who was probably his son, though there is no proof that such was the case. The younger Thomas married 6 Ap. 1675†, Alice Hickman, of Gornall, and had a dau., Sarah Wilmer, bapt. 3 Jan. 1679-80†, and bur. 5 Jan. 1679-80†. Thomas Wilmer was bur. 11 Oct. 1684†, and Alice Wilmer, who was described as of Dipdale, Widow, was bur. 13 Ap. 1709†. Mary, dau. of Tho. and Anne (*query Alice*) Willmore, junr., of Over Gornall, was bapt. 28 Feb. 1675-6†. There was also a certain John Willmore, described as Nailor, and also as Labourer, of Over or Upper Gornall, who mar. Joane , and had issue: 1. John Willmore, bapt. 19 Dec. 1676†, bur. 25 May 1677†; 2. Robert Willmore, bapt. 27 May 1688†; 1. Mary Willmore, bapt. 26 Jan. 1678-9†; 2. Elizabeth Willmore, bapt. 9 June 1681†; 3. Jane Willmore, bapt.

September 1627‡; of Upper Gornall, in the parish of Sedgley; married first, Anne , and by her, who was buried 14th July 1679†, had issue:—

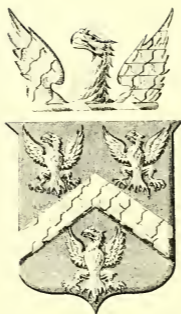
1. Samuel Wilmer, Nailer, of Upper Gornall; born 17th June 1658†; married 23rd May 1682†, Anne Marsh, of Upper Penn, and had issue:—1. Thomas Wilmer, baptized 28th February 1688-9†, buried 18th September 1690†; 2. Joseph Wilmer, baptized 25th September 1695†, buried 13th February 1699-1700†; 1. Anne Wilmer, baptized 25th February 1685-6†, and was probably identical with the Anne Whilmore who married, 13th July 1707†, Ben. Hickman; 2. Elizabeth Wilmer, baptized 22nd October 1691†, buried 20th December 1691†; 3. Mary Wilmer, baptized 7th November 1692†; and 4. Alice Wilmer, baptized 22nd January 1698-9†. Samuel Wilmer was buried 25th July 1699†, being described of Gornall Wood. His wife survived him.
2. Richard Wilmer, born 20th December 1660†; baptized 30th January 1660-1.†

3 June 1686†; and 4. Sarah Willmore, twin with Robert, bapt. 27 May 1588†. Joan Whilmore, of Over Gornall, Widow, was bur. 27 Ap. 1709†. Thomas Warter, Nailer, and Mary Willmore were mar. 4 Nov. 1694†. It will be seen that several of the Sedgley Wilmers were connected with the nail trade, which was and is an

important one in the neighbourhood of Dudley; the term *Nailer*, however, did not necessarily imply a *working* nailer, for we find the same person described as *nailer* and *gentleman*.

‡ Par. reg. of St. Edmund's, Dudley.

† Par. reg. of Sedgley.



Arms granted to Thomas Wilmer in 1582-3.

3. *Charles Wilmer, baptized 23rd June 1670†; buried 3rd February 1670-1†.*

Thomas Wilmer married secondly, 17th April 1682†, Elizabeth Marsh, widow, of Upper Penn, co. Stafford, and was buried in April 1699†.

iii. JOHN WILMER, baptized 17th April 1631,* buried 7th September 1644.‡

i. *Martha Wilmer, baptized 5th December 1622†.*

ii. A DAUGHTER, buried 17th November 1634‡; possibly identical with the above-named Martha Wilmer.

iii. ANNE WILMER, baptized 21st November 1637.*

John Wilmer was buried 28th April 1655, and his wife was buried 27th October 1662.**

I. MARY WILMER.

II. URSULA WILMER, died without issue.

On the 16th of February 1582-3, Robert Cooke, Esq., Clarenceux King-of-Arms, confirmed to "Thomas Wulsmere " alias Wylmer of Ruyton in the Countie of Warwike * * his " auncyent Armes, beinge Gueules a cheveron varyy betwene " three Eglettes displayd gold"; and granted to him " ffor " his creast or cognoysance vpon the healme, on a Torce or " Wreath gold and gueules, an Egles hedd gold betwene two " Wynges varyy. The mantelles dependant beinge gueules " doubled or lyned argent" (*see p. 10*).

On the 8th of May 1589 Edward, ninth Lord Dudley, for 2300*l.*, sold to Thomas Wilmer and John Dormer, and the heirs of the said Thomas for ever, the manors of Budbrooke,

† Par. reg. of Sedgley.

* Par. reg. of St. Thomas's, Dudley.

‡ Par. reg. of St. Edmund's, Dudley.

Hampton-Curli, and Reckthorne, co. Warwick.¹⁶ By an Indenture, bearing date 1st February 1591-2, Thomas Wilmer, and John Dormer, who is there described as of Dorton, co. Buckingham, conveyed these manors, for 1400*l.*, to Sir Robert Dormer, Knt., of Wing, in the same county, ancestor of the Earls of Canarvon.¹⁷ Thomas Wilmer was buried 9th October 1628[†], in the church of St. Edmund, Dudley, where there was formerly a tablet with his arms.

FF.—Thomas Wilmer [VA], Esq., of Dudley, the elder son of Thomas Wilmer [IVA], married (see Visit. Stafford, 1663) Martha, the seventh natural daughter of Edward Sutton, ninth Lord Dudley, by Elizabeth Tomlinson (see *pedigree*, p. 37). Mrs. Wilmer was buried 21st June 1651.* She was a sister of the famous Dudd Dudley, Colonel in the Royal Army, Author of the *Metallum Martis*, and one of the earliest Staffordshire Ironmasters. Thomas and Martha Wilmer had issue¹⁸ :—

I. ELIZABETH WILMER, baptized 11th August 1623 ;[‡] married Gilbert Jellians [or Gellians], Gent., of Dudley, son of Gilbert Jellians, by Alice his wife, sister of Henry Finch. They had, with four sons, who probably died young, four daughters :—

i. FRANCES JELLIANS, baptized 7th May 1643 ; buried 5th March 1715-16 ; married 2nd July 1663, Oliver Dixon, Gent., of Dudley, and had issue :—

16. Close R., 31 Eliz., no. 1326 ; Feet of Fines, Warwick, Trin. 31 Eliz.

17. Pat. R., dat. 2 Dec. 34 Eliz., pt. 13 ; Close R., 34 Eliz., pt. 7.

[‡] Par. reg. of St. Edmund's, Dudley.

* Par. reg. of St. Thomas's, Dudley.

18. We understand that the families into which the coheireses of Thomas Wilmer married will be treated of by H. S. Grazebrook, Esq., of H.M. Treasury, in his contemplated history of the Lords Dudley. To him we

desire to acknowledge our indebtedness for a large number of entries from the Dudley and Sedgely registers, and for other valuable information relative to the Wilmers of Dudley, and their representatives. We are also indebted to Mr. Grazebrook for a pedigree of Jellians, Dixon and Taylor, in *The Genealogist*, 1st Ser., i. pp. 391-2 ; and for pedigrees of Brettell and Dixon in his work on the families of Henzey, Tyttery, and Tyzack.

- i. OLIVER DIXON, baptized 26th July 1666; married 17th July 1694, Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan Taylor, Ironmonger (*i.e.* Ironmaster), of Dudley, son of Zachary Taylor and Alice *née* Baker, his wife. Oliver and Elizabeth Dixon had issue:—OLIVER DIXON, of Dudley; JONATHAN DIXON, of Kidderminster; JOSEPH DIXON, Clerk, of West Felton, co. Salop; CHARLES DIXON; ELIZABETH DIXON, died unmarried before 1729; CATHERINE DIXON; and PRUDENCE DIXON, married Thomas Milward, Esq., of Wollescote Hall, near Stourbridge.
- ii. ELIZABETH JELLIANS, baptized 9th February 1645-6; married 20th October 1668, Francis Corfield.
- iii. ALICE JELLIANS, baptized 2nd March 1655-6; married 27th April 1675, Oliver Shaw, Gent., of Dudley, and had issue, DANIEL SHAW, and others.
- iv. MARTHA JELLIANS, baptized 11th May 1663; married 15th May 1682, Pynson Wilmot, Gent., of Lower Mitton, co. Worcester; and was buried at Dudley 11th June 1699. (See Visit. Worcester, 1682-3.)

Gilbert Jellians was buried at Dudley, 8th March 1699-1700; and Mrs. Jellians was buried there 9th May 1709.

- II ANNE WILMER, baptized 19th October 1625 † ;
buried 21st November 1625. †
- III. ANNE WILMER, (baptized 4th February
1625-6) †¹⁹ ; married Thomas Brettell,²⁰ Gent., of
Upper Areley, co. Stafford, administration of
whose goods was granted to her 11th May 1681.²¹
They had issue.
- IV. MARTHA WILMER, baptized 17th September
1629 † ; married 5th January 1658-9*, John Taylor,
Clerk, Vicar of Dudley, and died without surviving
male issue.²² The Reverend John Taylor married
secondly, 24th October 1666, Mary, daughter of
Thomas Payton, of Dudley, and had a son,
Samuel Taylor, Gent., who left issue. Mrs.
Taylor married secondly John Paston, Clerk,
Vicar of Himley, co. Stafford, and died 11th July
1720, aged 80 ; M.I. at Dudley.
- V. MARY WILMER, baptized 22nd March 1631-2 † ;
buried 4th October 1636. †

In 8 and 9 Charles I., Thomas Wilmer assigned certain annuities out of premises in the county of Worcester to Thomas Rant,²³ William Ward, and others.²⁴ He was buried 30th March 1680* ; and administration of his goods was granted to his daughter Anne, the wife of Thomas Brettell, 20th May 1681.²¹

The families of Brettell and Dixon, both of which are extant in the neighbourhood of Dudley, bear the arms of Wilmer, believing them to be their paternal arms. These arms appear, impaling Cartwright, in Kingswinford church, in Staffordshire, on the monument of Thomas Brettell, who died in 1835, aged

† Par. reg. of St. Edmund's, Dudley.

19. It is uncertain whether this entry relates to the family of Wilmer or to that of Wilson.

20. See *The Herald and Genealogist*, i. p. 426, for a pedigree of Brettell by Mr. Grazebrook.

21. Probate Court of Worcester.

* Par. reg. of St. Thomas's, Dudley.

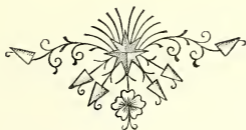
22. *Ex inform.* Brooke Robinson, Esq., M.P.

23. Indenture, dat. 18 July 1632 ; Close R., 8 Car. I., pt. 37 (14).

24. Close R., 9 Car. I., pt. 31 (25).

65 ; and, impaling a lion rampant between three escallops, in Alveley church, in Shropshire, on the monument of a Brettell, who died in 1728.

Although the main line of the Wilmer family ended in the four coheiresses of the last Thomas Wilmer, yet it is probable that the descendants of the younger members of the family continued to reside in the neighbourhood of Dudley until a somewhat later period.





CHAPTER V.

WILMER OF SYWELL.

*Miremur periisse homines? monumenta fatiscunt:
Mors etiam saxis nominibusque venit.*—AUSONIUS, *Epig.* 35, 9.

ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES, DISPLAYED OR, (*query*) a martlet for difference.



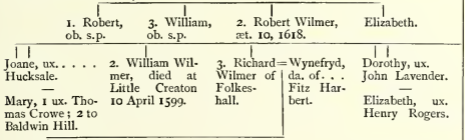
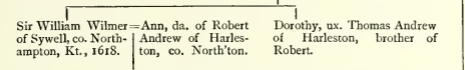
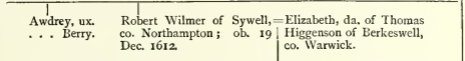
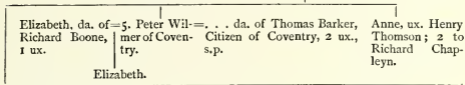
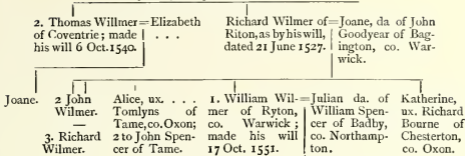
THE following pedigree is taken from the Visitation of Northamptonshire, made in 1618-19 by Augustine Vincent, Rouge Rose Pursuivant-of-Arms, Deputy to William Camden, Clarenceux King-of-Arms, as edited by W. C. Metcalfe, Esq., F.S.A. (London, 1887).

Wilmer of Sywell and Braunston.

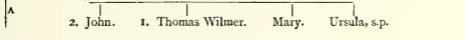
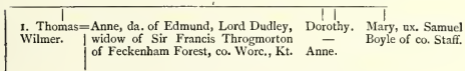
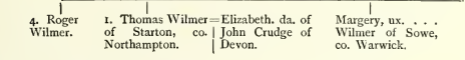
ARMS: *Gules, a chevron Vair between three eagles displayed Or.*
CREST: *An eagle's head Or between two wings expanded Vair.*

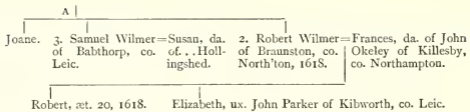
Given 16 February 1582 by Rob't Cooke, Clar.; (confirmed to Sr W^m Wilmer by Sr Rich. St George, K^t, Clar. King of Armes—*Harl. MS.* 1553).

William Wilmer of Withbrook, co. Warwick, = . . .
as appears by Inquisition at Kenelworth
Sunday the 7th September, 2 H. 7.



Thomas Wilmer of Merryden, co. Warwick. = . . . da. of Francis Stafford.



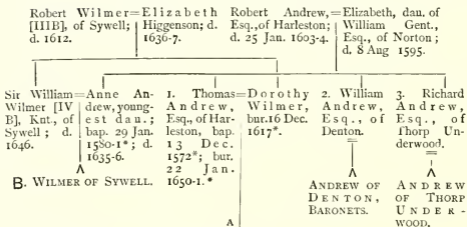


I.—Robert Wilmer (IIIB), Esq., of Sywell and Everdon, co. Northampton, lord of the manors of Sywell, Trafford and Hannington, in the same county, was the sixth and youngest son of William Wilmer (IIA), of Ryton, and Julian Spencer, his wife (*see p. 27*). He was mentioned in the will of his mother in 1558, as being under 21 years of age. He married his cousin-german, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Higgenson, Gent., of Berkeswell, co. Warwick (*see pedigree, p. 25*), and had issue:—

II.—I. WILLIAM WILMER. *See below, III.*

II. ROBERT WILMER, probably died young.

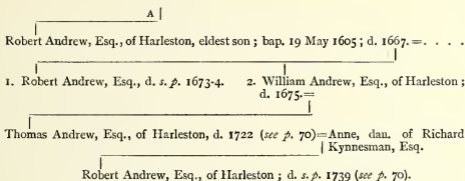
I. DOROTHY WILMER, baptized at Everdon, 29th January 1581; married Thomas Andrew,¹ Esq., of Harleston, co. Northampton, as will be seen by the short pedigree given below. Arms of Andrew: Gules, a saltire or surmounted of another vert; crest: a Moor's head in profile, couped at the shoulders proper.



1. *Baker*, i. pp. 167-8.

* Par. reg. of Harleston.





Elizabeth Wilmer died at Orlingbury, co. Northampton, 16th January 1636-7, "at tenne of the clocke in the nyght," and was buried on the following day,† in the parish church of Sywell, in the small north aisle, which the Wilmers used as their family burial-place. M. I. (see p. 48). Her will was dated 26th August 1624, and proved at Northampton in 1636.

In March 41 Elizabeth (A.D. 1598-9) Sir Edward Montagu, of Boughton (ancestor of the Dukes of Montagu), and Edward Montagu, Esq., his son and heir, conveyed to Robert Wilmer the manor of Trafford, in the parish of Byfield, co. Northampton. This manor had been purchased of the Haslewoods of Maidwell by Sir Edward Montagu.²

"This is the final agreement made in 15 days from Easter-Day 41 Elizabeth, between Robert Wilmer, querent, and Edward Montagu, Knt., and Edward Montagu, Esq., deforciant, of 1 messuage, 1 water-mill, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 10 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 280 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, etc., in Trafford otherwise Trafforth, Culworth and Eydon, Whereupon a plea, etc., to wit that the aforesaid Edward and Edward have acknowledged the aforesaid tenements, with the appurtenances, to be the right of the said Robert."—[*Feet of Fines*, Northampton, Easter 41 Eliz.]

Towards the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign, Robert Wilmer purchased the manor of Hannington, co. Northampton, of which the Treshams had formerly been lords.³

In 1605 Anthony and Henry Jenkinson conveyed to Robert Wilmer the manor of Sywell which was held *in capite* by

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

2 *Baker*, i. p. 490.

3 *Bridges*, ii. p. 97.

knight's service, and which thenceforth became the principal seat of his family.

"This is the final agreement made in the Octave of St. Michael 3 James I., between Robert Willmer, Gentleman, querent, and Anthony Jenkinson, Esquire, and Henry Jenkinson, Gentleman, son and heir apparent of the said Anthony, deforciant, of the manor of Sywell, etc., Whereupon a plea, etc., to wit that the aforesaid Anthony and Henry have acknowledged the aforesaid manor, with the appurtenances, to be the right of the said Robert."—[*Fect of Fines*, Northampton, Mich., 3 James I.]

Bridges relates that about the time of Henry I. Maud de Mundevill, the daughter and heiress of Nigel de Mundevill, Lord of Folkstone, bestowed the lordship with the church of Sywell on St. Andrew's Priory in Northampton. When that house was suppressed its estates fell to the crown, and in 34 Henry VIII. the manor, grange, and advowson of Sywell were granted to John Mershe, who sold them to Anthony Jenkinson.⁴

Robert Willmer died at Everdon, 19th December 1612, and was buried in the church "at Sywell on Munday the one and twentye "day of December" following †. "Against the north wall, in the "*Wilmer's* burial-place, is an alabaster monument, the cornice "supported by two corinthian pillars, with the arms and crest of "*Wilmer* at the top, and on a marble tablet between the pillars "this inscription:"⁴

HERE LYETH BURIED ROBERT WILMER ESQ. ONE OF THE SON'S
OF WILLIAM WILMER LATE OF RITON IN Y^E COUNTY OF WARWICKE
ESQ. AND ELIZABETH HIS WIFE ONE OF Y^E DAUGHTERS OF THOMAS
HIGGINSON OF BARKESWELL IN THE SAID COUNTY OF WARWICKE GENT :
WHICH ROBERT WILMER DIED THE XIX DAY OF DECEMBER : ANNO 1612
AND ELIZABETH HIS WIFE
THEY HAVING ISSUE BETWEEN THEM ONE SONNE AND ONE DAUGHTER,
VIZ. WILLIAM AND DORAHIE W^H WILLIAM MARRIED ANNE ANDREWE
ONE OF Y^E DAUGHTERS OF ROBERT ANDREWE OF HARLESTONE IN Y^E
COUNTY OF NORTH'PTON ESQ. AND DORAHIE MARRIED TO THOMAS
ANDREWE ELDEST SONNE OF ROBERT ANDREWE.

4. *Ibid*, ii. pp. 147-8.

| † Par. reg. of Sywell.

Beneath the inscription are two escutcheons, Wilmer impaling Andrew, and Andrew impaling Wilmer.

Robert Wilmer's will was dated 20th March 1608-9, and proved at London 8th January 1612-13,⁵ and also at Northampton.

"Inquisition taken at Northampton 23 September 11 James I.[A.D. 1613] after the death of Robert Willmer, Esquire.

"The Jurors say that the aforesaid Robert Willmer was seized in his demesne as of fee of the manor of Sywell in the County of Northampton and of 40 messuages 20 tofts 2 mills 3 dovecotes 40 gardens 40 orchards 1000 acres of land 40 acres of meadow 600 acres of pasture 150 acres of wood 200 acres of gorse and heather and 40s. worth of rent in Sywell, Barton, Wellingborough, Holcott otherwise Hulcott, Hanington, Ashby Maries otherwise Meres Ashby, Hardwick, Ouerston and Eckton, and of free warren in Sywell, and free fishery in the water of Sywell, also of the advowson of the church of Sywell.

"And also of all that lordship, manor, site, capital messuage and farm of Trafford otherwise Trafforth in the parish of Byfield in the County of Northampton late in the tenure of Martin Wright, gent., and of all and singular the messuages, etc., to the same lordship, etc., pertaining.

"And also of all messuages, lands, etc., in Trafford and Byfield aforesaid which the said Robert lately purchased to him and to his heirs of Sir Edward Montagu, Knight, lately deceased, and Edward Montagu then son and heir apparent of the said Sir Edward.

"And also of one messuage or tenement, one house, and one close or pasture called Dovehouse Close in Napton-on-the-hill in the County of Warwick, and also of one virgate of land and one parcel of land called Fulsteech otherwise Fullsteed in Napton, all which premises lately mentioned the said Robert Willmer lately purchased to himself and to his heirs of Isabella Oldfield, Thomas Oldfield, and John Oldfield.⁶

"The aforesaid Robert Willmer so as is set forth of all & singular the premises aforesaid being seized, of such his estate died thereof seized.

"The manor of Sywell & other the premises above mentioned in Sywell, Barton, etc., were held of the King in chief by knight's service but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors are ignorant, and by an annual rent of 8*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* st'g, and they are worth by the year beyond reprises 18*l.*

5. P.C.C. 2 Capell.

6. See Feet of Fines, Warw., Mic., 24-5 Eliz., & Mic., 33-4 Eliz.

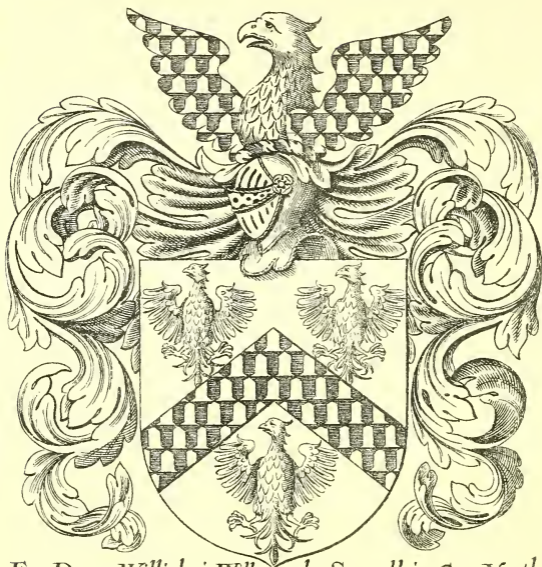
“The lordship, etc., of Trafford & other the premises in Trafford & Byfield were held of Sir Thomas Spencer, Knight and Baronet, as of his manor of Radston, in free socage by fealty and an annual rent of 24s., and they are worth by the year beyond reprises 13*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*

“The messuage, etc., in Napton was held of Thomas Dicons, gent., as of his manor of Napton, by fealty and a rent of 3s. by the year, and they are worth by the year beyond reprises 10s.

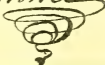
“The aforesaid Robert Willmer died 19 December last past. William Willmer is son and next heir of the same Robert Willmer, and is of the age of 35 years. Elizabeth Willmer late wife of the said Robert is living at Harleston in the County of Northampton.”—[*Inq. post mortem*, 11 James I. part 3. no. 166.]



SYDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE



*Ex Dono Willielmi Willmer de Sywell in Com: North-
antoniæ Armigeri, quondam pencionarij in ista Domo.
Viz. in Anno Domini 1599. sed dedit in An: Dñi: 1613.*

Will: Willmer


REQUEST BOOK-PLATE OF SIR WILLIAM WILMER TO THE LIBRARY OF SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, AND THE ORIGINAL (WHICH IS PROBABLY UNIQUE) BEING IN THE POSSESSION OF J. J. HOWARD, ESQ., LL.D., MALTRAVERS HERALD EXTRAORDINARY; TOGETHER WITH A FACSIMILE OF THE SIGNATURE OF SIR WILLIAM WILMER TO AN INDENTURE, DATED 17TH MARCH, 1617-18
(British Museum, Additional Charters, 24,171)



CHAPTER VI.


WILMER OF SYWELL—(continued).

"Per varios casus, per tot discrimina rerum."—VIRGIL, *Æn.* 1, 204.

ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES DISPLAYED OR.

CREST: AN EAGLE'S HEAD OR BETWEEN TWO WINGS EXPANDED VAIR.

MOTTO: SEMPER SAPIT SUPREMA.

ÆÆ.—ir William Wilmer [IVB], Knt., of Sywell, Lord of the Manors of Sywell, Hannington, Trafford, West Wardon, and West Haddon, the son of Robert Wilmer [IIIB], was thirty-five years of age at the time of his father's death in 1613. He was admitted of the Inner Temple 21st October 1600; Sheriff of Northamptonshire in 13 James I., and 18 Charles I.; knighted at Lincoln, 4th April 1617. He was the first Pensioner of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in 1599, and was a considerable benefactor to that foundation. In 1613 he had livery of his father's estates:—

1. The manor of Hannington was held of the "Earl of Northampton as of Earl's Barton called the Barons Mote in Earles Barton, viz., by a rent of 6s. 8d." The Baron's-Moot was a monthly court held at Earl's

Barton by the Earl of Northampton, and to it all who held of the honour of Huntingdon owed suit and service. There is in the possession of Mr. J. I. Green a plan of 278½ acres of Sir William Wilmer's estate in Hannington.

“The King to all to whom these presents shall come sendeth greeting. Know ye that we of our special favour, etc., have granted and given a licence to our beloved and faithful subject William Willmer, Esquire, son and next heir of Robert Willmer, Esquire, deceased, which Robert Willmer held of us *in capite*, etc. That he the said William Willmer * may be able to enter into, take possession, and be seized of all and singular the lordships, manors, etc., of which the said Robert, whose heir he is, was or had been possessed, etc. *Teste Rege*, 23rd November 1613.”—[*Patent Roll*, 11 James I., part 26 (16).]

Sir William Wilmer married at Harleston, 4th February 1604-5, Anne, youngest daughter of Robert Andrew, Esq. (*see p. 46*), and had issue:—

- I. ROBERT WILMER, buried 26th April 1607.†
 - II. ROBERT WILMER, of whose line we treat (*see below, page 63*).
 - III. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized “on Mundaye the “viiiith day of Aprill” 1611†; buried 19th July 1611.†
- I. ELIZABETH WILMER, married prior to October 1631, Sir Anthony Haslewood,² Knt., of Maidwell, co. Northampton. He was born in 1601, and was the eldest son of Edward Haslewood, Esq., of Maidwell, and Katherine, his wife, daughter and sole heiress of Sir Richard Osborne, Knt., of Kelmars, co. Northampton. By Elizabeth Wilmer he had an eldest son, Sir William Haslewood, Knt., of Maidwell, who left (with other issue) two daughters, eventually his coheirresses: ELIZABETH, the elder, was the third wife of Christopher, first Viscount Hatton, and PENELOPE, the younger, was the first wife of Sir Henry Seymour *alias* Portman, of Orchard Portman, co. Somerset.

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

2. Haslewood's *Genealogy of Haslewood, of Maidwell, etc.*, 1875.

Sir Anthony Haslewood died 6th June 1660, and was buried at Maidwell; M.I. Arms of Haslewood: Argent, on a bend gules between three owls sable as many lozenges ermine, on a chief azure three sprigs or; crest: A squirrel sejant sable bezantée, in his mouth a hazel-branch or.

" Dame Ann Willmer, wife of Sir Will'm Willmer, Knight, "died on Munday morning, and was buried the same nyght the "vi day of January " 1634-5.†

The arms and crest which were granted to Thomas Wilmer, of Ryton, in 1582-3, by Robert Cooke (*see p. 9*), were confirmed to Sir William Wilmer by Sir Richard St. George, Clarenceux King of Arms,³ and he seems to have borne them without any mark of cadency.

On the 16th of January 1611-12, Sir William Wilmer and Robert Wilmer, his father, for 800*l.*, purchased of Maurice Myles, John Myles, William Myles and Giles Miles the manor of West Haddon, co. Northampton, part of the possessions of Sir Richard Catesby, Knt.⁴ In 1617 Francis Plowden, Esq, of Plowden, in Shropshire, sold to Sir William Wilmer the manor of West Wardon, in the parish of Aston-le-Walls, with lands in Aston, Chipping Wardon, Woodford, Hinton, Farndon, Eydon, and Culworth, thereto belonging, parcel of the dissolved Abbey of Wardon, in Bedfordshire. This manor had been granted by the king in 1541 to Sir John Sutton *alias* Dudley, brother of Lord Dudley, and had passed by descent to Francis Plowden.⁵ By an Indenture, dated 2nd January 1619-20, John Calcott, of Flore, co. Northampton, sold to Sir William Wilmer and Richard Andrew (*see p. 46*) a capital messuage, two messuages and six yard-lands in Flore.⁶ On the 18th of May 1629, John Congle-

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

3. Visit. Northampton 1618-19.

4. Chan. Pro., *Harbert v. Wilmer*, Car. I., HH 61, 20.

5. *Baker*, i. p. 476; Feet of Fines, Northampton, Mic. 15 Jac. I.

6. Close R., no. 2438(40); Feet of Fines, Northampton, East 18 Jac. I.

ton, of Flore, filed a Bill in Chancery, claiming these premises by virtue of a Deed Poll dated *circa* 26 Elizabeth. He alleged that John Calcott had some dealing with Thomas Congleton, his brother, and "boasted himself to have bought a good title of the "premises, and by his boasting sold over his pretended right to "one Sir William Wilmer, knight." In his answer, on the 4th of November following, Sir William Wilmer denied all knowledge of the existence of the Deed referred to.⁷

"This Indenture made the thirtieth day of Aprill (10 Charles I.) Betweene Edward Saunders Esquire sonne and heire of Edward Saunder late of Brixworth in the County of North'ton Esquire deceased Daniell Hudson Cittizen and Marchant of London and William Saunders of Brixworth aforesaid gent. one of the younger sonnes of the said Edward Saunders deceased and Francis Saunders gent. one other of the sonnes of the said Edward Saunders of thone p'te and Sir William Willmer of Sywell in the County aforesaid knight and Richard Andrew of Thorpe Billett al's Thorpe Underwood in the same County gent. of thother parte Witnesseth that the said Daniell (and others) for * (2430*l.*) * have graunted b'gained sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed * unto them the said Sir William Willmer and Richard Andrew All that messuage or ten'te * in Cold Ashby in the foresaid County * now or late in the occupacion of Thomas Lucas * allsoe all that part or p^ccell of inclosed ground conteyning * about eight and twenty acres * with the said messuage or ten'te * and allsoe all that plott or p^ccell of inclosed ground conteyning * one hundred thirty and one acres * now or late * in the tenure or occupacion of Francis Wykes * and allsoe all that close * conteyning * sixteene acres * called Fernehill * alsoe all that close * conteyning * twenty seaven acres * now or late * of Francis Clipsham Clerke vicar of Cold Ashby * one close of pasture * in Cold Ashby * in the occupacion of Robert Verneham * conteyning * forty acres * Which said messuage, etc., are scituate, etc., within the towne prishe or feildes of Cold Ashby aforesaid * And alsoe all that close, etc., within the Mannor or lordshipp of Eltington in the aforesaid County called nether Piltch Wonge conteyning * eight acres * And

7. Chan. Pro. Congleton v. Wilmer, Car. I., CC. 112, 59; and Miscel-

laneous Chan. Pro., series 3, pt. 7, no. 81.

alsoe all * tithes, etc., out of in or uppon * the before mentioned p^emisses hereby graunted, etc : To have and to hold, etc., for ever, etc." [*Close Roll*, 10 Charles I., part 17 (18).]

In 1638-9 the purchasers obtained a royal licence to alienate these premises to Thomas Morgan, Esq., and George Allicocke, Gent.⁸ Thorp Lands, an ancient enclosure of 200 acres, lying in the parish of Moulton, co. Northampton, came into the possession of the Wilmers prior to 1644, "and," says Baker, "passed from them [subsequently to 1791] through various "mesne conveyances to Mr. William Drage, now of Stanwick, "of whom it was purchased in 1816 by Mr. Clarke Hillyard, who "has since sold 50 acres to Edward Bouverie, of Delapré, esq.⁹"

Sir Wilmer Wilmer was seized, prior to 1636, in his demesne as of fee of the manors of Sywell, Hannington, and Trafford, and of the advowson of the church of Sywell, and of 20 messuages, 20 cottages, 10 tofts, 2 mills, 2 dovecotes, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 1500 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 1500 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 200 acres of gorse and heather, 6*l.* of rent, free warren and the view of frankpledge in Sywell, Hannington, Holcot, Mears Ashby, Overston, Earl's Barton, Byfield, Trafford, Culworth, Eydon, Hinton, Aston-le-Walls, Wardon, West Wardon, and Chipping Wardon (*see p.* 64).

On the 2nd of May 1638, the Rector, Churchwardens, and inhabitants of Byfield addressed a petition to the Council, praying that Sir William Wilmer, owner of the hamlet of Trafford, which was all pasture, might be restricted from wearying out the petitioners with long suits to make the same subject to the custom of tithing used in the common and arable fields of Byfield. The matter was referred for consideration to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Treasurer, and the Lord Privy Seal.¹⁰ On the 4th of November 1638, Sir Robert Banaster, the late sheriff of Northamptonshire, delivered a certificate to the Council, stating that Sir William Wilmer

8. Pat. R., 14 Car. I., pt. 13 (70).

9. *Baker*, i. p. 48.

10. State Papers, Domestic Series.

refused to pay ship-money, and said that if the sheriff distrained he would rescue the cattle.¹⁰ A letter, dated at Whitehall, 9th December 1635, was addressed to Sir William Wilmer by the Council, stating that William Andrew, son of William Andrew,¹¹ of Denton, co. Northampton, and nephew to Sir William, being about twelve years of age, had lately been found among other children in the house of Mr. Leveson, in the county of Stafford, where he was being trained up as a scholar under a priest or Jesuit; and that, in regard of his nearness of blood, the Council had thought fit to put him in Sir William's custody until further order.¹²

"This Indenture made the sixteenth day of October 15 Charles I. Betweene Sir William Willmer of Sywell in the County of North'ton knight and William Andrewe of Deinton in the said County Esquire of the one part and Robert Pargiter of Gretworth in the said County Esquire and Thomas Heughes of the Middle Temple London Esquire of the other part Witnesseth that the said Sir William Willmer and William Andrewe * have graunted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed * unto the said Robert Pargiter and Thomas Hughes, etc., All that Mannor called * Treshams mannor * in the aforesaid County of North'ton, etc. To have & to hold, etc., for ever, etc." [*Close Roll*, 15 Charles I., part 35 (28). The royal licence for this alienation was dated at Westminster, 10th October 1639, *Patent Roll*, 15 Charles I., part 17 (37).]

"This Indenture made the sixteenth day of October * A.D. 1639 Betweene Sir William Willmer of Sywell in the County of North'ton knight and William Andrewe of Deinton * Esquire of the one part and John Ward of Carleton Curlew in the County of Leicester Gent. and John Daunce of Castellashby in the aforesaid County of North'ton Gent. of the other part Witnesseth that the said Sir William Willmer and William Andrewe * have granted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed * unto them the said John Ward and John Daunce, etc., All that Mannor co'monly called * the lord Vaux mannor al's lord Harrowdons Mannor or Greens Mannor lying within Great Houghton in the aforesaid County of North'ton, etc., To have and to hold, etc., for ever, etc." [*Close Roll*, 15 Charles I., part

10. State Papers, Domestic Series.

11. He was the second son of Robert

Andrew, of Harleston, and ancestor of the Andrews, of Denton, Barons.

35 (29). The royal licence for this alienation was dated 15th October 1639, *Patent Roll*, 15 Charles I., part 17 (52).]

“ Sir William Willmer, Knight, died on Saturday night, and “ was buried the Wednesday following, being the 22nd of “ Aprill ” 1646†, at Sywell. William Wilmer, his grandson, succeeded him. The following is an abstract of Sir William’s will :—

10th April 1646. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I SIR WILLIAM WILMER OF SYWELL, NORTHAMPTON, KNIGHT, being of good and present memory (all praise be therefore given to Almighty God) doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament, etc. My bodie to be buried in the Church of Siwell without the vanitie of any extraordinarie shew. And touching my worldly goods which since these sadd times have been almost all taken from me, soe that I cannot remember my particular friends and kindred as I would and as heretofore I had done by Will which I now revoke. All my goods, plate, household stuff, lands, tenements, etc., unto my grandchilde, Wiliam Willmer, and his heirs for ever. He shall discharge all my just debts. To my loving daughter, the Lady Haslewood, 10*l*. I appoint my kinsmen, Sir Charles Adderley, Knight, and John Wyrelie, of Dodworth, co. Northampton, Esquire, my executors until my said grandchild shall accomplish the age of twenty-one. I pray my grandchild may be vertuously bredd. To each of my executors 500*l*. The goods which are in the possession of Master Muttwich and his wife in my house at Sywell I bequeath to them.—[Proved by the executors 1st December 1646.—P. C. C. 194 Twisse.]

On the outbreak of the Civil War Sir William Wilmer espoused the cause of the King, and faithfully adhered to his royal master through all his troubles. He suffered heavily in consequence, for, as we have already seen, in his will he speaks of his worldly goods being almost all taken from him. In addition to this, after his death, his executors were obliged to compound for his estates in the sum of 500*l*. The composition would have been far heavier but for the fact that Sir William settled a large amount of his property upon his son at the time of that son’s marriage in 1631 (*see p.* 62). Sir William himself was spared from knowing anything of the terrible tragedy which was enacted

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

at Whitehall in January 1649, and which inspired the country with pity and with horror. The following extracts are taken from the Royalist Composition Papers :—

“ S^r Charles Adderley Knight, and John Wirly Esq^r Executors of the last Will and Testam^{te} of S^r W^m Wilmer Kn^t deceased for and in the behalfe of themselves. and of W^m Willmer Esq^r an infant under the age of 12 yeeres.

“ The Delinquency was in S^r W^m Willmer Kn^t deceased, for whose reall estate the infant, and for whose p^rsonall estate the said Executors desires to compound, who was sequestered before his death.

“ Sir Charles Adderley hath taken the Nac^onall Covenant before W^m Barton minister of John Zacharies the 22th of August 1646, and the negative oath heere the same daye, the Infant beinge a minor hath taken neither.

“ They compound vpon a perticuler delivered in under their hands by which they doe submitt to such ffine &c. and by which it doth appeare

“ That the said S^r W^m Wilmer dyed seized in fee, to him and his heirs, nowe discended vpon the infant, of and in certaine Lands and Ten^ts lyinge and beinge in West Haddon in the County of Northampton, and of certaine howses scituate in the towne of Northampton, of the yeerely value before this troubles.—12^{li}. 13^s. 4^d.

“ That after the payem^{te} of 974^{li}. 2^s. 3^d. debts which S^r William Wilmer did owe at the day of his death, and of such other debts, as Rob^t Wilmer his sonne did owe at the tyme of his death which doth not appeare, and of the payem^{te} of such ffine and chardges as should be paid and disbursed for the Wardshipp of the Infant, there will remaine and come vnto the said Infant other lands and Ten^ts called Thorpe Lands lyinge and beinge within the Mannor of Moulton in the County of Northampton, and of and in another Mannor and of divers Lands and Ten^ts to the same belonginge lyinge and beinge in the townes and ffields of flower in the said County, which by a Deed made dated the first of february 11^o Caroli were graunted to one W^m Andrewe and others Trustees for the tearme of 30 yeeres to receive the issues and profits thereof to the vses af^resaid, and which were together of the yeerely value before this troubles—140^{li}.

“ The residue of the estate of S^r Willia^l Wilmer was settled longe sithence by good conveyance vpon the infants father, and the heirs males of his body, which the infant is, and therefore those Mannors and Lands not discendinge to him from his Grandfather S^r William, but he

comeinge in vnder a conveyance as heire in taile, the Lords and Co'mons for sequestrac'ons have by their order of the 24th of September 1646, discharged the same.

6 october 1646

“ Jero^m Alexander

“ D. Watkins.”

“ That certaine Lands and Ten'ts lyinge and beinge in Ha'mington in the County of Northampton, were by one W^m Moore mortgaged to the said S^r W^m Wilmer for 120^{li} principall money, and certaine other Lands and Ten'ts lyinge in Houghton in the said County were by one W^m Wood mortgaged to him for 200^{li} principall money, both which somes make 320^{li} for which they also desire to compound.

“ Fine at a sixt 500^{li}.

24 No^{ber} 1646

“ Jero^m Alexander

“ D. Watkins.”

“A Just p'ticuler of the estate of S^r William Wilmer Kn^t deceased, and how much therof is engaged and tyed by him in his life time By Deed vnder his hand and seale for the paym^t of such debts as hee owed or should owe at the time of his death And how much of the estate of the said S^r William Wilmer is not tyed for paym^t of debts by the said Deede together with the just p'ticuler of the debts owing by the said S^r William Wilmer at the time of his death.

“ The said S^r Will^m Wilmer by his Indenture vnder his hand and seale bearing date the first of february 11^o Car^l Reg^l made betwixt himselte on the one p^{te} And William Andrew, Richard Andrew, James Enion Rob^t Mulshoe, and Thomas Andrew of the other p^{te} amongst other things graunts a Lease to them the said Will^m Andrew, Richard Andrew, James Enion, Rob^t Mulshoe, & Thomas Andrew for the Terme of 30 yeares to Comence imediately after his death of certaine pasture grounds called Thorpe-lands lying & being within the Mannor of Moulton in the County of North^{ton} And of a Mannor with divers Messuages Tenem^{ts} & Cottages, yardland, Closes, Meadows, pastures & other things scituate lying and being in the Townes Prishes and feilds of fflower in the said County of North^{ton} vppon this trust and Confidence that the said Will^m Andrew etc. out of the Rents yssues and p^offits of the p^omisses shall duly and truly content satisfy and pay all such debts with the forbearance of the same as is admitted by the statute as hee the said S^r Will^m Wilmer shall owe and be indebted to any at the time of his death and likewise All such debts as Rob^t Wilmer sonne of the said

Sr Will'm Wilmer did owe at the time of his death And for the paymt & discharge of all such fyne and Charges as shall be payed for the wardshipp of Will'm Wilmer (the now Peticonr) And after such debts payed and such disbursein^t satisfied, the ou^rplus of all & singular the p^offitts of the p^omisses dureing the said 30 yeares to be for the raying a portion for such Childe as Constance Wilmer the Relict of the said Rob^t Wilmer then went withall And if the same were a daughter then to have 3000^{li}. And if a sonne 5000^{li}. And in case the said Children dy without heires then to the right heires of the said Sr William Wilmer : p^out p^r Indentur^t.

“The said Constance Wilmer was shortly after the making of the said Indenture deliue^d of a daughter which daughter shortly after dyed, And the said Sr Will'm Wilmer st^a about 3 moneths since dep^ted this life being at the time of his death and longe before indebted vnto seu^rall p^ons seu^rally in seu^rall sumes of mony in all amounting to eleven hundred fifty and fower pounds two shillings three pence. ‡

“The cleere yearly value of the said lands called Thorpe-lands being one hundred pounds p^r annu^s And the said Mannor and lands in flower being 40^{li}. p^r annu^s.

“Alsoe the said Sr William Wilmer dyed seized in	li.	s.	d.
free of certayne lands in West Haddon in the said County	6	0	0
of Northampton not exp ^o ssed in the said Indenture of			
the yearly vullue of			p ^r annu ^s .

And of certaine houses in North^oton of the yearly vullue of 6 13 4

Charles Aderly	} debt p ^r annu ^s att	} 140
John Wirly		
William Wilmer		
	The Land free and engaged	0 12 ^{li} . 13 ^s 4 ^d . p ^r annu ^s

“This is a true p^rtculer of all the Estate reall and personall of Sr W^m Wilmer Kn^t deceased for which wee Sr Charles Aderley Kn^t John Wirly & William Wilmer doe desire to compound to free it out of Sequestrac^on and weedoe submitt vnto and vndertake to satisfye and pay such ffine as by this Com^{tee} for Composic^ons with Delinquents shall be imposed and set to pay for the same. in order to the freedome and discharge of the said Estate of the said Sr W^m Wilmer deceased.

“Charles Aderley
John Wirly
William Wilmer.”

‡ Thomas Andrews, of Sywell, Yeoman, aged seventy-two or thereabouts, being late servant or bailiff of Sir

William Wilmer, deceased, made an affidavit respecting these debts, 31st August 1646.

“Allsoe there are Two Mortgages made to the said Sr Will^m Wilmer in his life time the one of certaine Lands &c. in Ha'mington in the said County of Northampton from one W^m Moore to the said Sr W^m Wilmer for 120^{li}. principall mony

“The other Mortgage is of certaine Lands in Houghton in ye said County of Northampton from W^m Woode to the said Sr W^m Wilmer for 200^{li}. principall money

“Both the said Mortgages being 320^{li}.

“Charles Aderly
John Wirly
William Wilmer.”

“To the Hon^{ble} the Comittee for Composic'on for delinquents estates.

“The humble Petic'on of Sr Charles Aderly Kn^t and John Wyrly esquire Executors of the last will and Testam^t of Sr W^m Wilmer Kn^t deceased In the behalfe of themselves and of William Wilmer Esquire an Infant under the age of twelve yeares.

“Humbly Shew

“That Sr W^m Wilmer Kn^t deceased your Petic'oner William Wilmers Grandfather being in his life time seized in his demesne as of fee of the severall lands and appurten'ces in the County of Northampton in the p^ticular annexed expressed, & allsoe being att the time of his death possessed of certaine other lands by lease in the said County of Northampton for a certaine longe time or Terme of yeares in the said p^ticular allsoe menc'oned The said Sr Will^m Wilmer was sequestred before his death for his delinquency to the Parliam^t by the Comittee of Northampton and became Tenant to his own estate, and dyed about 3 months since.

“Your Petic'oners therefore humbly pray that they may bee admitted to compound to free the said estate out of sequestrac'on

“And they as in all duty bound shall dayly pray etc.”

“These are to certifie that Sr Charles Adderley of Hammes in the County of Warwick Knight, did freely and fully take the National Covenant and subscribe y^e same: upon the Two and twentieth day of August 1646 The sayd Covenant being administred unto him according to order by me.

“Will^m Barton Minister of
John Zecharies London.”

“ In the case of Will'm Willmer Esq^r to mee referred by the order annexed I find that by Indenture Tripartite dated 30^o Septembr 7^o Caroli made betweene Sr Will'm Willmer Knight & others of the first part James Enyon & Rob't Tanfeild Esq^{rs} & others of the second part Rob't Willmer Esq^r & Constance Enyon sole daughter of the said James Enyon of the third part the said Sr Will'm Willmer in Considerac'on of a mariage then intended & afterwards solemnized betweene the said Rob't Willmer & Constance Enyon & of 4000^{li} mariage porc'on paid did Coven^{ant} wth the said James Enyon that the said Sr Will'm and others would before the end of Hillarie Terme then next acknowledge one fine sur Conusans de droit etc. to the said Rob't Tanfeild and another and the heires of the said Rob't Tanfeild of all and singuler the Mannors mesuages lands tenem^{ts} and hereditam^{ts} of the said Sr Will'm Willmer scituate & being wthin the townes Parishes and feilds of Sywell, Earles, Barton, Hollcott al's Hullcott, Hamington, Asheby Meyres al's Meres Asheby, Hardwick, Overston, Ecton, Byfeild, Trafford, Cullworth, Eydon, Westwarden, Cheping, Warden, Warden Aston in the wells, Hynton, Woodford and farendon and in everie or anie of them in the aforesaid Countie of Northampton wth their and eurie of their rights members and app^{ten}ances w^{ch} fine shalbee & enure to the vses following (viz) to the vse of the said Sr Will'm & Rob't Willmer their heires and assignes vntill the said intended mariage should be solemnized And after as concerning the said Mannors of Sywell & Hamington in Com' North'ton, cu' p^{tin}' and the Advowson & Rectorie of the Parish Church of Sywell and all & singuler the messuages lands and hereditam^{ts} of the said Sr Will'm Willmer in the townes Parishes & feilds of Sywell Hamington Earles Barton Hullcott Asheby Meyres al's Meres Asheby Hardwick Overston & Ecton aforesaid to the vse of the said Sr Will'm Willmer for life and after his decease to the vse of Dame Anne his wife for her life rem^f to the proper vse of the said Rob't Willmer and the heires males of his body on the body of the said Constance lawfully to bee begotten wth remainders over remainder to the said Sr Willm Willmer in fee And as for and concerning all the rest of the p^{misses} to bee comprised in the said fine to the vse of the said Rob't Willmer for terme of his life & after his decease to the vse of the said Constance for her life remainder to the heires males of the body of the said Rob't Willmer on the body of the said Constance lawfully to bee begotten wth remainders over remainder to the said Sr Will'm Willmer in fee And as for and concerning all the rest of the p^{misses} to bee comprised in the said fine to the vse of the said Rob't Willmer for tearme of his

life & after his decease to the vse of the said Constance for her life remainder to the heires males of the body of the said Rob't Willmer on the body of the said Constance lawfully to bee begotten wth such remainders over as aforesaid As by the said Indenture appeareth And I doe alsoe find that afterwards a licence of alienac'on of the p^emisses was obtained As by the same licence to mee shewed vnder the greate seale appeareth And afterwards to witt in Mich'as terme 7^o Carol' a fine was acknowledged of the p^emisses according to the Coven^ant in the said Indenture tripartite As by the Cyrograph of the said fine to mee shewed appeareth And it is informed that the said S^r Will'm Willmer Dame Anne his wife & Rob't Willmer are all dead & the pet^r is the onely sonne of the said Rob't Willmer begotten vpon the body of the said Constance & is now of the age of 12 yeares Soe as vpon the whole matter it is submitted to Judgment whether the sequestrac'on of the p^emisses ought not to bee discharged the same being sequestred for the delinquencie of the said S^r Will'm Willmer And this I find to bee the pet^r case.

“July 1646

Jo: Bradshawe

“This Copy is onely to bee made vse of for satisfacc'on of Mr. Alexander for the p^rposes by him desired & for all other p^rposes the p^rties are to apply themselves to Mr Vaughan Register of the Comittee of Lords & Co'mons for sequestrac'ons whoe is to furnish them wth a copy.”

[*Royalist Composition Papers*, Series II., vol. xxii. pp. 81-94.]

ROBERT WILMER [VB], Esq., Lord of the Manors of Trafford and West Wardon, the only one of Sir William Wilmer's sons who left issue, was baptized 26th September 1608†, and admitted of the Middle Temple 12th April 1627. He married in 1631, Constance, elder daughter of James Enyon,¹² Esq., Lord of the Manor of Flore, co. Northampton, by Dorothy his wife, eldest daughter of Thomas Coxe, Esq., of Bishop's Itchington, co. Warwick. A recital of the marriage settlement has already been given (*see p. 62; see also p. 65*).

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

| 12. *Baker*, i.p. 153.

Constance Wilmer was about fourteen years of age at this time, if we can depend upon the accuracy of the licence for her second marriage in 1641-2, in which she was stated to be of the age of twenty-four years. Her only brother, James Enyon, was created a Baronet in 1642, and was killed in a duel in the same year by Sir Nicholas Crispe. Her father, who was living in 1631, died before April 1636, and his widow married secondly John Wyrley, Esq., of Dodford, who was one of the executors of Sir William Wilmer's will. Arms of Enyon: Argent, a chevron between three ravens sable. Robert and Constance Wilmer had issue:—

¶¶.—I. WILLIAM WILMER, heir to his grandfather. *See below, ¶¶.*

- I. ANNE WILMER (posthumous child), “was born
“at fflower (Flore) the 31st Marche, 1636, and
“died at fflower on Mundaye nyght, and buried
“att Sywell on Tuesday the next day, being the 8
“day of May” 1638†.

Robert Wilmer died in the lifetime of his father, “on
“Munday nyght, and was buried the next day, being Tuesday
“in the night the 22nd day of December” 1635.†

“Inquisition taken at Northampton 20 April 12 Charles I. [A.D. 1636] after the death of Robert Willmer late of Sywell, Esquire, deceased, while he lived son and heir apparent of Sir William Willmer of Sywell, Knight.

“They [the Jurors] say that the aforesaid William Willmer some time before the death of the aforesaid Robert Willmer was seized in his demesne as of fee of the manors of Sywell, Hanington and Trafford and of the advowson of the church of Sywell and of 20 messuages, 20 cottages, 10 tofts, 2 mills, 2 dovecotes, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 1500 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 1500 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 200 acres of gorse and heather, 6*l.* of rent, free warren and the view of frank-pledge in Sywell, Hanington, Hollcott, Meares Asheby, Overston, Earles Barton, Byfeild, Trafford, Cullworth, Eydon, Hinton, Aston in le walles, Warden, Westwarden, and Chipingwarden; also of the tithes of sheaves of corn, etc., from 15 messuages, 800 acres of land, &c., in Earles Barton.

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

“ By Indenture tripartite bearing date 30 September 7 Charles I. [A.D. 1631] made between the aforesaid Sir William Willmer and the Lady Anne then his wife now deceased Sir Anthony Haslewood of Maydwell in the County of Northampton, Knight, and the Lady Elizabeth his wife, and William Andrewe of Deinton in the said county, Gent.. of the first part, James Enion the elder, Esquire, now deceased, Robert Tanfeilde, Esquire, and Richard Townesend, Esquire, of the 2nd part the aforesaid Robert Willmer and Constance Enion only daughter of the said James Enion of the 3rd part, the said William Willmer in consideration of a marriage then intended between the said Robert Willmer and Constance Enion conveyed the said manors, etc. of Sywell and Hanington and the advowson to the said William Willmer for his life and after his decease to remain to the said Lady Anne for her life, and after her decease to remain to the aforesaid Robert Willmer and his heirs male upon the body of the said Constance lawfully to be begotten, remainder to the heirs male of the said Robert Willmer, remainder to the heirs male of the said William Willmer, remainder to the heirs of the said Robert, remainder to the said Lady Elizabeth Haslewood and her heirs, remainder to the heirs of the said William Willmer, remainder to the right heirs of the said William Willmer for ever.

“ And the said manors of Trafford and Westwarden, etc , to the said Robert Willmer for his life and after his decease to remain to the said Constance Enyon tor her life and after her decease to remain to the heirs male of the said Robert Willmer upon the body of the said Constance lawfully to be begotten, remainder to the heirs male of the said Robert Willmer, remainder to the said William Willmer and to his heirs male, remainder to the said Robert Willmer and to his heirs, remainder to the said Lady Elizabeth Haslewood and to her heirs, remainder to the heirs of the said William Willmer, remainder to the said William Andrewe and his heirs male, remainder to the right heirs of the said William Willmer for ever. By virtue of which conveyance the said William Willmer, who is now alive and at Sywell aforesaid, into the manors of Sywell and Hanington entered, and is thereof seized in his demesne as of a free tenement.

“ And the aforesaid Robert Willmer into the aforesaid manors of Trafford and Westwarden entered, etc.

“ Robert Willmer on the 21st day of December last past died so thereof seized, after whose death the said Constance who is yet alive

into all the premises conveyed entered and is yet thereof seized in her demesne as of a free tenement.

“William Willmer is son and next heir of the said Robert Willmer, and is of the age of two years six months and twenty days.

“The manor of Sywell and the premises in Sywell, Hallcott, Asheby, Meires, Overston and Ecton were held of the King by knight’s service in chief but by what part of a knight’s fee the Jurors are ignorant, and they are worth by the year beyond reprises—5*l*. The manor of Hanington and the premises in Hanington were held of the most noble Spencer Earl of Northampton as of Earl’s Barton called the Barons Mote in Earles Barton, viz. :—by a rent of 6*s*. 8*d*., and they are worth by the year beyond reprises—4*os*.

“The premises in Earles Barton were held of the King as of his manor of East Greenwich by fealty only, viz. :—in free and common socage and not in chief nor by knight’s service, and by suit of court, and they are worth by the year beyond reprises—2*os*. The manor of Trafford and the premises in Byfeilde, Trafford, Cullworth and Eydon were held of Sir William Spencer, Baronet, as of his manor of Radson in free and common socage, viz., by fealty and a rent of 24*s*., and they are worth by the year beyond reprises—3*l*. The premises in Warden, Westwarden, Chipingwarden, Hinton and Aston in le Walles were held of the King by knight’s service in chief but by what part of a knight’s fee the Jurors are ignorant, and they are worth by the year beyond reprises—3*l*.”—[Inquisition *post mortem*, 12 Charles I., part 3, no. 132.]

Constance Wilmer married secondly Charles Adderley, Esq., of Hams Hall, co. Warwick, widower, aged thirty. The licence was dated 4th February 1641-2, and the marriage was to be solemnized at St. Andrew’s, Holborn, or St. Giles’s in the Fields, London.¹³ Sir Charles Adderley, for he was knighted soon after the marriage, was one of the executors of Sir William Wilmer’s will. Lady Adderley seems to have died before November 1662, for on the eighteenth of that month Sir Charles obtained a licence to marry Mrs. Frances Jesson, widow, of Coventry.¹⁴

13. Mar. Lic. B. L.

| 14. Mar. Lic. Vic.-Gen. A.C.



CHAPTER VII.

WILMER OF SYWELL—(continued).

*“Left by his sire, too young such loss to know,
Lord of himself;—that heritage of woe,
That fearful empire which the human breast
But holds to rob the heart within of rest!”*—BYRON, *Lara*, 1, 2.

¶¶.—**W**illiam Wilmer [VIB], Esq., of Sywell, Lord of the Manors of Sywell, Hannington, Trafford and West Wardon, was the only son of Robert Wilmer [VB], and heir to Sir William Wilmer, his grandfather. He “was borne on ffriday “about vii of the clock in the morning the xxxi day of May,” and baptized 8th June 1633.† He was of the age of two years, six months, and twenty days at the time of his father’s death.¹ By letters patent, dated Westminster, 16th February 1636-7, the King granted to Sir William Wilmer and Constance Wilmer, widow, the guardianship of the body and the marriage of his ward, William Wilmer.² He married Felicia _____, and had issue:—

¶¶.—I. WILLIAM WILMER. See below, ¶¶.

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

1. *Inq. post mortem*, 12 Car. I., pt. 3, no. 132.

2. Pat. R., 12 Car. I., pt. 13(40).

I. FELICIA WILMER, baptized 5th February 1656-7†; married 2nd February 1675-6‡, Francis Arundel, Esq., of Stoke Park, co. Northampton.³ He was sheriff of Northamptonshire in 1693, and was buried in Stoke Bruern church, 3rd February 1736-7. She died in 1710, and was buried in the same place, where there is the following inscription on a marble tablet :—

Here lieth the Bodies of
FRANCIS ARUNDELL, Esq.
and Felicia his Wife.
He died in the Year of
our Lord 1736.
She in the Year of
our Lord 1710.

Francis Arundel, Esq., of Stoke Park, the eldest son of this alliance, married Isabella, third daughter of Sir William Wentworth, high sheriff of Yorkshire 24 Charles II., and sister of Sir Thomas Wentworth, K.G., Earl of Strafford of the second creation. Arms of Arundel: Sable, six swallows argent, three, two, and one; crest: A wolf passant argent.

II. MARY WILMER, baptized 10th April 1660.†

William Wilmer "died on Tuesday, and was buried the "Wednesday nyght following, being the 31 of October" 1660‡. Administration of his goods was granted to Felicia, his widow, 15th November 1660.⁴ On the 18th of May 1661, a licence was obtained for the marriage of Felicia Wilmer, widow, aged 25, with Sir Charles Compton, Knt., of Grendon, co. Northampton, widower, aged 30. This marriage was to be solemnized at St. Bartholomew's-the-Great, or St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, London.⁵ Sir Charles Compton appears to have been the

† Par. reg. of Sywell.
3. *Baker*, ii. p. 244.

4. P. C. C.

5. Mar. Lic. Fac. Off.

second son of Spencer Compton, second Earl of Northampton. Sir Charles,⁶ who was a distinguished royalist leader, was knighted at Oxford 12th December 1643, and dying in November 1661, by a fall from his horse, was buried at Sywell.†

IV.—**William Wilmer** [VIIB], Esq., of Sywell, and of the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, Lord of the Manors of Sywell, Hannington, Trafford, and West Wardon, was the only son of William Wilmer [VIB]. He married in or before 1698, Dinah Lancaster. Arms of Lancaster: Argent, two bars and a canton gules, on the last a lion passant gardant or. She died before February 1704-5. They had issue:—

V.—**I. WILLIAM WILMER.** See below, **V.**

I. ANNE WILMER, a minor in February 1704-5.

VI.—**II. DINAH WILMER.** See below, **IV.**

The following Fine was levied of the Wilmer estates:—

“This is the final agreement made in fifteen days from the day of Holy Trinity 10 William III. (1698), between Thomas Andrews, Esquire, and John Ramshaw, Gentleman, querents, and William Wilmer, Esquire, and Dinah his wife, deforciant, of the manors of Sywell, Hannington, and Trafford, with the appurtenances, and of 30 messuages, 30 cottages, 2 mills, 3 dove-cotes, 2000 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 1000 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 500 acres of furze and heath, 6*l.* of rent, common pasture, free warren, and view of frankpledge, with the appurtenances, in Sywell, Earls-Barton, Moulton, Hulcott *alias* Holcott, Hannington, Ashbye Meirs *alias* Meres Ashbye, Hardwicke, Overston, Eiton, Bifield, Trafford, Cullworth, Eydon, Chiping Warden, Warden, Ashton in le Walls, Hinton, Woodford, Farringdon, Westhaddon and Flower *alias* Floore; and also of all and every kind of tithes of and out of 16 messuages, 80 acres of land, etc., in Earls-Barton; and also of the advowson of the church of Sywell; Whereupon a plea of covenant was summoned between them, to wit that the aforesaid William and Dinah have acknowledged the aforesaid manors, etc., to be the right of the said Thomas, etc.”—[*Feet of Fines*, Northampton, Trin. 10 William III.]

6. Collins's *Peerage*, ed. Sir E. Brydges, iii. pp. 242-3.

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

William Wilmer paid chief rent at Dodford Court in 1701 for the Trussell manor in the parish of Flore, which Baker conjectures to have been the Holton moiety of the manor of Flore.⁷ He died on Tuesday, 13th March 1705-6, and was buried on Wednesday, 21st March.†

The following is an abstract of his will :—

16th February 1704-5. I WILLIAM WILMER, of Sywell, co. Northampton, Esquire. To my daughter, Anne Wilmer, 2000*l.* on her marriage. To my daughter, Dinah Wilmer, 2000*l.* on her marriage. To my brother and sister Arundel 100*l.* To my brother, Dr. William Lankaster, 20*l.* To my godson, William Arundel, 100*l.* To Mr. John Huntinton 30*l.* To Matthew Judkins 10*l.* a year for life. To Thomas Davis, John Cox and Michael each 5*l.* yearly. To my beloved son, William Wilmer, born of my late dear wife, Dinah Wilmer, all my manors, manor houses, etc., lying in co. Northampton. Thomas Andrews, of Harleston, co. Northampton, and Robert Andrew, his son, Esquires, John Ramshaw, of London, Gent., and Stephen Ganderne,^{7a} of Sywell, Gent., to be trustees and overseers, my children all being minors. My son William to be executor. Witnesses :—Thomas Barker, John Cooke, and William Blencow. [10th July 1705, commission issued to Thomas Andrews, Robert Andrew (*see p.*), and John Ramshaw, the three trustees named in the will of William Wilmer, late of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, co. Middlesex. Sed apud Sywell, North'ton, etc.—P.C.C. 129 Gee.]

Y.—William Wilmer [VIIIB], Esq., of Sywell, and of the parish of Marylebone, London, the son of William Wilmer [VIIB], was M.P. for Northampton 1716-27 and 1734-44. He married 5th August 1720, at night,⁸ the Lady Mary Bennet, the youngest daughter of Charles, first Earl of Tankerville, K.T., by the Lady Mary Grey, his wife, only daughter and heiress of Forde, Lord Grey, of Werke, Viscount Grey, of Glendale, and Earl of Tankerville. Lady Mary Wilmer was born in 1702, died 24th May 1729, aged twenty-seven, and was buried 2nd

7. *Baker*, i. p. 154.

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

7a. The will of Willmer Ganderne,

of Kingston, was proved at Peterborough in 1750 (*fo.* 30).

8. *Mason's Obits*, in *The Genealogist*, N.S., ii. p. 145.

June†, in the burial-place of the Wilmer family in Sywell church, where there is the following inscription :—

HERE LIES THE BODY OF THE RIGHT HON^{BLE} LADY MARY WILMER, DAUGHTER OF THE RIGHT HON^{BLE} CHARLES LATE EARL OF TANKERVILLE AND WIFE OF WILLIAM WILMER ESQ^{RE} SHE DIED MAY 24TH 1729 IN THE TWENTY EIGHT YEAR OF HER AGE, LEAVING THREE SONS & ONE DAUGHTER. THIS MONUMENT WAS SET UP BY HER SAID HUSBAND AS A SMALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR THE MANY FRIENDSHIPS HE RECEIVED FROM THAT GOOD LADY.

Arms of Bennet : Gules, a bezant between three demi-lions rampant argent ; quartering Grey : Gules, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed argent. There is in the College of Arms a bill for Lady Mary's funeral, with Wilmer impaling Bennet, dated 31st May 1729, and containing the following items :— " 2 Atch, 12 Silk, 24 Buck. Verg'd, 12 Sheilds, 6 Shaffs, 12 Long " penceils, 36 Small, 6 banners, 18 buck verg'd (more)." William and Lady Mary Wilmer had issue :—

- I. WILLIAM WILMER, Esq., Lieutenant in the Regiment of Marines commanded by the Hon. Colonel Winyard, in America ; died there unmarried in or before 1741 ;¹⁰ administration of his effects granted to his father, 13th April 1742 ;⁴ administration de bonis non etc., to Dinah Lancaster, a creditor, 30th May 1746.⁴
- II. CHARLES WILMER, Esq., of Daventry, co. Northampton ; died there unmarried 26th December 1742 ;¹⁰ buried at Sywell 30th December† ; limited administration of his effects granted, 4th September 1744,⁴ to Jonathan Warner, of Northampton, Gent., Benjamin Hill, the guardian of Bennet Wilmer, brother of the deceased, first renouncing ; limited administration de bonis non, etc., granted, 29th November

† Par. reg. of Sywell.
9. Painter's Work-Book, H. 10. p. 54.

10. *Gentleman's Magazine*.
4. P. C. C.

1753,⁴ to Dinah Lancaster, of Northampton, widow, on the death of the aforesaid Jonathan Warner.

VE.—III. BENNET WILMER. *See below, VE.*

- I. MARY WILMER, of Sywell, baptized 22nd February 1726-7; † died unmarried; buried 30th March 1732 (? 1742); † administration of her effects granted to her father, William Wilmer, 1st June 1743;⁴ administration de bonis non, etc., to Dinah Lancaster, widow, 30th May 1746.⁴

William Wilmer alienated the manor of West Wardon,¹¹ and the manor of Trafford,¹² in the parish of Byfield, in June 1720, to George, Earl of Halifax, who, in March 1737-8, conveyed them to William Chauncy, of Edgcote, and they then passed to Thomas Carter, Esq., to whom they belonged in 1822. William Wilmer died 2nd April 1744.¹⁰ The following is an abstract of his will :—

28th March 1744. I WILLIAM WILMER, of the Parish of St. Mary le Bone, Esquire. To my worthy friends, the Hon^{bles} Charles Hatton, of Richmond, co. Surrey, Esq., and Sir Arthur Hesleridge, of the town and county of Northampton, Bart., all my lands, tenements, etc., in co. Northampton, (in trust) for my son, Bennet Wilmer, if living, and if not living, to my sister, Dinah Lancaster. Executors :—Sir Charles Hatton and Sir Arthur Hesleridge. Witnesses :—Edward Forsett, Charles Higgins and Tim. Rogers. [Administration was granted, 11th May 1744, to Andrew Regnier, a creditor of the deceased, the executors (the Hon^{bles}) having renounced. Dinah Lancaster, Widow, was the guardian lawfully assigned to Bennet Wilmer, a minor, son of the deceased. P.C.C. 136 Anstis.]—

VE.—Bennet Wilmer [IXB], Esq., of Marylebone, London, Lord of the Manors of Sywell and Hannington, was the youngest son of William Wilmer [VIIB]. He was baptized 16th September 1724, † died unmarried, and was buried 12th

4. P. C. C.

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

11. *Baker*, i. p. 476.

12. *Ibid.*, i. p. 490.

10. *Gentleman's Magazine*.

August 1844,† very shortly after the death of his father. Although he was a minor, he made a will, of which the following is an abstract:—

11th April 1744. I BENNET WILMER, of St. Mary le Bone, co. Middlesex, Gent., of sound mind, etc. To my aunt, Dinah Lancaster, & her heirs all my right, title, &c., to the real and personal estate of my late grandfather, the late Earl of Tankerville, dec^d either under his will, or in right of my late brother Charles, also dec^d & also all my real & personal Estate whatsoever, & I make her sole Executrix. Witnesses:—Geo. Campbell, Thos. Rea, and J. Dawson. [Proved by Dinah Lancaster, Widow, the executrix, 5th September 1744. P.C.C. 226 Anstis.]

VII.—**Dinah Wilmer** [VIIIB], the younger daughter of William Wilmer [VIIB], and aunt of the above-mentioned Bennet Wilmer, was a minor in February 1704-5. She married

Lancaster. In the first window on the north side of the chapel of Queen's College, Oxford, there are the following arms: Argent, two bars and a canton gules, on the last a lion passant gardant or (Lancaster); impaling: Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or (Wilmer).¹³ She was described as of Northampton, Widow, in 1744, at which date she proved of the will of her nephew, Bennet Wilmer. The following is an abstract of her will:—

2nd March 1763.—I DINAH LANCASTER, of the town of Northampton. I appoint as Executor and Executrices, Samuel Jackson, of Great Billing, co. North'ton, Elizabeth Ives, of North'ton, widdow, and Lettice Watkin, of North'ton, widdow. To them I bequeath in trust all my money, goods, etc., except 1000*l.* now vested in the South Sea annuity stock. To Samuel Jackson 1000*l.* To Elizabeth Ives and Lettice Watkin 100*l.* each. To Edward Watkin, of Courtenhall, Northampton, Clerk, and to Robert Jackson, of Weston Ffavell, co. North'ton, 300*l.* apiece. To Mr. Cunningham, of North'ton, to Frances Stanton, widdow of William Stanton, Clerk, lately deceased, and to Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mrs. Smith, the Matron of the hospital in North'ton, each 100*l.* To Dinah Stanton and William Stanton, son

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

13. Wood's *History of the Halls and Colleges of Oxford*, ii. p. 169.

and dau^r of the s^d Frances, 50*l.* apiece. To Frances Stanton, jun., dau^r of the said Mrs. Stanton, widdow, to Mrs. Penelope Breton, dau^r of the late Counsellor Breton, of North'ton, to Mrs. Clark, of of North'ton, widdow of the Rev. John Clark, deceased, 10*l.* apiece. Legacies to servants. Elizth Ives and Lettice Watkin to have the management of the s^d Frances Stanton, jun., that I have had. To the poor of the Parish of St. Giles, North'ton, 20*l.* To the poor of Sywell, 10*l.* Legacy of 100*l.* in trust for the County Hospital of North'ton, to be applied to the same purpose as the legacy left by Mrs. Webster, deceased, for payment of a salary of 30*l.* to the Chaplain (Mr. Watkin) if he continue Chaplain. To Mrs. Catherine Lyon and Mrs. Catherine Lucas, both of North'ton, 20*l.* To Mrs. Thursby, wife of John Harvey Thursby, Esq., of Irvington, co. North'ton, 100*l.* To the Right Hon. Lady Barbara Montague, of Bath, 100*l.* I desire her Ladyship will do me the favour to accept this as a small proof of my real regard, etc. To Mrs. Mary Bourne, now, or late of Grosvenor St., London, curtains, etc. To Mrs. Braithwaite, who now lives with Mrs. Wardour in Grosvenor St., my two-handled silver cupp. To Mrs. Smith, of Cambridge. dau^r of the s^d Frances Stanton, widdow, my large chair, and to her two dau^{rs}, Dinah and Frances, all my cloathes, etc. Witnesses:— Daniel Fletcher and Mounsell Hill. [Proved 26th May 1763, by the Executors, to whom administration was granted. P. C. C. Cæsar 239.]

With the death of Dinah Lancaster, *née* Wilmer, without surviving issue, as appears from her will, the heirs of the body of William Wilmer [VIIB], by Dinah Lancaster, his wife, became extinct. This must be so, unless Anne, the elder daughter of that alliance, married and had issue, which is improbable, seeing that she is not once mentioned in any one of the wills or administrations of her brother, sister, or nephews. Indeed, we do not hear of her after February 1704-5, at which date she is mentioned as a minor in her father's will.

The family estates seemed to have passed to a kinsman, probably a cousin, of these Wilmers, for Bridges, in his *History of Northamptonshire*, in 1791, speaks of the "present "William Wilmer" as being lord of the manors of Sywell!¹⁴ and Hannington,¹⁵ and possessing all the land in the parish of Sywell,

14. *Bridges*, ii. pp. 148-9.

15. *Ibid.*, ii. p. 97.

and the advowson of the church,¹⁴ an estate in Flore,¹⁶ an estate called Thorp Lands in the parish of Moulton,¹⁷ and one-third of the impropriation of the Vicarage of Earls-Barton.¹⁸ The estate of Thorp Lands, according to Baker, who wrote in 1822, passed from the Wilmer family "through various mesne conveyances to Mr. William Drage, now of Stanwick, of whom "it was purchased in 1816 by Mr. Clarke Hillyard, who has since "sold 50 acres to Edward Bouverie of Delapré, esq."¹⁹

We have been unable to determine the parentage of this William Wilmer, or to assign to him his proper place in the pedigree. He must, we think, have been a descendant of William Wilmer [VIB] (*see p. 67*), and Felicia, his wife. There is nothing to show that they had only the one son, William Wilmer, who is named in the pedigree. There are several entries in the Sywell Registers relating to a certain Henry Wilmer, who might have been a son of William and Felicia Wilmer. These entries show his family to have been as follows:—

HENRY WILMER, of Sywell, married Rebecca
and had issue,—

I. ROBERT WILMER, baptized 8th April 1681.†

II. HENRY WILMER, baptized 10th March 1683-4.†

III. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 10th June 1688.†

IV. MARK WILMER, baptized 14th August 1692.†

I. SARAH WILMER, baptized 28th December 1686.†

Henry Wilmer was buried 28th September 1699,† and his widow, Rebecca Wilmer, was buried 28th May 1720.†

It is recorded in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, under date 13th October 1760, that the lady of Sir William Wilmer was delivered of a son.

14. *Bridges*, ii. pp. 148-9.

16. *Ibid.*, i. p. 508

17. *Ibid.*, i. p. 417

18. *Ibid.*, ii. p. 133.

19. *Baker*, i. p. 48.

† Par. reg. of Sywell.

The Wilmers did not continue to reside at Sywell long after Bridges's time, for in 1806 Samuel Pell was living in the Hall, which is now used as a farmhouse. The manor of Sywell passed into the possession of Lord Overstone, and the present peer is the lord of the manor.

We cannot but feel that this is an unsatisfactory termination to the pedigree of the Sywell Wilmers. Our efforts to throw more light on the latter part of it have met with but little success. We have been denied access to parish registers, and title and other deeds which might have helped us; we have sought in vain for wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury; we have instituted a search among the records in the College of Arms; and we have exhausted all the other sources of information which were open to us.

Thus ends the first main division of the Wilmer family.

Requiem æternam dona eis omnibus, Domine!





CHAPTER VIII.

THE WILMERS AND WILMORES OF THE
COUNTIES OF WARWICK, NORTHAMPTON,
AND WORCESTER.

*Beatus ille, qui procul negotiis,
Ut prisca gens mortalium,
Paterna rura bobus exercet suis,
Solutus omni fenore.*—HORACE, *Epod.* 2, 1.



FROM an early period there were settled in Warwickshire, as well as in the two adjacent counties of Northampton and Worcester, several branches of the Wilmer family, the proper place of which in the general pedigree cannot now be determined. These we shall proceed to discuss in detail. The fact that these Wilmers, speaking generally, were related to the Ryton, or chief branch of the family, and often closely related, can admit of little doubt. In some cases the relationship is stated in express terms, in others it is implied, while in almost all it is probable.

WILMER OF SOWE.

Abstract of Will.—1540 April 14th.—In the Name of God Amen, I WILLIAM WYLMER of Sowe, etc. My soule to God Almyghty & to o^r blessed lady seynt mary & to the holy company of seynts. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Sowe by my father & mother. To

Richard my sone, to Thomas my sone, to Robert my sone, to Jamys my sone, and to Elizabeth my daughter, 10s. each. And they to haue ther bequest at th^r neds when they wyll call for hyt. It. to John Aston, my Curate, xx*l*. to pray for my soule. It. to Ambrose meyre iii*l*. The rest of my goods to Elizabeth my wife, and she to be sole executrix, whom I put trust in to be good to my chyl dren. It. I make Wyllyam Wylmer of Ryton my chosen my ourseer of my last will, whom I put in full trust. And for hys paynystakyng he to haue iij*s*. & iiij*d*. Also beyng Wytness Johan Aston, my Curate, Thos. benett, Ambrose meyre, etc. [Proved in the Probate Registry at Lichfield.]

..... WILMER, of Sowe, married Margery, daughter of William Wilmer, of Ryton, and died before August 1558 (*see p.* 28).

WILLMER OF BUDBROOKE AND FULBROOKE.

In the latter part of the sixteenth century there were two brothers residing in or near Budbrooke, co. Warwick. They were :—

EDWARD WILLMER, Yeoman, of Brierye Land, in the parish of Fulbrooke, who had issue by Elynor, his wife :—

I. EDWARD WILLMER, a minor in 1617.

I. MARGERY WILLMER, baptized 21st April 1587.†

II. ALICE WILLMER.

III. ELIZABETH WILLMER.

The following is an abstract of Edward Willmer's will :—

17th January 1616-17.—In the name of God Amen, I EDWARD WILLMER, of Brierye land, in the parish of Fullbrooke, Yeoman, etc. My body to be buried in Norton church or churchyard. All my land to Elynor Willmer, my wife, until my son Edward come to the age of 21 years. My son Edward when he attains the age of 21, if his mother be living, to enter upon a moiety of the lands, and upon all the lands at her death, or if she die before he is 21. Edward to pay his three sisters, Margery, Alice, and Elizabeth (my daughters), 5*l*. apiece. To my daughter Margery my Black Heifer, to be delivered to her

† Par. reg. of Budbrooke.

“after she shall next calve.” Residue to my wife Elynor, and I make her sole Executrix. I appoint as Overseers, Richard Willmer, of Norton Curlen (my brother’s son), and William Aynge, the younger, of Wollverton. Witnesses:—Jo. Lavender, Robert Hyggins, Richard Willmer and Will^r Aynge. [The will is not signed by the testator. Proved 22nd July 1617, in the Consistory Court of Worcester.]

The names of the first two witnesses would suggest a connection with the Wilmers of Ryton; for *Higgins* and *Higgenson* seem to have been used interchangeably (*see* Visit. Northampton, 1618-19).

The second of the brothers above-mentioned was—

RICHARD WILLMORE, of Norton Curli, in the parish of Budbrooke. He married 7th November 1568†, Audrey^r Cooke, and by her, who was buried 7th January 1617-18†, had issue:—

I. RICHARD WILLMORE, his heir. *See below.*

II. WILLIAM WILLMORE, baptized 7th October 1573†, living in 1617.

III. THOMAS WILLMORE, living in 1625.

Richard Willmore’s will was dated 5th August 1617. He directs that his body be buried in the churchyard of Budbrooke, called St. Michael. To his wife, Auderne Willmore, her diet and 40s. a year and the use of the litel garding and her chamber. Names his sons, Richard, William, and Thomas. Leaves 20*l.* apiece to Auderne, Elizabeth, and John Willmore, the three children of his son Richard, at 21 years of age or days of marriage. His son Richard to be sole Executor, and his neighbours John Walford and Richard Hicks to be Overseers. Witnesses:—Thomas Avinge and John Banckes. The will, which was not signed by the testator, was proved in the Consistory Court of Worcester, 6th June 1622.

RICHARD WILLMORE, Yeoman, of Norton Curli, in the parish of Budbrooke, was the eldest son of the aforesaid Richard Willmore, of Norton Curli. He was baptized 4th June 1570†, married, and had issue:—

† Par. reg. of Budbrooke.

1. She is called *Auderne* in her hus-

band’s will, and *Audrey*, *Adrise*, and *Hedrise* in the par. reg. of Budbrooke.

- I. RICHARD WILLMORE, eldest son and heir ; baptized 24th June 1603† ; married 29th June 1627,† Joanna Avy. In the Budbrooke register it is recorded that "Joane Wilmore Sepult. May " 25. 1640."
- II. JOHN WILLMORE, baptized 31st March 1605 ; † living in 1625.
- III. WILLIAM WILLMORE, buried 7th November 1613†.
- IV. EDWARD WILLMORE, baptized 29th February 1612-13.†
 - I. AUDREY or AUDERNE WILLMORE, married Thomas Lee, and had a son, THOMAS LEE, in 1625.
 - II. ELIZABETH WILLMORE, baptized 3rd January 1600-1† ; living in 1625.

Richard Willmore's will was dated 24th May 1625, and proved 10th May 1626, in the Consistory Court of Worcester. He directs that his body be buried in the churchyard of Budbrooke. Gives to Thomas Lee, in consideration of 20*l.* given to the testator's daughter Audery by her grandfather, all that his land called Brierie land for seven years. To his son, John Willmer, 10*l.* Provides that his heire, Richard Willmore, shall maintain his said son John, and his daughter Elizabeth, etc. Names his grandchild, Thomas Lee, and his brother, Thomas Willmore. His son and heir Richard to be sole executor. Overseers :—His loving friends, John Walford and Thomas Lee. Witnesses :—John Claridge, Curat. ; Thomas Sheldon, Edward Brandon, and John Richardson.

The following memoranda refer to this part of the family:—

† Par. reg. of Budbrooke.

1563-4. This is the Final Agreement made in the Court of our Lady the Queen at Hertford Castle, in fifteen days from St. Hilary's Day, 6 Elizabeth, Between Richard Wylmer, querent, and Thomas Staunton senior, and Thomas Staunton, junior, deforciant, of 1 messuage, 80 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 80 acres of pasture, and 2 acres of wood, with the appurtenances, in [Sny]tterfeld and Fulbroke, Whereupon a plea of covenant was summoned between them, To wit that the aforesaid Thomas and Thomas have acknowledged the aforesaid tenements, etc., to be the right of the said Richard.—[*Feet of Fines*, Warwick, Hil. 6 Elizabeth.]

1570. This is the Final Agreement made from St. Michael's Day in one month, 12 Elizabeth, Between Bartholomew Hales and Mary his wife, querents, and Richard Wylmer, senior, and Johanna his wife and Richard Wylmer, junior, and Etheldred his wife, deforciant, of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 200 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture and 60 acres of furze and heath, with the appurtenances, in Sknytterfeld and Fulbrooke, Whereupon a plea, etc., To wit that the aforesaid Richard and Johanna, etc., have acknowledged the aforesaid tenements, etc., to be the right of the said Bartholomew. [*Feet of Fines*, Warwick, Mic. 12-13 Elizabeth.]

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF BUDBROOKE.

- 1581 Monday the 7th of November were married William Button & Marie Wilmer.
 1598 Richard Wilmore of Norton was buried the 9th day of November.
 1629 Anna Wilmore filia Richardi Wilmore sepulta, December.
 1642 Abigail Wilmore sepult. November 6.

Abstract of Will. —1685 June 12th.—In the Name of God Amen, I THOMAS WILMORE, late of Norton Curley, in the Parish of Budbrooke, in the County of Warwick, Caryer. My son, Rowland Wilmore. My son, Thomas Wilmore. My daughter, Elizabeth Wilmore. My sister, Margaret Wilmore. My wife, Elizabeth Wilmore, whom I appoint sole Executrix. Amount of Inventory 150*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*—[Proved 21st September 1685, by the executrix, in the Consistory Court of Worcester.]

WILMORE OF SHERBORNE.

Some members of the Wilmer family dwelt at Sherborne, in Warwickshire, as appears from the following extracts from

the registers of that parish. It is not possible to compile from them a connected pedigree.

Georgius Wilmore filius Richard Wilmor fuit baptizatus nono die Aprilis 1582.

Johanna Wilmore filia Williemi Wilmori minoris fuit baptizata duodecimo die mensis Maij anno margine ultimo nominato (*i.e.*, 1596).

Margreta Wilmore filia Johannis Wilmore fuit baptizata decimo quarto die Novembris anno p'dicto (*i.e.*, 1607).

Susanna Wilmore filia Richardi Wilmore fuit baptizata septimo die Maij Anno p'dicto (*i.e.*, 1608).

Margreta Wilmore filia Henrici Wilmore et Anne uxoris suæ fuit baptizata vicesimo octavo die Junij A^o p' (*i.e.*, 1619).

Johanna Wilmore vidua fuit sepulta vicesimo die Junij anno predicto (*i.e.*, 1591).

Richardus Willmore fuit sepultus decimo sexto die Maij anno margine(*i.e.*, 1594).

Susanna Wilmore filia Richardi Wilmore fuit sepulta vicesimo tertio die Aprilis A^o 1609.

Justitia Wilmore filia Johannis Wilmori fuit sepulta decimo octavo die Novembris A. p' (*i.e.*, 1609).

Martha Wilmor uxor Williemi fuit sepulta quarto die Octobris, A^o 1611.

Marg'reta Wilmore vidua fuit sepulta undecimo die Februarii A. 1611 (*i.e.*, 1611-12).

Willielmus Wilmore fuit sepultus decimo quarto die Januarii A^o p'd' (*i.e.*, 1614-15).

[Ric]hardus Wilmor fuit sepultus decimo quarto die Julij A^o 1617.

Jo. Wilmore sepultus fuit Oct 14. 1648. et uxor eius sepulta fuit (?) *scilicet* Decemb. Anno predict. (*i.e.*, 1648).

Thomas Boughton et Anna Willmore fuere in matrimonio conjuncti vicesimo sexto die Augusti Anno 1595.

Richardus ffisher et Elizabetha Wilm..... fuere in matrimonio conjuncti decimo sexto die februarij A^o p' (*i.e.*, 1603).

Johannis Savage et Johanna Wilmore fuere in matrimonio conjuncti vicisimo sexto die Maij 1614.

JOHANNA, daughter of Richard Wilmer, of Sherborne, co. Warwick, married Timothy Rogers, younger son of Henry Rogers, of Sherborne, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of William

Wilmer, of Ryton (*see p. 28*), and had issue, I. HENRY ROGERS, II. THOMAS ROGERS, III. GEORGE ROGERS, I. MILLICENT, II. KATHERINE, and III. JOHANNA.—[*See Visit. Warwick, 1619.*]

WILMER OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

JOHN WILLMORE was one of the Jury on an Inquisition taken at Stratford-on-Avon in February 3 James I., before William Wyett, Gent., Bailiff of the said borough and the King's Escheator within the same.

John Wilmer was Bailiff of Stratford-on-Avon on August 27th 1619.—[*See Visit. Warwick, 1619.*]

The following notes are taken from the municipal records of Stratford-on-Avon² :—

44 Elizabeth. John Willmore summoned to answer to our lady the Queen and John Smyth, he having exercised the craft of an ironmonger in the town of Stratford contrary to the statute made and provided, etc. — [*Miscellaneous Documents, iv. no. 232.*]

Demurrer of John Wilmore to the suit of John Smyth.—[*Ibid. vol. vi. no. 210.*]

29th April 1612. Mr. Edward Brooke *alias* Willmore appointed assistant minister.—[*Council Book "B," p. 224.*]

8th September 1642.—A letter signed by Edmund Rawlins, addressed to John Wilmore, Bailiff of Stratford, desiring to be excused and exempted from serving as alderman.—[*Miscellaneous Documents, vol. xiii. no. 122.*]

"Bascott, April, 1680."—A letter from Elizabeth Dawkes to John Wilmore on money matters, the illness of the Mayor, etc.—[*Ibid. vol. xiv. no. 67.*]

16th September 1697.—Receipt of John Wilmore for expenses—[*Receipts and Vouchers, vol. iii. no. 3.*]

1701. Account of Sarah Willmore for bricks and tiles supplied. [*Receipts and Vouchers, vol. iii.*]

2. For these notes we are indebted to Richard Savage, Esq., Shakespeare Librarian, Stratford-on-Avon. Mr.

Savage searched the Stratford-on-Avon par. reg. from 1558 to 17 Dec. 1640 (*see below*).

1721. A tenement in Bridge Street given and assigned to Sarah Wilmore.—[*Expired Leases, Bridge Street Ward.*]

1731. Account of Ephraim Willmore for lime, sand, tiles, etc., supplied.—[*Receipts and Vouchers, vol. vi.*]

Abstract of Will.—1605 July 4th.—In the Name of God Amen, I JAMES WILMORE, of Sowthame, in the County of Warwick. Yeoman, etc. My body to be buried in the parish church of Sowthame. To the Churchwardens of the s^d church 6s. 8d. To the poor of the parish 6s. 8d. To Ann Turner, my eldest daughter. To Elizabeth Willmore, my youngest daughter, a messuage and two closes in Ladbroke, co. Warwick, bought of Joseph Wheeler, when she comes to the age of sixteen years. To Ursula Willmore, my wife, and Benjamin Turner, my sonne in lawe. To Robert Worrall, my wives sonne. To James Lidbrooke. Ursula Willmore and Benjamin Turner to be executors. Rob^{te} Hanslappe (*see ped.*, p. 25) and John Lidbrooke to be overseers. (Signed) JAMES + WILMOR. Witnesses:—R. Hanslappe and John Lydbrooke.—[Proved 4th October 1605, at Lichfield. Amount of the Inventory 244*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* The Inventory states that the testator died 7th September 1605.]

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF URSULA WILMORE, WIDOW OF THE ABOVE JAMES WILMORE. 1626 April 5th.—I URUSLA WILMORE, of Sowtham, co. Warwick, Widow, etc. My body to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Sowtham. I will that 10*l.* be bestowed for vittels at my burial. To Thomas Edmunds and his wife. To my son, Rob^t Worrall. To my eld. daughter, Ann Turner. To my youugest daughter, Elizabeth Watson. My well beloved son-in-law, Benjamin Turner, to be sole executor. Witnesses:—Thomas Marsh, Thomas Edmonds, Andrew Chestlin, and Anne Needes. [Proved 17th April 1627. P.C.C. 35 Skinner.]

Abstract of Will.—1608 June 10th.—I EDMUND WYLMORE, of Clifton upon Dunsmore, Bachelor, etc. My body to be buried at Clifton. To Mr. Kynge, my minister. To Mr. Lee of . To my sister, Elizabeth Abell, to be paid at the discretion of my father Perkins. To my cousin, Jane Baiteman. To my brother *Quandy's* (query) six children. To my uncle Staples. To William Gybb, my brother's man. To William Taylor. I make my brother, Thomas Wylmore, Executor. [Proved at Lichfield.]

Abstract of Will.—1607-8 January 14th.—Will of ROBERT WYLLMOORE, Yeoman, of Wylmston in the parish of Whitchurch, co. Warwick. To be buried in the churchyard of Whitchurch neere where my wyffe ys buried. My sons-in-law, Lawrence Addams, Richard Albright, of Alcester, Roger Edwards, of Preston, and Thomas Gibbes, of Hampton. My nephew, Robert Addams, son of Lawrence Addams. My daughter Lettysse. My nephew, Richard Richardson, son of my said daughter Lettysse by her first husband, John Richardson. Joan Batmer, daughter of William Batmer by my daughter Margery, deceased. The two daughters of my son-in-law, William Mabbes, of Churchover, co. Warwick, which he had by my daughter Margery. My daughter, Katherine Addams. Executor:—my son-in-law, Thomas (*sic*) Addaus. Overseer:—my especial good friend, the Right Worshipful William Barnes, of Clifford, Esq. [Value of goods set forth in the Inventory 138*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*—Proved at Worcester, 7th April 1608.]

THOMAS WILLMORE, of Hunningham, co. Warwick, married Mary, second daughter of Thomas Perkins, of Marson (*sic*), co. Warwick.—[Visit. Warwick, 1619.]

MARY WILMORE, of Marton, co. Warwick, relict of Thomas Wilmore, late of Marton, was one of the complainants in a suit against Sir Thomas Temple, Knt. and Bart., concerning lands, etc., in Marton; writ dated 3rd December 1629.—[*Wilmore v. Temple, Chan. Pro., Car. I., W W. 9. 4., & W W. 28. 3.*]

1770 July 27th.—Will of FRANCIS WILLMORE, of Bermingham, Carrier. To Thomas Careless, of Bermingham, Druggist, all my lands in the parish of King's Norton, co. Worcester, in trust. I give to my son John my copyhold farm, in the parish of Alvechurch, co. Worcester, as lord of the manor, and nine freehold dwellings in St. Thomas Street, Bermingham. To my daughter, Sarah Willmore, four freehold dwellings in St. John Street, Bermingham, and eight leasehold messuages. To my son Richard houses etc. To my daughter Phoebe, wife of William Kendrick, houses etc. To William Kendrick, my son in law, 100*l.* To the children of William and Phoebe Kendrick 700*l.* My wife, Jane Willmore, to be sole Executrix. Witnesses:—John Richards, Charles Woodward and William Londen. Codicil dated 30th August 1770 I appoint as Executors, as well as my wife Jane, Richard Willmor (Toy maker), Edward Wilmore (Taylor), Thomas Wilmore (Bucklemaker),

Joseph Kendrick (Toymaker), and John Kendrick (Bellowsmaker), all of Birmingham.—[Proved 6th April 1774. P.C.C. 161 Bargrave.]

BAPTISMS FROM THE REGISTERS OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF
STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

1594 Mar. 22 Thomas filius Johannis Wilmore.

1604 Feb. 26 Joh'n's filius Joh'n's Willmore.

PARISH REGISTERS OF RYTON-UPON-DUNSMORE, CO. WARWICK.

1556 Nov. 8 Richard Willmer, son of Richard Willmer, baptized.

1618-19 Feb. 17 John Wilmer, the sonne of Anne the wyfe of Jhon Allibone, by a former husband, buried.

1620 Ap. 26 Alice Wylmer, the dau. of Anne the wife of Jhon Allibone, by a former husband, buried.

PARISH REGISTERS OF EVERDON, CO. NORTHAMPTON.

1561 Marie Willmer an old matrone was buried the xxixth of Aprill.

1565 Willia' Willmer the husband of Margaret Willmer was buried the xviith of februarie.

PARISH REGISTERS OF BRAUNSTON, CO. NORTHAMPTON.

1638 Nov. 11 Oliver, the son of John Willmore & Anne his wife, baptized.

1646 Ap. 10 John Willmore, buried.

PARISH REGISTERS OF SYWELL, CO. NORTHAMPTON.

1701-2 Mar. 13 Elizabeth Wilmer, servant, buried.

1575 September 7th.—Will of MARGERIE WILLMARE, Widow, of Sywell. To be buried in the churchyard of Sywell. My children, Thomas, John, and Agnes Willmare.—[Proved at Northampton.]

1583 April 15th.—Will of WILLIAM WILMARE, of Morton Pinkney, co. Northampton. My wife Agnes Wilmare, and my four daughters.—[Proved at Northampton.]

1600 April 18th.—Will of THOMAS WILLMAR, Yeoman, of Sywell. My sons John, William, and Anthony. My daughter Agnes; Thomas Tomson, my daughter Agnes's son. My sister Agnes. To Will. Joyce. To Mary Wilmare, daughter of Anthony Wilmare. To John Neele.—[Proved at Northampton.]

1700 November 16th.—Will of JAMES WILLMER, Labourer, of Mears Ashby. My wife Sarah. My daughter Elizabeth.—[Proved at Northampton.]

The Wills of LAWRENCE WYLMER, of Morton [D. 345], and of WILLIAM WILLMAR, of Canons Ashby [D. 6]. were proved at Northampton, between the years 1527 and 1532. The latter is now missing.

WILLIAM WILLMER was instituted to the rectory of Castle Ashby, co. Northampton, 25th October 1512, on the presentation of Sir John Husy, Knt.—[*Bridges*, i. p. 345.]

A Fine was passed in fifteen days from Easter 7 James I. (1609), between George Evans, querent, and Richard Wilmore and Sibilla his wife and Edward Wilmore, deforciant, of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 3 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow and 1 acre of pasture, with the appurtenances, in Weedon Pinckney. [*Feet of Fines*, Northampton, Easter 7 James I.]

A Fine was passed in the Octave of St. Michael 11 Charles I., between John Cauthorne, querent, and Henry Willmore and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant, of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, with the appurtenances, in the Burgh of St. Peter, otherwise Peterborough. [*Feet of Fines*, Northampton, Mic. 11 Charles I.]

1722-3 February 11th.—Administration of the goods of HENRY WILLMORE, of the City of Peterborough, was granted to Mary Willmore, his relict. [P.C.C.]

WILMER OF MATHON, ETC.

1604 August 6th.—Will of WILLIAM WILMORE, of the Parish of Mathon, Husbandman. To be buried in Mathon churchyard. Unto every child of John Wilmer, my son, that are now borne 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Unto the children of Joan Hodges, my daughter. Unto Joan Willmore and Anne Willmore, daughters of my brother, John Wilmore. To William Wilmor, the son of Richard Wilmor my son. Richard Wilmor, my son, to be sole executor. Witnesses:—John Wilmor, John Stockton, and Thomas Sibilis. [Proved 28th November 1604. P.C.C. 87 Harte.]

1609-10 February 24th.—Will of JOHN WILLMOORE, of the parish of Powick, in the county of Worcester, Yeoman. To be buried in the churchyard of Powick. To Anne Willmoore, my eldest daughter, 25*l.* to be paid to Richard Willmore, of Mathone, for her use. The said Richard “to sett ye forth to use to ye moste profit to repay ye same “with increase unto ye said Anne at ye age of one and twenty years.” If she die before 21, to pay the same to my youngest daughter Johane at the said age, and if she die before 21, the same to be paid to the children of the said Richard Willmore. To my daughter Johane 25*l.* to be paid in the same way. To Jane Willmoore, daughter of Francis

Willmore, 40s. To John Ganderton 20s. To William Ganderton 20s. To Jane Ganderton 40s. To Richard Spilman 3s. 4d. Residue to my wife Margaret. I nominate my well-beloved in Christe, Edward Burford, John Denye, and Roger Walker my overseers. Witnesses:—James Kent, Edward Burford, and Isacke Borne. [Amount of Inventory 81*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—Proved at Worcester, 24th September 1610.]

Nuncupative will of JANE WILLMORE, of Broughton Hackett, in the county of Worcester, Maiden, deceased. To Anne Willmore, daughter unto William Wollmore, 40s. To Richard Cowp^r 43s. Legacies to Margerie, William, Robert, John, and Francis Cettle. [Proved at Worcester, 10th January 1611.]

1638 April 11th.—Will of WILLIAM WILLMORE, of Mathon in the county of Worcester, Yeoman. I give everything to my loving wife Mary, and appoint her sole executrix. Overseers:— My loving father, Richard Willmore, and my loving friend, John Greene Cole. Witnesses:— William Hall and Rob. Willett. [Amount of Inventory 78*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*—Proved at Worcester, 19th October 1638.]

Memorandum that RICHARD WILMORE, late of the parish of Mathon, co. Worcester, Widdower, deceased, did about June 1657 make his will, etc. He gave to the three children of his son, Richard Wilmore, 20*l.*

Witnesses:— George Sandy } Servants, to whom he gave 6*d.* a piece
Elizabeth Vine } that they might the better remember it.
[Commission issued to Richard Wilmer, brother of deceased, 22nd March 1657-8. P.C.C. 203 Wotton.]

1663 December 4th.—Will of RICHARD WILMORE, of Strensham, in the county of Worcester, Husbandman. My wife, Eddith Wilmore. My eldest son, William Wilmore, “to have the lease of my meanes after “his mother wch lyeth in Mathon.” John Wilmore, my second son to be executor. Richard, my third son. Witnesses:—Jane Barrett, Richard Blackburne, Henry Whittle, and John Vine. [Proved at Worcester, 1st October 1664.]

1672 October 14th.—Will of RICHARD WILMORE, of Mathon, in the county of Worcester, Yeoman. To my three daughters, Anne, Johane, and Margaret Wilmore, Spinsters, all my lands, meadows, arable lands, copices, etc., situate in the parish of Cradley, in the county of Hereford, wch I bought of James Hopton, Esq., and of Leonard Hill, of Cradley, Yeoman, and which was bought by Richard Wilmore, my late father, of Richard Hill, Yeoman, late of Cradley, etc. My son and heire appaⁿt, Richard Wilmore (a minor). To Elizabeth

Vyne, my servant mayd, 5*l*. I appoint my said three daughters executrixes, and my good friends, John Daingerfield, Gent., and Richard Fawke, Yeoman, both of Mathon, overseers. Witnesses:—Dorothy Hay and Wm. Hall. [Amount of Inventory 88*l*. 3*s*. 6*d*. Proved at Worcester, 25th January 1672.]

1664 January 7th—Will of JOHN WILMORE, of Mathon, in the county of Worcester, Yeoman My wife Jane to be sole executrix. To my eldest son Richard. My sons, William, John, Edward, and Thomas. My daughters, Susanna, Jane, Mary, and Margaret. Witnesses:—Anthony Smith and Tho. Reading. [Amount of Inventory 67*l*. 17*s*. 8*d*. Proved at Worcester 6th September 1680.]

1685 March 24th.—Nuncupative will of JOHN WILLMORE, of Mathon, in the county of Worcester. He mentions his wife Elizabeth; his brother, Tho. Willmore; his Aunt Smith, of Malberrow; and his brother William. Witnesses:—Edmund Willmore, Mary Willmore and Will Cager. [Administration was granted, 15th April 1686, to the Widow as Residuary Legatee. Sureties in the Bond:—Abraham Crouch and Edmund Willmore. Amount of Inventory 86*l*. 16*s*. 0*d*.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF CROWLE, CO. WORCESTER.

- 1557-8 Feb. 15 William Wolmar, buried.
 1558 Oct. 18 Ales Wolmar, buried.
 1559-60 Mar. 23 Elizabeth, daughter of Raynold Wolmare, baptized.
 1562..... .. John, son of Raynold Wolmare, baptized.
 1627 July 17 Elinor, wife of William Woolmar, buried.
 1636 Oct. 20 William Wolmere and Frances French, married.
 1638 June 2 William Wollmer, buried.
 1665 Dec. 26 Frances Willmore, widow, buried.
 1669 Dec. 5 Edward Willmore, buried.
 1673 Sept. 16 Edward Willmore, buried.

The following Wills were proved in the Consistory Court of Worcester:—

- 1570 Reginald Wollmer, of Crowle.
 1595 Frances Wolmer, widow, of Crowle, n^o 86.
 1624 Richard Woolmer *alias* Brock, of Himbleton, co. Worcester.
 1633 William Willmore, of Himbleton.
 1639 William Woolmore, of Crowle.
 1644 William Woolmore *alias* Brock, of Himbleton.
 1665-6 Frances Willmore, of Crowle, January.
 1669-70 Edward Wollmore or Willmore, of Crowle, February.



CHAPTER IX.

WILMER, OF LONDON, WEST HAM, TOTTERIDGE, RIDGE, CROPREDY, AND ELLESBOROUGH, AND THE FAMILY OF CARTWRIGHT.

“ Living generations thrust aside the mouldering relics of their predecessors for their own convenience, to commemorate their more immediate relatives and friends, or to enhance their own personal importance. But historians do their best to rescue, at least in part, by representation or description, the perishing memorials, and to prove that paper memorials may be more permanent than those of brass and stone.”

ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES DISPLAYED
OR; A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE.



WE now turn to record the history of the second main division of the Wilmer family, namely, the descendants of John Wilmer, the second son of Richard Wilmer of Ryton [IA], by Joane his wife, daughter of John Goodere, of Baginton (*see p. 19*). The son and grandson of Richard Wilmer are shrouded in obscurity. We are ignorant not only of all the facts of their lives, but even of the very name of the latter. They have mingled their bones with the dust of the ages in an unrecorded tomb.

The Harleian Manuscript 1551, contains a pedigree founded on a Visitation of Middlesex, which gives the descent of George Wilmer of West Ham from Richard Wilmer of Ryton. It is,

however, difficult to determine how far this pedigree may be trusted. That the former was descended from the latter there is no doubt; for George Wilmer, the second son of the George Wilmer above-mentioned, obtained a grant of arms and a crest from William Camden, in which it is distinctly stated that he was descended from the second son of his great-great-grandfather (*abavus*), Richard Wilmer of Ryton, and was consequently entitled to bear the arms of the Ryton Wilmers with a crescent for difference (*see p. 11*). On behalf of the Harleian pedigree, it may be said that it gives to George Wilmer, the younger, the same relationship to Richard Wilmer as that which is assigned to him by the grant of arms. But, on the other hand, it states that he was the father of Andrew and Thomas Wilmer, who were in reality his brothers. The descent, then, is as follows, the statements that are made on the authority of the Manuscript being printed in italics:—

I.—**John Wilmer**, [IIC], the second son of Richard Wilmer, of Ryton, and Joane Goodere, his wife, *married a daughter of Watts, whose arms were:—Ermine, on a chief gules two billets or,² and had a son,*

II.—**Wilmer** [IIC] *who married a daughter of Hills, whose arms were:—Argent, a fess between six martlets gules, and had issue:—*

III.—I. **GEORGE WILMER**. *See below, III.*

II. **JOHN WILMER**, of Shrewley, co. Warwick; of whom presently (*see chapter XIII.*).

III. **RICHARD WILMER**, living in January 1593-4; married, and had issue.

IV. **WILLIAM WILMER**, living in January 1593-4; married, and had issue.

The order in which these brothers should be placed is wholly uncertain. Richard and William are mentioned in the will of

1. Visit Northampton, 1618-19.

2. These are given in Burke's *General*

| *Armory* as the arms of Watts, of Norfolk.

their brother George, who, after naming his brother, John Wilmer of Shrewley, adds "every of the rest of the children of brethren, " and sisters not named." One of these brethren may have been a certain Andrew Wilmer, of Stratford-le-Bow, administration of whose goods was granted to his son, Andrew Wilmer, 5th June 1605.³

We have no evidence to enable us to determine where Wilmer [IIC] lived, but it would not surprise us if it were proved to have been in the immediate neighbourhood of Warwick. At the villages of Budbrooke and Sherborne, which lay a little to the south of that city, several families of Wilmers were dwelling at that time; and at Shrewley, only a few miles distant,

Wilmer's son John was residing. We shall now proceed to speak of the first of the four brothers above-mentioned, namely:—

III.—George Wilmer [IVC], Esq., of West Ham, co. Essex, and of St. Mary's, Aldermanbury, London. He married first Susan _____, whose sister married Hugh Bullocke, Citizen and Haberdasher, of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, London. Hugh Bullocke's will was dated 20th July 1618, and proved 27th October 1618^{3a} (with a codicil, dated 22nd October 1618). He names his "cozin George Wilmer Esquire, my sayed late wyves "sisters sonne," his "cozin Thomas Willmer," his "cosin Sr "Anthony Weldon K^t & Hellen his wife." The Harleian MS., from which we have been quoting, states that Susan Wilmer was a daughter of _____ Cole, and assigns to her the arms: Or, a bull passant within a bordure sable bezantée, armed or. The family of Cole, of London, and of Slade, co. Devon, bore the same arms, with the exception that in their case the field was argent. By her George Wilmer had issue:—

IV.—I. ANDREW WILMER. *See below, IV.*

II. GEORGE WILMER, of Stratford-le-Bow; ancestor of the Wilmers of Stratford-le-Bow and Yorkshire (*see chapter X.*)

3. Commissary Court of London.

| 3a. P.C.C. 132 Meade.

- III. THOMAS WILMER, of Stratford-le-Bow and Bromley St. Leonard's ; ancestor of the Wilmers of Barking (*see chapter XII.*)
- I. A DAUGHTER, married prior to January 1593-4, Smythe⁴, of Plumstead, co. Kent (*see p. 96*).
- II. ALICE WILMER⁵, under sixteen years of age in January 1593-4.
- III. ELEANOR WILMER, baptized at St. Mary's, Aldermanbury, London, 2nd February 1586-7 ; married Sir Anthony Weldon⁴, Knt., Lord of the Manor of Swanscombe, co. Kent, and Clerk of the Kitchen to King James I. He was the eldest son of Sir Ralph Weldon, Knt., Clerk of the Kitchen to Queen Elizabeth, Clerk Comptroller to King James I., and Clerk of the Board of Green Cloth, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Levin Bufkin, Esq. Sir Anthony and Lady Weldon had, with four daughters, eight sons, of whom the eldest was Ralph Weldon, Esq., of Swanscombe.⁶ Arms of Weldon :—Per fess gules and argent, in chief a demi-lion issuant of the second and in base a cinquefoil of the first ; crest :—The bust of Queen Elizabeth proper ; motto :—Bene factum. Lady Weldon died 15th November 1622, and was buried in Swanscombe church. There is a small monument to her memory on the south side of the chancel, with a coloured portraiture of her kneeling in prayer before a desk, and the following inscription :—

4. Edward Smith and Anthony Weldon were witnesses to the will of George Wilmer, of Stratford-le-Bow, in 1626 (*see p. 117*).

5. Andrew Wilmer, her brother, in his will, names his sister Kirrington (and her son, Henry Stotford) ; it is probable, therefore, that Alice Wilmer

married a person of that name, unless her elder sister married a second time. Neither of the sisters of Andrew Wilmer's wife answered to the description of 'sister Kirrington.'

6. Hasted's *Kent*, i. p. 261, ed. 1778, fo.

HERE LVETH THE BODY OF DAME ELINOR WELDON DAUGHTER TO GEORGE WILMER ESQ^r AND WIFE TO S^r ANTHONY WELDON BY WHOME SHE HAD EVGHT SONNS AND FOWER DAUGHTERS WHEROF SIX SONNS AND FOWER DAUGHTERS LYVING WHO AFTER SHE HAD LIVED VERTVOVSLY Wth HER HVSBAND NEER TWENTY VERES DYED THE 15 OF NOVEMBER 1622 ÆTAT. SVÆ 36 IN MEMORY OF WHOSE VERTVOVS LIFE AND GODLY END HER HVSBAND HATH ERECTED THIS SMALL MONVMENT.

George Wilmer married secondly Anne _____, by whom he had no issue. She married secondly Sir Robert Needham, Knt., and died about 1625.

On the 19th of August 1566 George Wylmar, of Barking, Baker, and John Franck, of Stratford-le-Bow, Baker, acknowledged that they jointly and severally owed 300*l.* to William Steadman, of Barking, Yeoman⁷. It is possible that this George Wylmar was identical with George Wilmer [IVC], of West Ham, whom we find purchasing the reversion of land in Barking of John Francke in 1584⁸. From the Proceedings in Chancery, 15th October 1604, in the case of Thorowgood *versus* Wilmore, it appears that John Francke, who is there described as of Elkington, co. Lincoln, Yeoman, had, shortly before the conveyance, leased the land for twenty-one years to William Thorowgood, Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, by virtue of a licence from the lord of the manor of Barking⁹. A Fine was passed, 12th November 1578, between George Wilmer, querent, and Charles Cutler, Esq., and Susannah his wife, deforciant, of a moiety of the manor of Ramsden Barrington, in the parish of Ramsden Belhouse, co. Essex¹⁰. In 1585-6 a royal licence was granted to John Bales, Gent., to enable him to convey to George Wilmer and Hugh Bullocke 32 acres of marsh land, commonly called Wetfeild or Whetfeld Claves, lying in Trinity Marsh, West Ham, and held of the Queen *in capite*¹¹. By an indenture, dated 20th June 1588, John Collyne, of High

7. Close R., 8 Eliz. no. 711.

8. Feet of Fines, Essex, Mic. 26-7 Eliz.; and George Wilmer's will.

9. Chan. Pro., Jac. I., T. 3. 50.

10. Feet of Fines, Essex, Mic. 20-1 Eliz.

11. Pat. R., 28 Eliz., pt. 11. m. 21.

Laver, and Nicholas Collyne, of Little Laver, co. Essex, for 400*l.*, conveyed to "George Wilmore of Westhame, in the said Countie, "gent., and Alice Wilmore, Ellynor Wilmore and George "Wilmore, the daughters and sonne of Susane the wief of the "said George Wilmore thelder * All the marshe grownd or "meadow * known by the name of Tunne marshe * in Easthame * "To have and to hold * unto the said George Wilmore thelder "for life, after his decease unto the said Alice Wilmore & the "heirs of the body of the said Alice lawfully to be begotten & "for defaulte of such yssue unto the said Ellynor and the heirs "of her body, etc., and for defaulte, etc., unto the said George "the younger and the heirs of his body, etc., and for default, "etc., to the right heirs of the said George Wilmore the elder, "etc., for ever"¹². In the parishes of High Laver and Moreton, co. Essex, there were some farms, called 'Willmore's Farms,' which were in the possession of William St. Quintin in 1820. On the 15th of February 1587-8, George Wilmore, of Essex, contributed 25*l.* towards the defence of this country on the occasion of its invasion by the Spanish Armada¹³. He died 30th January 1593-4. The following extracts are taken from his will:—

28th January 1593-4.—"I GEORGE WILMER of Westham in the county of Essex Esq^{re} being of whole mynde & perfect memorye (praised be God) having thoroughly considered the momentarye end & dissoluc'on of this oure humane fleshe & nature which is inheritable subject to the certaintie of death so is it utterie uncerteyne of the tyme & manner of his approche.

"And to provide therefore (what in me is) that no contenc'on arise or be kindled after my decease betwene my freindes children & ex'ors for or about the distributing of such possessions as y^e Lord hath & in this life vouchsafed to bless me with do make & ordeyne this my last will and testament in forme following—First & principally I do comend my soule to the hands of my almighty Creator beseeching hym to accept as he hath promised to every synner whoe with faith & true humilitey in Jesus Christe shall call uppon hym the death passion and

12. Close R., 30 Eliz., no. 1287.

13. The *Spanish Armada*, by T. C. Noble, p. 18.

innumerable and manyfold synnes that myne unrighteousness being purged & done away by the precious bloude of that immaculate lambe I maye having finished myne earthly pilgrimage appeare clothed with his righteousness & be made partaker of his glorious Kingdom which the Lord for his Christes sake & when his will is graunte me Amen.

“I will that my bedye be buried in the parish church of Westham and towards the chardge of mourning attyre liveryes & other occasions of necessarye expenses to be disbursed in the Christianlike accomplishment of my funerall I will the sum of 500*l.*—To the parishe churche of Barking 4*l.*— * * * * * To my wife Anne Wilmer all suche goodes chattels & ymplements of house as ar mencyoned in a schedule to these presents annexed * * * * *
* * * * * I hartily entreate my wife Anne Wilmer to undertake the care & chardge of the bringing up & educac'on of my sayed two daughters Alice & Elioner Wilmer in humilitie good nurture & the feare of God untill they accomplish 21 years or untill their severall marriages—

“And towards the yearlie charge of their educac'on I will myne ex'or & brother Bullock shall allow unto my said wife for each one of my two daughters the sum of 16*l.* yerelie ore more when it shall seem fitt unto myne overseers—

Unto my daughter Smythe of Plumsted in the county of Kent 100*l.*—

Unto my brother Richard Wilmer to each of his children 4*l.*—

Unto my brother William Wilmer to each of his children 4*l.*—

To every of the rest of the children of brethren & sisters not named to each of them 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* all which sums of money to be severallie paid by my ex'or at the severall tymes of their marriages or 21 years which shall first happen. * * * * *

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And, further I constitute my brother John Wilmer of Shrowley in the county of Warwicke to be myne ex'or uppon condic'on never the less that within 3 months next after my decease he enter into bond of 4000*l.* unto myne overseers to perform the contentes of my last will which yf he refuse to doe then I do heartilie entreate my overseers to make choice of one or two discrete persons to supplie & performe what is required by this my will which persons so chose I do constitute & appoynte myne ex'ors—I do make Thomas Fanshawe Edward Doyle & John Strode of London Esq^{res} Henry Fanshawe of the Inner Temple gent & Hugh Bullocke citizen of London to be overseers of this my will & in liewe of their paynes be be taken therein I give them 5*l.*

a peece.— * Witnesses :—George Doyle, John Strode, Thomas Colffe, Clement Wilmar, & Will^m Albert, Writer.”

“A schedule of such plate Jewells household stuffe & other goodes which George Wilmer Esq^{re} doth give & bequeath to Anne his wife by his last will & testament all which or the moste parte thereof were the goods & chattels of the sayd Anne before marriage betwene them had—A bason & ewer of silver parcell guilte—A pair of guilte silver pottes—A duple cuppe embouled all guilte—One cuppe or bowle of silver guilt all—A nest of silver tunnes with a cover—A double bell salt of silver—Two silver bowles—Two silver trenchard plates—A little silver cupp with a cover—A silver porringer—8 spoones of silver—The Bason & ewer of silver which my wife gave to me double gilt I gyve yt unto her agayne—The silver chafindishe & the silver sugar box—One chayne of pomander & gold—one short rope of small pearle—3 chaynes of pomander pearle & currall—A table with a crosse of dyamond in yt—A little crosse with eight dyamond—A ringe with a table dyamond—A hoope ringe of gould—A ringe with a decke diamond A chayne of gould given unto her by the said George Wilmer—6 peeces of verder¹⁴ hanginges newe—Two peeces of verder hanginges of Buskey worke—A sewte of course verder hangings of 4 peeces—8 peeces of gilt leather hangings—A sewte of white netwooke hangings lyned—A tester of a bed of crymson velvet laced & fringed with gould & silver—5 curteynes of crymson tafāta to the foresayd tester—A feildsbed tester of black velvet & damask embroidered with castells—5 curteynes to the same of checker worke or stuffe—A cubbord clothe of the same stuffe—One tester of a bed of blue & red silke capha^{14a} fringed—5 curteynes to the same tester of blue & red checker stuffe—Bedding and blankets—a striped blewe & red rug—A long carpett of Turkey worke for a table—A square little carpet of Turkey work—6 stooles covered with needlework—new & a little chayre—two chayres & two stooles covered with leather guilte a chayre & 2 lowe stooles of crymson velvet with silver & gould lace—a chaire of crymson sattyn—All such pewter, brasse spittes & other suche furniture comonly used in my kitchen at London—such cofers, chestes, cubbordes, stooles & other furniture of household as my wife had before I maryed her—Her coach, coach horses with the furniture—such other horses or geldinges as were my wyves before marriage—All such houshold stuffe as was myne before marriage remayning in my house at London my wife shall have them at

14. *I.e.* Tapestry.

| 14a. A kind of damask cloth.

such rate as they shall be prayed reasonable after my deathe" [Probate granted the last day but one of February 1593-4. P.C.C. 16 Dixey.]

"Essex.—INQUISITION INDENTED taken at the Hostel called le Crowne in Cheynsforde in the County afores^d on the 16th day of July, in the 36th year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, etc., after the death of George Wylmer of Westhame in the County afores^d, Esq., deceased, by the oath, etc. Who [the Jurors] say upon their oath that the afores^d George Wylmer in the s^d writ named long before his death and on the day of his death was seized in his lordship as of a free tenement for the term of his life of and in 28 acres of Marsh, with the appurt^s, called Tunmarshe, situate * in Easthame in the County afores^d to remain thereafter to Alice Wylmer, one of the daughters of the afores^d George, and the heirs of her body * and for failure of such issue to remain thereafter to Elinor Wylmer, another of the daughters of the s^d George Wylmer, and her heirs * and for failure of such issue to remain thereafter to George Wylmer, junior, son of George Wylmer, senior, and the heirs of his body * and for failure of such issue to remain thereafter to the right heirs of the said George Wylmer, senior, for ever.

"And also * he was seized in his lordship as of a free tenement for the term of his life of and in 43 acres of Marsh in the tenure * of Edward Kyscupp in Easthame * afores^d, with remainder to Thomas Wylmer, third son of the s^d George Wylmer, and the heirs male of his body *, with remainder to the right heirs of the s^d George Wylmer for ever.

"And * he was seized in his lordship as of fee of and in 20 acres of land, with the appurt^s, called cove lande otherwise Colande in the parish of Barking in the County afores^d, etc.

"And on the day of his death he was seized conjointly with the s^d George Wylmer, junior, his son, by the surrender of Anthony Hungerforde, Esq., in their lordship as of fee to themselves and their heirs of and in 4 acres of land and 30 acres of Marsh, called Mid-le-Marshe, with the appurt^s, in Easthame afores^d, etc.

"The afores^d George Wylmer, senior, * was seized in his lordship as of fee of and in one parcel of land, called greate Pigwell, containing by estimation 3 acres, 3 roods, and 15 perches of land, lying and being in Westhame in the s^d County of Essex. And of and in 12 acres, 3 roods, and 3 perches of land in Westhame afores^d. And of and in 10 acres of land lying * in Trinity Marshe, in Westhame afores^d.

"And of and in 4 acres of land lying * in Pansfeilde in Westhame afores^d. And of and in 9½ acres of marsh, called Weylonde, with the

appurt^s, in Westham afores^d And of and in 11 messuages, with the appurt^s, * in Southwarke in the county of Surrey.

“And of and in 36 messuages, 4 stables, and 8 gardens, situate, etc., in Angell Alley and Horne Alley, in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldersgate, in the Suburbs of the City of London.

“And of and in 2 messuages and 1 garden, with the appurt^s, situate * in Aldersgate street in the Suburbs of the s^d City of London, etc.

“He was seized conjointly with Elizabeth Lyvinge in their lordship as of a free tenement for the term of their lives, with remainder to the right heirs of the s^d George Wylmer, Of and in 5 acres of land, called Wyottes Hawpeny, and 4 acres of meadow, called Neibrookes, with the appurt^s, in the parish of Barking, in the s^d County of Essex.

“And further the Jurors afores^d say upon their oath that long before the death of the s^d George Wylmer a certain Francis Bacon, Esq., by his deed bearing date the 24th day of March in the 32nd year of the reign of our s^d Lady Queen Elizabeth * gave, granted, and confirmed to the s^d George Wylmer and his heirs 108 acres of marsh, with the appurt^s, in Woolwiche, in the county of Kent, now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Writington, Esq., to have and to hold to him and his heirs * to such uses and intentions as the afores^d George Wylmer by his deed or writing or by his last will in the future should assign, limit, or appoint. And by virtue of these premises the same George Wylmer * by his deed * bearing date the 28th day of January in the 36th year of the afores^d present Lady Queen, assigned, limited, and appointed the afores^d 108 acres of land in Woolwiche afores^d to a certain John Wylmer, his brother, To hold to him for the term of 10 years * with remainder to George Wylmer, junior, son of the s^d George Wylmer, senior, and to the heirs of the s^d George Wylmer, junior, for ever, etc. And further the Jurors afores^d say upon their oath that the s^d George Wylmer in the s^d writ named * on the 28th day of January in the 36th year of the reign of our s^d Lady Queen Elizabeth made his last will in writing, and by the same amongst others things gave, willed, etc., to Ann Wylmer his wife all those 11 messuages in Southwarke afores^d, and the s^d 36 messuages, 4 stables, and 8 gardens in Angell Alley and Horne Alley, etc., and the s^d 2 messuages and one garden in Aldersgate street afores^d, To hold to her for the term of her life, The s^d 36 messuages, 4 stables, and 8 gardens, with the appurt^s, in Angell Alley and Horne Alley, etc., to remain thereafter to Andrew Wylmer, son of the s^d George Wylmer, senior, and his heirs for ever And the s^d 11 messuages, with the appurt^s, in Southwarke, to remain

thereafter to the afores^d George Wylmer, junior, second son of the s^d George Wylmer, senior, and the heirs of the s^d George Wylmer, junior, for ever And the s^d 2 messuages in Aldersgate streete to remain thereafter to the afores^d Thomas Wylmer, third son of the s^d George Wylmer, and the heirs of the said Thomas for ever. And further * he gave, willed, etc., to George Wilmer, junior, all those s^d 20 acres of land, with the appurt^s, called Covelande otherwise Colande, etc. And [in regard to] the 28 acres of marsh, called Tunmarshe, etc., of what person or persons, or by what service they are held, the Jurors afores^d say they are entirely ignorant. And they are worth by the year in all their issues beyond reprises iij*l*. xs. And [in regard to] the sa 43 acres of marsh in the tenure of Edward Kyscupp in Eastham afores^d, of what person or persons and by what service they are held the Jurors say they are entirely ignorant, and they are worth by the year, etc., vi*l*. vijs. vj*l*. And [they say] that the s^d 4 acres of land and 130 acres of marsh, called Middle Marshe, are held of the s^d Lady Queen, [but] by what service the Jurors afores^d are entirely ignorant And they are worth by the year, etc., vj*l*. xs.

“And that the s^d 20 acres of land, with the appurt^s, called Covelande are held of _____ by fealty, and there should be returned therefrom annually iijs. for all services, and it is (*sic*) worth by the year, etc., xls. And that the s^d 9 acres of land, called Wyotes Hawpeny and Neibrookes, are held of the Lady Queen by fealty only in free Burgage and not in chief And they are worth by the year, etc., xxijs. vj*l*.

“And that the s^d 3 acres, 3 roods, and 15 perches of land, called great Pigwell, are held of the Lady Queen, as of her manor of Westham afores^d in free socage by fealty only and not in chief And they are worth by the year, etc., xs.

“And that the other messuages, lands, and tenements in Westham afores^d are held of the s^d Lady Queen as of her manor of Westham in free socage by fealty only and not in chief. And they are worth by the year, etc., iv*l*.

“And that the s^d 108 acres of land, with the appurt^s, in Woolwiche are held of the said Lady Queen by military service in chief, viz., by a complete part of one knight's fee. And they are worth by the year, etc., xl.

“And that the s^d messuages in Southwarke are held of the Lady Queen in free Burgage by fealty only and not in chief.

“And that the said message, stables, and gardens, with the appurt^s, in Angell Alley and Horne Alley are held of the s^d Lady Queen in free

Burgage by fealty only and not in chief. And they are worth by the year, etc., xls.

“And that the s^d messuages, with the appurt^s, in Aldersgate street afores^d are held of the s^d Lady Queen in free Burgage by fealty only and not in chief. And they are worth by the year, etc., xls., etc.

‘The s^d George Wyllmer died on the 30th day of January last past And that the s^d George Wyllmer, junior, and Elizabeth Lyvinge being seized conjointly with the s^d George Wylmer, senior, of the premises, as is set forth, have survived him, and are living at the present time, viz., the afores^d George Wylmer, junior, at London afores^d, and the afores^d Elizabeth Lyvinge at _____ in the county of Lincoln.

“And that Andrew Wylmer is the son and next heir of the s^d George Wylmer, senior, and was at time of the death of the s^d George Wylmer of the age of twenty-seven years and more. In witness whereof, etc.” [Inquisition *post mortem*, 36 Elizabeth, part 1, no. 65.]

IV.—Andrew Wilmer [VC], Esq., of the City of London, and of Totteridge, co. Hertford, the eldest son of George Wilmer [IVC], was of the age of “twenty-seven years “and more” in January 1593-4. He married Mary, daughter of the Reverend Thomas Cartwright (*see p.* 111), Master of the Earl of Leicester’s Hospital at Warwick, the “Father of the “Puritans,” and had issue:—

V.—I. SAMUEL WILMER. *See below, V.*

II. ANDREW WILMER, baptized 13th November 1597†; buried 30th April 1605, “in the south “Allie against the Middell Pillert.”

III. NATHANIEL WILMER, baptized 10th October 1599†; buried 22nd October 1602, “in ye South “Alley against the Middell Pillert.”

IV. JOHN WILMER, of Cropredy (*see p.* 106).

V. THOMAS WILMER, a minor in 1624.

VI. ANDREW WILMER, baptized 23rd November 1606†.

I. MARY WILMER, baptized 28th June 1601†; married prior to 1621, John Vaux, Esq., of

† Par. reg. of St. Mary’s, Stratford-le-Bow.

Whipsnade, co. Bedford, J.P. (son of Robert Vaux, of Whipsnade, by Elizabeth Heriot, his wife), and had a son, JOHN VAUX, who was aged about fourteen years in 1634, and six daughters, ELIZABETH, MARY, ALICE, MARGARET, MARTHA and HANNAH¹⁵. By an Indenture, made 29th June 1650, John Vaux and his brother-in-law, John Wilmer, of the Middle Temple, for 467*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, sold to Mathew Dennys, of Kempston, co. Bedford, Yeoman, forty-two acres and two and a half rods of arable land in the common fields of Kempston, being part of an ancient farm belonging to John Vaux¹⁶. Arms of Vaux: Argent, a bend chequée or and gules, a crescent for difference.

- II. ELIZABETH WILMER, a minor in 1624. She seems to have married a Mr. Woodroff; and her brother, John Wilmer, in his will, names his 'Sister Woodrooffe.' This person was probably Thomas Woodroff, and a son of Nicholas Woodroff, of Cropredy, and Martha Cartwright, his wife, and consequently cousin-german to Elizabeth Wilmer. In 1645-6 a fine was passed between John Willmore¹⁷ and Nathaniel Micklethwaite, querents, and Thomas Woodroff and Elizabeth his wife and William Woodroff, deforciant, of a moiety of 14 messuages and 4 stables in the parishes of St. Stephen, Coleman Street, and St. Olave, Jewry, London¹⁸.

By an Indenture, made 6th February 1588-9, Richard Stonley, of the City of London, for 40*l.*, sold to Andrew Wilmore, son of George Wilmore, and his heirs, "all that marshe or parcell

15. Visit. Bedford, 1634, edited by F. A. Blaydes, Esq.

16. Close R., A.D. 1650, pt. 74 (21).

17. Probably of Cropredy, and brother of Elizabeth Wilmer.

18. Notes of Fines, London, Hil. 21 Car. I.

“ of marshe grounde and the fishinge and the fysHINGE grounde
 “ comonlye called * Westham Fletesmouth conteynynge *
 “ seaven acres * with the walles and shores belonginge * to the
 “ same. And also all that Reede grounde or Shore * on the
 “ East side of the saide Marshe conteynynge * two acres * in
 “ Westham and Eastham * now in the tenure or occupac’ on of
 “ the saide George Wilmore * or of the saide Richard Stonley,”
 and also other marshes in West Ham and East Ham, “ whereof
 “ one piece * lyeth in * Bennetts felde and the residue thereof
 “ lyeth there * betweene the said felde called Bennetts felde on
 “ the southe part and the landes late of Rob’t Christendome on
 “ the north parte and extendeth in length from the * hyghe waye
 “ called Grenestrete towards the East unto the landes late of the
 “ saide Robert Christendome on the Weste * & parcells of
 “ uplande grounde * over agaynste Plashette in Eastham¹⁹.”

These lands were held of the Queen *in capite*, and Andrew Wilmer purchased them without the licence of the Crown for the alienation having been previously obtained; we therefore find him paying 10s. for a royal pardon, which was granted by Letters Patent, dated 5th June 1594²⁰. In 1596-7 he paid 3s. 4d. for the licence of the Crown to convey these premises to Thomas Fanshawe, Esq., John Strowde, Esq., John Wilmer, Gent., and Hugh Bullocke²¹. This must have been very shortly after his marriage, and the grantees were probably feoffees in trust. By an Indenture, made 7th February 1623-4, Andrew Wilmer and Mary his wife and Anne Lockey, widow of William Lockey, of Holmes Hill, co. Hertford, and Nicholas Woodroff, of Cropredy, and Martha his wife, for 1270*l.*, sold to Nicholas Freeman, of Ipswich, Merchant, the manor of Swannes *alias* Swans *alias* Swanes, co. Suffolk²².

Andrew Wilmer died in August 1624. His will was dated 3rd August 1624, and proved 20th August 1624²³. He

19. Close R., 31 Eliz., pt. 2.

20. Pat. R., 36 Eliz., pt. 8.

21. Pat. R., 39 Eliz., pt. 7, m. 35.

22. Close R., 21 Jac. I., pt. 28 (16).

23. P. C. C. 60 Birde.

bequeaths to his wife lands in West Ham, and also his house at Stratford-le-Bow for life, with remainder to his son Samuel and his heirs, and for default of such heirs, to his son Andrew. To his son John certain messuages in Horne Alley and Angel Alley, London; and leasehold land at Fillongley, in Warwickshire. To his son Thomas 120*l.* when 21. To his daughter Elizabeth 100*l.* when 21. To his daughter Vaux his "best standing cuppe "guilt imbossed." He leaves legacies to Mrs. Rogers, wife and widow of Rev. Rogers, of Stratford Bowe; to Mr. Ward, Minister of Hatton in Warwickshire; to Mr. Morreson, of Tottridge; to Mr. Bowman, of Redborne; to Mr. Robert Smith, dwelling near to Morgate, London, Preacher; to Mr. Rush, Preacher, North Mymms; to Mr. Wyng, Preacher; and to Mr. Allen, Braintree, Essex, Preacher. He names his mother, Dame Anne Nedham, the now wife of Sir Robert Nedham, Knt.; his brother, Thomas Wilmer; his sister Kirrington (*see p. 93n*), and her son, Henry Stotford; Mr. Thomas Fanshawe, Esq.; and his cousins, John Wilmer, of Norrell, and Francis Fuller²⁴, Esq. The witnesses to the will were: Josyas Marryson and John Terry.

V.—Samuel Wilmer [VIC], Esq., of London, and of Ridge, co. Hertford, the eldest son of Andrew Wilmer [VC], was baptized 25th August 1596†, and admitted of the Inner Temple 25th May 1614. He married Anne Basill, who was a minor in July 1626²⁵. A fine was passed in the Octave of the Purification 1623-4, between Elizabeth Basill, Widow, and Robert Raynsford, Gent., querents, and Andrew Wilmer, Esq., and Mary his wife, and Samuel Wilmer, Gent., deforciants, of land and marsh in East Ham and West Ham²⁶. Samuel and Anne Wilmer had issue:—

24 George Wilmer, of West Ham, and Ester Fuller, of the parish of St. Dionis Back Church, London, were married at the church of the latter parish, 12th June 1592. We are unable to say who this George Wilmer was.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

25. Chan. Pro., Car. I., W. W. 21. 52.

26. Feet of Fines, Essex, Hil. 21 Jac. 1.

- I. SAMUEL WILMER, mentioned in Harleian MS. no. 1551, but not named in his father's will.
- II. JOHN WILMER, Steward of the Ship *Resolution*. Nuncupative will dated 25th June 1666, "in daily expectation of an engagement with the Dutch." Administration granted to his brother-in-law, Joseph Hinton, 4th December 1666²⁷.
- III. THOMAS WILMER.
 - I. ANNE WILMER, baptized 7th January 1624-5†; married Thompson.
 - II. ELIZABETH WILMER, married John Cawne.
 - III. MARY WILMER, married Joseph Hinton.
 - IV. MARTHA WILMER, married Lane.
 - V. PRUDENCE WILMER. VI. MARGARET WILMER.

Samuel Wilmer was summoned to Totteridge with other Hertfordshire gentlemen to lend 10*l.* to King Charles the First²⁸.

A fine was passed in fifteen days from St. Martin's Day 1628, between John Lockey, Gent., querent, and Samuel Wilmer, Esq., and Anne his wife, deforciant, of land and marsh in Eastham²⁹. This John Lockey was no doubt the son of William Lockey, of Holmes Hill, and own cousin to Samuel Wilmer (*see p.* 111).

By an Indenture, dated 21st October 1633, Samuel Wilmer, for 150*l.*, granted to Thomas Roper, of London, Gent., on mortgage, a new house, garden, and bowling alley, in Horne Alley, Aldersgate Street, London³⁰.

His will was dated 2nd January 1659-60, and proved 5th March 1677-8³¹, by John Cawne, the executor. He bequeaths to his son-in-law, John Cawne, and Elizabeth, his wife (the

27. P. C. C.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le Bow

28. Cussans's *Hertfordshire*, pts. 7 and 8, p. 161.

29. Feet of Fines, Essex, Mic. 4 Car. 1.

30. Close R., 9 Car. I., pt. 32 (2).

31. P. C. C. 57 Reeve.

testator's daughter), land and houses in West Ham and Wanstead in Essex, and in Ridge, and a building called the 'Cockpitt,' with the tenement adjoining, near Aldersgate Street, London. He names his daughters, Mary, wife of Joseph Hinton, Ann Thompson, Martha Lane, Prudence Wilmer, and Margaret Wilmer; and his sons, John Wilmer and Thomas Wilmer.

WILMER OF CROPREDY AND ELLESBOROUGH.

"Ach wie glücklich sind die Todten!"—SCHILLER, *Das Siegesfest*.

Æ.—**John Wilmer** [VID], Esq., of London, and of Cropredy, co. Oxford, the fourth son of Andrew Wilmer [VC] (*see p.* 101), was baptized 10th February 1604-5†, and admitted of the Inner Temple 27th May 1625. He married Mary³², daughter of John Sadler, Esq., of Chilton-Foliatt and Wroughton, in Wiltshire, and Alice his wife, and had issue:—

I. **ANDREW WILMER.** By an Indenture, dated 14th November 1649, Anthony Luther, of Miles, co. Essex, Esq., and John Sadler, junior, of Chilton[-Foliatt], in Wiltshire, Gent., aliened, granted, and sold to John Wilmer, of Cropredy, and William Hitchcock, of London, certain messuages in Horshead Alley, in Southwark, to have and to hold to the said John Wilmer and William Hitchcock, to the use of the said Anthony Luther for life, and then to the use of Andrew Wilmer, the eldest son of the said John Wilmer, and his heirs for ever³³.

II. **JOHN WILMER**, Esq., of Hampstead, co. Middlesex, married Mary, daughter of (query) *Richard Beresford*, Esq. In 1666 a Fine was passed

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

32. In his will, John Wilmer mentions an indenture made at the time of his

marriage unto her father, Mr. John Sadler, and Mr. William Sadler, her uncle.

33. Close R., A.D. 1649, pt. 39 (32).

between Richard Beresford, Esq., and Nicholas Gregson, querents, and John Wilmer, and Mary Wilmer, Widow, deforciant, of certain messuages, etc., in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldersgate, London³⁴. John and Mary Wilmer had, with other issue, a daughter :—

- i. BRIDGET WILMER, married, subsequently to October 1704, Raye, who died before April 1709. It is possible that she married secondly Matthews, for the Reverend Cartwright Wilmer, in his will (*see p.* 110) names his niece, Bridget Matthews, who, by her will, gave him certain messuages in Horne and Angel Alleys, in Aldersgate Street, London.

John Wilmer was buried at West Ham, 3rd October 1704, and administration was granted to his daughter, Bridget Wilmer, 31st October 1704²⁷. There is, in the College of Arms, a bill for his funeral, bearing date 3rd October 1704, on which are painted the arms of Wilmer, impaling those of Beresford: Argent, a bear rampant sable, muzzled, chained, and ringed or³⁵. Administration of the goods of his widow, Mary Wilmer, was granted 5th April 1709²⁷, to her daughter, Bridget Raye, Widow.

III. THOMAS WILMER, baptized 2nd March 1644-5[†].

IV. William Wilmer, baptized 28th May 1648[†].

¶¶.—V. CARTWRIGHT WILMER. *See below*, ¶¶.

VI. LUTHER WILMER, Salter, of London, baptized 4th April 1650[†]; buried at West Ham, 21st May

34. Notes of Fines, London, Easter, 18 Car. II.

27. P. C. C.

35. Painter's Work-Book, II. 1, p. 150.

† Par. reg. of Cropredy.

1679; will dated 2nd May 1679; proved 28th June 1680³⁶, by his mother, Mary Wilmer, the sole executrix. He mentions his brother John Wilmer's wife and her three children; his sister Proctor's four children; and his brother and sister Taylor and their two children.

VII. GEORGE WILMER, named in the will of his grandfather, John Sadler, dated 30th August 1650.

I. MARY WILMER, baptized 20th September 1651[‡]; married John Taylor, junior, of Lincoln's Inn, London, bachelor, aged 35. The licence for this marriage to be solemnized at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, or St. Margaret's, Westminster, or the New Chapel in Tuthill Fields, Middlesex, was dated 15th May 1675³⁷. They were both living in 1679, and had two children.

II. BRIDGET WILMER, named in the will of her grandfather, John Sadler, in 1650.

Mrs. Mary Wilmer was described at the time of her daughter Mary's marriage, as of the parish of St. Margaret Moses, London, widow, and was living in 1690³⁸.

John Wilmer was seized of several messuages in Horne Alley, and Angel Alley, in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldersgate, London, which were bequeathed to him by his father. In 1630, Anne Scott claimed these tenements, and filed a bill in Chancery, to which John Wilmer, who was one of the defendants, made the following answer, 13th November, 1630:—

“ This Defendant saith that true it is that Jonas Scott about 25 Eliz. was seized of divers messuages, etc., in the parish of St. Buttolph

36. P. C. C. 88 Bath.
‡ Par. reg. of Cropredy.
37. Mar. Lic. Fac. Off.

38. Feet of Fines, London, Hil. 1 Wm. and Mary.

without Aldersgate and in or near unto Horne Alley and Angell Ally as in the Bill is alledged. John Tyrowe was [afterwards] lawfully seized of the said messuages and about April 36 Elizabeth did grant the said messuages, etc., unto George Willmer then of London, esquire, now deceased and to his heirs for ever. About 28 April A.D. 1593 the said George Willmer did devise the said messuages, etc., after the death of Anne his then wife without issue by him unto Andrew Willmer his eldest son and to his heirs for ever. Shortly after the said George died, after whose decease the remainder expectant after the death of his said wife descended to the said Andrew and his heirs. And he the said Andrew did about 9 Aug. 21 James I by his Will devise the remainder of the said messuages, etc., unto this Defendant (being one of the sons of the said Andrew). The said Anne about five years past died³⁹."

John Wilmer's will was dated 27th January 1652-3, and proved 28th April 1655⁴⁰. He names his sister, Elizabeth Woodroffe; his 'cosen,' Bridget Stanne; and his kinsman, Mr. Nicholas Gregson, of London, Gentleman.

II.—Cartwright Wilmer [VIID], Clerk in Holy Orders, of Ellesborough, co. Buckingham, the fifth son of John Wilmer [VID], was baptized 24th June 1649[‡]; matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, 9th April 1666; B.A. 26th October 1669; and of Hart Hall, Oxford, M.A., 7th June 1672. He was curate of Ellesborough, and was inducted to the Rectory of that parish 9th October 1686,|| on the presentation of Robert Wallis, who was probably his brother-in-law. He married 11th August 1684,|| Frances, daughter of the Reverend Robert Wallis, the preceding Rector. She was baptized 30th April 1667.|| They had issue:—

- I. ANDREW WILMER, baptized 22nd May 1685 ;|| buried 26th April 1686, 'in woollen.'||
- II. LUTHER WILMER, baptized 7th March 1686-7 ;|| buried 24th April 1687, 'in woollen.'||

39. Chan. Pro., *Scott v. Wilmer*,
SS. 52. 58.

40. P. C. C. 414 Aylett.

‡ Par. reg. of Cropredy.

|| Par. reg. of Ellesborough.

III. CARTWRIGHT WILMER, baptized 10th September 1693 ;|| buried 26th September 1697, 'in woollen.'||

¶¶.—IV. JOHN WILMER. *See below*, ¶¶.

V. CARTWRIGHT WILMER, Esq., of the parish of St. Michael, Cornhill, London, baptized 15th June 1701 ;|| married and died *sine prole superstite*. Administration of his goods was granted 20th April 1765³⁷, to Peter-Robert Luard, a creditor.

I. MARY WILMER, of the parish of St. Helen, London, baptized 30th May 1692 ;|| married by licence at St. Antholin's, Budge Row, London, 14th October 1725, Roger Ryland, Gent., of Christ Church, London, and had a daughter :—

i. SUSANNAH RYLAND, of the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, living in 1769.

Cartwright Wilmer was buried 31st January 1721-2, 'in woollen.'|| His will was dated 27th May 1721, and proved 16th February 1721-2⁴¹. He names his niece, Bridget Matthews (*see p.* 107). Mrs. Wilmer was buried 9th September 1728, 'in woollen.'|| Her will, in which she is described as of the parish of Christ Church, London, was dated 14th March 1725-6, and proved 11th December 1728⁴².

¶¶.—John Wilmer [VIII D], Esq., of the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, Doctor of Physic and Botanist⁴³, was baptized 27th June 1697.|| He married Miss Skelton ; and died *sine prole* in Dartmouth Street, London, 12th January 1769⁴³. His will was dated 30th July 1767, and proved 12th January 1769⁴⁴, by Susannah Ryland, his niece, to whom

|| Par. reg. of Ellesborough.
27. P. C. C.
41. P. C. C. 40 Marlboro'.

42. P. C. C. 367 Brook.
43. *Gentleman's Magazine*.
44. P. C. C. 29 Bogg.

he left his real and personal estate in London and Westminster. He desired to be buried in the same grave as his wife, "by the north door of Westminster Abbey in St. Margaret's Church-yard."

CARTWRIGHT OF ROYSTON AND WARWICK.

Thomas Cartwright, the great Puritan Divine, was born at Royston in Cambridgeshire, and inherited property at Whaddon, in the same county, which he sold in order to purchase a moiety of the manor of Saxmundham in Suffolk. He matriculated as sizar of Clare Hall, Cambridge, in November 1547; M.A. in 1560; Fellow of Trinity and St. John's Colleges; elected Lady Margaret Professor in 1569; and appointed Master of the Earl of Leicester's Hospital in Warwick about 1585⁴⁵. Mr. Cartwright's religious opinions, on account of which he suffered much persecution, need not be discussed here. He married in or about March 1577-8, Alice, sister of John Stubbe, the author of a pamphlet against the proposed marriage of Queen Elizabeth with the Duc d'Anjou, and entitled *The Discoverie of a Gaping Gulph, whereunto England is like to be swallowed by another French Marriage, if the Lord forbid not the banes, by letting her Majestie see the sin & punishment thereof*. For the publication of this Stubbe had his right hand chopped off and was sent to the Tower. Thomas and Alice Cartwright had issue:—

- I. SAMUEL CARTWRIGHT, a minor in 1603.
- I. MARY CARTWRIGHT, married Andrew Wilmer (see p. 101).
- II. ANNE CARTWRIGHT, married William Lockey, of Holmes Hill, in the parish of Ridge, co. Hertford, and had a son, JOHN LOCKEY, who was probably living in 1628 (see p. 105) and three daughters, ANNE, MARY, and MARTHA, who

45. Wood's *Athenæ Cantabrigienses*, pp. 360-6.

were all living in January 1625-6. William Lockey died prior to February 1623-4 (*see p. 103*). Mrs. Lockey's will was dated 22nd January 1625-6, and proved 3rd November 1626²⁷.

- III. MARTHA CARTWRIGHT, married Nicholas Woodroff, of Cropredy; both living in February 1623-4. They seem to have had a son, THOMAS Woodroff, who married his first cousin, Elizabeth Wilmer (*see p. 102*).

Thomas Cartwright died 27th December 1603, and was buried in the chapel of the Hospital at Warwick. His funeral sermon was preached by his friend, John Dod. His will was dated 10th May 1603, and proved 23rd February 1603-4, by his sons-in-law, Wilmer and Lockey.






CHAPTER X.

WILMER OF STRATFORD-LE-BOW, YORK, AND
UPPER HELMSLEY ; AND THE FAMILIES OF
GOSSIP, DE RODES, WILMER, AND MOORE.

*The mind of man
Delights afar to scan
The track of ages that have gone before him ;
And visions of the past
Crowd on his memory fast,
And throw a spell of dreamy rapture o'er him.*

ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON ARGENT BETWEEN THREE EAGLES OR,
ARMED AND LANGUED SABLE. CREST: AN EAGLE DISPLAYED OR,
ARMED AND LANGUED SABLE, HOLDING IN HIS BEAK A GARLAND OF
LAUREL PROPER.

Æ.—  George Wilmer [VE], Esq., of Stratford-le-Bow, co. Middlesex, and *jure uxoris* of Upper Helmsley, co. York, was the second son of George Wilmer [IVC], of West Ham, and Susan his first wife (*see p. 92*). He was under twenty-one years of age at the time of his father's death in January 1593-4, and was then described as of London¹. On the 2nd of November, 1603, having lately attained his majority, he gave a general

1. Inq. *post mortem*, 36 Eliz., pt. 1, no. 65.

release to his uncle and guardian, Hugh Bullocke². He proceeded to the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cambridge, and was a Pensioner of Trinity College, as is shown by the following extract from the *Liber Memorialis* in the library of that foundation:—

“Georgius Wilmerus Armiger in sociorum Commeatu Pensionarius tantum studio et scientia profecit vt gradū Baccalaurei in Artibus et merito susciperet, ex quo Bibliothecæ nostræ studens gloriæ libros conquisiuit manuscriptos multos et apprime utiles, quos pulcherrime compaginatos in armario hoc reposuit : quorum nomina et authores sequens hic Catalogus recitabit :—Flauiacensio super Leuiticum, Ranulphus Cestrensis, Pet : Lombardi sententiæ, Ambrosius in Lucam, Cursor Mundi, Boethius de Musica, Expositio Orationis Dominicæ, Beata vita Christi anglice, Gregorii Homiliæ in Ezechielem, Opera quædam Augustini, Opera quædam Lidgati, Poematum Lidgati vol. 2, Tractatus de septem peccatis, Scala Gualterj Hiltõñ, Flores Bernardi cum Augustino, Ambrosii expositio in Psalmos, Hermogenis Synopsis, Pierce Plowman, Jsidori opera quædam, Prisciani Grammatica, Prosper de Vita contempl., Lidgati opera quædam, Chronica Diomedis, Galfridi Historia, Arator de Actis Apostol., Bonauentura de passione, Theodori Grammatica, Parisiensis de tropis loquendi, Priscianj Grammatica, Senecæ Epistolæ, Macrobius in somnū Scipionis, Inuolutio Sphæræ, Tractatus de Beata Maria, Expositio Aphorismorum, Virgilij Æneis, Elucidatio artis Chirurgicæ, Cicero de amicitia, Borthij elementa geometrica.”

The *Liber Memorialis* also contains George Wilmer's arms and crest (the latter issuing from a mural coronet), with the motto—*Expertus Credo*. He was admitted of the Middle Temple 28th January 1601-2. On the 6th of December 1616, he obtained from the King a grant of the office of collector of the petty customs imposed on the goods of merchant strangers³ and on foreign hops in the port of London. The former office he resigned 20th June 1625⁴. He married in or before 1606, Margery, daughter and eventually heiress of Marmaduke Thwenge, Esq., lord of the manor of Upper Helmsley, co. York, and the representative of a junior branch of the ancient baronial family of

2. Close R., 1 Jac. I., pt. 11.

3. Pat. R., 14 Jac. I., pt. 8 (14).

4. Close R., 1 Car. I., pt. 14 (33).

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2. Close R., 1 Jac. I., pt. 11.

3. Pat. R., 14 Jac. I., pt. 8 (14).

4. Close R., 1 Car. I., pt. 14 (33).

Chart II.

PEDIGREE OF BRUCE, THWENG, AND WILMER.*

Arms of Brus of Skelton: Argent, a lion rampant azure. Arms of Thweng, Baron Thweng: Or, a fess gules. Arms of Thwenge of Upper Helmsley: Argent, a chevron gules between three popinjays, beaked, legged, and collared of the second. Arms of Lancaster: Argent, two bars gules, on a canton of the second a lion passant gardant or. Arms of Helmsley: Bendy paly argent and azure.

PETER DE BRUS, Lord of Skelton, son of Peter de Brus, who died 1211, and descended from a common ancestor with Robert Bruce, King of Scotland. (See Surtees's *Durham*, iii. p. 94).
 HELEWISE, coh. to her brother, William de Lancaster, Baron of Kendal, and elder dau. of Gilbert de Reinfride, Baron of Kendal, by Helewise, only dau. and h. of William de Lancaster, Baron of Kendal.
 MARMADUKE DE THWENG, living in 1257, = EMMA, sis. and coh. son of Sir Robert de Thweng, living *temp.* of Duncan Darrell. Hen. III.

Peter de Brus, Lord of Skelton; d. 9 Oct. 1241. = Hilaria, dau. of Peter de Mauley of Mulgrave. Robert de Thweng, Lord of Kilton Castle, co. York. = Huguesina, widow of Sir John de Oketon, Knt.

Peter de Brus, Lord of Skelton; d. *s.p.* 1271. Lucia de Brus, 2nd dau.; coh. to her brother. = Sir Marmaduke de Thweng, Knt., Lord of Kilton, and *jure uxoris* Lord of Danby, co. York.

1. Sir Robert de Thweng, Knt., Lord of Daoby. = 2. Sir Marmaduke de Thweng, Knt., Lord of Kilton, summoned to Parliament 22 Feb. 1366-7; ancestor of the Barons Thweng. 3. Edward de Thweng. = Alice, dau. and h. of Walter de Helmsley, Lord of Upper Helmsley.

Sir Marmaduke de Thweng, Knt., of Upper Helmsley. = Agnes, dau. of Sir John Horton, Knt.; mar. in 1344.

William Thweng, of Upper Helmsley. = Alice, dau. of William Nesam.

Walter Thweng, of Upper Helmsley. = Margaret, dau. of Bryan de la See.

George Thweng, of Upper Helmsley. = dau. of Thomas Lepton, of Kepwick, co. York.

Marmaduke Thweng, of Upper Helmsley. = Dorothy, dau. of Thomas Redman, of Bossall, co. York.

George Thweng, of Upper Helmsley. = Anne, dau. of William Thwaites, of Long Marston, co. York.

1. John Thweng, Esq., of Upper Helmsley. = Maud, dau. of Thomas Grimston, of Grimston Garth, in Holderness. 2. Thomas Thweng, Esq., ancestor of the Thwenges of Heworth, near York.

Marmaduke Thweng, Esq., of Upper Helmsley, elder son; = Anne, dau. of John Reddish, Esq., of Reddish, co. Chester. = Alvery Birkby, Gent., of the City of York; d. 28 Dec. 1618. *et.* 24 in 1584; d. 1 Sept. 1589; 1st husband.

Marmaduke Thweng, hap. at St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, York. 16 Ap. 1590; d. 3 June 1593.

Margery Thweng, sole h. to her brother, at the time = George Wilmer [VE] Esq. (*p.* 113), of whose death she was aged four years and ten months. of Stratford-le-Bow; d. May 1626. She mar. 2ndly, Henry Fairfax, Esq., and had issue. She d. 23 Sept. 1632 (*see pp.* 114-117).

Mary Birkby, elder dau. and coh. and *et.* 21 years and = Marmaduke Blackiston, of Monk Fryston, co. York. more at her father's death; mar. 5 Aug. 1619, at St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, York; mar. lic. dat. 4 Aug. 1619.

George Wilmer [VI E] Esq. (*p.* 117). = Rebecca, dau. of Randall Baskerville, Gent. of Stratford-le-Bow and Upper Helmsley; d. 1686.

John Stainforth, Gent., of the City of York; = Mary Blackiston, bur. 24 Sept. 1678, at bur. 8 Jan. 1670-1, at St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, York. St. Michael-le-Belfrey's; will dat. 3 Aug. 1677, proved 2 Oct. 1678.

Dorothy, dau. of Sir Gilbert Corneswall, = Randall Wilmer [VII E], Esq. (*p.* 123), of = Sarah Stainforth, youngest dau. of Burford; d. 1678; 1st wife. London, York, and Upper Helmsley; d. 1712. | 1701; 2nd wife.

d. 5 July = Isabel Wood, 3rd wife.

See page 124.

See page 125.

See page 126.

* Compiled from a pedigree by William Radcliffe, Rouge Croix, in the possession of Mrs. Heibert of Upper Helmsley Hall; from Surtees's *History of Durham*, vol. iii. p. 94; and from other sources.

† According to Surtees, she had, for her portion, Danby, its chase, Bretten, Yarnia, and Kirkechurne, Great Moresdon, with the chase and forest of Vaux, *viz.* Swindalme, Laharenes, and the other dales as the road extendeth from Lardthorne to Skelton, by Scorebeck, betwixt Katerig and Stanewig.

Arms of Brus of Skelton : Argent, a lion rampant azure.

Arms of I

PETER DE BRUS, Lord of Skelton
who died 1211, and descended
with Robert Bruce, King of
Durham, iii. p. 94).

Peter de Brus, Lord of Skelton ; d. 9

Peter de Brus, Lord of

Thwenge, of Kilton Castle, co. York. The Manor of Upper Helmsley is said to have come into the possession of the Thwenge family about the time of Edward II., through the marriage of Edward de Thweng with the daughter and heiress of Walter de Helmsley (*see pedigree*). Margery Thwenge was aged four years and ten months in June 1593. The sermon at the marriage was preached by "that learned and judicious Divine Mr. William Bradshaw sometime Fellow of Sidney Colledge in Cambridge." It was published in 1620 by Thomas Gataker, B.D. (*quarto*, pp. 26), under the title, *A Marriage Feast. A Sermon on the former part of the second chapter of the Evangelist John. London, printed by Edward Griffin for Fulke Clifton. 1620.* The dedication is as follows:—"To the Worshipfull and Religiovs, Mr. George Wilmer, Esquire, and Mrs. Margaret Wilmer his Wife, increase of spirituall grace, and mutuall comfort in Christ Jesvs." The children of the marriage were:—

II.—I. GEORGE WILMER. *See below*, II.

II. THOMAS WILMER, a minor in 1626.

III. "Two Twines of George Wilmor gent be.ng a sonne & a daughter & Margrit his wife was Buried the 21st day of January [1617-18] in ye Chancell whose feate reacheth to the stone at the vestry doore & diged so deepe y^t one may be laied one them Not Baptized."†

I. KATHERINE WILMER, baptized 20th August 1607†; living in 1626.

II. ANNE WILMER, baptized 22nd August 1609†. A licence was granted 4th March 1632-3, for a marriage⁶ between her and Matthew Browne, Esq., of St. Michael's Royal, London, Bachelor, aged thirty, to take place at Kingston or Guildford, co. Surrey⁷.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

6. Harl. MS. 1551, fo. 131, states that this marriage took place, and that

another of the daughters of George Wilmer married Commyns.

7. Mar. Lic. Fac. Off.

- III. MARGARET WILMER, baptized 22nd January 1614-15†; living in 1626.
- IV. A DAUGHTER (unbaptized), buried 21st January 1617-18† (*see above*).
- V. ELLEN WILMER, baptized 18th April 1619†; living in 1626.
- VI. SUSAN WILMER, baptized 13th April 1621†; living in 1626.
- VII. MARY WILMER, baptized 24th April 1623†; buried 21st July 1625, "in the Chancell whose fceate reached to Mr. Russells Pewe Doore."†

Before the year 1619 George Wilmer obtained a grant from William Camden, Clarenceux King of Arms, authorizing him to bear the arms: Gules, a chevron argent between three eagles or, armed and langued sable; and the Crest: On a wreath or and gules an eagle displayed or, armed and langued sable, holding in his beak a garland of laurel proper (*see p. 12*).

By an Indenture, dated 13th June 1608, George Wilmer purchased of his cousin-german, George Wilmer, of Stratford-le-Bow (*see ch. XIII*), certain tenements in Royston, co. Cambridge⁸; and on the 1st of September following conveyed them to Edward Smyth, one of the yeomen of His Majesty's Guard in Ordinary⁹. It is possible that Smyth was his brother-in-law (*see p. 92*). By an Indenture, dated 4th May 1610, Edward Bates and Henry Ellwes, both of London, conveyed to George Wilmer and his heirs a messuage and lands in Gate Helmsley, co. York, which were formerly in the tenure of John Thwinge¹⁰. A licence was granted in 1620-1 to George Wilmer and Margaret his wife to sell to Thomas Westrowe, senior, Esq., and Thomas Westrowe, junior, Gent., 150 acres of land, that were held *in capite* in East Ham¹¹.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

8. Close R., 6 Jac. I., part 20 (12).

9. Close R., 6 Jac. I., part 7 (3).

10. Close R., 8 Jac. I., part 14 (11).

11. Pat. R., 18 Jac. I., part 28 (64).

George Wilmer died in May 1626, and was buried in the parish church of West Ham, where there was formerly a monument to his memory¹². His will was dated 5th May 1626, and proved 23rd May 1626, by the executors, Abraham and John Jacob¹³. His widow, Margery Wilmer, married secondly, prior to 1630, the Hon. Henry Fairfax, of Bridlington, second son of Thomas, first Viscount Fairfax, of Emley, co. Tipperary, and had a son, Thomas Fairfax, baptized¹⁴ 28th September 1632†; and a daughter, Katherine Fairfax, baptized 27th July 1630†; and buried¹⁴ on the following day "in the Chancell fast by the vestry doore."† Margery Fairfax died 23rd September, and was buried¹⁴ 28th September 1632†. Administration of her goods was granted to her son, George Wilmer, 23rd October 1632¹⁵. Henry Fairfax married secondly Frances, daughter of Henry Baker, Esq., of Hurst, in Berkshire, by whom he had, with other issue, a son, Henry Fairfax, whose eldest daughter and coheir married in 1697 David Erskine, fourth Earl of Buchan. Arms of Thwenge: Argent, a chevron gules between three popinjays vert, beaked, legged, and collared of the second, quartering Bruce, Lancaster, and Helmsley.

H.—**George Wilmer** [VIE], Esq., of Stratford-le-Bow, and Lord of the Manor of Upper Helmsley, son of George Wilmer [VE] was admitted of the Middle Temple 1st July 1623. Like his father he was made collector of the petty customs on merchant strangers by letters patent, bearing date 22nd March

12. Salmon's *Essex*, p. 14.

13. P. C. C. 77 Hele. Abraham Jacob was father-in-law or brother-in-law, and John Jacob was brother-in-law to George Wilmer's brother, Thomas Wilmer (*see ch. XII*). The witnesses to the will were Anthony Weldon, Edward Smith and Edmund Layfield. The first two were no doubt brothers-in-law of the testator. The last was a B.D., and Preacher at Bromley St. Leonards,

and preached a sermon at the funeral of Abraham Jacob, the elder, entitled *The Mappe of Man's Mortality* (Nicolas Browne, Lond. 1630, 4to).

14. In these entries the register has *Thomas Fairfax*, which is no doubt a mistake for *Henry Fairfax*.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

15. P. C. C.

1627-8¹⁶; and on the 3rd of July 1629¹⁷, he and John Jacob¹⁸ (*see ch. XII.*) obtained a grant of the office of collector of the duties on tobacco, which they seem to have surrendered about 1638¹⁸. George Wilmer also in 1670 surrendered the collectorship of the petty customs and the office of keeper of the cocket seal¹⁹. On the 14th of March 1627-8, a warrant was issued to allow to George Wilmer, out of 622*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* due from his late father, as collector of the imposition on foreign hops, 400*l.* for "rare and "outlandish flowers" bought of him for the Queen, and to allow the remainder of the said sum of 622*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* in consideration of his father's services²⁰. George Wilmer married about February 1639-40²⁰, Rebecca, daughter²¹ of Randall Baskerville, Citizen and Fishmonger, of London, son of Thomas Baskerville, Esq., of Old Withington, co. Chester, by Margery, his wife, daughter and coheir of Thomas Kynsey, Esq., of Blackden in the same county. Arms of Baskerville: Argent a chevron gules between three hurts; quartering Kynsey: Argent a chevron between three squirrels sejeant gules (*query* a mullet for difference). George and Rebecca Wilmer had issue:—

†††.—I. RANDALL WILMER. *See below*, †††.

II. JOHN WILMER, Esq., of Walthamstow, co. Essex; born and baptized 23rd June 1656.†

16. Pat. R., 3 Car. I., part 41 (16).

17. Pat. R., 5 Car. I., part 10 (3).

18. State Papers, Car. I., Domestic series.

19. Close R., 22 Car. II., part 4 (25).

20. The marriage settlement was dated 6 Feb. 1639-40, and by it George Wilmer settled on Rebecca Baskerville, for life, manors, lands, and tenements in Upper Helmsley, Gate Helmsley, Church Calton, Holby, Sand Hutton, Full Sutton, and Warthill, to the clear yearly value of 430*l.*, with remainders to the heirs of the said George and Rebecca, etc.

21. It has been said that she was also his heiress; and it appears that Mr. John-Wilmer Field, a descendant of this marriage, claimed the right of

quartering the arms of Baskerville and Kynsey. In the College of Arms there is a bill without a date "for the funerall of Mr. Wilmer's Child at Bow," which bears the arms: Quarterly, 1st, Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or (Wilmer); 2nd, Argent, a chevron between three leaves vert (*query* Shore); 3rd, Argent, three hurts (evidently intended for Baskerville); 4th, Argent, on a chevron gules between three squirrels a mullet (Kynsey) [Painter's Work Book, I. B. 1. p. 18]. The arms of Wilmer in the bill did not belong to, but were often used by this branch of the family (*see p.* 13).

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

He was seized in 1728 of the manor of Upper Helmsley, as heir-at-law to his nephew, Thomas Wilmer (*see p. 126*). He died 4th May 1737, aged 80, and was buried in a vault in Walthamstow Church, where there is the following inscription to his memory :—

*In a Vault underneath lyes
Interred the Body of
JOHN WILMER
late of this Parish Gent.
who departed this Life the 4 of May
in the year of our Lord 1737 Aged 78.*

The arms on the tablet are : A chevron between three eagles, a crescent for difference ; crest : Issuing from a mural coronet an eagle displayed, John Wilmer's will was dated 30th August 1736, and from it we extract the following passage as illustrative of the descent of the manor of Upper Helmsley :—

“Imprimis All my manor or reputed manor or Lordship of Upper Helmsley *alias* Helmsly *alias* Upper Helmsley etc. in Co. York with all and every the rights members and appurtenances whatsoever the Cottages Messuages Houses Edifices Lands Tenements and hereditaments appertaining etc. I give and bequeath to my nephew Randall Wilmer and John Wilmer gentlemen jointly paying out of it yearly as follows Item to my nephew Mr. Peter Cartwright £25 every half year after my decease, all but the first half year which I order to be paid to Mr Henry Norcott carpenter Item I give and bequeath to my neice Mary Cartwright £5 every half year during her life and if single. And I doe further allow to my nephew Randall and John if either or both have a mind to marry may make a settlement of their part of the estate to his wife during her life and no longer And in case my nephew Randall Wilmer marries and should leave an heir male then the whole estate to go to him after my nephew John Wilmer's decease and his wife if any, but if no heir male then to an heir male of John Wilmer. But if neither leave an heir male but a Daughter or daughters then the estate to be equally divided amongst them And in case neither of them leaves a Son or Sons or a daughter or daughters then to go to my nephew George Wilmer's three daughters equally And out of my personal estate I give to my nephew George Wilmer and his daughter Lucy £25 each for a

Ring and to my neice Ann Gossip and her husband £25 each for a Ring." [Probate granted to Randall Wilmer, the executor, 7th May 1737. P.C.C. 123 Wake.]

- I.²²REBECCA WILMER, born and baptized 8th April 1652†; died unmarried; administration granted to her father 9th March 1677-8¹⁵.
- II. MARGARET WILMER, born 18th April 1655; baptized 22nd April†; married first Richard Parry, of the parish of Allhallows, Barking, Merchant, Bachelor, aged thirty years; licence, dated 6th February 1679-80, for this marriage to be solemnized at St. Mary's Somerset, or Allhallows in The Wall, London, or at Stepney, Middlesex⁷. Margaret Parry married secondly, after 1686, Sir Robert Beachcroft, Knt., Alderman of London, and Lord Mayor in 1712, son of Daniel Beachcroft, Gent., of Derby²³. Sir Robert died in 1721, presumably without issue, for by his will, dated 29th May 1719, and proved 2nd June 1721²⁴, he bequeaths the bulk of his property to Samuel Beachcroft, the son of his deceased brother, Samuel Beachcroft; he names his dear wife Dame Margaret, upon whom before marriage he settled his manor of Preston for life; he leaves 10*l.* each for mourning to his brother-in-law Mr. John Willmer, and his cousins, Peter Cartwright and Mary Cartwright; and legacies for rings to his cousins, Peter, Thomas, Mary, Rebecca, and Olive Cartwright, to his cousin, George Willmer, and to his brother, John Willmer. In the College of Arms there is a bill for Sir Robert's funeral,

22. Burke (*Commoners*, vol. 2, p. 148) states that there was an eldest daughter, Rachel Wilmer, but upon what authority we do not know.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

15. P. C. C.

7. Mar. Lic. Fac. Off.

23. Stow's *Survey of London*, ed. Strype, Lond. 1720.

24. P. C. C. 105 Buckingham.

dated 5th June 1721. Arms of Beachcroft: Bandy of six argent and gules three stags' heads cabossed or; crest: A beach tree proper behind six park pales argent. Dame Margaret, his widow, made her will 10th June 1721, "being "weak in body." She describes herself as of Low Leyton, co. Essex, widow, and leaves all her estate to her brother, John Wilmer. The will was proved by him as executor, 26th February 1727-8²⁵. She desires to be buried in a private manner near her dear husband, Sir Robert Beachcroft.

- III. MARY WILMER, born 3rd October 1660; baptized 6th October†; married Peter Cartwright, Gent., of St. Dunstons-in-the-East, London, Bachelor, aged thirty-five years; licence, dated 14th July 1684, for this marriage to be solemnized at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, or Stepney, or Edmonton, Middlesex⁷. They had a son, PETER CARTWRIGHT, who was living in 1736 (*see p.* 119), and died before January 1748-9; and a daughter, MARY CARTWRIGHT, who was living at the latter date. It would appear from the will of Sir Robert Beachcroft that they had other children, namely, THOMAS, REBECCA, and OLIVE CARTWRIGHT. The following is an extract from the proceedings in a suit respecting a pew in the chapel of St. Mary at Stratford-le-Bow:—

“The personal Answers of Peter Cartwright made to the pretended positions of a pretended allegation given in and admitted on behalf of William Vanlente in a Cause of Seat in the Chapel of Bow 1709-10.

“To the 4th pretended Article this Respondent answeres and believes

25. P. C. C. 34 Brook.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

7. Mar. Lic. Fac. Off.

that the Pew or Seat in controversy was erected and built by George Wilmer Esq. late of Bow aforesaid for himself and his family about y^e year 1604 and was used and enjoyed by him to y^e time of his death and after his death George Wilmer his son used and enjoyed y^e same to y^e time of his death which happened about 25 years since and about 24 or 25 years since this Respondent intermarried with Mary y^e daughter of y^e aforesaid George Wilmer jun^r deceased and had the house in which y^e aforesaid Timothy Belton now lives as part of y^e said Mary's marriage portion and y^e Respondent and his said wife sat in y^e said seat or pew in question about twelve months & then y^e Respondent sold y^e said House to Randal Wilmer son of y^e said George Wilmer jun^r who used or enjoyed y^e same for about 14 or 15 years and about y^e year 1697 y^e Respondent bought y^e said House of the said Randal again or caused y^e same to be bought in trust for y^e Respondent and the said George Wilmer sen^r George Wilmer jun^r Randall Wilmer and the Respondent have been owners occupiers and inhabitants as aforesaid of the house said Belton lives in from y^e time of erecting y^e pew in controversy and as such and by virtue thereof have exclusive of all others used and enjoyed the pew in question as belonging to the said house from the time of building such pew." [Rawlinson MS. 377, fo. 264, Bodleian Library, Oxford.]

On the 6th of January 1650-1, George Wilmer, for 260*l.*, sold to Edward Sammes, of Goodmaces in the parish of Barking²⁶, lands in Barking, called by the name of Coveland or Coleland (*see p.* 98). Some little time after this he purchased the manors of Bloys and Graveshalles or Grassalls lying in the parishes of Sible Hedingham and Castle Hedingham, co. Essex. The purchase money was 1361*l.*, and the vendors were Sir Edward Greene, Bart., of Sampford in Essex, and his son and heir, Sir Edward Greene, Knt., of London²⁷. Graveshalles took its name from its ancient owners, surnamed de Grosvassal or de Graveshall, who held it from the time of Henry II. to that of Henry IV., under the Earls of Oxford as of their Honour of Castle Hedingham. It was in the possession of Thomas Rolfe of Gosfield about the time of Henry V., and the next owner was William Greene, Esq., who obtained it by his marriage with

26. Close R., A.D. 1650, pt. 14 (11); Feet of Fines, Essex, Hil. A.D. 1650.

27. Close R., 26 Car. II., pt. 18 (11); Feet of Fines, Essex, Trin. 12 Car. II., Mic. 12 Car. II., and Trin. 14. Car. II.

Margaret, daughter and heiress of William Bateman, Esq., of Little Sampford, who is supposed to have been the representative of the Graveshall family. Bloys belonged of old to the de Veres, Earls of Oxford, and was, like Graveshalles, part of their Honour of Hedingham Castle. It was held under them by a family of the name of Balcus, which name was changed afterwards to Bloys. The manor was in the possession of Bartholomew, third Baron Burghersh, and passed afterwards to the Greene family²⁸.

George Wilmer died in 1686. His will was dated 13th November 1684, and proved 8th April 1687²⁹. He desires "to be buried in the Chappell of Stratford le Bow where the corps of my dear wife lyeth."

III.—Randall Wilmer [VIIIE], Esq., of Stratford-le-Bow and the city of York, and Lord of the Manors of Upper Helmsley, Bloys, and Grassalls, was the son of George Wilmer [VIE]. He had a grant of the office of collector of the petty customs on strangers in the port of London, commonly called the cocket seal, for life, dated 4th July 1670³⁰. His first wife was Dorothy, seventh daughter of Sir Gilbert Cornewall³¹, Baron of Burford in Shropshire, and of Lady Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Reade, Knt., of Barton in Berkshire. The Cornewalls, Barons of Burford, were lineal descendants of Richard de Cornwall, illegitimate son of Richard Plantagenet, King of the Romans and Earl of Poictou and Cornwall, who was the younger son of King John. Arms of Cornwall: Ermine, a lion rampant gules, crowned or, within a bordure sable bezantée. Dorothy Cornwall was baptized at Burford, 2nd January 1643, and was married subsequently to the 25th of October 1675³². In the Octave of St. Hilary 1675-6, a Fine was passed between Richard Winwood, Esq., Compton Read, Bart.,

28. Morant's *Essex*, ii. p. 286.

29. P. C. C. 55 Foot.

30. Pat. R., 22 Car. II., pt. 5 (1).

31. *The Genealogist*, 1st series, i. p. 83.

32. At that date she proved the will of her sister, Hannah Cornwall, and was unmarried.

and William Serjeant, Esq., querents, and George, Rebecca, and Randall Wilmer, deforciant, of the manors of Bloys and Grassalls³³. This was, no doubt, a conveyance in trust in consideration of the marriage. Dorothy Cornewall was sister-in-law and first cousin (as well by her father as by her mother³⁴) to Sir Compton Reade. By Randall Wilmer she had an only child :—

II.—I. GEORGE WILMER. *See below, III.*

She died about September 1678, and letters of administration, in which she was described as of Brainford, in the parish of Ealing, were granted to her husband 19th November 1678³⁵. The following is the Heralds' bill for her funeral :—

Worke done for the Funerall of the Lady Wilmer's Son's Wife, her maiden name being...

Sept. 19th 1678.

For 10 Silk Escutcheons 6 ^s 8 ^d	03	6	8
For 2 doz. of buckrome Escuch 2. 6	03	0	0
For 12 Sheilds at 5 ^s p.	03	0	0
For 4 Shafferoons 2. 6	00	10	0
For 18 Large Pencills 3 ^s	02	14	0
For 2 Doz. of Small 1 ^s	01	04	0
For a yd. Atcheivment	03	00	0
For a Pall new	01	05	0
For black bayes on y ^e back of y ^e Actcheivment	00	3	0
For bords and a man to put it up w th hooks &c.	00	5	0
Paid			
	Bill	18	7 8

Arms : Gules a chevron argent between 3 eagles displayed or ; impaling Ermine a lion rampant gules ducally crowned or, a bordure sable bezantée. [College of Arms. Painter's Work-Book, H. I., p. 35.]

Randall Wilmer married secondly Sarah, youngest daughter of John Stainforth, Gent., of the city of York (*see pedigree, p. 115*), and had issue —

33. Feet of Fines, Essex, Hil. 27-8 Car. II.

34. There were four intermarriages

in half as many generations between these two families.

15. P. C. C.

- I. RANDALL WILMER, of London, York, and Upper Helmsley (*see p.* 138).
- II. JOHN WILMER, Esq., of the city of York, baptized at Upper Helmsley, 8th May 1697. On the 29th April 1719, having lately attained his majority, he executed a deed of release on behalf of the trustees appointed in his father's will. He had a life interest in a moiety of the manor of Upper Helmsley, under the will of his uncle, John Wilmer, of Walthamstow. He died unmarried 14th February 1761, aged 63, and was buried at Upper Helmsley on the 18th of the same month; M.I.'s in the church and churchyard. His will was dated 18th December 1758, and administration granted 17th May 1762, to his kinsman, Nicholas Suger³⁵.
- I. MARY WILMER, of the city of York. Having attained her majority, she executed a deed of release, dated 5th June 1714, on behalf of the trustees appointed in her father's will; died unmarried 5th September 1723, aged thirty-three; buried 7th September in the middle aisle of St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, York; M.I.

Mrs. Wilmer died 5th July 1701, and was buried 12th July in the middle aisle of St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, York, where there is the following half-obliterated inscription:—

HERE LIETH THE BODY OF S.....
 WHO DIED THE 5TH DAY OF.....
 WIFE OF RANDALL WILMER OF.....
 ESQ: YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF..... ..
 STANFORTH OF YORK AND.....
 HIS WIFE ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
 MARMADUKE BLACKSTON OF.....
 IN FULL FAITH OF A JOYFUL RESURRECTION
 THE MEMORY OF THE..... ..

35. At York, vol. 106, p. 234.

SHALL.....
 OVER WHICH.....

 WHEN SHE DID NOT LONG.....
 LEFT BEHIND HER 3 CHILDREN.....
 RANDALL WILMER JOHN WILMER.....
 HERE ALSO LIETH MARY THE DAUGHTER
 OF THE ABOVE SAID RANDALL.....
 WILMER WHO DIED YE 5TH.....
 AGED 33.

Randall Wilmer married thirdly at St. Mary's, Castlegate, York, 6th August 1707, Isabel Wood, and had issue :—

I. THOMAS WILMER, Esq., of Catterick, co. York, Lord of the Manor of Upper Helmsley, baptized at St. Mary's, Castlegate, 8th October 1709. His will was dated 25th June 1728, and proved 15th July 1728³⁶. He names his uncles, David and William Wood; his aunt Brown, and her husband, Thomas Brown, of Catterick; and his half-brother, Francis Wilks. At his death Upper Helmsley passed to his uncle and heir-at-law, John Wilmer, of Walthamstow (*see p.* 119).

I. ISABEL WILMER, baptized at St. Mary's, Castlegate, 15th March 1707-8.

Randall Wilmer, "considering the uncertainty and frailty "of human life," made his will 10th February 1710-11, and it was proved 15th May 1712³⁷. He bequeathed the manor of Upper Helmsley to his youngest son, Thomas Wilmer, having on a previous occasion settled the manors of Bloys and Grassalls on his eldest son, George Wilmer. He was buried at St. Mary's, Castlegate, York, 29th March 1712. His widow, Isabel, married secondly, in 1712 or 1713, Richard Wilks, Gent., of Tunstall, co.

36. At York, vol. 80, fo. 74.

37. At York, vol. 68, fo. 46. Some disputes arose concerning this will between Isabel Wilmer, the widow and executrix, and her stepson, George Wilmer. The latter entered a *caveat* in

the Ecclesiastical Court of York; but eventually the differences were settled by a composition made by Indentures, bearing date 9th, 10th, and 11th April 1712.

York, who was one of the trustees appointed in the will of Randall Wilmer. They had a son, Francis Wilks, and a daughter, Isabel Wilks. The will of Richard Wilks was dated 17th March 1718-19, and proved 10th June 1726³⁸. It makes no mention of his wife.

IV.—George Wilmer [VIII], Esq., of London and York, Lord of the Manors of Bloys and Grassalls, an officer in the Guards, son of Randall Wilmer [VII], was born 16th December 1676, and was admitted of the Middle Temple, London, 23rd January 1695. He married at St. Olave's, Marygate, York, 4th September 1701, Anne, daughter and heiress of Lewis Etherington, Gent., of Rillington, co. York, and had issue:—

- I. GEORGE WILMER, baptized at St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, York, 1st January 1704-5; admitted of the Middle Temple 27th April 1723; and died, in his father's lifetime, 1731.
- I. DOROTHY WILMER, baptized at St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, 29th January 1702-3; married at Wykeham, co. York, 13th August 1721, John Iveson, Esq., of Bilton, in the ainsty of York, only son of Henry Iveson, Esq., of Black Bank, near Leeds, by his second wife, Alice, daughter of Thomas Wise, Esq., of Burton-Leonard, co. York. John Iveson died in 1741, and Dorothy, his wife, in 1742³⁹. Arms of John Iveson; Argent, a chevron sable between three negroes' heads coupé proper (a crescent for difference).

V.—II. ANNE WILMER. See below, **V**.

III. REBECCA WILMER, died unmarried in 1736.

IV. KATHERINE WILMER, baptized at St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, 12th November 1706; probably died young.

38. At York, vol. 79, fo. 133.

39. Thoresby's *Ducatus Leodiensis*, p. 103.

V. LUCY WILMER, baptized at St. Michael-le-Belfrey's, 16th December 1707; married, by licence, at York Minster, 26th October 1749, James Nelthorpe, Esq., lord of the manors of Seacroft, co. York, and of Countesbridge, co. Essex. He was a son of George Nelthorpe, Esq., of the former place; and was born about 1719, and died without issue in 1768. His will was dated 3rd March 1768. He desired to be buried as near as might be to his wife, in the churchyard of Whitkirk, co. York⁴⁰.

George Wilmer died 15th March 1743-4, and was buried in York Minster 18th March. His will was dated 19th November 1740, and proved at York, 20th April 1744⁴¹, and at London 8th May 1744⁴². He appointed his daughter Lucy sole executrix. His wife probably predeceased him, for she is not mentioned in his will.

V.—Anne Wilmer [IXE], the second daughter and coheirress of George Wilmer [VIII E], married at York Minster, 13th November 1731, William Gossip⁴³, Esq., of Thorp Arch, co. York. He was the only son of William Gossip, of York, and Susanna, his wife, and was born 6th March 1704. Arms of Gossip: Per fess indented argent and sable a pale counter-changed; three goats' heads erased, two and one, azure, and as many crosses patée fitchée, one and two, of the first; crest: Two goats' heads erased, addorsed, the dexter one azure, the sinister one argent; motto: Prospice respice. William and Anne Gossip had issue:—

I. WILLIAM GOSSIP, born 11th December 1732; died unmarried 18th April 1754.

II. GEORGE GOSSIP, buried 2nd September 1734.†

40. Yorks. Archæological and Topographical Journal, iii. p. 124.

41. Vol. 89, fo. 8.

42. P. C. C. 136 Anstis.

43. See Burke's *Landed Gentry*, and Foster's *Pedigrees of Yorkshire Families*.

† Par. reg. of St. Martin's, Coney Street, York.

¶.—III. GEORGE GOSSIP. *See below, ¶.*

IV. JOHN GOSSIP, baptized 30th July 1736§ ; buried 5th August 1736.‡

V. JOHN GOSSIP, baptized 18th July 1740§ ; died in 1751.

VI. WILMER GOSSIP, Esq., of Thorp Arch, born 25th March 1742 ; baptized 25th April§ ; married, 18th September 1770, his cousin Anne, elder daughter and coheiress of Randall Wilmer, Esq., of York and Upper Helmsley (*see p.* 139), and had an only child, LUCY GOSSIP, who died in 1772. Wilmer Gossip was seized in fee simple of a moiety of the manor of Upper Helmsley, which was conveyed to him and his heirs by his wife⁴⁴, when she attained her majority, in accordance with the covenants of their marriage settlement, which was dated 10th May 1770. Jane Wilmer, mother-in-law of Wilmer Gossip, had a life interest in a moiety of this moiety, which, however, she resigned to him in 1787⁴⁵. Wilmer Gossip died 19th February 1790, having predeceased his wife, who married again (*see p.* 139). His will was dated 21st February 1788, and a codicil 19th April 1789. The greater part of his estates passed to William Gossip, the elder son of his brother Thomas.

VII. RANDALL GOSSIP, baptized 24th July 1743.§

VIII. THOMAS GOSSIP, of whom presently (*see p.* 132).

I. ANNE GOSSIP, baptized 27th March 1738.§

II. ANNE GOSSIP, baptized 31st January 1745-6.‡

§ Par. reg. of Holy Trinity, Goodramgate, York.

‡ Par. reg. of St. Martin's, Coney Street, York.

44. Indentures, dated 12 Feb. 1771, and 2 Jan. 1772 ; and a Common Recovery, Hil. 13 Geo. III.

45. Indentures, dated 25 and 26 June 1787.

In 1747 William Gossip sold the manors of Bloys and Grassalls to Richard Salway, Esq., of Woodford, co. Essex. He died 25th March 1772, and Mrs. Gossip died 9th July 1780, aged 77, and were both buried in the family vault under the north aisle of Thorp Arch church. His will was dated 25th September 1763, and proved 29th May 1772.

VI.—**George Gossip** [XE], Esq., an officer in the Buffs, eldest surviving son of William and Anne Gossip [IXE], was born 29th June 1735, and baptized 7th July. § He married, 5th May 1762, Maria Copley of Halifax, and had issue:—

VII.—I. **WILLIAM GOSSIP.** *See below, VII.*

I. **ANNA GOSSIP**, married Henry Bodelicote.

II. **ANNA-MARIA GOSSIP**, married John Chalcroft; died 7th December 1832, aged 62.

III. **SUSANNA-HARRIET GOSSIP**, died unmarried 11th April 1842, aged 71.

George Gossip died 21st February 1775, and Mrs. Gossip died 9th June 1805.

VIII.—**William Gossip** [XIE], Esq., of Hatfield, co. York, was baptized 7th July 1763, and married, 7th April 1787, Anne, daughter and heiress of John Hatfeild, Esq., of Hatfield. She was baptized 5th May 1766. They had issue:—

IX.—I. **WILLIAM-HATFEILD GOSSIP.** *See below, IX.*

II. **JOHN-HATFEILD GOSSIP**, born 28th September 1795; of Pembroke College, Cambridge, B.A. 1817, M.A. 1827; married, 8th August 1833, Frances, third daughter and coheiress of the Reverend Thomas Wingfield, Rector of Bulwick, co. Northampton, and of Teigh and Tickencote, co. Rutland, and had five daughters.

III. **GEORGE - HATFEILD GOSSIP**, born 21st April 1797; married and had a son.

§ Par. reg. of Holy Trinity, Goodramgate, York.

- IV. AUREN - ZEBE - HATFEILD GOSSIP, born 27th December 1799, and died unmarried 17th December 1844.
- I. ANNE - LOUISA GOSSIP, died unmarried 2nd December 1849.
- II. GEORGIANA - MARIA GOSSIP, died unmarried 16th March 1857.
- III. AUGUSTA - SUSANNA GOSSIP, died unmarried 17th January 1870, aged 78.
- IV. ANNA-MARIA-HARRIET GOSSIP, married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, 18th June 1825, the Reverend Cornelius-Heathcote Reaston, of Barlborough, co. Derby, M.A. He was the son of the Reverend Philip-Acklom Reaston, Rector of Barlborough, and was descended from Sir Francis Rodes, third Baronet, of Barlborough. Mr. Reaston assumed the surname and arms of Rodes, on succeeding, in 1825, to the estates of his uncle, Cornelius Rodes. He died without issue in 1844, leaving the estate of Barlborough to his wife's nephew, William-Hatfeild Gossip, who thereupon took the name of De Rodes⁴⁶.

William Gossip died 26th March 1830.

VIII.—**William-Hatfeild Gossip** [XIIIE], Esq., of Hatfield, was born 7th June 1794, and married 5th July 1823, Sarah-Margaret, daughter and heiress of John Wriglesworth, and had an elder son:—

IX.—**William-Hatfeild Gossip** [XIIIE], Esq., J.P. and D.L. for co. Derby and the West Riding of Yorkshire, was born 22nd August 1824. He assumed, in 1844, by royal licence, the surname and arms of De Rodes, on succeeding to the estates of his uncle, the Reverend C.-H.-R. Rodes, and is now the

46. See Burke's *History of the Commoners, Landed Gentry, and Extinct Baronetcies*.

present WILLIAM-HATFEILD DE RODES, of Barlborough. He married, 7th September 1854, the Hon. Sophia-Felicité, daughter of the Hon. and Reverend Alfred Curzon, and sister of Lord Scarsdale. She had the precedence of a Baron's daughter granted to her, and died 2nd April 1869.

Mr. de Rodes is the senior representative and heir of George Wilmer and Margery his wife, the daughter and heiress of Marmaduke Thwenge. Arms of De Rodes: Argent, a lion passant gardant in bend gules between two acorns azure within as many cotises ermines; crest: A cubit arm erect grasping an oak-branch all proper.

GOSSIP AND HATFEILD, OF THORP ARCH;
WILMER OF LONDON; AND MOORE OF
BARNE PARK.

*Content, if hence th' unlearn'd their wants may view,
The learn'd reflect on what before they knew.*—POPE.

I.—Thomas Gossip [XF], Esq., was the youngest son of William Gossip, of Thorp Arch, and Anne Wilmer [IXE], his wife (*see p.* 129). He was born 21st June 1744, and baptized 19th July.‡ He married in 1770, Johanna, daughter and heiress of Richard Cartwright, Esq., of Oadby, co. Leicester, and had two sons:—

II.—I. WILLIAM GOSSIP. *See below, II.*

III.—II. RANDALL GOSSIP, who succeeded his brother at Thorp Arch.

Mr. Gossip died 20th July 1776; and Mrs. Gossip died 11th October 1825, aged 91.

II.—William Gossip [XIF], Esq., of Thorp Arch, the elder son of Thomas and Johanna Gossip, was born in 1770. He inherited estates in Thorp Arch, Wighill, and Clifford, and a

‡ Par. reg. of St. Martin's, Coney Street, York.

moiety of the manor of Upper Helmsley under the marriage settlement and the will of his uncle, Wilmer Gossip (*see p.* 129). On succeeding to these estates, he gave to his brother Randall an annuity of 200*l.*, payable out of the moiety of Upper Helmsley. This moiety William Gossip sold, in 1804, to Joshua Field for 6,000*l.* He married twice, and died without issue 21st August 1833.

III.—Randall Gossip [XIF], Esq., of Thorp Arch, Lieutenant-Colonel in the army, the younger son of Thomas [XF] and Johanna Gossip, was born 5th February 1774; “appointed Cornet and Lieutenant in the 3rd Dragoons 1793, “Captain 1795, Brevet-Major 1808, and Lt.-Col. 1814. He “served in the expedition of 1807 to Zealand; and in 1809 and “1814 acted as Major of Brigade in the Kent district.” He married 30th November 1798, Leah, daughter of the Reverend John Curry, Rector of Dartford, co. Kent, and had, with three daughters, six sons:—

IV. —I. RANDALL GOSSIP. *See below, IV.*

- II. WILLIAM GOSSIP, Esq., Lieutenant in the 41st Regiment; born 22nd October 1801; killed in action in the Burmese War, 1st December 1825.
- III. WILMER GOSSIP, of whom we treat presently (*see p.* 135).
- IV. THOMAS-GEORGE GOSSIP, Clerk in Holy Orders; born 10th October 1808; of Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1831, M.A. 1841; admitted of Lincoln's Inn 9th January 1833. By royal licence, dated 25th October 1832, he assumed the name of Wilmer, and on the 9th of November following he and his brother, Wilmer Wilmer, obtained a grant of the Wilmer arms (*see pp.* 13-15). He was presented in 1843 to the Rectory of West Coker, co. Somerset, at which place he died

without issue 25th December 1845, and was there buried. He married in 1840, Emma, sister of the Reverend John Raven, Rector of Broughton-Astley. Mrs. Wilmer married secondly at Broughton-Astley, 26th April 1851, Harry Footner, Esq., of Andover.

V. FREDERICK-WILMOT GOSSIP, died young.

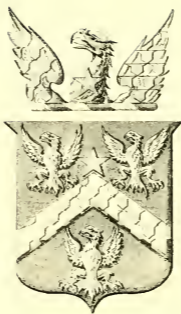
VI. ARTHUR GOSSIP, born 10th December 1814; died 12th January 1823.

Colonel Gossip died 29th September 1832, and was buried at Northfleet, co. Kent.

EV.—Randall Gossip [XIIF], Esq., of Thorp Arch, an officer in the Fusilier Guards, the eldest son of Randall Gossip [XIF], was born 28th May 1800. He married, 9th September 1825, Christiana, only daughter of William Marshall, Esq., of Newton Kyme and Laughton-en-le-Morthen, co. York, and sister and sole heiress of William Marshall, Esq., of the same places, who took the surname of Hatfeild. Mr. Gossip, on succeeding *jure uxoris* to these estates, assumed the surname and arms of Hatfeild, by royal licence, dated 16th October 1844. Arms of Hatfeild: Ermine, on a chevron engrailed sable three cinquefoils or, a canton of the second; crest: A cubit dexter arm, vested sable, cuffed argent, charged with a cross crosslet or, holding in the hand proper a cinquefoil slipped of the third: motto: *Pax*. Mr. Hatfeild had, with five daughters, four sons, who successively represented the family. The eldest:—

V.—Randall-Wilmer Hatfeild [XIIIF], Esq., of Thorp Arch, Lieutenant in the 10th Hussars, was born 8th July 1828. He married, in August 1856, Miss FitzGibbon, and died without issue, 14th April 1861.

FX.—William Hatfeild [XIIIF], Esq., second son of Randall Hatfeild [XIIF], an officer in the 88th Regiment, was born 3rd December 1834, and died unmarried 5th April 1863.



EXPERTUS CREDO.

Arms of Wilmer Wilmer and Thomas-George Wilmer.

VII.—Thomas-Godfrey Hatfeild [XIIIF], Esq., of Thorp Arch, and of Skellow Grange, near Doncaster, third son of Randall Hatfeild [XIIF], was born 29th November 1837. He married, 3rd February 1872, Gertrude, third daughter of the late Charles-William Minet, Esq., of Baldwyns, co. Kent, and by her (who died 4th November 1872) had a daughter, **Gertrude Hatfeild**, born 4th November 1872. Mr. Hatfeild died 19th February 1882.

VIII.—John Hatfeild [XIIIF], Esq., J.P., now living, of Thorp Arch Hall and Skellow Grange, the youngest son of Randall Hatfeild [XIIF], was born 15th June 1846. He married 10th June 1869, Marianna-Frances, only daughter of Monsieur Adolphe Davide, and has issue :—

I. **John-Randall Hatfeild**, born 21st September 1873.

I. **Lilian-Frances Hatfeild**, born 20th October 1870.

[For the pedigrees of the Gossip and Hatfeild families we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. Joseph Foster's *Pedigrees of Yorkshire Families*, and to the Rev. C. B. Norcliffe for numerous extracts from parish registers, etc.]

WILMER OF LONDON, AND MOORE OF BARNE PARK.

I.—Wilmer Gossip [XII], Esq., of Wilton Crescent, London, the third son of Randall Gossip [XIF] and Leah his wife (*see p.* 133), was born 2nd September 1804, and baptized at St. Werburgh's, Derby. He assumed the surname of Wilmer by a royal licence, dated 25th October 1832, and on the 9th of November in the same year the following arms were assigned to him and his brother, Thomas-George Wilmer: Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or, a mullet for difference ;

crest: An eagle's head or between two wings expanded vair, differenced as the arms; motto: *Expertus credo* (*see pp.* 13-15). He married at All Saints, Stamford, co. Lincoln, 12th December 1832, Anne, youngest daughter and coheirress of the Reverend Thomas Wingfield, Rector of Bulwick, co. Northampton, and of Teigh and Tickencote, co. Rutland, by Maria, daughter of William Torkington, Esq., of Stamford. Arms of Wingfield: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Argent, on a bend gules, cotised sable, three pairs of wings conjoined of the field, a crescent for difference (Wingfield); 2nd and 3rd, Or, on a pile vert three garbs of the field (Oldfield, of Spalding). Wilmer and Anne Wilmer had issue:—

I. GEORGE-WILMER-WINGFIELD WILMER, born at 29, Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, London, 29th October 1833; died 13th June 1837.

II. AUGUSTUS-HENRY WILMER, born in London, 22nd March 1837; died in August 1849.

¶¶.—I. ANNA-MARIA WILMER. *See below*, ¶¶.

Mr. Wilmer Wilmer died 14th September 1858; and Mrs. Wilmer Wilmer died at Barne 28th October 1880, and was buried at Newchapel.

¶¶.—**Anna-Maria Wilmer** [XIII], only daughter and sole heiress of Wilmer Wilmer, was born 13th December 1840. She married, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, London, 1st October 1867, **Stephen Moore**, Esq., now of Barne Park, Clonmel, co. Tipperary, J.P., D.L., M.P. for co. Tipperary in 1875; formerly a captain in the 63rd Regiment; eldest son of Stephen-Charles Moore, Esq., and Anna his wife, daughter of Colonel Kingsmill Pennefather, of New Park, co. Tipperary. Mr. Moore has had issue:—

I. STEPHEN-WILMER MOORE, born 19th November 1868; died 17th June 1877.

II. **Randall-Kingsmill Moore**, born 12th February 1873.

III. **Stephen-Thomas Moore**, born 7th February 1881.

I. **Anna-Fleanor-Isabel Moore**.

II. **Geraldine-Elena Moore**.

III. **Mary-Augusta Moore**.

IV. **Stephanie-Hilda-Grace Moore**.

Mrs. Moore died at Barne 22nd December 1886, and was buried at Newchapel, near Barne, the family burial-place of the Moores. The arms of Stephen Moore, Esq., are: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Sable, a swan argent within a bordure engrailed or (Moore); 2nd and 3rd quarters, quarterly, 1st and 4th, Argent, a cross moline sable (Colville); 2nd and 3rd, Gules, a fess chequy argent and azure (Lindsay). Mr. Moore bears on an escutcheon of pretence in right of his wife the arms of Wilmer, namely: Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or, with a mullet for difference, quartering Thwenge, Bruce, Lancaster, Helmsley, Wingfield, and Oldfield. Crest of Moore: A goshawk seizing a coney, both proper; motto: *Vis unita fortior*.





CHAPTER XI.

FIELD, WHITTELL, AND HERBERT, OF UPPER HELMSLEY; AND THE FAMILIES OF PARSONS, DUNCOMBE, AND FITZGERALD.

"If any there be which are desirous to be strangers in their owne soile & forrainers in their owne citie, they may so continue, and therein flatter themselves; for suchlike I have not written these lines, nor taken these paines."

ARMS OF RANDALL WILMER: GULES, A CHEVRON ARGENT BETWEEN THREE EAGLES OR, ARMED AND LANGUED SABLE; CREST: AN EAGLE DISPLAYED OR, ARMED AND LANGUED SABLE, HOLDING IN HIS BEAK A GARLAND OF LAUREL PROPER. THE ARMS AND CREST ARE CHARGED WITH A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE.

Ʒ. **R**andall Wilmer [VIII G], Esq., of Staple Inn, London, and of the city of York, the eldest son of Randall Wilmer [VII E], by Sarah Stainforth, his second wife (*see p.* 125), was baptized at St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow, 18th March 1690-1. He married¹ at York Minster, 5th January 1748-9, Jane, the

¹ The marriage settlement was dated 3 Jan. 1748-9; and by it and an indenture, dated the previous day, Randall Wilmer conveyed his moiety of the manor of Upper Helmsley to his brother, John Wilmer, and Nicholas Suger, in trust, to the use of Jane Suger,

for life, and, after her death, to the uses appointed in the will of John Wilmer, of Walthamstow (*see p.* 119). In 1787, Mrs. Jane Wilmer granted to her son-in-law, Wilmer Gossip, her life interest in a moiety of this moiety (*see p.* 129).

second daughter of Nicholas Suger, Attorney-at-Law, of Goodramgate, in the city of York, and sister and eventually sole heiress of the Reverend Zachary Suger, Rector of St. Cuthbert's, York, who performed the marriage service. Arms of Suger : Argent, a cross moline azure ; quartering Idle : Sable, a fess or, in chief two esquires' helmets proper. Jane Suger was baptized 7th December 1714, at Holy Trinity, Goodramgate, York. By her Randall Wilmer had issue :—

- I. ANN WILMER, baptized 15th January 1749-50, at Holy Trinity, Goodramgate, York ; married first, 18th September 1770, her cousin, Wilmer Gossip, Esq., of Thorp Arch (*see p. 129*), by whom she had no surviving issue. About three years after his death, which occurred 19th February 1790, she married John-Burke Ryan, Esq., of Grosvenor Place, London. She became seized of a moiety of the manor of Upper Helmsley after the deaths of her father and of her uncle, John Wilmer. As it has been stated before, she conveyed all her interest in this manor to her first husband, Wilmer Gossip, and his heirs. She died without issue 4th January 1799, and was buried at St. George's, Hanover Square, London ; M.I. at Upper Helmsley.

II.—II. MARY WILMER. *See below, III.*

By the bequest of his uncle, John Wilmer, of Walthamstow (*see p. 119*), Randall Wilmer was seized of a moiety of the manor of Upper Helmsley. This moiety, after his decease, passed to his two daughters, who also inherited the other moiety of the manor upon the death of their uncle, John Wilmer, of York (*see p. 125*). Randall Wilmer died 22nd February, and was buried 25th February 1761,† aged 70. His will was dated 22nd August 1758, and proved 17th May 1762². There is the

† Par. reg. of Upper Helmsley.

| 2. At York, vol. 106, fo. 222.

following inscription on a family monument in Upper Helmsley church :—

Near this Place are deposited the Remains of JOHN WILMER, | of the City of York, Esq^r., who departed this Life | the 14th day of February, 1761, Aged 63. | Also of his elder BROTHER RANDALL WILMER, | of this Place Esq^r. who departed this Life | the 22d day of February in the same year, Aged 70. | And also of JANE WILMER, who departed this Life | the 5th day of August, 1806, Aged 92. | She was the last surviving daughter of Nicholas Suger, of the City of York, | Esq^r., & Relict of the abovenamed Randall Wilmer, by whom she had Issue | two Children, Anne, the elder, died in January 1799, and was interred at | St. George's, Hanover Square, London; Mary, the younger, married | Joshua Field of Heaton, in the West Riding of this County, Esq^r., | and they have erected this Monument to perpetuate the Memory | of their departed Relatives.

The arms beneath the inscription are : Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or (being the arms of the Wilmers of Ryton); impaling Argent, a cross moline azure (Suger); crest: Issuing from a mural coronet gules an eagle's head or (*see p.* 13).

Mrs. Wilmer lived, during the long term of her widowhood, in a house belonging to her son-in-law, Wilmer Gossip, at Ogleforth, in the city of York. Between 1790 and 1800 she rebuilt, at her sole expense, the parish church of Upper Helmsley, replacing an ancient Norman church by one of brick with sash windows, a practice too common at that period. Mrs. Herbert, the present owner of the manor, has lately caused this church to be demolished, and is now engaged in rebuilding it in its original Norman style, as a thank-offering to Almighty God for the completion of the fiftieth year of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign, and in remembrance of departed ancestors and relatives. Mrs. Wilmer also gave the Communion Plate, which consists of a silver Flagon, Chalice, and Paten, bearing the arms of Wilmer impaling those of Suger, and the crest of Wilmer, with the motto: *Neutrisque extinguar*, and the legend: *The gift of Jane Wilmer to the Church of Upper Hemsley*. She died

5th³ August 1806, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, and was buried in the church of Upper Helmsley ; M.I.

II.—Mary Wilmer [IXG], was the younger daughter and coheiress of Randall [VIIIIG] and Jane Wilmer, and after the death of her sister, Mrs. Ryan, in 1799, their sole heiress. She was baptized at St. Cuthbert's, York, 17th September 1751⁴, and married at Scarborough, 4th October 1774, Joshua Field⁵, Esq., of Heaton, in the parish of Bradford, co. York, D.L. and J.P. for the West Riding of that county. Mr. Field, who was born in December, and baptized at Bradford, 31st December 1742, was the only surviving son of John Field, Esq., of Heaton, and Mary his wife, daughter of Joshua Eamondson, Esq., of Seacroft, co. York. Joshua and Mary Field had issue :—

III.—I. JOHN-WILMER FIELD. *See below, III.*

II. ZACHARY-SUGER FIELD, born 6th January 1777 ; died an infant.

III. JOSHUA FIELD, Esq., of Leeds and Westow House, co. York, and of 13, Park Crescent, Portland Place, London ; Lord of the Manors of Burythorpe and Kennythorpe, co. York, which were inherited from the Sugers, and (after the decease of his brother, John-Wilmer Field, without issue male) Lord of the Manor of Upper Helmsley. Mr. Field was born and baptized at York, 10th May 1778. He married at Kildwick, co. York, 17th August 1801, Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of William Wayneman, Esq., of Carr Head, in Craven, and had two daughters :—

i. ELIZABETH FIELD, born 13th July 1802 ; baptized at Bradford, 4th August 1802 ;

3. The register at Upper Helmsley states that she was buried 4 Aug. 1806, while her M.I. in the church gives 5 Aug. 1806 as the date of her death.

4. The following entry is taken from the register of the Bedern, York :—

"1751 September A daughter of Mr. Wilmer born and baptized in ye Bedern but never brought to Church."

5. For an account of Mr. Field's ancestry see Foster's *Pedigrees of Yorkshire Families*.

died unmarried at Harrogate, 11th July 1822, aged 21 years; buried in the parish church of Bradford in a vault inscribed "Field of Westow"; M.I. at Upper Helmsley.

- ii. MARY-ANNE FIELD, born 19th February 1805; died unmarried 22nd February 1825, aged 20 years; buried in a vault on the south side of the new church at Hackney, co. Middlesex; M.I. at Upper Helmsley.

Arms of Wayneman: Per pale gules and azure a cross flory (*query* or); quartering Bradley: Argent, a chevron sable. Mrs. Field died 2nd September 1856, aged 75, and Mr. Field died 2nd May 1863, aged 84 years. They were both buried in the Cemetery at Highgate, co. Middlesex; M.I. at Upper Helmsley.

- I. MARY-ANNE FIELD, of whom presently (*see p.* 149).

- II. DELIA FIELD, born 14th, and baptized 15th July 1780; married at Bradford, in September 1806, Thomas-George Fitzgerald⁶, Esq., of Oaklands and Turlough Park, co. Mayo, and of Mapperton House, co. Somerset, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army. They had a son:—

- i. CHARLES - LIONEL - WILLIAM FITZGERALD, Esq.; married Dorothea, second daughter of Patrick Kirwan, Esq., of Dalgin Park, co. Mayo. He died 9th November 1834, leaving an only son:—

- i. Charles-Lionel Fitzgerald, Esq., of Turlough Park, J.P. and

6. See Barke's *History of the Commoners, and Landed Gentry*.

D.L. ; born 24th August 1833 ; married first, 3rd December 1859, Emily, second daughter of the late Michael Dungan, Esq. She died 6th July 1872, and Mr. Fitzgerald married secondly, 22nd October 1873, **Isabella - Emily**, second daughter of the late Reverend Robert-J. Serjeantson, Vicar of Snaith, co. York.

Delia Fitzgerald died 9th December 1817, and was buried at Oaklands. Colonel Fitzgerald, after marrying a second time, died 5th June 1856. Arms of Fitzgerald : Ermine, a saltire gules ; crest : A boar passant ; motto : Honor probataque virtus.

Mrs. Field inherited a moiety of the manor of Upper Helmsley after the deaths of her father and of her uncle, John Wilmer, of York. The other moiety we have traced until it came into the possession of William Gossip, of Thorp Arch, who sold it in 1804 to Joshua Field for 6,000*l.* Thus the two moieties were again united. Mr. Field died 25th September 1819, and Mrs. Field died 4th November 1830. They were both buried in the parish church of Bradford ; M.I. at Upper Helmsley.

III.—**John-Wilmer Field** [XG], Esq., of Upper Helmsley and Heaton Hall, Lord of the Manors of Upper Helmsley, Heaton, Shipley, Barnby Moor, and Allerthorpe-cum-Waplington, an Officer in the Royal Horse Guards Blue, J.P. and D.L. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, was the eldest son of Joshua and Mary Field [IXG]. He was born 20th August 1775 ; baptized at Holy Trinity, York ; graduated at Christ Church College, Oxford, B.A., 18th April 1798. He married first, at Easington, co. York, 3rd September 1812, Anne, the eldest daughter of Robert Wharton-Myddleton, Esq., of Old

Park, co. Durham, and of Grinkle Park, in Cleveland, co. York. Arms of Wharton-Myddleton: Quarterly, 1st and 4th grand quarters quarterly, 1st and 4th, Quarterly gules and or, in the first quarter a cross patonce argent (Myddleton), 2nd and 3rd, Azure, a maunche or (Conyers); 2nd and 3rd grand quarters, Sable, a maunche argent, a canton or (Wharton). They had two daughters and coheireses:—

Æ.—I. MARY FIELD. *See below, Æ.*

II. DELIA FIELD, born 23rd October 1814; baptized at Bradford, 24th July 1815; married 14th July 1836, the Hon. Arthur Duncombe, of Kilnwick Percy, co. York, Admiral R.N. (reserved), fourth son of Charles, first Baron Feversham, by the Lady Charlotte Legge, his wife, only daughter of William, second Earl of Dartmouth. The Hon. Arthur Duncombe⁷ was born 24th March 1806, and has issue:—

- i. Charles - Wilmer Duncombe, Esq., Colonel in the Army, and Major and Lieutenant-Colonel in the 1st Life Guards; born 19th September 1838.
- ii. Arthur Duncombe, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, M.A. of University College, Oxford, J.P. for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire; M.P. for the Howdenshire division of Yorkshire; born 11th February 1840; married 12th June 1869, Katharine - Henrietta - Maria, elder daughter of Henry-John Milbank, Esq., and has issue.
- iii. FREDERICK-WILLIAM DUNCOMBE, Esq., Captain in the Grenadier Guards; born 28th January 1842; married 28th July

7. See Burke's and Foster's *Peerages*.

1868, the Lady Katharine Acheson, the youngest daughter of Archibald, third Earl of Gosford, K.P., and had issue. He died 6th February 1878.

iv. George - Augustus Duncombe, Esq., J.P. for the East Riding of Yorkshire; born 25th May 1848.

v. Edward - Wharton Duncombe, Esq., born 30th August 1850.

i. Charlotte Duncombe, born 21st August 1837; married, 12th May 1859, Joseph-Alfred Sykes, Esq., of Raywell, co. York, Captain in the 94th Regiment. He died 1st September 1865.

ii. Mary-Louisa Duncombe, born 16th May 1845; married, 21st February 1871, the Hon. Ashley Carr Glyn, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, eighth son of George-Carr, first Baron Wolverton. He died 11th September 1875, having had issue. The Hon. Mrs. Glyn married secondly the Right Reverend Isaac Hellmutn, D.D., D.C.L., late Lord Bishop of Huron, now Vicar of Bridlington priory church.

iii. Edith-Frances Duncombe, born 13th October 1846; married, 22nd April 1873, Charles-Francis Walker, Esq., Captain R.N., son of Sir James Walker, Bart., of Sand Hutton, and has issue.

The Hon. Mrs. Duncombe died 5th May 1873; and the Hon. Arthur Duncombe married secondly, 13th March 1877, Jane-Maria, eldest daughter of Sir James Walker, Bart., of Sand Hutton, co.

York. Arms of Duncombe: Per chevron engrailed gules and argent, three talbots' heads erased, counterchanged, quartering (*inter alia*), Field, Wilmer, Thwenge, Bruce, Lancaster, Helmsley, Suger, and Idle; crest: Out of a ducal coronet or a horse's hind leg sable, the shoe argent (the arms and crest are charged with a crescent for difference).

Mr. Field married secondly Isabella-Helena, daughter of Captain Salter, R.N. She died *sine prole*, 11th October 1842; and he died 11th January 1837, aged sixty-one.

Arms of John-Wilmer Field, and of Joshua Field, of Westow: Quarterly of eight, 1st, Argent, three bars wavy azure surmounted of a lion rampant or, in chief two escallop shells of the second (Field); 2nd, Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or (Wilmer); 3rd, Argent, a chevron gules between three popinjays beaked, legged, and collared of the second (Thwenge); 4th, Argent, a lion rampant azure (Bruce); 5th, Argent, two bars gules, on a canton of the second a lion passant gardant or (Lancaster); 6th, Bendy paly argent and azure (Helmsley); 7th, Argent, a cross moline azure (Suger); 8th, Sable, a fess or in chief two esquires' helmets proper (Idle). Crests: 1st, A dexter hand proper holding an armillary sphere all surrounded by clouds proper (Field); 2nd, An eagle's head or between two wings expanded vair (Wilmer); 3rd, A pelican in her piety proper (Thwenge); 4th, A greyhound proper (Suger); 5th, An esquire's helmet proper (Idle). The above arms and crests were registered in the College of Arms by John-Wilmer Field and his brother, Joshua Field.

IV.—Mary Field [XIG], the elder daughter and co-heiress of John-Wilmer Field [XG], was born 21st July, and baptized at Bradford, 24th July 1813. She married, 14th April 1846, the Right Hon. Sir William Parsons, third Earl of Rosse, Knight of the Order of St. Patrick, and Knight of the Legion of Honour, and had issue:—

- U.—I.** The Right Hon. Sir Laurence Parsons, fourth Earl. *See below, U.*
- II.** HON. WILLIAM-WILMER PARSONS, born 20th March 1844; died 7th September 1855.
- III.** HON. JOHN PARSONS, born 7th September 1846; died 9th April 1857.
- IV.** Hon. and Rev. Randal Parsons, of Trinity College, Dublin, B.A. 1871, M.A. 1874; ordained Deacon 1872, Priest 1873, instituted in 1880 to the Rectory of Sandhurst, Berkshire, which he now holds. Born 26th April 1848; married, 9th August 1876, Eleanor-Victoria, second daughter of the Right Rev. John - Fielder Mackarness, Lord Bishop of Oxford.
- V.** Hon. Richard - Clere Parsons, born 21st February 1851; married, 21st November 1878, Agnes-Elizabeth, youngest daughter of John-Frederic-La-Trobe Bateman, Esq., of Moor Park, co. Surrey, and has issue:—
- i. William-Frederic Parsons, born 10th November 1879.
 - ii. Arthur-David-Clere Parsons, born 8th November 1881.
 - iii. Laurence-Edmund Parsons, born 22nd July 1883.
 - iv. John - Randal Parsons, born 27th December 1884.
 - v. A Son, born 19th October 1886.
- VI.** Hon. Charles-Algernon Parsons, born 13th June 1854; married, in 1883, Katherine, daughter of William Bethell, Esq., of Rise Park, co. York, and has issue:—
- i. Alfred Parsons.

ii. Algernon-George Parsons, born 19th October 1886.

i. Rachel - Mary Parsons, born 25th January 1885.

I. LADY ALICE PARSONS, born 20th October 1839 ; died 1st August 1847.

The Earl of Rosse "was highly distinguished for his "knowledge and practical ability in science, especially in regard "to astronomy," and his "name will for ever be identified with "the wonderful telescope he erected on his estate at Parsonstown." He died 31st October 1867 ; and Lady Rosse died 22nd July 1885, aged 72.

V.—The Right Hon. Sir Laurence Parsons [XIIG], the fourth Earl of Rosse and Baron Oxmantown, D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., of Birr Castle, Parsonstown, King's County, and of Heaton Hall, co. York, was born 17th November 1840. He married, 1st September 1870, the Hon. Frances-Cassandra, only child of Edward-William, fourth Lord Hawke, and has had issue :—

I. The Right Hon. William-Edward Parsons, Lord Oxmantown ; born 14th June 1873.

II. Hon. Geoffrey-Laurence Parsons, born 24th May 1874.

III. HON. RICHARD PARSONS, born 9th, and died 22nd June 1875.

I. Lady Muriel-Frances-Mary Parsons, born 13th November 1876.

Arms of the Earl of Rosse : Gules, three leopards' faces argent, quartering (*inter alia*) Field, Wilmer, Thwenge, Bruce, Lancaster, Helmsley, Suger, and Idle ; crest : A demi poleaxe erect gules, the point or ; supporters: two leopards argent pellettée, each gorged with a collar gules, charged with four bezants ; motto : Pro Deo et Rege.

WHITTELL AND HERBERT OF UPPER
HELMSLEY.

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“ Ung je servirai.”
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I.—**Mary-Anne Field** [XH], the elder daughter of Joshua Field, of Heaton (*see p.* 142), and of Mary [IXG] his wife, daughter and coheirress of Randall Wilmer [VIIIIG], was born 8th May 1780, and baptized the same day at the church of St. John Delpike, York. She married, at Holy Trinity, Goodramgate, York. 27th January 1802, Eugene-Thomas Whittell, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, of London, and had an only child :—

II.—**I. JOSHUA-FRANCIS WHITTELL.** *See below, III.*

Mr. Whittell was the second son of Thomas Whittell, of Chelmsford, by Anna-Maria his wife, the daughter (*query* and heirress) of Samuel Curzon, of Chelmsford, who was descended from a common ancestor with Lord Scarsdale. Arms of Samuel Curzon : Argent, on a bend sable three popinjays or, beaked, legged, and collared gules, a martlet for difference. Mr. Whittell died 21st June 1821, aged 45, and was buried in the parish church of Chelmsford. Mrs. Whittell died 26th December 1855, aged 75, and was buried 31st December following†; M.I. in Upper Helmsley church. Arms of Whittell : Gules, a chevron ermine between three talbots' heads erased or; crest : A talbot's head erased or, collared, eared, and ringed argent; a second crest was assumed by Mr. Whittell : Two arms embowed, habited argent, cuffed ermine, holding between the hands a garb proper; motto : Nil sine Deo.

III.—**Joshua-Francis Whittell** [XIH], Esq., of Upper Helmsley Hall and Westow House, the only child of Thomas-Eugene and Mary-Anne Whittell, was born 21st March,

† Par. reg. of Upper Helmsley.

“at 5 minutes past twelve o'clock,” and baptized 31st March 1805.† He married, at Fulford, near York, 8th February 1831, Phœbe, daughter of Captain Lefroy, Barrack-master at York, and niece of Mr. Serjeant Lefroy, late Chief Justice of Ireland. Arms of Lefroy : Vert, fretty of eight pieces argent, on a chief of the second a cap (allusive to the badge assumed by the party opposed to the Duke of Alva) between two wyverns gules. She was born 2nd February 1813, and had issue by Mr. Whittell :—

I. EUGENE-THOMAS-CURZON WHITTELL, Esq., Captain in the 2nd West York Light Infantry ; born 20th November 1832 ; baptized 27th November ; † died unmarried *vita patris* 4th September 1863 ; buried 11th September ; † M.I.

II. JOSHUA-FIELD WHITTELL, born 13th April 1844 ; baptized 1st May ; † died 8th July 1850 ; buried 11th July † ; M.I.

III.—I. Anna-Maria Whittell. *See below, III.*

II. HENRIETTA-PHCEBE WHITTELL, born 10th December 1835 ; baptized 3rd January 1836 ; † died 17th February 1876 ; buried at the Kensal Green Cemetery, London ; married Henry Wilkin, Esq., of No. 1, Durham Villas, Kensington, London, W., and had issue :—

i. Henry-Eugene Wilkin.

i. Delia Wilkin. ii. Hilda Wilkin.

III. Julia Whittell, born 4th March 1842 ; baptized 1st April ; † married, 17th January 1865, Robert Powell, Esq., of Turlough, co. Mayo, and now of Cloghane House, West Port, in the same county. He is the son of the late Reverend Edward Powell, and has issue :—

† Par. reg. of Upper Helmsley.

- i. Joshua Powell. ii. Robert Powell.
 i. Louisa Powell. ii. Anne Powell.
 iii. Julia Powell. iv. Henrietta-Emma
 Powell.

IV. CHARLOTTE-HARRIET WHITTELL, born 1st November 1850; baptized 7th December; † died 19th January 1851; buried 21st January; † M.I.

V. Blanche - Lefroy Whittell, born 8th September 1852; baptized 26th September; † married, 11th November 1873, † Samuel Key, Esq., of Fulford, near York, son of the Reverend Samuel Key, and has an only child:—Samuel-Whittell Key, born 20th September 1874; baptized at Fulford, 22nd October.

Mr. Whittell died 7th October 1867, and was buried 12th October; † M.I. at Upper Helmsley.

III.—**Anna-Maria Whittell** [XIII], now of Upper Helmsley Hall, the eldest daughter and coheirress of Joshua-Francis Whittell [XII], was born 30th November 1831, and baptized 3rd December. † She married, 13th April 1869, **George-Edward Herbert**, Esq., of Glan Hafren and Llanllugan, co. Montgomery, Lieutenant-Colonel in the army; formerly in the 9th Bengal Light Cavalry; J.P. for co. Montgomery; and J.P. and D.L. for the North Riding of Yorkshire. He was born 4th January 1809, baptized at Penstrowed, co. Montgomery, and was the second but eldest surviving son of the late George-Arthur Herbert, Esq., of Glan Hafren and Llanllugan, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heiress of the late Athelstan Hamer, Esq., of Glan Hafren. Colonel Herbert is of the same family as the Earls of Carnarvon and Pembroke. He has issue:—

I. Edward - Arthur - Field - Whittell Herbert;

† Par. reg. of Upper Helmsley.

born 5th November 1870; baptized 3rd December.†

II. George-Wilmer Herbert, born 13th April 1873; baptized 31st May.†

Arms of Herbert: Per pale azure and gules three lions rampant or; crest: A wyvern with its wings elevated vert, holding in its mouth a sinister hand couped at the wrist gules; motto: *Ung je servirai*. Colonel Herbert bears the arms of Whittell on a shield of pretence.

† Par. reg. of Upper Helmsley.






CHAPTER XII.

WILMER OF STRATFORD-LE-BOW, BROMLEY ST.
LEONARD'S, STIFFORD, AND BARKING.

"It is asserted after much reflection, that there is scarcely an important fact in the annals of this country but either had its origin, or became intimately involved in a point of genealogy."—SIR N. H. NICOLAS, *Memoir of Vincent*, p. 4.

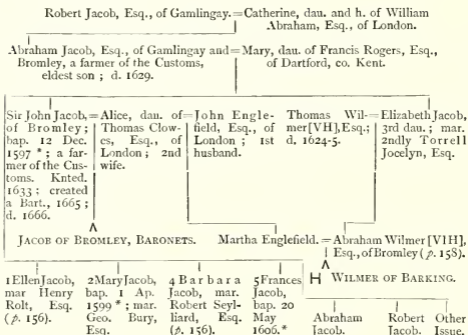
ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES DISPLAYED OR; A CRESCENT, AND THEREON A MULLET, FOR DIFFERENCE.

Æ.  Thomas Wilmer [VH], Esq., J.P., of Stratford-le-Bow and Bromley St. Leonard's in Middlesex, and Stifford in Essex, a farmer of the Customs¹, was the third and youngest son of George Wilmer [IVC], of West Ham, and Susan his first wife (*see p. 92*). He was born in the parish of St. Mary, Aldermanbury, London, and was baptized there 4th March 1589-90. On the 14th of March 1615-16, a certain Thomas Willmer, aged 24, son of Willmer, Esq., of Essex, matriculated at Christ Church College, Oxford. He married about 1615² Elizabeth, third daughter of Abraham Jacob, Esq., of Gamlingay, co.

1. Harl. MS. 1551, fo. 84.

2. The marriage settlement was dated 10th May 1615.

Cambridge, and Bromley St. Leonard's, co. Middlesex, as the following pedigree³ will show:—



Arms of Jacob: Quarterly, 1st, Argent, a chevron gules between three heraldic tigers' heads erased proper; 2nd, Argent, three boars passant sable; 3rd, Sable, a bend engrailed between six billets argent; 4th, Gules, three covered cups or.

Thomas and Elizabeth Wilmer had issue:—

☞☞.—I. ABRAHAM WILMER. *See below*, ☞☞.

II. THOMAS WILMER, aged four years in February 1624-5. A Mr. Thomas Willmer, Gent. and Theologian, was buried at Bromley, 17th September 1650⁴.

III. JACOB WILMER, baptized at Stifford, 17th February 1620-1⁵. A Jacob Wilmer of Bromley, co. Middlesex, and Mary Edwards of Stratton (*query*

³ *History of the Families of Jacob*, by A. H. Jacob, Esq., M.D., and J. H. Glascott, Esq.

* Par. reg. of Gamlingay.

⁴ Lysons' *Environs of London*, 1st ed.

⁵ Par. reg. of Stifford, privately printed by F. A. Crisp, Esq.

Stratford) Bowe were married at St. Dionis Backchurch, London, 10th November 1664.

I. MARY WILMER, baptized at Stifford, 25th September 1623⁵.

Elizabeth Wilmer, who, in 1625, was living at Stratford-le-Bow, married secondly, early⁴ in 1633, Torrell Jocelyne, Esq., of Holywell, co. Huntingdon, a widower, aged 40. She was then aged thirty-six, and was living in 1652⁶. The licence for the marriage was dated 26th February 1632-3, and authorized the marriage to be solemnized at Stepney⁷. It seems probable that Torrell Jocelyne was descended from Henry Jocelyne (fourth son of Sir Thomas Jocelyne, Knt., of High Roothing, co. Essex), who married Anne, daughter and coheirss of Humphrey (*query* Henry) Torrell⁸.

By an Indenture, made 7th February 1614-15, Thomas Wilmer purchased of Thomas Warr, Esq., of the Middle Temple, London, and William Whitmore, Esq., of London, land, etc., in Trinitie Marshe at Billinges Corner, land near Stampittes called Algors pightell', and land at or in Hookefeild', Podeslane, Ducksclay Manigate, Le Hope *juxta* Tameswell', and Barliemouth, all which premises were parcel of the manor of West Ham⁹.

Thomas Wilmer died 17th February 1624-5¹⁰, seized of land in East Ham and West Ham, and of the rectory of the parish church of Bromley. His funeral certificate, which is preserved in the College of Arms, is as follows:—

Mr. Thomas Wulmere of Stratford Bowe in the County of Midd. Gent departed this mortall life the 15 day of February 1624 and was buried in the parish Church of West Ham¹¹ in the County of Essex. He married Elizabeth eldest daughter of Abraham Jacob of London

5 Par. reg. of Stifford, privately printed by F. A. Crisp, Esq.

6 Close R., A.D. 1652, pt. 26 (1).

7 Mar. Lic. Fac. Off.

8 Visit. Essex, 1558 and 1612; Harl. Soc. Publ. xiii.

9 Close R., 12 Jac. I., pt. 34.

10 His funeral certificate states that he died 15th Feb. 1624-5.

11 There was formerly a monument to his memory, according to Salmon's *Essex*, p. 14.

Esquier by whom he had yssue 3 sonnes and one daughter Abraham Wulmere eldist sonne of the age of vj yeares. Thomas 2^d sonne of the age of 4 yeares and Jacob of the age of 3 yeares, and Mary only daughter of the age of one yeare at their father's death.

His will was dated 18th July 1624, and, with a codicil, was proved 15th May 1626¹². He desires "to be buried according "to the laudable custome of the church of England, two yardes "in the grounde, in a coffin of stone by the wall of the church," and appoints his "brothers Silyer^{12a} and Rolte" to be the overseers of his will. "In the time of his last sicknesse whereof "he died" he bequeathed "to all his brothers and sisters as well "of his owne alliance and kindred as of his wife's, and unto all "his uncles and aunts (and unto all his said brothers and sisters' "children) 10s. each to buy them rings in remembrance of him."

His inquisition *post mortem* was as follows :—

" ESSEX.

" INQUISITION INDENTED taken at Stratford Langthorne in the afores^d County of Essex on the 24th day of May in the first year of the reign of our Lord Charles, etc., after the death of Thomas Willmer, Gent., deceased, by the oath, etc.

" Which Jurors * say upon their oath aforesaid That the afores^d Thomas Willmer in the afores^d writ named, etc., was seized in his lordship as of fee of and in 90½ acres of land, meadow, pasture, and fresh marsh, with the appurt^s. And of and in one parcel of land and pasture called Colmanshire All and singular which premises lie and are under the lordship and Manor of Westh^am in Westham in the s^d county of Essex, and were lately parcel of the same manor, and were once in the occupation of Hamlett Shawe and afterwards in the occupation of Thomas Blgrave, Esq., or his assigns, and lately in the occupation of the afores^d Thomas Willmer, etc.

" And the afores^d Thomas Willmer, etc., on the tenth day of May in the 13th year of the reign of our Lord James, etc., by a certain Indenture bearing date the same day and year, etc., made, etc., For and in consideration of a certain Marriage to be held and solemnized between the afores^d Thomas Willmer in the afores^d writ named and Elizabeth Jacob, daughter of Abraham Jacob, And for and in

12. P. C. C. 77 Hele.

| 12a. *I. e.* Seylliard (*see p.* 154).

consideration of the sum of 1,000*l.*, etc., by the afores^d Abraham Jacob paid on hand as a fitting jointure for the s^d Elizabeth, etc., Covenanted and granted, etc., to and with the s^d Abraham Jacob, etc., That he the afores^d Thomas Willmer [and others] would stand and be seized of and in all and singular the premises afores^d, etc., to the behoof and use of the s^d Thomas Willmer in the afores^d writ named and of the s^d Elizabeth and the heirs of the same Thomas Willmer for ever, etc. The afores^d Thomas Willmer in the afores^d writ named and the afores^d Elizabeth his wife were seized of all and singular the afores^d premises, etc., to themselves and the heirs of the afores^d Thomas Willmer for ever.

“And further, etc., they say That the afores^d Thomas Willmer in the afores^d writ named on the day on which he died was seized in his lordship as of fee of and in a certain fresh marsh containing 43 acres situate, etc., in East^m marshe, etc., lately in the tenure or occupation of a certain Edward Kyscuppe, etc. And also of and in a certain parcel of land, with the appurt^s, called le Shore or Shores, lying near the s^d marsh. And of and in the appropriated Rectory of the parish Church of Bromley St. Leonard’s in the County of Middlesex, etc. And of and in two parcels of land and marsh lying in West^m afores^d, whereof one piece contains 2 acres, And the other piece contains 4 acres. And * they say That the afores^d Thomas Willmer in the afores^d writ named, etc., on the 17th day of February last past before the taking of this Inquisition concerning his circumstances thus died thereof seized And that the s^d Elizabeth his wite survived him, etc., and is up to the present time thereof seized in her lordship as of a free tenement for the term of her life, with Reversion expectant thereafter to Abraham Willmer, son and heir of the s^d Thomas Willmer, and his heirs And that the s^d Abraham Willmer is the son and next heir of the afores^d Thomas Willmer in the afores^d writ named, and at the time of the death of the s^d Thomas was, etc., on the fifth day of October last past, etc., of the age of six years And that the afores^d Elizabeth, late wife of the afores^d Thomas, etc., on the day of the taking of this Inquisition, is living, etc., at Stratford Bowe in the county of Middlesex, etc.

“The premises situate and lying under the Manor of West^m and lately parcel of the same manor are held of the s^d Lord King now [reigning], etc., as of his Manor of East Greenwich by fealty in free and common socage and not in chief or by military service And they are worth by the year in all their issues beyond reprises 1*s.*

“And that the afores^d marsh containing 43 acres lying, etc., in

East^m marshe afores^d and the s^d parcels of land, etc., called Le Shore, etc., are held of the s^d Lord King, etc., in chief by military service by the 50th part of one knight's fee And they are worth by the year, etc., xxxs. And that the afores^d Rectory, etc., is held of the s^d Lord King, etc., as of his manor of Eastgreenewich by fealty only in free and common Socage and not in chief nor by military service And it is worth by the year, etc., xiijs. iiij^d.

“ And that the afores^d piece of land and marsh lying in West^m afores^d, containing 2 acres, is held, etc., of William Curteene, knt., as of his manor of Brettes in West^m afores^d by free and common socage but by what rent the Jurors afores^d are ignorant. And it is worth by the year, etc., iij^s. iiij^d.

“ And that the other piece, etc., is held of the present Lord King Charles, etc., as of his manor of West^m afores^d in free socage but by what rent the Jurors afores^d are ignorant And it is worth by the year, etc., vjs. viij^d., etc. In Witness whereof, etc.” [Inquisition *post mortem*, 1 Charles I., part 2, no. 112.]

II.—**Abraham Wilmer** [VIH], Esq., of Stratford-le-Bow and Bromley St. Leonard's, a farmer of the Customs, was born 5th October 1618, and married at St. Dionis Backchurch, London, 1st November 1647, Martha, daughter of John Englefield, Merchant, of the city of London. The marriage licence was dated 8th October 1647¹³. Martha Englefield was at that time seventeen years of age, and her parents were both dead (*see ped. p.* 154). Abraham and Martha had issue:—

- I. JOHN WILMER, baptized 24th May 1649[†]; living in 1673, for in that year a Fine was passed of marsh land in West Ham, Abraham Wilmer and Martha his wife and John Wilmer being the deforciant¹⁴.

III.—**II. ABRAHAM WILMER.** *See below, III.*

- III. THOMAS WILMER, baptized 12th May 1654[†]
There is a will, dated 28th August 1708, and proved 1st December 1708¹⁵, of a Thomas

13. Mar. Lic. B.L.

† Par. reg. of St. Margaret's, Bromley St. Leonard's.

14. Feet of Fines, Essex, Trin. 25 Car. II.

15. P. C. C. 299 Barrett.

Wilmer, Citizen and Lorimer (*i.e.* Saddler), of London, in which the testator names his wife Jane, whom he appoints executrix; and his sisters, Elizabeth Sawkins, wife of John Sawkins; Mary Bevinton, wife of James Bevinton; and Ann Allen, wife of John Allen.

IV. HENRY WILMER, baptized 11th May 1656.†

V. JACOB WILMER, baptized 18th February 1659-60.†

VI. JACOB WILMER, baptized . . . March¹⁶ 1665-6.†

VII. ROBERT WILMER, baptized 27th April 1669.†

I. MARY WILMER, baptized August 1650.† James Bevinton and a certain Mary Wilmer were married 26th December 1692.‡

II. ELIZABETH WILMER, baptized 6th October 1652.†

III. ELIZABETH WILMER, baptized 9th August 1661.†

IV. *Anne Wilmer, buried 18th June 1709*¹⁷.‡

Abraham Wilmer was patron of the living and rector of Bromley St. Leonard's in 1650, B. Spicer being the minister⁴.

“ This Indenture made the second day of November in the year of our Lord 1657 Betweene Sir John Jacob of St. Leonard Bromley in the County of Midds Knt. & Abraham Jacob son and heire apparent of the said Sir John of the one pte Robert Jacob of St. Leonard Bromley aforesaid Esq. & Abraham Willmer of the same Esq. of the oer pte Witnesseth that the said Sir John Jacob and Abraham Jacob * for foure hundred pounds * doe fullye cleerly and absolutely give graunte b̄gaine sell alien enfeoffe & confirme unto the said Robert Jacob & Abraham Wilmer their heires &c. for ever * All that message or Mançon House * in the parish of St. Leonard Bromley with all

† Par. reg. of St. Margaret's, Bromley St. Leonard's.

¹⁶ The day of the month is illegible, but the entry occurs before one dated 11th Mar.

‡ Par. reg. of Allhallows, Barking.

¹⁷ Proof is wanting where italics are used.

⁴ Lyson's *Environs of London*, 1st ed.

yards gardens &c. All which premises are now in the tenure or occupaçon of The said Robert Jacob * To have & to hold unto the said Robert Jacob and Abraham Willmer their heirs & assigns for ever, &c. [Close Roll, A.D. 1657, part 19. 8.]

After the Civil War, Sir John Jacob was obliged to sell or mortgage a great part of his estates in order to meet his liabilities, which were heavy, and were incurred in faithfully supporting his royal master. The manor of Bromley passed from the Wilmers "to the Roberts family, and afterwards to George Johnstone, Esq., and James Humphries, Esq., who owned it jointly in 1808. The manor house, a large brick edifice built by Sir John Jacob in the reign of Charles I., was taken down by "them, and the site occupied by cottages³."

Abraham and Martha Wilmer were both living in 1673¹⁴. It is said that Abraham Wilmer made his will in 1650, but we have been unable to find it.

III.—Abraham Wilmer [VIII], Gent., of Stratford-le-Bow, and of Great Ilford, a chapelry in the parish of Barking, second son of Abraham Wilmer [VIH], was baptized 2nd October 1651.† He married, about August 1672, Elizabeth Thurgood or Thoroughgood, of Stratford-le-Bow, who was then about seventeen years of age. The licence authorizing the marriage to be solemnized at Allhallows, Barking¹⁸, was dated 27th August 1672¹⁹. They had issue²⁰:—

IV.—I. ABRAHAM WILMER. *See below, IV.*

II. CHARLES WILMER²¹, buried 18th December 1687.‡

III. SAMUEL WILMER²¹, buried 22nd April 1690.‡

3. *History of the Families of Jacob*, by A. H. Jacob, Esq., M.D., and J. H. Glascott, Esq.

14. Feet of Fines, Essex, Trin. 25 Car. II.

† Par. reg. of St. Margaret's, Bromley St. Leonard's.

18. The marriage was not registered at Barking.

19. Mar. Lic. Vic.-Gen. A. C.

20. The order of the births of the children is uncertain, but that in the text must be nearly correct.

21. Charles and Samuel Wilmer were the sons either of Abraham Wilmer [VIH], or of Abraham Wilmer [VIII]; but more probably of the latter.

‡ Par. reg. of Allhallows, Barking.

- IV. JACOB WILMER, Esq., of Barking, living in 1732 ; *letters of administration of his goods granted to his niece Anne, the wife of William Raven, 11th July 1749*²².
- V. JOHN WILMER, of the City of London, Mariner, baptized 20th February 1700-1[†] ; will dated 27th November 1726, and proved 6th November 1728²³; in it he mentions his very good friend, Captain Edward Arnold, Gent., of London ; his niece, Sarah Arnold ; and his cousin, Walter West.
- VI. SAMUEL WILMER, under twenty - two years in 1709. A Mr. Samuel Wilmer was buried at Allhallows, Barking, 7th April 1717.[‡]
- I. ELIZABETH WILMER, of Bromley St. Leonard's, and of the parish of St. Mary, Islington, co. Middlesex, died 4th October 1738, aged 54 ; will dated 14th September 1732 ; and proved 17th November 1738²⁴ ; buried at St. Mary's, Islington, where there is the following inscription :—

ELIZABETH WILLMER OF THIS PARISH SPINSTER DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM WILLMER OF GREAT ILFORD CO. ESSEX, DIED 4 OCT. 1738, AGED 54. ALSO WALTER GEORGE RAVEN OF THIS PARISH UPHOLDER DIED APRIL 13. 1768, AGED 23. WILLIAM RAVEN CITIZEN AND STATIONER DIED 9 AUG. 1773, AGED 53.

- II. SARAH WILMER, married, prior to 1709, John Shore, Esq., of Mansell Street, in the parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, London, elder son and heir of Sir John Shore²⁵, Knight, M.D., of Derby, and had issue :—

- i. THOMAS SHORE, Esq., of Malton, co. Suffolk, who married Dorothy Shepperd, and died in 1759, leaving an elder son :—

22. P.C.C.

‡ Par. reg. of Allhallows, Barking

23. P.C.C. 338 Brook.

24. P.C.C. 277 Brodrepp.

25. See Burke's *Peerage*, article *Tcignmouth*.

JOHN SHORE, Esq., born 5th October 1751; succeeded Lord Cornwallis as Governor-General of India in 1792, in which year he was made a Baronet; and on the 24th of October 1797, was created Baron Teignmouth in the Peerage of Ireland. He married, 14th February 1786, Charlotte, only daughter of James Cornish, Esq., of Teignmouth, and dying 14th February 1834, was succeeded by his eldest son, SIR CHARLES-JOHN SHORE, 2nd Baron, who died 18th September 1885, and was succeeded by his eldest son, the present Sir Charles-John Shore, 3rd Lord Teignmouth.

- i. ELIZABETH SHORE, married Henry Wall.
- ii. SARAH SHORE, married first Edward Arnold, Captain in the naval service of the Hon. East India Company; and secondly Smith.

John Shore died in October 1741; will dated 20th March 1735. Sarah Shore died in 1736. They were both buried at Holy Trinity, Minorities, London²⁶. Arms of Shore: Argent, a chevron sable between three holly-leaves vert; crest: A stork proper, beaked and legged sable, holding in the dexter claw a mullet.

- III. HANNAH WILMER, married, prior to 1709, Henry Godwin²⁶, and had a son, HENRY GODWIN, of Camberwell, co. Surrey, who lived to the age of

26. Francis Townsend's Pedigrees, ix. pp. 133-5, College of Arms.

seventy years and upwards. Hannah Godwin was living in 1726.

IV. MARY WILMER, living in 1726.

V. ANNE WILMER, died 16th October 1709, aged 19 years, and was buried 20th October, in Barking church; M.I.

Abraham Wilmer died 26th February 1709-10, and was buried 3rd March, in Barking church, near the chancel-arch, where there is the following inscription to his memory, with the arms of Wilmer and a motto:—

HERE LIETH THE BODY OF ABRAHAM WILMER, GENT. OF THIS PARISH WHO DIED 26TH FEB^Y 1710, AGED 59 YEARS.

ALSO THE BODY OF MISS ANNE WILMER, HIS DAUGHTER, WHO DIED 16TH OCT^R 1709, AGED 19 YEARS.

RESURGEMUS.

AND ALSO THE BODY OF MRS. ANN WILMER, SEN^R. OB^T 28TH SEPT^R 1711.

ASPIRE RESPIRE PROSPIRE.

Abraham Wilmer's will was dated 20th January 1709-10, and proved 6th July 1710²⁷. He bequeaths his mansion house at Great Ilford and all his other lands to his wife for so long as she shall continue a widow; and appoints as executors Sir Nicholas Garrard, Bart., of Greenstreet, a hamlet in the parish of East Ham, and John Lethieullier, of Aldersbrook, in the parish of Little Ilford. He names his children, and mentions his seven grandchildren. He desires to be buried in the parish church of Barking, and only his children and near relations (and six friends to hold his pall) to attend his funeral. Elizabeth Wilmer survived her husband. Her will was dated 31st July 1711, and proved 7th February 1711-12²⁸. The following directions for her funeral are a significant contrast to those of her husband for his:—

“ My body to be buried in the same grave where my late dear husband lies, and my * wish is that the grave shall not afterwards be

27. P.C.C. 173 Smith.

| 28. P.C.C. 41 Barnes.

opened nor the stone removed. My pall shall be held by six neighbouring gentlemen, each to have a hat band scarf gloves and ten shillings for a ring. All who attend my funeral to have a ten shilling ring, as it is my desire to be handsomely attended to my grave by my neighbours. Mr. Watts to be my undertaker. Mr. Chesnell the minister to preach my funeral sermon and to have a handsome new gown hat and scarf."

After naming her children, she mentions her sister, Sarah Thoroughgood; her sister, Martha Cawson; her brother and sister Bury; her uncle, Jacob Haislebourne; her Aunt Haine; and her cousins, Hannah Heron, John Bartholomew, Frances Rubelon, and Walter West. She bequeaths her plate as follows:—

"To my son, Abraham Wilmer, my great silver Salver and a dozen of silver forks. To my daughter, Elisth Wilmer, my silver Coffee pot and lamp and one pair of silver Candlesticks and snuffers. To my son, Jacob Wilmer, my great plain silver Tankard, and my middle silver Salver without any coat of Arms thereon, and my great silver porringer. To my daughter, Sarah Shores, my great silver salt and large silver plate. To my daughter, Hannah Godwin, my middle silver Tankard and my little silver salver. To my son, John Wilmer, my three silver Castors and a dozen of silver spoons, at his age of 21."

IV. - **Abraham Wilmer** [VIIIH], Gent., of Stratford-le-Bow, and Great Ilford, the eldest son of Abraham Wilmer [VIIH], married, before 1709, Mary Roblin, and had issue²⁰:—

- I. ABRAHAM WILMER, buried 21st July 1704.‡
- II. NABAL WILMER, living in 1722; not named in his mother's will.
- III. *Jacob Wilmer, buried 4th July 1715*¹⁷.
- IV. ABRAHAM WILMER, a minor in 1729. Under his mother's will, he inherited all her freehold estates, and a moiety of the manor of Stepney, her copyhold estate.

20. The order of the births of the children is uncertain, but that in the text must be nearly correct.

‡ Par. reg. of Allhallows, Barking.
17. Proof is wanting where italics are used.

- V. GEORGE-JACOB WILMER, of St. Mary's, Islington, co. Middlesex, a minor in 1729; called *Jacob* in his father's will; inherited a moiety of the copyhold manor of Stepney under his mother's will. He married Elizabeth _____, who survived him, and was the executrix of his will, which was dated 9th April 1745, and proved 6th June 1748²⁹.
- I. ARABELLA WILMER, buried 23rd October 1704.‡
- II. A DAUGHTER, buried 14th November 1704.‡
- III. MARY WILMER, a minor in 1729; living in 1732.
- IV. ELIZABETH WILMER, a minor in 1729; living in 1732; *residing at George Turville's in Tooley Street, Southwark; will dated 4th April 1766, and proved 12th July 1766*³⁰. *She desires "to lye "under St. John's Church Southwark by Mrs. "Turville and her children in a plain coffin with "only her name in nails"; and names her sister, Anne Raven, and her cousin, Anne Wilmer, the widow of John Wilmer.*
- V. BARBARA WILMER, a minor in 1729; living in 1732.
- VI. ANNE WILMER, a minor in 1729; living in 1732; *married, subsequently to 1732, William Raven, Citizen and Stationer, of London, who died 9th August 1773, aged fifty-three years, and was buried at St. Mary's, Islington; M.I. They seem to have had a son, WALTER-GEORGE RAVEN, Upholder (i.e., Undertaker), of the parish of St. Mary, Islington, who died 13th April 1768, aged*

29. P.C.C. 197 Strahan.

‡ Par. reg. of Allhallows, Barking.

17. Proof is wanting where italics are used.

30. P.C.C. 289 Tyndall.

twenty-three years, and was buried in the churchyard of that parish. Mrs. Raven was administratrix of the effects of her uncle, Jacob Wilmer, in 1749 (see p. 161).

The will of Abraham Wilmer was dated 8th September 1722, and proved 26th January 1724-5³¹. By this will, which was "obliged to be short and bad writ by reason of the gout in *his hands,*" he left all his estates, real and personal, to Mary Roblin *alias* Wilmer, his wife, for life ; and appointed his cousin, Walter West, and his brother, Jacob Wilmer, trustees for his children. Mrs. Wilmer's will, in which she is described as of Bromley-by-Bow, co. Middlesex, was dated 11th September 1729, and proved 15th March 1731-2³².

31. P.C.C. 23 Romney.

| 32. P.C.C. 86 Bedford.






CHAPTER XIII.

WILMER OF SHREWLEY AND STRATFORD-
LE-BOW.

*“Whoever thinks a faultless piece to see,
Thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er shall be ;
In every book regard the writer's end,
Since none can compass more than they intend.”*

ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES DISPLAYED
OR ; A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE.

Æ.—ohn Wilmer [IVK], Esq., of Shrewley, a
chapelry in the parish of Hatton, four miles
north-west from Warwick, was a son of
Wilmer [IIC], and Hills,
his wife (*see p. 91*). By his first wife, of whose name we are
ignorant, he had issue:—

ÆÆ.—I. CLEMENT WILMER. *See below*, ÆÆ.

II. GEORGE WILMER, Esq., of Stratford-le-Bow,
born 29th September 1580 ; baptized at Haseley
or Hatton' the same day. In 1608 he sold
certain premises in Royston, co. Cambridge, to

1. The parish churches of Haseley
and Hatton lie within a stone's cast of
one another. At one time the same

register seems to have been used for
both parishes.

his cousin-german, George Wilmer [VE], of the Middle Temple, London (*see p.* 116). He had a son, whose baptism is recorded in the register of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow :—" George Wilmar "sonne of George Wilmar gent. Soierninge att "Mr. Clemt. Wilmar was baptized the 9th day of "March" 1605-6.†

An inquisition was taken "at St. Margaret "Hall in le Sessions Hall in the borough of "Southwark," 1st December 1630, after the death of George Wilmer, who was found to have died 6th May 1626, seized as of fee of six messuages in the parish of St. Saviour, Southwark, and to have left a son and heir, George Wilmer, who was of the age of twenty years at the time of his father's death. Shortly afterwards another inquisition was taken upon a writ of *Melius Inquirendum* concerning the tenure of the six messuages above-mentioned, and was returned with the endorsement *Juratores Ignorant* 2.

I. KATHERINE WILMER, born 26th April 1579, and baptized at Haseley or Hatton¹ the same day.

It is a noteworthy fact that these three children were christened with the names of their father's second wife, and of her father and mother and grandfather and grandmother. This would seem to point to a considerable degree of intimacy with the Throckmortons, who dwelt at Haseley in the immediate neighbourhood of Shrewley. A certain Agnes Wilmer, of Shrewley, was buried at Haseley or Hatton¹, 24th February 1602-3. She was perhaps a daughter, or possibly the first wife, of John Wilmer.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

1. The parish churches of Haseley and Hatton lie within a stone's cast of one another. At one time the same

register seems to have been used for both parishes.

2. *Ing. post mortem*, 8 Car. I., pt. 3, no. 10.

Between the years 1603 and 1613 John Wilmer married secondly (as her third husband) Katherine, daughter of Clement Throckmorton, Esq., of Haseley, by whom he appears to have had no issue. This lady's double descent from Edward III. is shown in the pedigree at page 37. She had married first (as his third wife) Thomas Harby³, Esq., of Adston, co. Northampton, eldest son of William Harby, of Adston, by Emma his wife, daughter of William Wilmer⁴, of Ashby, in the same county. Thomas Harby died 3rd May 1592, leaving issue by Katherine his wife (*inter alios*) Sir Job Harby, Knt., of London, and of Aldenham, co. Hertford, who was created a Baronet in 1660s. Katherine Throckmorton's second husband was George Dryden, Esq., of Adston, who made his will 12th February 1602-3. Arms of Throckmorton: Gules, on a chevron argent three bars gemelles sable, with a mullet for difference. The following extracts are taken from a Bill filed in the Court of Chancery:—

“20th June 1613. Your orator John Willmere of Shrowley in the Co. of Warwick, gent, and Katherine his wife, late the wife of George Dryden of Adson in the Co. of Northampton, gent.

“Whereas the said George Dryden was seized of divers messuages, lands, etc., in Adson to the yearly value of £120 and held the same by a socage tenure, and was also possessed of goods, etc., to the value of £1000.

“The said George Dryden 12 Feb. 45 Elizabeth did make his Will.

“Your said orator Katheryne had in jointure lands, etc., worth £160 per annum which were conveyed unto her by one Thomas Harbye, Esq^{re}, her former husband.

“Thomas Dryden of Rame in the Co. of Devon, gent, brother to the said George he made Executor of his said Will, and to whom he divided all his said messuages, etc., and whom he trusted to write the same Will and set down an annuity of £40 per annum to her to be issuing from the said messuages, which the same Thomas neglected to do.

“One Erasmus Dryden of Canons Ashbie in the Co. of Northampton, Esquire, was brother unto the said Thomas Dryden, etc.” [Chan. Pro., James I., W. 22. 32, *Willmere v. Dryden.*]

3. *Baker*, ii. p. 19.

4. It is uncertain who this William Wilmer was.

5. *Burke's Extinct Baronetcies.*

John Wilmer was the executor of the will of his brother George in 1593-4 (*see p.* 96). He was buried at Haseley or Hatton¹, 23rd April 1624, and his wife was buried there 3rd November 1622.

II.—**Clement Wilmer** [VK], Esq., of Stratford-le-Bow, the elder son of John Wilmer [IVK] by his first wife, was one of the witnesses of the will of his uncle, George Wilmer, of West Ham in 1593-4. He married first, 7th June 1597†, Elizabeth Gowge, and had issue:—

III.—**I. JOHN WILMER.** *See below, III.*

I. ELIZABETH WILMER, baptized 10th September 1598†; married Robert Rookes, Esq., of West Ham, and had a son, **ROBERT ROOKES**, who was living 27th March 1638. Robert Rookes, the elder, died before June 1632, for on the 9th day of that month the case of Pollard *versus* Wilmer was heard in the Court of Chancery, wherein Thomas Pollard, of West Ham, the executor of the will of Robert Rookes deceased, sued John Wilmer, brother-in-law of Rookes, concerning a bond and debts. Wilmer, however, denied that he owed to Robert Rookes any money⁶.

II. HANNAH WILMER, baptized 12th July 1601.†

Elizabeth Wilmer “died in child bed & was Buried in ye “middell allie under the great stone next beneath the cross “stone upon the 18th day of September” 1603†. Clement Wilmer married secondly Mary _____, and had issue:—

I. CLEMENT WILMER, baptized 13th November 1608.†

II. ANTHONY WILMER, baptized 27th February 1613-14.† By an Indenture, dated 1st December

1. The parish churches of Haseley and Hatton lie within a stone's cast of one another, and the registers of both parishes for this period were entered in one book at Hatton. Haseley has a copy

of its own register, but we were unable to refer to it.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

6. Chan. Pro., Car. I., PP. 5.60.

1653, Thomas Baker and a certain Anthony Wilmer, Gentlemen, of London, sold to Thomas Blount, Esq., of Writtlemarsh, co. Kent, pasture land called "Balls Meade otherwise Kings "Quillets," in the parish of Kidbrooke, co. Kent. The said premises had formerly been in the possession of the Crown, and were sold to Baker and Wilmer by an Indenture of Sale, dated 25th October 1653⁷.

- I. SARAH WILMER, baptized 22nd September 1605.†
 II. HESTER WILMER, baptized 17th February 1610-11.†

In 1622 Clement Wilmer and Mary his wife sold to William Wright, Esq., land, etc., in East Ham, which was held of the King *in capite*⁸.

III.—John Wilmer [VIK], Gent., eldest son of Clement Wilmer [VK], was baptized 27th January 1599-1600.† He addressed a petition to the King, dated the 27th March 1638, in which he stated that he owed to the king 1000*l.*, and that he had an *extent* against his nephew, Robert Rookes, for 700*l.* upon his house and land. The said house and land lay in Sir Robert Quarle's Walk, near Havering, in the Forest of Essex, and were before time called the Purlieus, wherein divers of the King's red deer resorted. Wilmer prayed that Rookes might be ordered to sell these premises to him, so that he might be enabled to pay his debt to the King, and to preserve the King's deer as he had formerly done⁹.

It is stated that the will of a John Wilmer, of Shrewley, was dated or proved in 1684, but we have not been able to find it.

7. Close R., A.D. 1654, pt. 1 (45).

† Par. reg. of St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow.

8. Pat. R., 20 Jac. I., pt. 17 (44); Feet of Fines, Essex, Mic. 20 Jac. I.

9. State Papers, Domestic Series.




CHAPTER XIV.

WILMER OF NORTHILL, LONDON, EALING,
STOKE NEWINGTON, AND SUSSEX; AND THE
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ARMS: GULES, A CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES DISPLAYED
OR, WITH A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE.

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1611-1655, appears to have graduated at
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whom, Andrew Wilmer (*see p.* 104), in his will, dated 1624,
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his four eldest sons. John Wilmer had issue:—

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lmer (*p.* 185), *a quo*
kett, Peirie, and Willett
(*pp.* 185-9).

don and Ealing ; d. 1753.

Gurnell [LX R] = Samuel Hoare, of
London ; d. 1796.

R] Margaret Hoare mar.
Joseph Woods. =

See *pp.* 268-275.

Sarah Hoare mar.
Thomas Bradshaw. =

See *pp.* 275-281.



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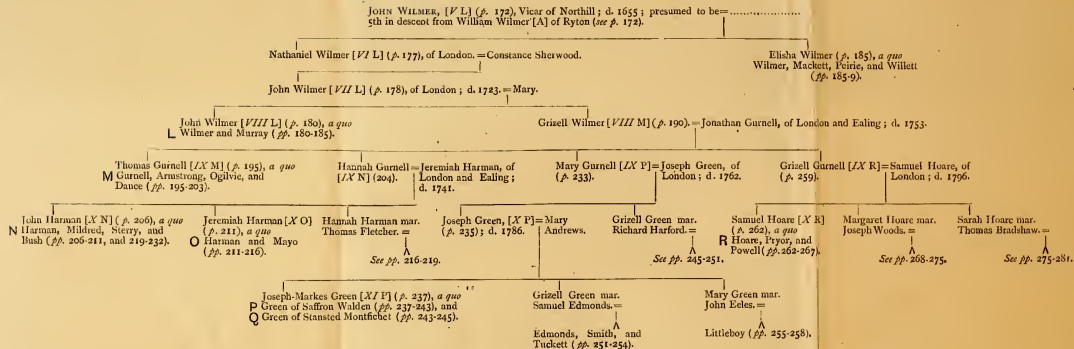
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KEY PEDIGREE B.



* *. The capital letters in thick type correspond to similar letters in the text.

I. JOHN WILMER, Clerk in Holy Orders, baptized 20th March 1613-14¹; of Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1635, M.A. 1639; presented to the vicarage of Hitchin 21st December 1643, on the presentation of that college². He vacated this living in the following year. It is probable that he was identical with a John Wilmer who was presented to the rectory of Blunham, co. Bedford, about 1646, and buried there 4th November 1650, administration of his goods being granted to his relict, Mary Wilmer, 16th November 1650³. Mary Wilmer, of Blunham, widow, is stated in an Indenture, dated 20th June 1651, to have been the daughter of Henry Lered, late of Acton, co. Middlesex, Yeoman.* John Wilmer, of whom we are treating, had a daughter, MARY WILMER, who was living in 1660; and we find that Mary Wilmer, daughter of John Wilmer, "Person of Blunham," was baptized there 6th August 1646.

II. ANDREW WILMER, baptized 15th December 1616¹; of Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1639, M.A. 1643.

III.—III. NATHANIEL WILMER. *See below, III.*

IV. SAMUEL WILMER, Clerk in Holy Orders, baptized 5th or 6th October 1623¹; of Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1644, M.A. 1648; appointed Rector of Clapham, co. Sussex, soon afterwards. On the 28th of December 1653, his parishioners and the inhabitants of adjacent parishes addressed a petition to Cromwell and

1. Bishop's Transcripts of the par. reg. of Northill, in the registry at Bedford.

2. Cussans's *Hertfordshire*, parts 7 & 8, p. 161.

3. P.C.C.

* Close R., A.D. 1651, pt. 7 (39).

his Council, in which they say that "Samuel
"Wilmer their pastor, has been zealous in
"gathering the scattered saints into one body to
"enjoy the gospel ordinances, but he is over-
"whelmed with incidental charges, has been at
"great charge in repairs, paid first-fruits, arrears
"to Magdalen College, Oxford, and a yearly
"rent, so that he can hardly maintain a large
"family, yet is tender of being a burden to them.
"Beg that as Mr. Whetstone, minister of
"Patching, only half a mile distant, is dead, the
"rectories may be united, and bestowed on Mr.
"Wilmer." This petition had 52 signatures, and
to it was appended a certificate of five ministers
in favour of Mr. Wilmer. There was also a
similar petition of even date by certain inhabit-
ants of Patching, advocating the union of the two
parishes, "as it was the last request of their dying
"pastor, and the words of dying men are remark-
"able, and also as the living is of very small value."
On the 28th of December, the Council wrote to the
Justices of the Peace near Clapham, saying that
his Highness wished to encourage Wilmer on
account of his zeal and piety, and asking
whether the union would be convenient. The
reply of the Justices must have been in the affirma-
tive, for an order to unite the two parishes for
Mr. Wilmer was approved by the Council, 3rd
February 1653-4^t. Samuel Wilmer did not long
enjoy the possession of the livings, for he was
ejected from them in 1662, and imprisoned for
refusing to comply with the Act of Uniformity.
Calamy, speaking of him in the *Ejected Ministers*,
says that he was "one of a strong constitution of

4. State Papers, Domestic Series, A.D. 1653-4.

“body, and great presence of mind. He was “unduly imprisoned by one justice, and bailed “out by another ; upon which, to avoid the “danger of the 5-mile-act, he removed to “Havant in Hampshire, where he died Oct. 7, 1671, “aged 46. It is thought that his troubles shortened “his days.” His will was dated 14th September 1670, and proved 12th July 1671⁵, by his children, Samuel and Mary, the executors. He names his wife Mary, and his brother, John Baxhill. By Mary, his wife, he left issue :—

- i. SAMUEL WILMER, living in 1671.
- ii. ANDREW WILMER, a minor in 1670.
- iii. ISAAC WILMER, a minor in 1670. Administration of the goods of a certain Isaac Wilmer, of the Merchant Ship *Pompey*, Widower, was granted to his son, Isaac Wilmer, 10th July 1717³.
- iv. JOHN WILMER, a minor in 1670.
 - i. MARY WILMER, living in 1671.
 - ii. MARTHA WILMER, a minor in 1670.
 - iii. ELIZABETH WILMER, a minor in 1670.
 - iv. ANNE WILMER, a minor in 1670 ; married at Brewer's Hall, London, 19th March 1699-1700, William Ridgeley, a member of the Society of Friends, Citizen and Pewterer, of the parish of St. Martin-le-Grand, London, son of Thomas Ridgeley, of Narborough, co. Leicester. He died ‘of age’ in the parish of St. Matthew, Friday Street, London, 4th January 1731-2, aged sixty-six ; buried in the F.B.G., Bunhill Fields, 7th January 1731-2. Anne, his

5. P.C.C. 97 Duke.

| 3. P.C.C.

widow, died 'of age' 24th March 1747-8, being described as "late of Cheapside, "widow," and was buried at Bunhill Fields, 27th March 1748. They had (with five children, who died in infancy) a son, RICHARD RIDGELEY, born 15th June 1703.

- V. GEORGE WILMER, baptized 10th March 1624-5¹; buried 17th April 1628¹.
- VI. EDWARD WILMER, baptized 6th November 1626¹; named in the wills of his brothers Isaac and Elisha, in 1660.
- VII. THOMAS WILMER, Clerk in Holy Orders; baptized 18th November 1628¹; Vicar of Pagham, co. Sussex, in 1660; ejected for nonconformity in 1662. His wife and children are mentioned as living in 1660, in the will of his brother, Isaac Wilmer.
- VIII. ELISHA WILMER, of whom presently (*see p.* 185).
- IX. ISAAC WILMER, Clerk in Holy Orders, of Coombs, co. Sussex; baptized 8th April 1635¹; will dated 12th July 1660; proved 20th September 1660⁷. He bequeaths his house and land at Norrell to his brother, Samuel Wilmer, of Patching; and names his cousin, Justin North.
- I. MARY WILMER, baptized 24th January 1618-19¹, named in the will of her brother Isaac, in 1660.
- II. PHOEBE WILMER, baptized 7th December 1620¹; buried 1st February 1621-2.

"Mr. John Wilmer, minister of God's word," was buried at Northhill, 20th November 1655¹.

1. Bishop's Transcripts of the par. reg. of Northhill, in the registry at Bedford.

7. P.C.C. 259 Nabbs.

XX.—Nathaniel Wilmer [VIL], Citizen and Armourer of the parish of St. Dionis Backchurch, London, Captain in the Parliamentary Army, was the third son of John Wilmer [VL], and was baptized 23rd December 1621¹. On the 19th of June 1650, warrants were issued to Captain Nathaniel Wilmer, of St. Denis Backchurch, and Captain Thomas Waltham for beating drums and raising and marching 100 men each to Bristol or Chester for transportation to Ireland. Captain Wilmer entered into recognizances in the sum of 200*l.* not to take free quarter or oppress the country in his march. He married at East Hendred, in Berkshire, 7th November 1646, Constance, third daughter of Edward Sherwood, Gent., of East Hendred, and Constance his wife, daughter of William Saunders, of Newbury. Arms of Sherwood: Argent, a chevron gules between three torteaux². Nathaniel and Constance Wilmer had issue:—

XXX.—I. JOHN WILMER. See below, **XXX.**

II. NATHANIEL WILMER, joined the early Quakers, and is mentioned as suffering, in 1686, for his principles, in a work entitled *The Christian Progress of George Whitehead*, published in 1725. A certain Nathaniel Wilmer, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, co. Middlesex, Bachelor, died in the merchant Ship *Pompey*, on the High Seas, administration of his goods being granted to William Arnold, the principal creditor, 18th May 1711; John Wilmer, the brother of the deceased, having first renounced³.

Nathaniel Wilmer died before 1660. His wife, Constance, was baptized at East Hendred, 20th October 1622. Like her two sons, she joined the Society of Friends, and, about 1660, was coeditor with her friend, Joseph Coale, of Reading, of a quarto pamphlet with the following title:—*Some Religious*

1. Bishop's Transcripts of the par. reg. of Northhill, in the registry at Bedford.

2. Visit. Berks. in 1664-6; *The Genealogist*, 1st Series, vi. p. 88.

3. P.C.C.

Affaires Signified in a Letter from one called a Quaker to Arch-Bishop Fuller in Ireland. Also some Queries out of Conscientious Scruples propounded to all the Bishops in general in that Nation, for satisfaction to doubtful consciences. As also some reasons showing why we deny all other kinds of Profession of Religion, and are turned to this way, in which we now are scornfully called Quakers. For the Arch-Bishop of Cashel these. In this pamphlet Constance Wilmer says, "I perceive that thou art now appointed "cheif Bishop in this City and Countrey, and that thou claimest "the oversight of the flock of God, in this part of the countrey "called the Diocess and so over me, for I am an Inhabitant of this "same City." C. Wilmer's portion of the pamphlet consists of two and a half pages, and relates to "The true light, The new "Birth, Baptism of Infants, the call of God to the Ministry, and "Persecution"; and speaks of "Tiths of mens increase and gleab "Lands, Midsomer dues and Easter reckonings, smoke pennys "and the tenths of Eggs, Geese, Piggs, Hens, Apples and "Cherries and of all other things, a hundred or two hundred "pounds a year or ten shillings a sermon"; and she thus concludes:—"And thus I rest in full expectation of an answer of "these things and subscribe my self Constant Wilmer." The pamphlet states that "This is a true copy of what was delivered "to Arch-Bishop Fuller the 30th day of the 8th month, but he "seemed to deny to answer it, and told constant Wilmer and "Mary Pearce, by whom it was delivered, that he could not tell "how to satisfy them and that it was not his work to do it, but "they might come to Church and conforme themselves, &c. "And some other discourse they had with him, but no answer is "yet had to these sober Propositions."

From this pamphlet we gather that Constance Wilmer was resident at Cashel in Ireland, to which country she probably accompanied her husband in 1650.

III.—John Wilmer [VII], Citizen and Merchant Taylor, and, by trade, Silkman, of Friday Street, London, and of Ealing, the elder son of Nathaniel Wilmer [I], was bap-

tized at St. Dionis Backchurch, London, 21st August 1647. He married first, at Reading, 22nd February 1671-2, Hannah Lamboll, of Reading. She was of a well-known Quaker family, that was intimate with the celebrated William Penn. She died 10th October, and was buried 13th October 1676. John Wilmer married secondly, *circa* 1691, Mary , of whom we have no further record than that she had the following issue :—

Æ.—I. JOHN WILMER. *See below, Æ.*

I. GRIZELL WILMER, married Jonathan Gurnell (*see p.* 190).

II. HANNAH WILMER, born in "Fryeday Street," 30th April 1694; married at the F.M.H., Bull and Mouth, 16th June 1715, George Robinson, Iron-monger, of Clement's Lane, London, and of Ealing. He was the son of Matthew Robinson, of Clement's Lane, and Sarah his wife. George and Hannah Robinson had issue :—I. MATTHEW ROBINSON, born in Clement's Lane, May 1721, and died an infant; 2. MATTHEW ROBINSON, born there 9th October 1722, and died an infant; 3. GEORGE ROBINSON, born there 12th September 1724, and was living in 1758; I. MARY ROBINSON, born there 9th February 1716-17; she appears to have married a Mr. Forbes, who was dead in 1752 (*see p.* 195). In the wills of her nearest relatives, a "cousin Mary Forbes," is named, with whom, perhaps, Mary Robinson was identical. George Robinson, the father, died 'of convulsions' at Ealing, 7th March 1739-40, aged 45, and was buried at Hammersmith, 13th March. His widow died 'of convulsions' at Ealing, 25th June 1754, aged 60, and was buried at Hammersmith, 30th June.

III. MARY WILMER, twin-sister with Hannah, born

in Friday Street, 30th April 1694 ; probably died young.

In the records of the Merchant Taylors' Company we find, under date 4th November 1663, that John Wilmer apprenticed himself to William Sherwood [his uncle], of Friday Street, Silkman, for seven years from that date. He became a Freeman of the City 7th October 1692. By minutes of the Court of the Merchant Taylors' School, dated 13th May 1698, it appears that John Wilmore was appointed one of the three stewards for the school-feast. Thomas Wright, in his *History of Essex*¹⁰, says that on the 30th of July 1694, John Wilmer, whom he describes as of London, Merchant, and descended from the Wilmers of Northamptonshire, and bearing their arms, bought of Edmund Godwin, Esq., the manor of North Bemfleet, *alias* Coxhall, co. Essex, which was in the possession of his grandson, John Wilmer, in 1768. John Wilmer died at Ealing, 25th December 1723, aged 76, and was buried at Hammersmith, 30th December. His will was dated the "7th day of the 3rd month called May 1723," and proved 8th January 1723-4¹¹. He leaves 1,000*l.* to be laid out upon an estate in land in Essex or Middlesex for the benefit of his daughter, Hannah Robinson ; and 100*l.* to his friends, Henry Goldney and Theodore Eccleston, in trust, to be disposed of as expressed in a paper of even date with his will. He names his cousin, Mary Mackett ; her son, Wilmer Mackett ; his sister-in-law, Margaret Clulow ; and the eight servants of his son Gurnell.

IV.—John Wilmer [VIII], Esq., Merchant of London, and of Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, co. Middlesex, and Lord of the Manor of North Bemfleet, Canvey Island, Essex, the only son of John Wilmer [VII], was born at Ealing, 13th September 1696 ; and married, *circa* 1750, Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Scott, Esq., and sister of Isabella, the wife of Henry Faussett, Esq. Mr. Faussett was a member of the family of Faussett, of Heppington, co. Kent, and brother of

10. P. 584 ; see also Morant's *Essex*. | 11. P.C.C. 19 Bolton.

the Reverend Bryan Faussett, the well-known antiquarian, who formed the famous Saxon collection which bears his name, and is now in the Liverpool Museum. These Scotts used (but by what right we are ignorant) the arms of Scott, of Scott's Hall, co. Kent, which are: Argent, three catherine-wheels sable a bordure engrailed gules. John and Elizabeth Wilmer had issue:—

U.—I. JOHN WILMER. *See below, V.*

I. MARY WILMER, born at Paradise Row, 7th November 1753; married at Stoke Newington parish church, by licence, 22nd February 1774, Patrick Murray, M.D., of Norfolk Street, London, and of Stoke Newington, an eminent physician, and afterwards Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of Jamaica. He was a Presbyterian, and his wife severed her connection with the Society of Friends soon after the marriage. She died at Montego Bay, Jamaica, 1st May 1782. Dr. Murray survived her by several years, and, returning to his native town of Kirkcudbright, died, and was buried in the Presbyterian church-yard there. He had several children who died in infancy, and a son:—

i. PETER MURRAY, M.D., of Harrogate, Knaresborough, and Belle Vue, Scarborough; born at Montego Bay, Jamaica, 30th March 1782. After the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Sinclair (*see p. 183*), he was brought up by his devoted aunt, Elizabeth Wilmer. He was educated at St. Andrew's and Edinburgh Universities, at the latter of which he took the degree of M.D. in 1802. He then practised at Harrogate and Knaresborough, and afterwards at

Scarborough, where he lived during the last thirty-eight years of his life. He was an ardent botanist and naturalist, a philosopher and a Christian philanthropist. He died at Belle Vue, Scarborough, 27th February 1864, aged 81, and was buried in the Scarborough cemetery, 6th March; M.I. The life of this excellent man was written by the Reverend Robert Balgarnie, Minister of the Bar congregational chapel, Scarborough, under the title:—*The Beloved Physician: A Memoir of Peter Murray, M.D., of Belle Vue, Scarborough.* (Simpkin, Marshall and Co., London, 1864).

- II. ELIZABETH WILMER, born at Paradise Row, 23rd March 1754; died at Belle Vue, Scarborough, 24th February 1849, aged 94; buried in the F.B.G., St. Sepulchre Street, Scarborough, 2nd March; M.I.
- III. GRIZELL WILMER, born at Paradise Row, 13th July 1755; married at Scarborough, 16th September 1782, Alexander Grant, Esq., a medical practitioner, of Cheltenham. He was then aged 28, and was described as of St. Luke's, Chelsea. Grizell Grant died at Belle Vue, Scarborough, 26th January 1837, aged 81, and was buried in the same grave as her sister Elizabeth; M.I. Her husband predeceased her by many years.

John Wilmer died of 'a decline' at Stoke Newington, 22nd January 1764, aged 67, and was buried in his own garden in that place, 28th January. His house at Stoke Newington is still in existence, and is now used as an Invalid Asylum for women. It contains a very fine carved oak staircase, with

landscape paintings on canvas fitted into the walls. The floor of the hall is paved with white marble, and the ancient iron gates and railings, with a monogram, are still *in situ*. A large tomb, seven and a half feet square, marks the spot where John Wilmer was buried, which was then a garden, but is now a builder's yard. Tradition relates that he was buried in his bed, with a chair and a table beside him, and that, in consequence of his insuperable dread of being interred alive, a cord, attached to his wrist, communicated with a bell in his coachman's house hard by. The whole story, however, is improbable. When the house and grounds were sold, a right of way to the tomb was reserved. John Wilmer's will was dated 10th February 1758, and proved 12th March 1764¹². He mentions his houses in Stoke Newington, his manor at North Benfleet, his freehold lands and tenements in Hoxton, "my large house with the lands, etc., "which I now inhabit at Stoke Newington," his copyhold estate at Hampton Wick, and his two houses at Humerton, co. Middlesex. He names his nephew, George Robinson; his cousin, Mary Forbes; and John Harman, of London, Merchant.

John Wilmer's widow, Elizabeth, who resided at Ranelagh, near London, was married, secondly, at Stoke Newington parish church, by licence, by the Reverend Charles Farrant, Dean of Peterborough, 7th May 1774, to John Sinclair, Esq., of Stoke Newington, third son of John Sinclair, Esq., of Ulbster, co. Caithness, and uncle of the Right Hon. John Sinclair, of Ulbster, Baronet, M.P., P.C., D.C.L., etc., the famous agriculturist and philanthropist. John Sinclair, the uncle, was at one time a captain in the 7th Regiment of Foot, with the rank of major in the army. He died in Skeldergate, in the city of York, 23rd November 1787. With reference to this marriage we take the following extracts from Mr. Balgarnie's *Memoir of Peter Murray*:—

"This marriage forms a sad episode in the history of the Wilmer family. * How a quiet, sober-minded Quakeress should have been

12. P.C.C. 124 Simpson.

enamoured of a fiery son of Mars, it is difficult to conceive. * The truth is, the lady had money, the gentleman had position; neither had love, so that the result of the marriage was, as might be expected, misery. Nor was this all the evil that ensued. Major Sinclair was most extravagant in his style of living, and reckless in the abuse of money. The house at Ranelagh became like an hotel, or officers' barracks, where his military friends were always quartered. The Misses Wilmer continued to reside with their mother after her marriage; being young and handsome, with good fortunes in prospect, their new step-father sought to introduce them into fashionable life. * The plain garb of the Society of Friends was exchanged for the latest fashions; the quiet pleasures of home were superseded by the excitement of the ball-room; they rode and drove in the parks, and became known there as "the dashing Miss "Wilmers" * * * The family income would have been enough to meet all these demands, but a drain was made upon it in another way, which it could not stand. Major Sinclair became security for the electioneering expenses of his nephew, Sir John [Sinclair], who was ambitious to secure a seat in Parliament. This was in the days of "rotten boroughs," * when candidates with the longest purse had the best chance of success. The expenses of this election were immense, and the Major was compelled to pay them. Vainly he attempted to evade the obligation; but the law was inexorable, and the exactors clamorous. Nothing could save him from disgrace but the possession of his wife's property. It would appear that this was accomplished without much difficulty; hardly knowing what she did, she was induced to put her signature to a document, by which she guaranteed the payment of her husband's debts. "I signed it," she said, "because the Major pressed me." By that one act, the greater portion of the property was lost for ever. * To meet liabilities, the Essex estate had to be immediately sold; likewise the mansion at Ranelagh, together with the furniture, plate, &c. * and with the exception of a small property at Hoxton, the family became penniless."

Elizabeth Sinclair died 'of an asthma,' at Sloane Square, Chelsea, 8th July 1793, aged 62, and was buried at the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, as a non-member of the Society of Friends, 14th July. There is in the possession of one of the editors the original bill for the funeral of Mrs. Sinclair, amounting to the moderate sum of 35*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* Amongst the items is a fine of 2*l.* 10*s.* for burying in linen. The remains were enclosed in lead in a Virginia walnut-tree case.

U.—**John Wilmer** [XL], Esq., was the only son of John Wilmer [VIII]. He had a predilection for the medical profession, but it does not appear that he ever practised. He was born at Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, 20th October 1751, and died there, of dropsy, 20th March 1773, aged 21, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 28th March. His will was dated 21st November 1772, and proved 31st March 1773¹³. He names his uncle, Henry Faussett, and his aunt, Isabella Faussett.

THE FAMILIES OF WILMER, MACKETT, PEIRIE,
AND WILLETT.

E.—**Elisha Wilmer** [V], Citizen and Ironmonger of London, the eighth son of John Wilmer [VL], of Northhill, was baptized 22nd April 1630¹. He married twice, and by his second wife Mary, who survived him, he had an only child, MARY WILMER (*see below*). His will was dated 7th March 1660-1, and proved 9th April 1661¹⁴. He names his nephew, Andrew Wilmer, son of his brother Samuel; his uncle, John Loggett; and his cousin, John Taylor, junior. He left to his daughter Mary, a silver tankard and cup, marked with the letters *D.M.*, which had belonged to his first wife, and silver marked *E.W.D*; and to his brother, Edward Wilmer, a ring marked *R.L.* He is described in his will as of Wapping, co. Middlesex.

K.—**Mary Wilmer** [VII], only child of Elisha Wilmer, was born *circa* 1657, and was the only member of her father's household, who survived the Great Plague in 1665. She married at the F.M.H., Bull and Mouth, London, 9th March 1681-2, John Mackett, Citizen and Merchant Taylor, of London, and, by trade, Coatseller, of Fenchurch Street. He was born *circa* 1651, and was the son of Richard Mackett, of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, and had issue :—

13. P.C.C. 143 Stevens.

1. Bishop's Transcripts of the par.reg.

of Northhill, in the registry at Bedford.

14. P.C.C. 62 May.

I. WILLMER MACKETT, of Milk Street, London, born 31st August 1684; died 12th November 1754, aged 70; buried at Bunhill Fields, 15th November 1754.

II. JOHN MACKETT, born 30th June 1686; died 12th May 1687.

III.—I. MARY MACKETT. *See below, III.*

John Mackett died of 'the spotted fever' 27th October 1685, aged 34. His widow died 24th March 1732-3, aged 76, and was buried at Bunhill Fields, 29th March 1733.

III.—Mary Mackett [*VIII*], was born 6th January 1682-3, and married, 29th February 1703-4, at the F.M.H., Devonshire House, London, John Peirie, Widower, Citizen and Draper, of London, and, by trade, Tailor of Houndsditch, son of James Peirie, of Turroff, co. Aberdeen, and had (with three sons) a daughter:—

IV.—Barbara Peirie [*IX*], who was born 1st July 1710; married, at the F.M.H., Devonshire House, London, 28th November 1728, Jabez Willett, Citizen and Weaver of London, and, by trade, Mercer of Lad Lane, London, and had issue:—

I. JOSEPH WILLETT, born in Lawrence Lane, London, 5th March 1732-3; died 29th August 1737, aged 4; buried in the F.B.G., Bunhill Fields, 31st August.

V.—II. WILLMER WILLETT. *See below, V.*

I. MARY WILLETT, married THOMAS GURNELL (*see p.* 196).

II. BARBARA WILLETT, born in Lawrence Lane, 23rd October 1731.

Jabez Willett was the son of Joseph Willett, Weaver, of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and of Elizabeth his wife, and was born in Castle Street, Clapham, 18th June 1705. He died 'of convulsions' at Clapham, 18th November 1765, aged 60, and

was buried in the F.B.G., Worcester Street, 25th November. Barbara Willett died 4th November 1789, aged 79, and was buried in the F.B.G. at Park, 11th November. There is in existence a fine portrait of her, painted by Sir Nathaniel Dance-Holland, Bart., R.A.

V.—**Wilmer Willett** [X], Merchant, of Lad Lane, London, and of Clapham, co. Surrey, was born in Lawrence Lane, London, 30th September 1734. He married, and had issue :—

VI.—I. WILMER-MACKETT WILLETT. *See below, VII.*

I. BARBARA WILLETT, died in Judd Street, London, 17th November 1848, aged 78, being described as the “eldest daughter of the late “Wilmer Willett, of Lad Lane, Esq.”

VII.—**Wilmer-Mackett Willett** [XI], Esq., Cotton-spinner, of Rushforth Hall, co. York, was Colonel-Commandant of a local militia regiment raised during the Bonaparte scare. He is stated to have been the celebrated editor of the *Statesman* during the O.P. Riot in 1809, and subsequently of the *British Traveller*, and other periodicals. He married first, a daughter of Joseph Wood, Esq., of Leeds, who died at Rushforth Hall, 18th May 1801 ; and secondly, Miss Bromby, who died at the house of her brother, the Reverend J.-H. Bromby, of Hull, 21st September 1804, aged 24. Mr. Willett died in Finsbury, *circa* December 1829, aged 63, leaving issue by his first wife :—

VIII.—I. WILMER WILLETT. *See below, VIII.*

I. BARBARA-PEIRIE WILLETT, died unmarried at Cambridge Terrace, Regent's Park, London, 19th May 1851.

II. ANNA-MARIA WILLETT, married at Leeds, 14th September 1843, A.-E.-J. Dangerfield, Esq., of Craven Street, London, and died *sine prole, circa* 1877.

XX.—Wilmer Willett [XVII], B.A. (Oxford), Clerk in Holy Orders, married Charlotte-Georgiana, daughter of the Reverend Thomas-Fry Lewis, Rector of Curry-Malet, co. Somerset, of the family of Lewis of St. Pierre, co. Monmouth, which bears the arms: Or, a lion rampant gardant sable. Mr. Willett had several children, of whom the following survived him:—

- I. **Wilmer-Mackett Willett**, Clerk in Holy Orders, M.A. of St. John's College, Oxford; presented to the vicarage of Nash, co. Monmouth, in 1876.
- II. **Albert-Lewis Willett**, Clerk in Holy Orders, B.A. of Brasenose College, Oxford; presented to the vicarage of Meriden, co. Warwick, in 1873.
- III. **HENRY-WOOD WILLETT**, Esq., Major in the fourth battalion of the King's Light Infantry, died at Meriden, 9th June 1888.
- IV. **Lewis-Wilmer Willett**, Esq., of Adderstone, co. Northumberland.
 - I. **Georgiana Willett**.

The family of Willett deduces its descent from that Protestant Divine "The learned and laborious Dr. Andrew Willett," son of Dr. Thomas Willett, Prebendary of Ely, Sub-almoner to Edward VI., Vicar of Thurlaston, co. Leicester, and Rector of Barley, co. Hertford, who upon Queen Mary's accession, was compelled to forsake his first promotion in the church of Windsor, and to remain in hiding until recalled by Queen Elizabeth. Dr. Andrew Willett, who was of Christ's College, Cambridge, succeeded his father at Ely and Barley, and was Rector of Reed, co. Hertford, in 1615. He was subsequently Chaplain to Henry-Frederick, Prince of Wales, elder brother of Charles I. As an author, Dr. Willett achieved considerable repute. A full list of his works, which amount in number to forty, is given in his *Commentary on Leviticus*. A new edition

of his *Synopsis Papismi* was issued in 1852 in ten volumes, by the *British Society for promoting the religious principles of the Reformation*. Dr. Willett married a daughter of Dr. Goad, Provost of King's College, Cambridge, and was survived by a numerous family. He died 4th December 1621, aged 59, and was buried in the chancel of Barley Church ; M.I.





CHAPTER XV.

GURNELL OF LONDON AND EALING; AND THE
FAMILIES OF ARMSTRONG, OGILVIE, AND DANCE.

“ Out of monuments, names, wordes, proverbes, traditions, private recordes, and evidences, fragments of stories, passages of bookes, and the lixe, we doe save and recover somewhat from the deluge of time.”

ARMS OF GURNELL: PALY OF SIX OR AND SABLE PER FESS COUNTER-
CHANGED.

£.— **G**rizell Wilmer [VIIIM], eldest daughter of John Wilmer [VIIIL], of Friday Street, London (see p. 179), was born there 5th October 1692. She married, at the F. M. H., Bull and Mouth, London, 27th September 1711, Jonathan Gurnell, Merchant, of Throckmorton Street and Cateaton Street, London, and of Ealing, co. Middlesex. He was the son of John and Agatha Gurnell, of Spooner's Close, Cartmel, co. Lancaster, and was born there, 23rd May 1684. He was the lessee of the manor of Great Ealing, and probably lived in the house on Ealing Green, which was afterwards inhabited by his elder daughter, Hannah Harman. He is described by his cotemporaries as “an eminent “well-known, and respected merchant,” and “a noted Friend.” Jonathan and Grizell Gurnell had issue:—



GRIZELL GURNELL (*née* WILMER).

FROM A PORTRAIT IN THE POSSESSION OF FREDERICK HARFORD, ESQUIRE.

- I. JOHN GURNELL, Merchant, of Throckmorton Street, London, and of Ealing and Perivale, co. Middlesex ; born in Throckmorton Street, 24th June 1712 ; married Anne, daughter of John Harrison, Esq., lord of the manor of Greenford Parva or Perivale. She died 8th April 1750, aged 38 ; M.I. Arms of Harrison : Or, on a cross azure five pheons of the field. John Gurnell died 1st August 1748, aged 36 ; buried (as was also his wife) in Perivale church, where there is a marble tablet to their memory, with the arms of Gurnell, bearing those of Harrison on a shield of pretence. His will was dated 14th May 1745, and proved 23rd August 1748ⁱ. He mentions his several real and personal estates in England and Ireland, and bequeaths to the London Infirmary 200*l*. He desires to be buried in the parish church of Perivale, and a monument to be erected over his grave. He leaves 100*l*. in trust to the Minister and Churchwardens of Perivale for repairing and beautifying his said monument, for the repair of the Parsonage House, "and any "overplus to be given to the Poor." He makes special provision for securing this bequest for ever, but we have been informed that the money has been lost sight of for many years, and that the monument is consequently out of repair.
- II. JONATHAN GURNELL, Merchant, of Throckmorton Street and Cateaton Street, and of Ealing ; born in Throckmorton Street, 30th January 1717-18 ; died 5th March 1752, and was doubtless buried at Hammersmith. His will was dated 2nd November 1750. He bequeaths 500*l*. to the trustees of the Charity School at Ealing. He

leaves to his brother, Thomas Gurnell, amongst other things, "all his horses, dogs, guns and "sporting tackle."

ÆÆ.—III. THOMAS GURNELL. *See below, ÆÆ.*

IV. ROBERT GURNELL, born in Cateaton Street, 10th December 1733; probably died in infancy.

I. MARY GURNELL, born in Throckmorton Street, 1st October 1713, probably died in infancy.

II. HANNAH GURNELL, married Jeremiah Harman. For their descendants, *see chapter XVI.*

III. SARAH GURNELL, of Ealing, born in Throckmorton Street, 31st January 1719-20, died of consumption at Ealing, 9th June 1760, aged 40; buried at Hammersmith, 16th June; will dated 30th July 1755, proved 6th May 1760. She bequeaths to the Boys' Charity School at Ealing 100*l.*; to the Small Pox Hospital 100*l.*; and to the Friends' Workhouse 300*l.* Amongst the other bequests are:—"my girdle Buckle "and Black Shagreen tooth-pick-case sett in "gold, my head smelling bottle set in Gold, "and my Stone Shoes Buckles."

IV. MARY GURNELL, married Joseph Green. For their descendants, *see chapter XVII.*

V. ANNE GURNELL, born in Throckmorton Street, 3rd February 1722-3; died at Ealing, 31st August 1723, buried in the F.B.G. at Hammersmith, 3rd September.

VI. GRIZELL GURNELL, married Samuel Hoare. For their descendants, *see chapter XVIII.*

Jonathan Gurnell's wife Grizell survived him. She died "of a Dropsy" at Ealing, 17th July 1756, aged 63, and was buried in the F.B.G. at Hammersmith. Her will was

dated 20th June 1754, and proved 6th August 1756¹. She makes various bequests to her daughters, and mentions amongst other trinkets, "the Jewell box late Lady Kingsales."

Jonathan Gurnell was the founder of the celebrated house of *Gurnell and Hoare, Merchants*, which was known after his death as *Gurnell, Hoare and Harman, Bankers to the Russian Court*. The firm originated in the Lisbon trade, and was concerned in extensive mercantile transactions with Portugal in 1755, at the time of the earthquake at Lisbon. In that disaster Jonathan Gurnell's son Thomas lost a great quantity of valuable silver plate. In 1754, Henry Hope, of Amsterdam, was apprenticed to Jonathan Gurnell and his son-in-law, Samuel Hoare, and remained with the firm until 1760, when he was taken into partnership by his uncles, who were great merchants in Holland. In 1780, the whole business of the Hope firm devolved upon Mr. Hope; and he managed it in so high a style of good conduct and "liberality, as to draw the attention and "raise the admiration of all Europe." He was held in the highest consideration by successive Governments, and "was "visited by all distinguished travellers, even by crowned heads. "* At the exchange he was the chief object of attention; * "and foreign ministers pressed forward through the crowd to "speak with him on the financial concerns of their respective "countries." He died in London, in 1811, leaving a fortune of 1,160,000^l².

An amusing story about Jonathan Gurnell is still current at Ealing, and has been related to us by the Right Hon. S.-H. Walpole, of Ealing, M.P., and by the Reverend E.-W. Relton, Vicar of Ealing. About 1730, after the fall of Ealing parish church, Jonathan Gurnell was visited by the then vicar, who informed him that he wished to build a new church; at the same time apologizing, and saying that he scarcely anticipated a subscription towards the work from one who was not a member of his congregation. When the vicar rose to go, Jonathan

1. P.C.C.

2. *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1811.

Gurnell said, "Friend, didst thou not say thou wast going to pull "down the old steeple house, and build a new one?" "Yes," replied the clergyman, "that is my intention;" whereupon Jonathan Gurnell said, "Thou knowest that I cannot give thee "anything to build a new steeple house, but I will give thee a "hundred pounds to take away the old one." This anecdote is a pleasing reminiscence of a good, liberal-minded, and benevolent man. When this story is told at Ealing, "Well done! Jonathan Gurnell," is the proverbial reply. In the minutes of the Friends' Quarterly Meeting of London and Middlesex occur the following passages relating to Jonathan Gurnell:—

"1731, 3mo. 10. Mett according to y^e above adjournment at y^e Bull and Mouth y^e 10th 3 mo. 1731: Benjamin Bealing to enter y^e following paper of Jon^a Gurnell respecting y^e Building of a Meeting house at Brendford. 'If friends think proper to continue to keep up 'a meeting at or near Brandford (as I hope y^ey will) my flather in law 'John Willmer by his last will in Trust with Henry Gouldney and 'Theodor Eccleston left fifty pounds towards building a Meeting 'House there and I am willing and Ready to contribute £50 more 'towards y^e same Edward Halsey has likewise promised to contribute '£10 and I Question not but there are severall other Friends that 'would contribute towards so good a work. N.B. Y^e place where 'friends meet at Brendford is so very Inconvenient in such bad 'Repaire y^t it Realy is very dangerous as to friends health to meet y^{re} 'especially in y^e winter season, so if friends continue the said meeting, 'Do think there is absolute necessity for having a Meeting Ho. built.'"

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"A letter was received from Jonathan Gurnell, dated Ealing, 31st First Month 1733, stating that they have a piece of ground at Brendford, very proper to build a Meeting House upon, in case Friends will but please to promote and encourage y^e matter, and he with some others will take care not to make it expensive and chargeable to Friends, but shall rebuild at their own charge."

This proposition was ultimately agreed to by the Quarterly Meeting, although delayed on account of the smallness of the Hammersmith meeting. In 1735 permission was granted to Jonathan Gurnell and others to build a Meeting House in Brendford. Jonathan Gurnell died "of a fever" at Ealing, 2nd

April 1753, aged 68, and was buried in the F.B.G. at Hammer-smith, 9th April. His will, which is a very long one, was dated 27th May 1752, and proved 26th April 1753¹. He enters into elaborate details with regard to his estates and their management. He mentions his leasehold estate near Thornton Bridge, and Disforth, co. York, "which I purchased of George " Earl of Cholmondeley"; his two twelfth shares in the silkmills and premises at Stockport, and in the joint stock and profits thereof. He makes bequests to his wife, Grizel Gurnell; his sister-in-law, Hannah Robinson; his niece, Mary Forbes, Widow; his son-in-law, Samuel Hoare; and his "esteemed friend, the "Honourable Colonel John ffitzwilliams." He bequeaths the sum of 24,000*l.* to his son, Thomas Gurnell, and his four daughters, Hannah Harman, Sarah Gurnell, Mary Green, and Grizell Hoare. To his wife 2,000*l.* for charitable uses. To the Charity School at Ealing 200*l.* And he leaves 500*l.* for the use and benefit of poor housekeepers of or in the upper part of Ealing, to be laid out for them in coals or firing, &c.

The Hon. Colonel (afterwards General) John FitzWilliam, who was mentioned above as one of the legatees named in this will, was, according to the *Gentleman's Magazine*, Colonel of the Fifth Regiment of Dragoon Guards, and was the second son of William, third Earl FitzWilliam. He died 31st July 1789, and was buried at Richmond, co. Surrey, where he had resided. He left a fortune of considerably over 60,000*l.* to his "excellent and "faithful servant Thomas Jones whom," as he says in his will, he "brought out of Wales when a boy and to whom he and his "wife had particular obligations; and God bless him with it." He also bequeathed 13,562*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* to John Harman, Senior (a grandson of Jonathan Gurnell), of Frederick Place, Old Jewry, London, Merchant, "and," runs the will, "I take this opportunity of acknowledging the civilities I owe to him, to old Mr. "Gurnell, and all his family."

FF.—Thomas Gurnell [LXIII], Merchant and Banker,

of Love Lane, Aldermanbury, of Cateaton Street, London, and of the Manor House, Ealing Green, was the third son of Jonathan Gurnell. He was born at Ealing, 22nd February 1725-6; and married, at the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, London, 5th May 1748, his kinswoman, Mary, elder daughter of Jabez Willett, of Lad Lane, Citizen and Weaver, of London, and of Barbara Peirie his wife, who was a great-granddaughter of Elisha Wilmer, of Wapping (*see p. 186*). Thomas Gurnell resided at Ealing in a house built for him, about 1770, by his son-in-law, George Dance, R.A. This house was afterwards almost entirely dismantled, and rebuilt by John Soane, the eminent architect, who occasionally resided there. It is now the residence of Miss Perceval, daughter of Spencer Perceval, sometime Premier of England. Thomas Gurnell was seized of the manor of Pittshanger, containing 140 acres, which he bought of Sir Charles Morgan, Bart. He and his wife severed their connection with the Society of Friends in 1774, for declining to conform to its principles and practices. Thomas and Mary Gurnell had issue:—

- I. JONATHAN GURNELL, born in Love Lane, 19th May 1750; died at Clapham, 14th August 1750; buried in the F.B.G. at Hammersmith.

III.—II. JONATHAN GURNELL. *See below, III.*

- I. MARY GURNELL, married George Dance (*see p. 202*).
- II. SARAH GURNELL, born in Cateaton Street, 6th March 1754; married a Mr. Mitchell. They were both living in 1786, but nothing further is known of them. There is a fine miniature of her in existence.

Thomas Gurnell died "of decline" at Ealing, 20th October 1785, aged 59; and was buried in the F.B.G. at Hammersmith, 29th October. His will was dated 12th March 1785, proved 26th April 1786. He names his daughter, Sarah Mitchell, and

her husband ; and leaves to his grandson, Thomas Dance, 5,000*l.* Mary Gurnell, his wife, died 22nd April 1782, and was buried at St. Mary's, Devizes ; M.I. there.

KK.—**Jonathan Gurnell** [*X*M], Esq., of Ealing House, Boston Lane, Ealing, the surviving son of Thomas Gurnell [*X*M], was born in Cateaton Street, 30th March 1756. He married, 12th June 1780, Susanna, daughter of the Reverend Samuel-Francis Swinden, Vicar of Greenwich, and Mary Rosam, his wife, and had an only daughter :—

KU.—I. MARY-ANNE GURNELL. *See below, KU.*

Jonathan Gurnell died 13th December 1791, and his will was dated 9th December 1787. His widow, Susanna Gurnell, who possessed Pittshanger in 1795, married secondly, John-Goodwin-Gregory Peyton, Rear-Admiral of the Red R.N., son of Joseph Peyton, Admiral R.N., of Wakehurst Place, co Sussex, by Katherine Strutt, his wife. Admiral J.-G.-G. Peyton was born 29th September 1752, and died at Priestlands, near Lymington, 2nd August 1809. Susanna Peyton died at Penzance, 11th February 1836, and was buried in the churchyard of Madron, co. Cornwall.

KV.—**Mary-Ann Gurnell** [*X*M], the only child of Jonathan Gurnell [*X*M], was born at Boston Lane, Ealing, 3rd June 1781. She married, at St. George's, Hanover Square, 6th March 1806, John Armstrong, Esq., of Hazlegrove House, Queen Camel, co. Somerset, eldest son of Warneford Armstrong, Esq., of Ballycumber, the King's County, Ireland, by his third wife, Fanny, daughter of William Grey, Esq. John Armstrong was a Captain in the 8th Foot and Major in the 5th Dragoon Guards. His arms were : Gules, three dexter arms vambraced argent, the hands proper ; crest : A dexter arm vambraced argent, the hand proper ; the arms and crest being charged with a mullet for difference ; motto : *Vi et armis.* He had issue :—

U.—I. JOHN ARMSTRONG. *See p. 200, U.*

II. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Esq., born 1813; died unmarried at Penzance, 10th February 1836.

I. MARY - ANN - GURNELL ARMSTRONG, born at Lyme Regis, co. Dorset, 20th October 1808; married at Dinder, 18th April 1838, the Reverend Charles-Atmore Ogilvie, then Vicar of Duloe, co. Cornwall, and Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was descended from the Ogilvies, of Boyne, co. Banff, and was the son of John Ogilvie, the devoted friend and follower of John and Charles Wesley, and of Catherine his wife. The Reverend C.-A. Ogilvie was afterwards Regius Professor of Pastoral Theology, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, and Rector of Ross, co. Hereford. He died at Christ Church, Oxford, 17th February 1873, and was buried in the cathedral there. Mrs. Ogilvie died at Redhill, co. Surrey, 2nd October 1875, and was buried in Coberley churchyard, co. Gloucester. Professor Ogilvie had issue:—

- i. Catherine Ogilvie, born at Bath, 25th April 1839; married at Ross, 14th June 1860, Edward Thoroton, Esq., of Hersham, co. Surrey, and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, son of the Reverend Edward - Levett Thoroton, Rector of Rowley, co. York. Edward Thoroton died 24th July 1860, and was buried at Coberley, having had issue:—1. Robert-Ogilvie - Bowes Thoroton, born at Hersham, 31st May 1867; 2. Levett-Edward-Wanley Thoroton, born at Hersham, 25th December 1868; 3. Francis-Guy-Delaval Thoroton, born at Hersham, 26th July 1870; 4. Charles-

Julian Thoroton, born at The Seven Springs, near Cheltenham, 9th August 1875; **1. Elizabeth - Mary - Roosilia Thoroton**, born at Hersham, 24th October 1862; **2. ISABELLA-CAROLINE THOROTON**, born at Hersham, August 1865; died in infancy; **3. Edith-Isabelle-Catharine Thoroton**, born at Hersham, 3rd April 1872; and **4. Marianne-Lucy Thoroton**, born at The Seven Springs, 11th September 1878.

- ii. **Mary-Ann Ogilvie**, born at Ross, 26th July 1842; married, at Coberley, 10th August 1876, the Reverend **Anthony-Cocks Lawrence**, B.A., F.S.A., Rector of Withington, co. Gloucester. He was born at Brussels, 15th March 1843, and was the son of **Walter-Lawrence Lawrence**, Esq., of Sandywell Park, co. Gloucester, and of **Mary** his wife, only daughter of **Christian Speldt**, Esq., of Stratford, Essex. He was educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, B.A. 1865; ordained Deacon 1866, and Priest 1867. His arms are: Argent, a cross raguly gules; crest: The tail and lower part of a fish erect and coupéd proper; the arms and crest being charged with a crescent for difference. He has issue:—**1. Katherine - Mary - Cicely Lawrence**, born 17th May 1877; and **2. Wynnefrede - Henrietta Lawrence**, born 12th May 1879.

II. **FRANCES ARMSTRONG**, born at Hazlegrove House, 28th December 1809; married, at Dinder,

1841, **Thomas-Aylmer Pearson, Esq.**, Captain in the 43rd Light Infantry, and son of General Sir Thomas Pearson, Knight. Mrs. Pearson died at Abington, 22nd October 1883, and was buried in the churchyard of Upton St. Leonards, co. Gloucester, 26th October. Captain Pearson has had issue :—

- i. **Thomas-Horner Pearson, Esq.**, Captain in the 43rd Light Infantry; born 16th October 1843.
- ii. **John-Armstrong Pearson, Esq.**; born 20th August 1846.
- iii. **Aylmer-Charles Pearson, Esq.**, Major in the Bengal Marine Light Infantry; born 1849
- i. **Frances - Edith Pearson**, born 22nd August 1842; married at Brighton, 1873, **Edgecombe Venning, Esq.**, of 40 Cadogan Place, London, and has issue :— 1. **Algernon Venning**, born 1874; 2. **Harry Venning**, born 1877; and 1. **Ethel Venning**, born 1876.

Mr. Armstrong died at Penzance in 1835, and was buried at Madron. Mrs. Armstrong died at St. Leonard's Court, 30th June 1858, and was buried at Upton St. Leonard's.

V.—John Armstrong [XIVM], M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, the elder son of John Armstrong, was born at Queen Camel, 2nd April 1810. He was educated at Eton, and Balliol College, Oxford; was Rector of Dinder, co. Somerset, and Prebendary of Wells. He married, at the parish church of Madron, 20th October 1836, **Mary-Ann**, daughter of John Scobell, Esq., of Nancealverne, co. Cornwall, Colonel in the

Militia, by Mary his second wife, relict of John James, of Radstock, and daughter of William Goldfinch, Esq., of Shepton-Mallet, co. Somerset. Arms of Scobell: Argent, three fleurs-de-lis gules, in chief a label of three points azure. Mrs. Armstrong was born 11th January 1817. By her Mr. Armstrong had issue:—

U.F.—I. John-Scobell Armstrong. *See below*, **U.F.**

II. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Clerk in Holy Orders, Assistant Curate of Iver, co. Buckingham; born 17th December 1844; died 14th October 1880; married, 11th January 1876, **Mary**, second daughter of the Reverend Andrew Jukes, of Woolwich.

III. Edward-Archibald Armstrong, Esq., M.A., of London, Barrister-at-law; born 17th February 1859.

I. **Mary Armstrong**, born 1838; married, at Weymouth, 1874, the Reverend George-Metcalf Fenton, of Bournemouth. He died *sine prole* in 1879.

II. **Frances-Charlotta** v. **Mabel Armstrong.**
Armstrong.

III. **Susanna-Peyton** vi. **Florence-Mary**
Armstrong. **Armstrong.**

IV. **Alice-Constantia-** vii. **Agnes-Margretta**
Gurnell Armstrong. **Armstrong.**

Mr. Armstrong died at Dinder, greatly beloved and lamented, 10th January 1862, aged 51, and was buried there. A memoir of him was privately printed, shewing him to have been an earnest and devoted clergyman.

U.F.—**John-Scobell Armstrong** [XIII], Esq., now of Brighton, and of the Bengal Civil Service, the eldest son of the Reverend John Armstrong, was born 31st July 1842. He married, at the British Embassy Paris, 25th November 1865

Fanny, only daughter of Daniel Woodruffe, Lieutenant, R.N. (and of Maria Hewett, his wife), and has issue, **J. hn-Warneford-Scobell Armstrong**, born 1st March 1877; and a daughter, who died in infancy.

DANCE OF LONDON.

I.—Mary Gurnell [X], the elder daughter of Thomas Gurnell [XXM] (*see p.* 196), was born in Love Lane, 7th April 1752. She married, 24th March 1772, George Dance, Esq., R.A. and F.S.A. He was the fifth son of another George Dance, Architect to the City of London, who built the Mansion House in 1739. George Dance, the younger, was born 1st March 1740-1, and in 1768 he succeeded, by purchase, to his father's office of Architect to the City, and while he held that post, built Newgate. He was for some years Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy, and was no mean portrait painter. A series of his portraits has been published. Like his brother, Sir Nathaniel Dance-Holland, Bart., of Wittenham, Berkshire, he was one of the first forty Royal Academicians, and he survived them all. He had issue:—

- I. THE REVEREND THOMAS DANCE, LL.D., of Salisbury, Vicar of Horninghold, co. Leicester, in 1801.

II.—II. SIR CHARLES-WEBB DANCE. *See below,* **II.**

Mrs. Dance appears to have predeceased her husband by many years. The exact date of her death is uncertain, but she was not named in her father's will in 1785. George Dance died at his house in Upper Gower Street, London, 14th January 1825, aged 83, and was buried in state in the crypt of St. Paul's cathedral, near the graves of Sir Joshua Reynolds and Sir Christopher Wren. The inscription on his monument is as follows:—

Here lie the Remains of George Dance Esqre RA & FAS. This eminent architect was the last surviving member of the original Forty Royal Academicians. Highly gifted by nature, the superior powers of his mind commanded the admiration, and the excellence of his Heart secured to him the affections of all who knew him. After a long useful and Honourable life, he died universally beloved and respected on the 14th January 1825 in the 84th year of his age.

II.—Sir Charles Webb Dance [XI], Knight of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, and Colonel in the Army, served under Wellington in the Peninsula and Low Countries Campaigns, and was present at the Battle of Waterloo. He married, in 1816, Isabella-Ann, youngest daughter of Captain Allen Cooper, of the Hon. E. I. Company's Service, and had twelve children, of whom the eldest was :—

III.—GEORGE DANCE. *See below, III.*

Lady Dance died at Barr House, Bishop's Hull, co. Somerset, 3rd November 1858, aged 62; and Sir Charles died there in November 1844, aged 58.

III.—The Reverend George Dance [XII], B.A. of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, Curate-in-charge of Swainswick, co. Somerset, and afterwards of Stanmore, co. Devon; married, at Bath, 2nd July 1850 (as his second wife), Sybil-Margaret, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Scroggs, of Slanden, co. Wilts. (who was of the same family as the celebrated Lord Chief Justice, Sir William Scroggs), and had a daughter :—

I. Mary - Sybill Dance, now of Stanmore; born in 1857.

Mr. Dance died at Stanmore, 20th January 1866, aged 47.





CHAPTER XVI.

HARMAN OF LONDON, EALING, WOODFORD, AND
CHESHUNT; AND THE FAMILIES OF FLETCHER,
MILDRED, STERRY, AND BUSH.

*"Methinks it shows a kind of gratitude and good-nature, to revive the memories
and memorials of the pious and charitable benefactors long since dead and gone."*

Æ.—**H**annah Gurnell [ÆVN], the eldest surviving daughter of Jonathan Gurnell and Grizell Wilmer [VIII M], his wife (*see p.* 192), was born in Throckmorton Street, London, 17th December 1715. She married, in the F.M.H., Bull and Mouth, London, 19th October 1732, Jeremiah Harman, Merchant, of St. Martin's Lane, London, and of Ealing. He was the second son of John Harman, Haberdasher, of White Hart Court, London (and of Beatrice Fisher, his second wife), and a grandson of Captain Edward Harman, of Abingdon, co. Berks, who joined the early Quakers, and whose commissions, signed by the Protector, are in the possession of his descendants. Jeremiah Harman was born at White Hart Court, 26th July 1707. He had issue by Hannah Gurnell:—

ÆÆ—I. JOHN HARMAN. *See below*, ÆÆ.

II. JEREMIAH HARMAN, of whom presently (*see p.* 211).

- I. HANNAH HARMAN, married Thomas Fletcher (*see below*).
- II. MARY HARMAN, born in St. Martin's Lane, 2nd February 1735-6, died in infancy.
- III. BEATRICE HARMAN, born there, 6th December 1736; married, in the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, London, 13th May 1765, John Harford, Merchant, of London, and of Paradise Row, Stoke Newington. Beatrice Harford died at Stoke Newington, 20th July 1801, aged 64, and was buried in the F.B.G., Hammersmith, 27th July. John Harford, who was the third son of Truman and Mary Harford, of Castle Green, Bristol, was born there, 15th April 1736, and died at Stoke Newington, *sine prole*, 28th March 1816, aged 79, and was buried at Hammersmith, 3rd April.

Jeremiah Harman died 'of inward decay' at Ealing, 16th November 1741, at the early age of 34, and was buried 23rd November†. He bore the arms: Azure, a chevron between six rams, accosted, counter-tripping, two, two, and two, argent, attired or. Mrs. Harman, during her widowhood, resided in the Red House, on Ealing Green, which, it seems, was formerly the residence of her father, Jonathan Gurnell. It is now occupied by the Right Hon. Spencer-H. Walpole, M.P. Mrs. Harman was well-known for her active benevolence, and was on terms of friendly intimacy with the Princess Amelia of Gunnersburg, daughter of George II., arising out of their joint efforts to promote various charitable objects in the neighbourhood of Ealing. There is in the possession of one of her descendants a silver inkstand given to her by the Princess in 1769. Mrs. Harman built some almshouses at Ealing, which were in existence in 1872, with an eighteenth century date, but having become dilapidated, and

† Buried in the F.B.G., Hammersmith.

being unendowed, they were rebuilt by public subscription. Mrs. Harman died of a decline at Ealing, 17th April 1795, aged 79, and was buried 25th April.† There is an obituary notice of her in a cotemporary number of the *Gentleman's Magazine*.

KK.—**John Harman** [XN], Merchant, of Cateaton Street, of Frederick Place, in Old Jewry, and of Lombard Street, London, and of Stoke Newington, of Clapton, and of Higham Hill, near Woodford, co. Essex, the elder son of Jeremiah Harman, was born at Ealing, 10th September 1738. He was a partner in the firm of *Gurnell, Hoare and Harman* (*see p.* 193). He resided during the latter years of his life at the Manor House, Higham, near Woodford, which he purchased, in 1790, of William Hornby, Governour of Bombay, and greatly improved. He was among the founders of the Philanthropic Society in St. George's Fields; and many charitable institutions had his warm interest and support. He married, at Bristol, 20th October 1760, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Truman Harford, of Bristol, and Mary Taylor his wife. Mrs. Harman was born at Bristol, 3rd March 1741-2, died at Higham Hill, 12th May 1821, aged 79, and was buried† 19th May. By her John Harman had issue:—

KKK.—I. **JEREMIAH HARMAN.** *See below, KKK.*

II. **JOHN HARMAN**, born in Cateaton Street, 21st January 1765; died an infant.

III. **JOHN HARMAN**, born at Stoke Newington, 14th August 1769; died in Frederick Place, 24th April 1789, aged 19; buried 2nd May†.

KK.—IV. **EDWARD HARMAN.** *See below, KK.*

V. **HENRY HARMAN**, Merchant, of London, born at Clapton, 26th August 1778; died unmarried at Dover, 2nd August 1850, aged 71.

I. **ELIZABETH HARMAN**, married Daniel Mildred (*see below*).

† Buried in the F.B.G., Hammersmith.

II. HANNAH HARMAN, born at Stoke Newington, 4th January 1768; married in the F.M.H., Winchmore Hill, 16th September 1795, Sampson Lloyd, Esq., Banker, of Birmingham, son of Sampson Lloyd, of Bordesley, co. Warwick, and Rachel Barnes his wife. Arms of Lloyd: Sable, a he-goat passant argent. Sampson Lloyd, the younger, was born *circa* 1765; died at Birmingham, 29th December 1800, aged 35; buried 7th January 1801.† Hannah Lloyd died at Snaresbrook, 14th April 1815, aged 47; buried 22nd April†. They had a son:—

i. SAMPSON LLOYD, born at Higham Hill, 16th June 1796; died at Woodford, 10th April 1815, aged 18; buried 22nd April.† He is mentioned in the *Bibliographical Decameron*, vol. iii, p. 376, by Dr. Dibdin, who was sometime his tutor.

III. BEATRICE HARMAN, married Henry Sterry (*see below*).

IV. GRIZELL HARMAN, married Richard Bush (*see below*).

V. MARIA HARMAN, of Calverley Lodge, Tunbridge Wells; born at Clapton, 10th August 1781; died unmarried at Tunbridge Wells, September 1864.†

VI. LUCY HARMAN, of Calverley Lodge, Tunbridge Wells; born at Clapton, 24th July 1784; died unmarried at Tunbridge Wells, 13th September 1845, aged 61.†

John Harman died at Higham, 29th July 1817, aged 78, and was buried 6th August.†

III.—**Jeremiah Harman** [XVNN], Merchant and Banker, of Frederick Place in Old Jewry, and Adam's Court,

† Buried in the F.B.G., Hammersmith.

London, and of Higham Hill, Woodford, co. Essex, the eldest son of John Harman [AN], was born in the parish of St. Lawrence, Jewry, 19th August 1763. He was a great financier as will be seen from the following extract from an obituary notice of him in the *Gentleman's Magazine* :—

“ The subject of the present memoir was a Director of the Bank of England from 1794 to 1827 : embracing the eventful period of the restriction of cash payments, and all the great financial and political difficulties of the country. He was much consulted by Mr. Pitt and Lord Liverpool on all questions of moment ; and also gave evidence of the most important character before the Bullion Committee of 1810 ; before the Committees on the resumption of Cash Payments, 1819 ; on the Bank Charter, in 1832 ; and on other investigations of similar character and importance.

“ In 1816 he was Governor of the Bank ; and in that year an addition of 25 per cent. was made to the capital of Bank-stock. Three years afterwards, in 1819, the thanks of the Court were voted to him for his share in the labours of a commission which had been appointed by the Crown for the prevention of forgery. In 1827, on his retirement, the thanks of the General Court were unanimously voted to him for his long and valuable services.”

Mr. Harman was a well-known fine art connoisseur, and his collection of pictures by the Old Masters, chiefly of the Dutch School, was justly held in high repute. He was moreover the patron of several modern artists. His friendship with Sir Charles Eastlake, and his sympathy with that great artist in the struggles of the early days of his career, are recorded and acknowledged by Lady Eastlake in her account of the life of her husband. Mr. Harman was also one of the patrons of the great though unfortunate painter, Benjamin-Robert Haydon, as is related in Haydon's *Autobiography*, and in his *Life and Letters* by his son.

Jeremiah Harman married, in the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, London, 29th March 1786, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary Howard, of London. She died at Tottenham, 18th May 1851, aged 86, and was buried in Woodford churchyard ;

M.I. He died *sine prole* at Adam's Court, 7th February 1844, aged 80, and was buried in Woodford churchyard ; M.I.

FV.—Edward Harman [XIN], Esq., F.S.A., of Finsbury Square, London, of Clay Hill, Enfield, co. Middlesex, and of Bath, was the fourth son of John Harman [XN], and brother of Jeremiah Harman [XINN]. He was born at Clapton, co. Middlesex, 14th November 1775, and married first, 14th September 1803, Hannah-Garbutt, eldest daughter of Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., of Lancaster, and Sarah Cowell his wife, and had an only child :—

I. HANNAH HARMAN, born in Finsbury Square, 14th July 1809 ; died 26th January 1810.†

Mrs. Harman (Ob.N., *G.M.*) died at Exeter, 14th March 1810, aged 25, and was buried there 23rd March. Edward Harman married secondly, at Great Saxham, co. Suffolk, 4th April 1815, Mary-Ann, third daughter of Thomas Mills, Esq., of Great Saxham Hall, J.P., D.L., and Susannah his wife, daughter and coheiress of Christopher Harris, Esq., of Bellevue, co. Devon. Arms of Mills : Ermine, a fer de moline sable. Mrs. Harman was born July 1787, and died at Bath 6th June 1857. She had issue :—

- I. **John Harman, Esq.**, of Portman Square, London, a partner in the banking house of *Bosanquet, Salt and Company*, of London ; born at Enfield, 31st December 1818.

U.—II. The Reverend Edward Harman. *See below, U.*

1. **MARY-ANN HARMAN**, born at Clay Hill, 1st April 1816 ; married, at Enfield, 31st December 1845, the Reverend John-Moore Heath, F.S.A., Fellow and Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Vicar of Enfield. He was born 27th December 1808, and was the eldest son of George-

† Buried in the F.B.G., Hammersmith.

Thomas Heath, Serjeant-at-Law, of Kitlands, Dorking, and Anne-Raymond Dunbar his wife, a daughter of an ancient Scottish house. Arms of Heath: Argent, a cross engrailed between twelve billets gules. The Rev. J.-M. Heath died 2nd February 1882, and Mrs. Heath died at Enfield, 16th March, and was buried at Enfield old church, 20th March 1888. They had issue:—i. **George Heath**, of Rockhampton, Queensland, who married Martha-Charlotte, second daughter of Johann-Friederich Schmidt, of Crefeld, Rhenish Prussia, Germany; ii. **Walter Heath**, of Queensland; i. **Julia Heath**; and ii. **Mary-Ann Heath**.

Edward Harman died at Ashley Villa, Bath, 23rd April 1860, aged 84.

U.—**Edward Harman** [X/N], M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, now Rector of Pickwell, co. Rutland, the younger son of Edward Harman [X/N], was born at Enfield, 10th April 1827. He was educated at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, B.A. (Junior Optime, and third-class in the Classical Tripos) 1850, M.A. 1853; ordained Deacon 1853, and Priest 1854. He married, at Battersea, 8th April 1858, **Louisa**, third daughter of the Reverend John-S. Jenkinson, M.A., Vicar of Battersea, and of Harriet-Caroline-Augusta, his wife, third daughter of the Hon. Sir George Grey, Bart., K.C.B., who was the third son of Charles, first Earl Grey. Mr. Harman has surviving issue:—

- I. **John-Eustace Harman**, of London, Barrister-at-Law; born 3rd August 1861.
- II. **Edward-George Harman**, born 28th November 1862.
- III. **Richard Harman**, born 22nd September 1864.
- IV. **Francis Harman**, born 27th March 1867.
- V. **Alfred-Cecil Harman**, born 30th June 1870.

- I. Harriet-Louisa Harman, born 12th December 1871.
- II. Mary-Ann Harman, born 3rd May 1873.
- III. Edith-Lucy Harman, born 9th May 1876.

THE SECOND HOUSE OF HARMAN.

I.—**Jeremiah Harman** [XO], Merchant, of the parish of St. Lawrence's, Jewry, London, and of Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, the second son of Jeremiah Harman and Hannah Gurnell [XN] (*see p.* 204), was born in St. Martin's Lane, London, 15th September 1739. He married, at the F.M.H., Devonshire House, London, 25th May 1767, Elizabeth Dickenson, and by her (who died at Bristol, 12th May 1775) had issue:—

- I. JEREMIAH HARMAN, Esq., born at Stoke Newington, 28th November 1769; died in Eaton Square, London, 12th April 1840, aged 70.
- II. JOHN-BARNARD HARMAN, Esq., of Monks House, Corsham - Regis, co. Wilts.; born at Stoke Newington, 17th October 1770, married, 8th March 1799, Elizabeth, fourth daughter of William-Selby Lowndes, of Winslow, co. Buckingham; died *sine prole* at Dawlish, 3rd May 1813.

II.—**III.** EZEKIEL HARMAN. *See below, III.*

- I. FRANCES-HOLDEN HARMAN, born in the parish of St. Lawrence, Jewry, 28th October 1768; married, in the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, 18th April 1787, Walker Gray, of Southgate.
- II. ELIZABETH HARMAN, born in Paradise Row, 14th January 1772; married, in the F.M.H., White Hart Court, London, 4th October 1797, Richard Lloyd, Esq., of Coventry, fourth son of Sampson Lloyd, Esq., Banker, of Birmingham,

and of Sarah Parkes his wife. They had issue :—
 i. RICHARD - HARMAN LLOYD, born 10th February 1807; married Isabella, daughter of William Borrodaile, Esq., of Balham-Hill, co. Surrey; i. ELIZABETH-BEATRICE LLOYD, born 7th November 1798; married Richard Alsager, Esq., M.P. for East Surrey; ii. FRANCES LLOYD, died unmarried; iii. CHARLOTTE LLOYD, married the Reverend John Echalaz, Rector of Appleby.

II.—Ezekiel Harman [XVO], Esq., of Theobald's Farm, co. Hertford, and of Stoke Newington, the third son of Jeremiah Harman [XO], was born at Stoke Newington, 18th February 1773. He married, 13th July 1797, Sarah, daughter of Joseph Wright, Esq., of Stoke Newington. She died 13th April 1845, aged 73, and was buried at Cheshunt; M.I. They had issue :—

- I. EZEKIEL - DICKINSON HARMAN, Esq., of Bowden, co. Wilts.; born at Theobalds, 7th February 1800; married Eleanor, daughter of Best; died *sine prole* at Aboyne, Scotland.
- II. BARNARD-DICKINSON HARMAN, Esq., of Monks House, Corsham - Regis.; born at Theobalds, 26th February 1803; married, at Cheshunt, 11th January 1854, Maria, second daughter of Thomas Morton, Esq., of Grove House; died in London *sine prole*.
- III. CHARLES - HENRY HARMAN, Esq.; born at Theobalds, 6th March 1808; died unmarried at Cardiff, 19th August 1849; M.I. in Cheshunt churchyard.
- IV. FREDERICK HARMAN, Esq., born at Theobalds, 17th December 1809; died at Barton Isles, Jamaica, 24th November 1838; M.I. in Cheshunt churchyard.

V. JOHN HARMAN, Clerk in Holy Orders, Incumbent of St. James's, Enfield; born at Theobalds, 22nd September 1813; died *sine prole* 16th August 1880; married, in London, Elizabeth, daughter of Francis, Esq., of Farm Hill, Waltham Abbey, and Great Ormonde Street, London.

III.—I. SARAH HARMAN. *See below, III.*

II. ELIZABETH-FRANCES HARMAN, born at Theobalds, 29th June 1801; died there 9th February 1832; M.I. in Cheshunt churchyard.

III. Caroline Harman, of The Eagles, Ponders End; born at Theobalds, 13th August 1804.

IV. MARY HARMAN, born at Theobalds, 11th June 1806; died at The Eagles, Ponders End, 16th November 1863; M.I. in Cheshunt churchyard; buried in St. James's churchyard, Enfield.

V. Emma Harman, born at Theobalds, 15th September 1811; married, in London, Monsieur Léopold Cazin, of Paris.

VI. Harriet - Emily Harman, born at Theobalds, 12th April 1815; married, at Cheshunt, 1st July 1846, Ferdinand - Antonio Echalaz, Esq., of Uplands, Walthamstow, and St. Katherine's, Wimbledon, a son of Joseph Echalaz, Esq., of Clapton, co. Middlesex. He died 22nd July 1886, having had issue:—

i. Ferdinand - John Echalaz, Esq., of Wimbledon, Stockbroker.

ii. Arthur - Charles Echalaz, Esq., of Cannock, co. Stafford.

i. Emily - Mary Echalaz, married Frank Templar, Esq., of Ceylon, and has no issue.

ii. Harriet - Louisa Echalaz, married Henry - F. Creswell, Esq., of Gibraltar, and has issue :—1. Ferdinand - Leslie Creswell, born at Gibraltar, 13th August 1881 ; 1. Margery - Ellen Creswell, born there 8th April 1883 ; 2. DOROTHY-MARY CRESWELL, born at Campamento 23rd March 1886, died 11th June 1887 ; and 3. Kate-Evelyn-Harriet Creswell, born there 1st September 1887.

iii. Ellen-Augusta Echalaz, of Wimbledon.

iv. CONSTANCE-EDITH ECHALAZ, buried at St. James's church, Enfield Highway.

VII. LOUISA-ANNE HARMAN, born at Theobalds, 1st November 1816, married, at Brighton, Henry Viner, Esq., and died *sine prole* in Jersey.

Ezekiel Harman died at Theobalds, 28th May 1845, aged 72, and was buried in the family vault in Cheshunt churchyard.

III.—Sarah Harman [XVO], the eldest daughter of Ezekiel Harman [XVO], was born at Theobalds, 30th November 1798, and married, at Cheshunt, 16th March 1830, Herbert Mayo, Esq., F.G.S. (third son of Paggen-William Mayo, Esq., of Bridlington, co. York, M.A., Doc. Mus., F.R.C.P., and of Charlotte Buckle, his wife). Arms of Mayo : Sable, a chevron between three roses argent, a chief or. They had issue :—

IV.—I. Herbert-Harman Mayo. *See below*, **IV.**

II. Frederick Mayo, Esq., of Bromley Hall, Standon, co. Hertford.

III. CHARLES MAYO, died in infancy.

IV. John Mayo, Esq.

V. Arthur Mayo, Esq., B.A., V.C. ; married Ellen-Horser Baker, and had issue :—i. ARTHUR-JOHN MAYO ; ii. EDWARD-ALOYSIUS-ARTHUR MAYO ;

iii. FRANCIS-XAVIER-MARIA MAYO ; iv. RAYMUND MAYO ; i. MARY-AGNES-ELLEN MAYO ; and ii. MARGARET-MARY MAYO.

VI. EDWARD MAYO, Esq.

I. SARAH-LOUISA MAYO, married Walter-Sutton Flack, Esq., and had issue:—i. CAROLINE-SUTTON FLACK ; ii. MARGARET FLACK ; iii. MABEL FLACK ; iv. GWENDOLINE FLACK ; and v. AGNES-MARY FLACK.

EV.—**Herbert-Harman Mayo** [XVII/O], B.A., now living, married first, 27th September 1852, Jane-Sophia Thorpe, and had issue:—

I. HERBERT-ARTHUR MAYO, born 2nd December 1853 ; baptized at Funchal, Madeira, 11th January 1854 ; died 8th August 1863 ; buried in the English cemetery at Funchal.

II. RAYMOND-JOHN MAYO, born 8th August 1858 ; baptized at Whickham, co. Durham, 19th September 1858 ; died at Funchal, 21st November 1862 ; buried there.

III. Cuthbert-Edward Mayo, born 22nd January 1860 ; baptized at Thames Ditton, co. Surrey, 26th February 1860.

IV. FREDERICK-WILLIAM MAYO, born 4th May 1861 ; baptized 11th June 1861 ; died 27th October 1861 ; buried at Funchal.

V. Harold-Shaw Mayo, born 1st December 1862 ; baptized at Funchal, 31st December 1862.

VI. ALAN-HENRY MAYO, born 9th February ; baptized 13th March 1864 ; died 13th September 1864 ; buried at Funchal.

VII. Brian-Kenard Mayo, born 8th May ; baptized at Bexhill, co. Sussex, 17th May 1869.

VIII. **GRENFELL MAYO**, born and baptized 2nd July 1870; died 9th July 1870; buried at Treses, in the Scilly Isles.

I. **Agnes-Mary Mayo**, born 21st October; baptized at Great Berkhamstead, 19th November 1855.

II. **Louisa-Jane Mayo**, born 12th May; baptized at St. Mary's, Putney, 12th June 1857.

III. **Amy Mayo**, born 24th February; baptized at Funchal, 26th March 1865.

IV. **ELLEN-ANNETTE-MARIE MAYO**, born 21st May; baptized 19th June 1867; died 28th July 1868; buried at Bexhill.

Mrs. Mayo died at Flushing, co. Cornwall, 2nd November 1871, and was buried at Mylor, in the same county. Mr. Mayo married secondly, 5th June 1872, Sarah-Anne Athawes, and had issue:—

I. **Herbert-John-Athawes Mayo**, born 16th February; baptized at St. Peter's, Flushing, 18th March 1874.

FLETCHER OF LONDON, EALING, AND READING.

ARMS: ARGENT, A CROSS ENGRAILED SABLE BETWEEN FOUR PELLETS,
EACH CHARGED WITH A PHEON OF THE FIELD.

F.—Hannah Harman [X], the daughter of Jeremiah Harman and Hannah Gurnell [XN], his wife, was born in St. Martin's Lane, London, 12th June 1734. She married, in the F.M.H., Tottenham, 13th March 1760, Thomas Fletcher, of Ironmonger Lane, London, and of Ealing. He was born at Lurgan, Ireland, 9th May 1730, and was the son of Thomas and Ruth Fletcher of that place. Thomas and Hannah Fletcher had issue:—

I. THOMAS FLETCHER, born 1761 ; died an infant.

II.—II. JOSEPH FLETCHER. *See below*, III.

III. THOMAS FLETCHER, born 1767 ; died an infant.

I. HANNAH FLETCHER, born at Ealing, *circa* 1760 ; married, November 1783, (as his first wife) the Reverend George-Henry Glasse, M.A., J.P., of Christ Church College, Oxford, Rector of Hanwell, co. Middlesex, and Chaplain to the Duke of Cambridge. He was born 1st September 1760, and was the son of the Reverend Samuel Glasse, D.D., Chaplain-in-ordinary to George III., and of Hannah Clutterbuck his wife. Arms of Glasse : Argent, a fleur-de-lis between three mullets, within a bordure gules. The Reverend G.-H. Glasse had four sons and six daughters (see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1847). He died 31st October 1809 ; buried in St. James's church, London, 5th November. Hannah Glasse died at Clifton, near Bristol, 14th June 1802, aged 42 ; buried at Hanwell, 5th July.

II. BEATRICE FLETCHER, born at Ealing, 22nd August 1765 ; died in Ironmonger's Lane, London, 29th December 1777 ; buried 4th January 1778.

III. MARY FLETCHER, twin-sister with Beatrice ; born at Ealing, 22nd August 1765 ; married Shaw, of Bath. She died at Bath.

Thomas Fletcher died at Ealing, 28th December 1799, aged 69 ; and was buried 4th January 1800.†

II.—Joseph Fletcher [X1], Esq., of Caroline Street, Bedford Square, London, the second son of Thomas and Hannah Fletcher, was born at Ealing, 25th March 1763. He married, 5th May 1790, Frances, daughter of Champain, and had issue :—

† Buried in the F.B.G., Hammersmith.

III.—I. EDWARD FLETCHER. *See below, III.*

- I. BEATRICE FLETCHER, born in Gower Street, London, 15th May 1791; married Commander Elliot Morres, R.N., of Matthews Green, Wokingham. She died at Wokingham, 18th August 1867; buried in the Morres vault at Wokingham parish church.
- II. CAROLINE FLETCHER, of Reading, born in Gower Street, 29th April 1792; died at Reading, 19th June 1886, aged 94; buried in Reading cemetery.
- III. LOUISA FLETCHER, of Reading, born at Ealing, 31st December 1796; died at Reading, 26th March 1883, aged 86; buried in Reading cemetery.
- IV. FRANCES-EMILY FLETCHER, of Reading, born at Ealing, 13th March 1802; died at Reading, 29th March 1871; buried in Reading cemetery.

Joseph Fletcher died at Little Ealing, 14th February 1833.

III.—**Edward Fletcher** [XVI], Esq., the son of Joseph Fletcher, was born at Ealing, 25th April 1798. He married, in Christ church, Plymouth, 6th April 1829, Mary-Ann, second daughter of Admiral Francis-Holmes Coffin, R.N., of Stonehouse, co. Devon, and Rebecca-Huddleston Mawby his wife and had issue :—

- I. MARY FLETCHER, born in London, 8th May 1830; died at Ryde, Isle of Wight, 24th July 1844.

IV.—II. EMILY FLETCHER. *See below, IV.*

Edward Fletcher died in London, 12th December 1861, and was buried in Hanwell churchyard.

IV.—**Emily Fletcher** [XVII], the surviving daughter of Edward Fletcher, was born in London, 14th May 1831.

She married, at Bath, 20th August 1850, Charles-William Luther, M.D., of Brighton, and had an only child:—

V.—I. **Martin-Fletcher Luther**. *See below*, V.

Dr. Luther, who was a lineal descendant of a brother of the great Reformer, was born near Dessau, in Germany, 26th September 1810, and died at Southwick, co. Sussex, 5th October 1876.

V.—**Martin-Fletcher Luther** [XIV], Esq., R.N., now of London, was born at Bath, 1852, and baptized at Freshford, co. Somerset. He married Mabel Hankey, and by her (who was born 18th October 1858) has had issue:—

- I. **Grey-Fletcher Luther**, born at 8 Adelaide Crescent, Brighton, 13th August 1879; baptized at Hove parish church.
- II. **Alan-Charles Grenville Luther**, born in London, 17th September 1880; baptized at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.
- III. **John-Wentworth Luther**, born in London, 16th July 1887.
- I. **ELSIE-MABEL LUTHER**, born in London, 1st February 1882; baptized at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington; died at Brighton, 4th November 1882.

MILDRED OF LONDON AND WOODFORD.

ARMS: SABLE, THREE MULETS OR, A CHIEF NEBULEE ERMINE.

I.—**Elizabeth Harman** [XV], the eldest daughter of John Harman [XN], of Woodford (*see p. 206*), was born at Stoke Newington, 16th May 1766. She married, in the F.M.H., Winchmore Hill, 15th December 1790, Daniel Mildred, Esq., of Finsbury Square and Lombard Street, London, and of Woodford, co. Essex, Banker, a partner in the firm of *Masterman and*

Mildred. He was the son of Daniel and Lydia Mildred, of London and Upton, and was born *circa* 1768. He had issue:—

☞.—I. DANIEL MILDRED. *See below*, ☞☞.

II. JOHN MILDRED, born in Finsbury Square, 3rd August 1797; drowned in a pond in his father's garden at Walthamstow, 14th September 1805, aged 8; buried in the F.B.G., Jordans, co. Buckingham, 19th September.

III. CHARLES MILDRED, born in Finsbury Square, 27th December 1798; died in infancy; buried at Jordans.

IV. HENRY MILDRED, Esq., Merchant, of London, and of Woodford and Chigwell, co. Essex; born at Woodford, 18th September 1807; died at Chigwell, 31st August 1856, aged 48; buried at Woodford; M.I. He married, at Waltham Abbey, co. Essex, 17th May 1832, Margaret, eldest daughter of William Banbury, Esq., Banker, of Lombard Street, London, and of Warlies Park, co. Essex, by his second wife, Margaret, daughter of Joshua Knowles, Esq., of Wanstead and Lombard Street. Mrs. Mildred was born 15th October 1812, and is now resident at Brook House, Chigwell. By her Henry Mildred had issue:—

- i. Henry Mildred, Esq., of Warley House, Brentwood, and no. 8 St. Helen's Place, London; born 10th September 1834; married, 17th June 1864, Fanny-Kempe, second daughter of Charles-P. Matthews, Esq., J.P., of Havering-atte-Bower, co. Essex, and has had issue:—1. HENRY MILDRED, born 30th March 1865; died 19th February 1878; 2. Charles Mildred, born 24th January 1867; 3. Frank

- Mildred, born 25th March 1873 ;
 1. Florence Mildred, born 14th October 1868 ; 2. Margaret Mildred, born 18th January 1872 ; 3. Emily Mildred, born 7th December 1874 ; 4. Helen Mildred, born 30th January 1879 ; and 5. Evelyn Mildred, born 13th March 1883.
- ii. William Mildred, Esq., born 13th March 1836 ; married, 12th March 1863, Gertrude, daughter of the Reverend W.-H.-S. Meadows, Vicar of Chigwell, and has issue :—1. Edmund-William Mildred, born 27th May 1871 ; 2. Spencer Mildred, born 6th January 1873 ; 1. Ethel Mildred, born 24th October 1864 ; married, 30th July 1887, Alfred-P. Doulton, Esq. ; 2. Ida Mildred, born 29th January 1867 ; 3. Lucy Mildred, born 22nd June 1869 ; and 4. Hilda-Gertrude Mildred, born 4th May 1876.
- iii. ARTHUR MILDRED, Esq., born 12th December 1839, died in South America, 3rd September 1882.
- iv. JOHN MILDRED, Esq., born 19th March 1845 ; died in South America, 3rd February 1881.
- i. Elizabeth Mildred, born 28th August 1837 ; married, 25th September 1862, Stephen-Arthur Sewell, Esq., of Wanstead, and now of Ealing, co. Middlesex, and has had issue :—1. Reginald-Arthur Sewell, born 21st May 1871 ; 2. Archibald-Hankey Sewell, born 16th June 1874 ; 1. Margaret-Elizabeth Sewell, born 27th September 1863 ;

2. Helen-Mildred Sewell, born 22nd October 1864; 3. Mary-Geraldine Sewell, born 5th May 1866; and 4. Henrietta - Maria Sewell, born 4th March 1868.
- ii. Harriet Mildred, born 17th June 1847; married, 30th January 1877, John Elliot, Esq., Surgeon, of Belvedere, co. Kent, and has issue :—1. Henry-Norman Elliot, born 14th November 1877; 1. Dorothy-Margaret Elliot, born 12th January 1880; and 2. Mildred-Marjorie Elliot, born 20th February 1882.
- V. Frederic Mildred, Esq., of London, born at Finsbury Square, 26th December 1810; married, at Bath abbey in 1843, Mary-Anne, second daughter of John-W. Hicks, Esq., of Lansdowne Crescent, Bath, and by her (who died at Addiscombe, co. Surrey, 30th September 1851) had issue :—
- i. Frederic Mildred, Esq., born in London.
- i. Beatrice-Susan Mildred, born in London; married, at Merton, co. Surrey, the Reverend Edward-Hamilton Blyth, late Vicar of Margate, now Rector of Woodchurch, co. Kent, and has issue :—1. Edward-Hamilton Blyth; 2. George-Herbert Blyth; 1. Beatrice - Mary Blyth; 2. Dora-Mildred Blyth; 3. Helen-Evelyn Blyth; 4. Mabel-Hamilton Blyth; and 5. Margaret-Sophie Blyth.
- ii. Louisa - Sophia Mildred, born in London.

- iii. **Emily-Maria Mildred**, married **Commander Pearson-Campbell Johnstone**, R.N., son of **David-Graham Johnstone**, Esq., and has issue:—1. **Douglas-Campbell Johnstone**; 2. **Nowell, Campbell Johnstone**; 1. **Ruby-Campbell Johnstone**; and 2. **Violet-Campbell Johnstone**.
- I. **ELIZABETH MILDRED**, born in **Finsbury Square**, 4th October 1792; married, in **Woodford parish church**, her cousin, **Thomas-Daniel Mildred**, by whom she had no issue. She was buried in **Highgate cemetery**.
- II. **LYDIA MILDRED**, born in **Finsbury Square**, 1st December 1793; married, at **Woodford**, the **Reverend Henry-Rous Birch**, Rector of **Southwold**, co. **Suffolk**. She died at **Twickenham**, and was buried at **Wangford**, co. **Suffolk**. They had issue:—
- i. **HENRY-MILDRED BIRCH**, Clerk in **Holy Orders**, late **Canon of Ripon**; born and baptized at **Woodford**; married **Julia Drinkwater**, of **Irwell Park**, near **Prestwich**, and had a son and a daughter.
 - ii. **John-William Birch**, Esq., **F.R.G.S.**, of **Rickmansworth Park**, co. **Hertford**, and now of no. 27 **Cavendish Square**, **London**, late **Governor of the Bank of England**; married, 2nd June 1852, **Julia**, daughter of the late **Joseph Arden**, Esq., of **Rickmansworth Park** and **Londwater**, and had issue:—1. **John-Arden Birch**, born 15th April 1853, married, 23rd February 1881, **Charlotte - Mary - Leycester**, elder daughter of **George-Montagu Stopford**,

Esq., grandson of the 3rd Earl of Courtown; 2. Henry-William Birch, born 16th September 1854; 3. Lionel-Ernest Birch, born 11th July 1858; 4. Frank-Mildred Birch, born 11th December 1861; and 5. George-Thackeray Birch, born 1st May 1865.

- i. Louisa-Rous Birch, Spinster.
- ii. Lydia Birch, married Henry Heigham, Esq., of Hunston Hall, co. Norfolk, who is deceased.
- iii. SELINA-ACTON BIRCH, married the Reverend Richard-Henry Bicknell, M.A., Vicar of Wroxham-with-Salhouse, co. Norfolk, 1868-7—, and had issue. They were both buried at Wroxham.
- iv. EMILY BIRCH, died unmarried.
- iii. Augustus-Frederic Birch, Rector of Northchurch, or Berkhamsted St. Mary, 1880; late Fellow of King's College, Cambridge; Camden Gold Medallist 1848, B.A. 1849, M.A. 1852; ordained Deacon 1859, Priest 1860. He married Miss Corrance, daughter of Corrance, Esq., of Parham Hall, co. Suffolk, and has issue.
- iv. Ernest-George Birch, Esq., late of the Bengal Civil Service; married (as his second wife) D'Arcy Hutton, of Ripon, and has no issue.
- v. Sir Arthur-Nonus Birch, K.C.M.G., late Lieutenant-Governor of Ceylon; married Watts-Russell, of co. Hants, and has issue:—1. Arthur-Egerton Birch, born 4th February 1877; 2. Wyndham-

Lindsey Birch, born 21st March 1878 ;
and 1. Una-Constance Birch, born 21st
April 1875.

III. HARRIET MILDRED, born in Finsbury Square,
16th July 1796 ; died an infant ; buried at
Jordans.

IV. HANNAH MILDRED, born in Finsbury Square,
30th April 1800 ; married, at Woodford, Henry
Bingley, Esq., Queen's Assay Master of the
Royal Mint, son of Robert Bingley, Esq., of
the Royal Mint. Hannah Bingley was buried at
Brighton. They had issue :—

i. Robert-Mildred Bingley, M.A., Clerk in
Holy Orders ; appointed Rector of Braise-
worth, co. Suffolk, in 1853 ; married, 25th
April 1861, Alice-Glanville Campbell, and
has issue :—1. Henry-Campbell-Alchome
Bingley, born 7th March 1862 ; 2. Robert-
Noel-Glanville Bingley, born 25th
December 1864 ; 3. Edward-Fanshawe
Bingley, born 3rd August 1868 ; 4. John-
Mesnard-Campbell Bingley, born 6th
March 1877 ; 5. Randolph-Douglas
Bingley, born 7th September 1879 ; 6.
Percival-Herbert Bingley, born 18th
October 1880 ; 1. Alice-Beatrice Bingley,
born 6th June 1863 ; 2. Ruth-Mildred
Bingley, born 30th January 1866 ; 3.
Edith-Frances Bingley, twin with E.-F.
Bingley ; 4. Penelope-Margaret Bingley,
born 23rd July 1872 ; and 5. Christiana-
Gertrude Bingley born 6th June 1875.

ii. John-George Bingley, M.A., Clerk in
Holy Orders ; Rector of Snodland, co.

Kent, 1874; married Miss Elton, and has issue.

i. **Beatrice Bingley**, married the Reverend Perceval-Frost Bamborough, now deceased, and has a daughter.

V. **BEATRICE MILDRED**, born in Finsbury Square, 28th April 1801; married, at Woodford, 4th October 1843, Frederick Cripps, Esq., of Cirencester. She died without issue, and was buried there.

VI. **LOUISA MILDRED**, born at Walthamstow, 26th April 1803; died at Woodford, unmarried, 17th December 1855, aged 52; buried in Woodford churchyard; M.I.

VII. **EMMA MILDRED**, born at Walthamstow, 7th June 1804; died an infant.

VIII **MARIA MILDRED**, born 13th January 1809; died at Woodford, unmarried, 27th June 1877, aged 68; buried in Woodford churchyard; M.I.

Mr. Mildred died 26th December 1827, aged 59, and was buried in the family vault in Woodford churchyard; M.I. Mrs. Mildred died 27th November 1838; and was buried beside her husband; M.I.

KK.—Daniel Mildred [XII], Esq., Banker, of Lombard Street, London, and of Hale End Lodge, Woodford, co. Essex, the eldest son of Daniel Mildred, was born in Finsbury Square, London, 19th January 1795. He married first, at Marylebone parish church, Emily, daughter of Brice Pearce, Esq., of Monkham, Woodford, and of Charlotte *née* Chiswell, his wife, and had issue:—

KKK.—I. DANIEL MILDRED. *See below, KKK.*

I. **Charlotte-Elizabeth Mildred**, born at Hale End, Woodford, 10th April 1837; married, at Woodmansterne, co. Surrey, 10th April 1861, the

Reverend William-Henry Lance, Associate of Theology, of King's College, London, 1858, and Curate of Thurlbear-with-Stoke St. Mary, co. Somerset, since 1859. He was the son of the Reverend John-Edwin Lance, M.A., Prebendary of Wells, and Rector of Buckland St. Mary, co. Somerset. He was ordained Deacon in 1858, and Priest in 1859; Curate of Bishop's Lydiard, co. Somerset, 1858-9; formerly Lieutenant in the 74th Bengal N.I. He has issue:—i. Edwin-Mildred Lance, born 31st January 1862; ii. Cyril-William Lance, born 2nd June 1864; iii. Charles-Hubert Lance, born 19th November 1865; iv. Arthur-Porcher Lance, born 16th April 1871; v. Francis-Daniel Lance, born 9th August 1876; i. Mildred Lance, born 1st June 1869; and ii. Ethel-Charlotte Lance, born 26th March 1873.

Mrs. Mildred died at Woodford, 12th November 1839, aged 34, and was buried there; M.I. Daniel Mildred married secondly, at Woodford, 27th April 1848, Rosa, fourth daughter of John Gore, Esq., of Harts, Essex, and by her had no issue. Mrs. Mildred now resides at Woodmansterne. Mr. Mildred died 1st June 1858, aged 63, and was buried in Woodford churchyard; M.I.

III.—Daniel Mildred [XIII], Esq., of Preston, co. Gloucester, the son of Daniel Mildred, was born at Hale End, Woodford, 11th July 1838. He married, at Staple-Fitzpaine, co. Somerset, 4th May 1865, Emma-Lucy, second daughter of the Reverend Fitzhardinge-Berkeley Portman, M.A., Rector of Staple-Fitzpaine with Bickenhall, co. Somerset, and brother of Edward-Berkeley, Viscount Portman. Arms of Mr. Portman: Or, a fleur-de-lis azure, a martlet for difference. Mrs. Mildred was born in 1843, and by her Mr. Mildred had issue:—

I. Daniel Mildred, born 19th November 1870.

II. George-Berkeley Mildred, born 23rd January 1872.

I. Frances-Emily Mildred, born 19th February 1866.

II. Ellen-Mary Mildred, born 23rd July 1867.

III. Rachel-Neville Mildred, born 24th December 1868.

IV. Beatrice-Ella Mildred, born 25th November 1869.

Mr. Mildred died at Cirencester, 28th December 1873

STERRY OF LONDON AND NUTFIELD.

£.—Beatrice Harman [X1], the third daughter of John Harman [XN] (*see p. 207*), was born at Stoke Newington, 27th June 1771. She married, in the F.M.H., Tottenham, 9th April 1795, Henry Sterry, Wine Merchant, of Crutched Friars and Finsbury Square, London, and of Leyton, co. Essex, son of Henry Sterry, Citizen and Carrier, of Hatton Street, London, and of Mary Fleatham, his second wife, and had issue:—

I. HENRY STERRY, Esq., of Trinity Square, London, born in Finsbury Square, 3rd March 1799; married, at Hull, 18th June 1828, Ann-Eliza, daughter of Jones, of the Hon. E. I. Company's Service. He died *sine prole* in Upper Gloucester Place, London, 18th April 1878; and she died in St. John's Wood, London, 16th April 1887.

££.—II. JOHN STERRY. *See below, ££.*

III. CHARLES STERRY, Esq., of the Royal Mint, born at Leyton, 28th August 1811; married, at Tunbridge Wells, 26th April 1855, Sarah-Maria, daughter of the Reverend Samuel Carr, of Colchester, and Martha-Diana his wife, and had issue:—

- i. **Priscilla-Amelia Sterry**, born at the Royal Mint, 6th October 1856; married, at Hastings, 24th July 1883, the Reverend **Willie-Parkinson Jay**, Vicar of Christ church, London, E. Mr. Jay was the son of William-James and Harriet Jay; educated at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1877, M.A. 1881; ordained Deacon 1878, Priest 1879. He has issue:—
1. **Dorothy-Mary Jay**, born 26th June 1884;
 2. **Gladys-Monica Jay**, born 10th October 1885; and
 3. **Hilda-Priscilla Jay**, born 5th January 1887.

Henry Sterry was born at Snow Hill, London, 9th December 1770; died in Basinghall Street, 27th October 1834, aged 64; and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 3rd November. Beatrice Sterry died in Trinity Square, London, 4th December 1849, aged 78, and was buried at Winchmore Hill.

II.—John Sterry [XII], Esq., of Nutfield, co. Surrey, the second son of Henry Sterry, was born in Finsbury Square, London, 27th November 1805. He married, at Nutfield, 17th April 1866, **Emma-Perceval**, daughter of John Stringer, Merchant, of London, and of Emma-Peyton Bedwell, his wife. Arms of Stringer:—Argent, a cross patonce between four martlets sable, a canton erminois. Mrs. Sterry was born 3rd August 1838. She had issue:—

- I. **HENRY STERRY**, born 20th March 1868, died an infant.
- II. **John Sterry**, born 9th January; baptized at Nutfield, 24th February 1870.
- III. **Perceval Sterry**, born 1st July; baptized at Nutfield, 9th August 1871.
- IV. **HENRY STERRY**, born 5th November; baptized at Nutfield, 16th December 1872, died an infant.

V. **Alfred Sterry**, born at Worthing, 23rd May ;
baptized there 2nd July 1876.

John Sterry died at Worthing, 20th November 1882, and was
buried in Nutfield churchyard.

BUSH OF LONDON, WANDSWORTH, WOODFORD,
AND BRIGHTON.

F.—Grizell Harman [XI], the fourth daughter of
John Harman [YN] (*see p.* 207), was born at Stoke Newington,
18th July 1773. She married, in the F. M. H., Winchmore Hill,
27th October 1796, Richard Bush, Esq., of Cannon Street,
London, of Wandsworth and Woodford, co. Essex, and of
Brighton, son of Richard Bush, of Southwark and Wands-
worth, and of Prudence Wigg, his first wife, and grandson of
James Bush, and Anna his wife, daughter of Sir Daniel
Fleming, Knight. Arms used by Mr. Bush: Azure, a wolf
rampant argent, collared and chained or, surmounted of three
crosses crosslet patée or. Richard and Grizell Bush had issue:—

- I. **RICHARD BUSH**, Esq., of Farnborough, co. Kent ;
born in 1797-8 ; died at Hove, near Brighton.
- II. **John Bush**, Esq., of Auchrannie, in the Isle of
Arran ; born at Hackney, 5th July 1803 ; married,
at Arran, 1859, Jane Fullarton.
- III. **ALFRED BUSH**, Esq., born in Cannon Street,
London, 16th February 1806 ; died 26th
November 1866 ; buried in Highgate cemetery.
- IV. **GEORGE BUSH**, Esq., Civil Engineer, of Brighton ;
born at Woodford, 25th June 1810 ; died at
Brighton, 13th November 1841, aged 31. He
was a pupil of John Rennie, and was distinguished
in his profession. He was principal Engineer to
the Taff Vale Railway Company.

- I. ELIZABETH BUSH, born at Wandsworth, 1798 ; died in London, unmarried, 1871 ; buried at Hove.
- II. PRUDENCE BUSH, born at Wandsworth, 1799 ; died in London, unmarried, 1873 ; buried at Hove.
- III. MARIA BUSH, born at Wandsworth, 21st February 1802 ; died unmarried, in January 1832 ; buried at Dorking.

ÆÆ.—IV. GRIZELL BUSH. *See below, ÆÆ.*

- V. LUCY BUSH, born at Woodford, 6th June 1813 ; married Thomas-Gordon Hake, M.D., and had five sons and two daughters (of whom one daughter died an infant). She died at Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A., 15th March 1855.

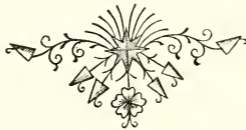
Richard Bush died at Bath, 2nd November 1855, aged 83, and was buried in the family vault at Hove, near Brighton. Grizell Bush, his widow, died at Bath, 29th February 1856, and was buried beside him.

ÆÆ.—**Grizell Bush** [XVII], the fourth daughter of Richard Bush, was born at Woodford, 26th February 1808. She married, at St. George's, Bloomsbury, 20th May 1835, her cousin, Richard-Yeates-Brown Bush, Esq., Colonel in the Bengal Army, and of no. 55 York Terrace, Regent's Park, London, fourth son of Thomas Bush, Esq., and of Harriet Brown, his wife, and had issue :—

- I. RICHARD-VERNON BUSH, born 1836, died an infant in India.
- II. HAROLD-RICHARD BUSH, Esq., born 25th October 1838 ; formerly lieutenant in the 13th Light Dragoons, died in York Terrace, 5th September 1866 ; buried in Kensal Green cemetery.
- III. RICHARD-GEORGE BUSH, Esq., born 1841 ; died an infant.

- VI. **Richard-Hake Bush, Esq., M.D.** ; of Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, London ; born at Simla, in India, 21st April 1843 ; married, 22nd May 1878, **Emily-Charlotte-Augusta**, eldest surviving daughter of Sir William-Edmund Pole, Bart., of Shute House, co. Devon, by **Margaret-Victoriosa**, his wife, second daughter of Admiral the Hon. Sir John Talbot, G.C.B. (by his wife **Julia**, daughter of **James-Everard**, ninth Lord Arundell of Wardour). Arms of Pole : Azure, semée de lis, a lion rampant argent.
- V. **ALFRED-WALTER BUSH**, born 26th August 1845 ; died an infant.
- I. **HARRIET-GRIZELL BUSH**, born at Nowgong, in India, 4th August 1847 ; died at York Terrace, 4th January 1882 ; buried in Kensal Green cemetery.

Colonel Bush died at 55 York Terrace, 10th January 1885.






CHAPTER XVII.

GREEN OF LONDON, CHALFONT ST. GILES, SAFFRON WALDEN, AND STANSTED MONTFICHET; AND THE FAMILIES OF HARFORD, LYNE, EDMONDS, SMITH, TUCKETT, AND LITTLEBOY.

“Where would have been the history, the art, the philosophy of the past ages, had there been no provident conservators, wise for all generations, to transmit these precious relics to their descendants?”—ALLIBONE.

ARMS: ARGENT, ON A CHEVRON GULES THREE ESCALLOP SHELLS OF THE FIELD BETWEEN AS MANY FLEURS-DE-LIS SABLE, A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE. CREST: A STAG TRIPPANT ARGENT, A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE. MOTTO: PER ARDUA AD ALTA.

Æ.—ary Gurnell [IXP], the fourth daughter of Jonathan Gurnell and Grizell Wilmer [VIII M] (see page 192), was born at Throgmorton Street, London, 11th October 1721. She married, in the F.M.H., Longford, 28th April 1745, Joseph Green, Silk Merchant, of Spital Square, London, second son of Joseph Green, Silk Weaver, of Duke Street, Spitalfields, and Elizabeth Tubb his wife. Joseph Green, the younger, was born in Fort Street, Spitalfields, 11th April 1724, and was a great-grandson of John Green, of Liversedge, co. York, and Elizabeth

his wife, daughter and heiress of Thomas Leigh, of Batley, in the same county. This John Green embraced the principles of the Society of Friends, and in consequence suffered the confiscation of his estates, and died a prisoner in York castle in 1676. His pedigree is recorded in Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, 1665-6, and an account of him is given in *Old Yorkshire*, edited by William Smith, F.S.A.S. Joseph and Mary Green had issue:—

ÆÆ.—I. JOSEPH GREEN. *See below*, ÆÆ.

I. ELIZABETH GREEN, born in Spital Square, 3rd March 1745-6; died in infancy.

II. A DAUGHTER, died 25th September 1749.

III. MARY GREEN, born in Spital Square, 7th March 1750-1; died unmarried at her residence at Clapton, co. Middlesex, 22nd September 1826, aged 75; buried in the F.B.G., Whitechapel, 30th September.

IV. ELIZABETH GREEN, born in Spital Square, 9th November 1752; died in infancy.

V. SARAH GREEN, born in Spital Square, 23rd June 1754; died of a fever in Ironmongers' Lane, 8th March 1771, aged 16; buried at Whitechapel, 14th March.

VI. GRIZELL GREEN, married Richard Harford (*see p.* 245).

VII. LUCY GREEN, born in Spital Square, 29th March 1759; died in infancy.

Joseph Green died of consumption in Spital Square, 23rd February 1762, aged 37; and was buried in the F.B.G., Whitechapel, 10th March. His will was dated 23rd December 1751, and proved 17th March 1762.¹ He names his brother-in-law, Samuel Hoare, and gives to the Poor of Devonshire House

1. P.C.C.

Monthly Meeting 100*l*. His widow, Mary Green, died at Hackney, 3rd April 1765, aged 43; and was buried at Whitechapel, 10th April. Administration of her goods was granted 5th December 1765¹, to her brother, Thomas Gurnell, until her children should be of age.

XX.—Joseph Green [XP], of Stone Deane, Chalfont St. Giles, and High Wycombe, co. Buckingham, son of Joseph Green, was born in Spital Square, 25th August 1747. He was apprenticed by his uncle, Samuel Hoare, and Nathaniel Newbury (trustees under his father's will) to Markes Vandewall, "Linnen Draper," of Cheapside, London. He married, in the F.M.H., Devonshire House, London, 2nd March 1769, Mary, only child of Abraham Andrews, of Barking, and Rebecca Vandewall, his wife, who was of an ancient Low Country family. Mary Green was a Minister of the Society of Friends, and an excellent woman, and her memory is revered by her descendants. She was born at Barking, 14th May 1746; died† 28th January 1826, aged 69, and was buried in the F.B.G.†, 5th February. Joseph and Mary Green had issue:—

XXX.—I. JOSEPH-MARKES GREEN. *See below, XXX.*

- II. WILLIAM GREEN, Grocer, of Chipping Wycombe, born† 11th September 1783; married, in the F.M.H., Shipston-on-Stour, co. Worcester, 26th August 1818, Susanna, daughter of John Lamley, Maltster, of Tredington, co. Worcester, and of Sarah Burlingham, his wife, and had issue:—
- i. WARING-LAMLEY GREEN, born† 11th September 1822; died an infant.
 - ii. JOSEPH GREEN, born† 29th April 1824; died 21st January 1831, aged 6; buried 30th January.†
 - iii. A SON, buried 1819.

i. P.C.C.

† At High Wycombe.

- i. MARY GREEN, born† 26th October 1820 ; died 31st July 1839 ; buried† 8th August.
 - ii. SARAH-LAMLEY GREEN, born† 24th February 1826 ; died an infant.
 - iii. SARAH-LAMLEY GREEN, born† 20th January 1828 ; died at Cheetham, co. Lancaster, 28th November 1864, aged 36 ; buried at Ashton - on - Mersey, 1st December.
 - iv. Susannah-Waring Green, born† 22nd September 1829 ; married, in the F.M.H., Scarborough, 22nd September 1858, James Bissell, Grocer, of Stockport, now resident in Ontario, and had a son, WILLIAM-HENRY BISSELL, who was born 20th July 1859, and died at Bridge Street, Whitby, co. York, 6th October 1860. James Bissell was the son of James Bissell, Baker, of Sunderland. and Sophia Davis, his wife.
- I. GRIZELL GREEN, married Samuel Edmonds (*see below*).
 - II. MARY GREEN, married John Ecles (*see below*).
 - III. ANN GREEN, born at Stone Deane, 29th October 1776 ; died† 26th July 1844, aged 67 ; buried in the F.B.G.†

Joseph Green died† 31st July 1786, aged 38 ; and was buried in the F.B.G., Jordans, 6th August ; M.I. The Quaker burial-ground of Jordans adjoins Stone Deane, and Joseph Green was buried close to the vault of Samuel and Martha Vandewall, his wife's relatives, who owned some adjoining property, and that part of the ground where the vault was situated. Jordans is well-known as the last resting-place of the illustrious William Penn and several members of his family, of Isaac Pennington, and

† At High Wycombe.

Thomas Ellwood, Milton's friend and amanuensis, and many other Quaker worthies.

III.—Joseph=Markes Green [X/P], Merchant, of Saffron Walden, co. Essex, and of Bordeaux Farm, Littlebury, in the same county, the elder son of Joseph Green [X/P], was born at Stone Deane, 14th November 1771. He married, in the F.M.H., † 28th October 1795, Mercy, eldest daughter of Thomas Day, of Saffron Walden, and Susannah-Crafton, his second wife. Mercy Green was, like her husband, an Elder of the Society of Friends, she was an excellent Christian woman, and greatly beloved by all with whom she came in contact. She died (Ob.N., A.M.) 18th February 1855, † aged 79, and was buried in the F.B.G. † By her J.-M. Green had issue :—

- I. JOSEPH GREEN, born † 18th August 1796 ; died in infancy.

IV.—II. Thomas-Day Green. *See below, IV.*

III. JOSHUA GREEN, of Stansted Montfichet (*see p. 243*).

- I. SUSANNA GREEN, born † 27th March 1798 ; married in the F.M.H., † 26th September 1833 (as his second wife) Gundry Neave, Merchant, of Leiston and Woodbridge, co. Suffolk, and had issue :—

- i. **Joseph-James Neave**, of Burdoe, Sydney, New South Wales ; born at Leiston, 27th May 1836 ; married first, in the F.M.H., Winchmore Hill, 20th June 1861, Eliza, daughter of John and Sophia Appleton, of Hounslow and Tottenham. She died 3rd April 1864, aged 26. He married secondly, 10th September 1872, † **Helen-Grace**, daughter of Abraham and Jane Davy, of Harrington Park, Sydney.

† At Saffron Walden.

J.-J. Neave is a well-known Minister of the Society of Friends, and, while engaged in missionary work, has travelled extensively in Great Britain, Ireland, America, and Australia. He has issue:—1. Norton-Joseph Neave; 2. Bevan-Walter Neave; 3. Stacy-Arthur Neave; and 1. Helen-Susanna Neave.

- ii. Henry Neave, Engineer, of Barton-upon-Humber, co. Lincoln, now resident at Cape Town, Africa; born at Leiston, 8th November 1839; married, in the F.M.H., Kelvedon, co. Essex, 24th September 1862, ELIZA, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Brown, of Luton, and has a son, Henry-Edward Neave, and two daughters, Alice Neave and Mabel-Susanna Neave.

Gundry Neave bore the arms: Argent, on a cross sable five fleurs-de-lis of the field. He was the son of James Neave, of Fordingbridge, co. Southampton, and of Hannah Gundry, his wife, and was born at the Old Manor House, Fordingbridge, 15th September 1799; died (Ob.N., *A.M.*) at Woodbridge, 3rd February 1871; buried in the F.B.G., Leiston, 8th February. Susanna Neave, his widow, died (Ob.N., *A.M.*) 18th May 1875, ‡ aged 77; buried in the F.B.G., Leiston, 23rd May.

- II. MARY GREEN, born 14th April 1800‡; died 24th July 1811‡; buried in the F.B.G.‡

- III. PRISCILLA GREEN, born 8th May 1802‡; died (Ob.N., *A.M.*) 21st March 1877, aged 74; buried in the F.B.G.‡ 26th March. She was a well-known

‡ At Saffron Walden.

Minister in the Society of Friends, and of deep spiritual attainments. She travelled extensively in Great Britain, Ireland, and America, visiting the members of the Society to which she belonged, and holding public meetings. There is the following notice of her in the *Life of H. W. Longfellow* (vol. ii., p. 304, ed. 1886).

“1857 August 17th.—‘Go in the morning to hear a Quakeress from England, Priscilla Green, speak in the church. She spoke with a sweet voice and very clear enunciation; very deliberately, and breaking now and then into a rhythmic chant, in which the voice seemed floating up and down on wings. I was much interested, and could have listened an hour longer. It was a very great pleasure to me to hear such a musical voice.’”

IV. Rachel Green, born 24th March 1804‡; married in the F.M.H.,‡ 15th June 1827, John-Stephenson Robson, Merchant, of Saffron Walden, third son of Thomas Robson, of Liverpool, and has three sons and two daughters. J.-S. Robson was born 1st March 1802; died 22nd April 1888; and was buried in the F.B.G., Saffron Walden, 27th April. For an account of his family, see the *Pedigree of Pease of Darlington*, privately printed for the late Gurney Pease of Darlington, and the *Annals of Smith of Cantley*, compiled by Henry-Ecroyd Smith.

V. ELIZA-ANN GREEN, born 11th February 1806‡; married, in the F.M.H.,‡, 8th June 1837; Joseph Hopkins, of Brandy Car, near Brigg, co. Lincoln, eldest son of Jonathan Hopkins, of Brandy Car, and of Susanna Smith, his wife. Joseph Hopkins was born at Brandy Car, 31st March 1801; died (Ob.N., A.M.) at Brigg, 30th September 1880, aged 79; buried there in the cemetery 2nd October.

‡ At Saffron Walden.

His wife died (Ob.N., *A.M.*) at Brigg, 24th May 1866, aged 60; buried there in the cemetery, 29th May. Both Joseph Hopkins and his wife were Ministers of the Society of Friends. They had issue:—

i. **Joseph-Green Hopkins**, of Brandy Car, now resident at Lewes, co. Sussex; born at Brandy Car, 2nd October 1840; married, in the F.M.H., Luton, 29th April 1863, **Elizabeth**, daughter of William Drewett, of Luton, and of Gulielma-Maria Pattison, his wife. J.-G. and E. Hopkins are both Ministers in the Society of Friends.

i. **Susan-Day Hopkins**, of Crich, co. Derby, born 14th September 1847.

VI. **CAROLINE GREEN**, born 10th March 1808[‡]; married, in the F.M.H.[‡], 3rd December 1844; Henry Hopkins, of Scarborough, youngest son of Jonathan Hopkins aforesaid, and had issue:—i. **Mary-Green Hopkins**, of Scarborough, born there, 15th September 1845. Henry Hopkins was a well-known and greatly valued Minister of the Society of Friends, and an earnest Christian missionary. Engaged in religious service, he repeatedly travelled throughout the country. He was born 31st January 1812; died (Ob.N., *A.M.*) at Scarborough, 13th April 1881, aged 69; buried there in the F.B.G. Caroline Hopkins, his wife, was also a Minister of the Society of Friends. She died (Ob.N., *A.M.*) at Scarborough, 19th April 1874, aged 66; buried there in the F.B.G., 24th April.

‡ At Saffron Walden.

Joseph-Markes Green died ‡ 7th December 1840, aged 69, and was buried in the F.B.G. ‡

EV.—Thomas-Day Green [XZP], now of Saffron Walden, son of Joseph-Markes Green [X/P], was born 9th May 1810. ‡ He married, in the F.M.H., Haverhill, co. Suffolk, 16th September 1840, Harriet, daughter of Robert Adcock, of Haverhill, and of Linton, co. Cambridge, and of his wife Mary, (*née* Benson) relict of Joseph Woodward. Harriet Green was born at Haverhill, 8th August 1815; died 1st January 1885, ‡ aged 69, and was buried in the F.B.G. ‡, 6th January. By her T.-D. Green had issue:—

- I. **Thomas-Henry Green**, M.D. and F.R.C.S., of Wimpole Street, London, Physician to the Charing Cross and Brompton Hospitals; born 20th October 1842 ‡; married, in the F.M.H., Westminster, 24th July 1879, **Charlotte-Maria**, daughter of Samuel-Lindoe Fox, of Tottenham, and of his wife Rachel-Elizabeth, who was a daughter of Alfred Fox, of Falmouth, and Sarah Lloyd, his wife. Arms of Fox: Ermine, on a chevron azure three foxes' heads erased or, within a bordure floretée of the second; on a canton of the same a drinking cup of the third charged on the bowl with three fleurs-de-lis proper, and charged in the centre with a rose gules. Dr. Green has an only child, **Charlotte-Muriel Green**, who was born in London, 26th June 1880.
- II. **FREDERICK GREEN**, M.A., of Wandsworth, co. Surrey, and afterwards of Exmouth, co. Devon, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law in the Chancery Division; born 30th November 1845 ‡; married, in the F.M.H., Alton, co. Southampton, 19th April 1871, **Maria-Heath**, daughter of

‡ At Saffron Walden.

William Curtis, M.R.C.S., of Alton, and of his wife Jane. Mrs. Green was born 29th December 1841. Frederick Green was a man of great public spirit, and took a leading part in Liberal politics, and in whatever he believed was calculated to benefit and elevate his fellow-men, especially the poorer members of the community, who always had his warm sympathy and assistance. He died at Exmouth, 9th December 1883, aged 38; buried in Littleham churchyard, co. Devon, 14th December; M.I. He had issue:—i. **Arthur-Romney Green**, born 16th February 1872; ii. **William-Curtis Green**, born 16th July 1875; and i. **Edith-Margaret Green**, born 8th March 1874.

- III. **Ernest Green**, of Saffron Walden: born 20th January 1849‡.
- I. **Harriet Green**, of Saffron Walden; born 7th May 1844‡.
- II. **ALICE GREEN**, of Saffron Walden, born 26th November 1851; died‡ “greatly beloved,” 27th November 1886, aged 35; buried in the F.B.G.‡, 1st December.
- III. **Mary Green**, twin-sister with Alice; born 26th November 1851‡; married, in the F.M.H., Hastings, 30th March 1876, **George-Theodore Crosfield**, now of Croydon, and has issue:—**Hugh-Theodore Crosfield**, born at Croydon, 1st June 1883; and **Alice-Mary Crosfield**, born at Wanstead, 27th May 1877. G.-T. Crosfield is the son of Joseph Crosfield of ‘The Dingle,’ Reigate, and Elizabeth Backhouse, his wife, and was born 3rd August 1849. He is a

‡ At Saffron Walden.

partner in the firm of *Harrisons and Crosfield*,
Tea Merchants, of Great Tower Street, London.

GREEN OF STANSTED MONTFICHET.

I.—Joshua Green [XIIQ], Merchant, now of Stansted Montfichet, the younger surviving son of Joseph-Markes Green [XIP], was born 5th May 1813, †. He married first, in the F.M.H., Liverpool, 12th October 1843, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Robson, of Liverpool, and Elizabeth Stephenson, his wife, and granddaughter of Thomas Robson, of Darlington, and Margaret Pease, his wife. Arms of Robson: Azure a chevron erminois between three boars' heads. Elizabeth Green occupied the position of an Elder in the Society of Friends. Her's was a beautiful Christian character, and she was greatly beloved by all who knew her, and the poor found in her a constant friend. She was born in Fawcett Street, Sunderland, 2nd October 1815, died (Ob.N., A.M.) at Stansted, 1st May 1881, and was buried there in the F.B.G., 6th May. By her Joshua Green had issue:—

- I. **Richard - Crafton Green**, Artist, of Saffron Walden; born at Stansted, 28th March 1848; married there, in the F.M.H., 27th August 1879, **Edith - Emily**, only child of Thomas-Smith Hicks, Merchant, of Stansted, and of Ellen Sanders, his wife. E.-E. Green was born 14th April 1855, and by her R.-C. Green has issue:—**Gurnell-Crafton Green**, born at Stanstead, 26th June 1881; and **Wilfred-Arnold Green**, born 22nd October 1883. †
- II. **Joseph-Joshua Green**, Merchant of Stansted; born there 15th April 1854; married, in the F.M.H., Dover, 7th February 1884, **Elizabeth**, eldest daughter of Daniel-Perry Poulter, of Dover,

‡ At Saffron Walden.

and of Emily Wheelwright his wife, and grand-daughter of Thomas Wheelwright, M.D., of London, and of Elizabeth Ridge his wife, of the family of Ridge of Chichester and Lewes, (*see* Berry's *Sussex Pedigrees* and Horsfield's *Lewes*). Arms of Poulter: Argent, two bendlets sable between as many Cornish choughs proper. Elizabeth Green was born at Dover, 26th November 1860, and by her J.-J. Green has a son and a daughter, namely:—**John-Wilmer Green**, born at Stansted, 24th August 1887; and **Elizabeth-Wilmer Green**, born at Stansted, 29th January 1886.

- III. **Harford Green**, Merchant, of Stansted, born there 25th August 1858; married, in the F.M.H., Devonshire House, London, 12th April 1883, **Hannah-Mary**, eldest daughter of Henry Headley, of Ashford and Canterbury, and of Hannah-Maria Burgess, his wife.
- I. **Elizabeth-Robson Green**, of Stoke Newington, born at Stansted, 20th October 1844.
- II. **Mary-Charlotte Green**, born at Stansted, 1st May 1846; married, in the F.M.H., Stansted, 13th May 1868, **John-Wilfred Mounsey**, Iron-ship-builder, of Sunderland, second son of John Mounsey, of Hendon Hill, Sunderland, and of Lucy Backhouse, his wife. J.-W. Mounsey was born at Sunderland, 7th October 1843, and has issue:—
i. **Wilfred-Arthur Mounsey**, born at Sunderland, 13th August 1871; ii. **John-Harold Mounsey**, born there, 13th January 1874; and i. **Ethel-Mary Mounsey**, born there, 4th September 1869.
- III. **Henrietta Green**, engaged as a Missionary at Hankow, in China; born at Stansted, 3rd February 1851.

- IV. **Margaret-Ann Green**, born at Stansted, 14th January 1856; married there, in the F.M.H., 9th September 1885, **Herbert-Dimsdale Headley**, son of Henry Headley aforesaid, and had issue:—
 i. **ALICE-MARGARETTA HEADLEY**, born at Ashford, 19th July 1887; died there 17th August 1887.

Joshua Green married secondly, in the F.M.H., Southport, 9th June 1886, **Caroline White**, of Southport, widow of William White, M.D., of Manchester and Southport, and daughter of Henry Watson, Woollen Draper, of Friday Street, London, and of Harriet Hooper, his wife, and granddaughter of Sir Joshua Watson, Bart^s., of Staindrop, co. Durham, a member of the family of Watson, Baronets, of Huntwell and Cockfield Hall, co. Durham.

HARFORD AND LYNE, OF LONDON, BRISTOL,
 AND KEYNSHAM.

F.—Grixell Green [X], the sixth daughter of Joseph and Mary Green [JXP] (*see p.* 234), was born in Spital Square, London, 27th October 1756. She married, from her then residence at Stoke Newington, in the F.M.H., Winchmore Hill, 23rd October 1782, **Richard Harford**, F.L.S., etc., of Budge Row, and Frederick Place, Old Jewry, Merchant, and of Stockwell and Clapham, co. Surrey. Arms of Harford: Sable, two bends argent, on a canton (the arms of Scrope) azure, a bend or; a martlet for difference. Richard Harford took the name and arms of Lyne by sign manual, bearing date 29th February 1820, on succeeding to the estate of Keynsham Manor, co. Somerset, left to him by his cousin, Edward Lyne, Esq.,

2. It is asserted by his descendants that Joshua Watson was a Baronet, and that his son, Henry Watson, who was a Quaker, never assumed the title, because to have done so would have been inconsistent with the principles of the Society of Friends. We have been unable, however, to find any mention

of this family of Watson in the works that treat of titles of honour, in Surtees' *History of Durham*, or in Raine's *North Durham*. The arms also of the family seem to be unknown. But see Ecroyd Smith's *Annals of Smith of Cautley*, p. 206.

with that proviso. Edward Lyne, who was of the same family as Father Ignatius, was High Sheriff for co. Somerset in 1795, and died at Bath, 15th September 1819. His will was dated 18th December 1816. Richard Harford, afterwards Lyne, was the fourth son of Truman Harford, of Castle Green, Bristol, and of Mary Taylor, his wife, and being of the same family as the Harfords of Blaize castle, deduced his descent from John Harford, of Bosbury, co. Hereford, Gent., who died in 1559, and Anne, daughter of Richard Scrope, of Castle Coombe, co. Wilts. Richard and Grizell Lyne had issue:—

ÆÆ. —I. HENRY HARFORD. *See below*, ÆÆ.

II. CHARLES - RICHARD HARFORD, Esq., of Rutland Gate, London, of Clapham, and of St. Leonard's-on-the-Sea; born 13th July 1787; died at the last-named place 9th April 1874, aged 86; buried in the family vault of the Hoggarts at Beckenham; M.I.; married, at the parish church of Sutton, co. Surrey, 18th or 21st June 1814, Sarah, youngest daughter of Robert Hoggart, Esq., of Beckenham, co. Kent. She died 4th August 1821, aged 29; buried in Beckenham churchyard, 11th August; M.I. They had issue:—

i. Charles - Richard Harford, Esq.; Underwriter, of Hyde Park Gate, South, London; born 6th June 1815; baptized at Streatham, co. Surrey, 3rd November 1815; married, at Heavitree, co. Devon, 25th September 1846, Jane Dunkin, daughter of Charles-William Steer, Esq., of Spring Lawn, co. Devon, and has issue:—1. Charles Harford; 2. Edmund - Frederick Harford; 3. Alfred Harford; 1. FLORENCE-JANE HARFORD, married Mr. Ram, and died at

- Bournemouth in 1881; 2. Eleanor Harford; and 3. Adelaide Harford.
- ii. WILLIAM - HENRY HARFORD, Esq.; Estate Valuer, of Cranbrook, co. Kent, born 15th October 1816; baptized at Wandsworth, 22nd January 1817; buried at Cranbrook; married Ann - Viney, daughter of William Winch, Esq., and Ann Durrant, his wife. She was born at 'Handcocks,' Cranbrook, co. Kent, 25th September 1817; died in London; buried at Cranbrook. He had issue:—Henry Harford, and two daughters.
- iii. Frederick Harford, Esq., of Old Broad Street, London, and South Norwood Hill, co. Surrey; born 15th November 1819; baptized at Clapham, 7th March 1821; married, at Lexden, co. Essex, 4th May 1860, Ellen-Gould, widow of Anthony Story, Esq., Solicitor, of St. Albans, and sixth daughter of George-Modd Box, Esq., of South Lodge, Southgate, co. Middlesex, and Susanna his wife, fifth daughter of Robert Hoggart, Esq., of Fox Grove, Beckenham. She died at South Norwood Hill, 24th April 1884, without issue by her second husband, and was buried at Dorking, co. Surrey.
- i. Sarah Harford, now of South Norwood Hill, formerly of St. Leonard's, born 25th May 1818; baptized at Wandsworth, 8th April 1819.
- ii. Eleanor Harford, born 25th July 1821; baptized at Clapham, 3rd May 1822;

married, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Munster Square, London, 3rd September 1883, Henry-Cope Caulfeild, Esq., of Clone House, St. Leonard's, and Raheenduff, in the Queen's county.

III. EDWIN HARFORD, Esq., of Stockwell and Clapham, born at Frederick Place, 25th January 1794; died unmarried at the Crescent, Clapham Common, 29th August 1857, aged 63; buried in Norwood cemetery; M.I.

I. MARY HARFORD, born at Frederick Place, 5th November 1783; married, at Wandsworth parish church, 9th June 1814, Robert Hoggart, Esq., of Tooting, co. Surrey (son of Robert Hoggart above mentioned), and had issue:—

i. ROBERT-SMITH HOGGART, Esq., born 1816; died at Ferozepore, India, 10th August 1848.

ii. CHARLES-LANCELOT HOGGART, Esq., born 1817; died at no. 62 Old Broad Street, London, 12th February 1864, aged 47; buried at Beckenham.

iii. HENRY-GEORGE HOGGART, Esq., born 1818; died at Molesey, co. Surrey, 13th September 1867, aged 49; buried at Beckenham; M.I.

iv. ARTHUR HOGGART, Esq., born 1822; died at Norwood, 18th April 1846, aged 24; buried at Beckenham; M.I.

i. Mary - Harford Hoggart, born 21st December 1820; married, at Penge parish church, 13th December 1870, John Gill, Esq., of Worthing, son of Thomas and Mary - Anne Gill. He was born at

Lambeth, in 1817; died at his residence, Claverton House, Ryde, 11th November 1887, aged 70; and was buried in Norwood cemetery; M.I.

- ii. SARAH-SOPHIA HOGGART, born 21st February 1824; died an infant.

Robert Hoggart was born at Blackheath, 9th July 1781; baptized at Lambeth parish church, 8th May 1782; died at Norwood, 8th August 1857, aged 75; buried in the family vault at Beckenham; M.I. Mary Hoggart died at Norwood, 23rd April 1860; buried in Beckenham churchyard; M.I.

- II. ELIZABETH HARFORD, born at Frederick Place, 2nd June 1786; died unmarried at Stockwell, 23rd November 1849; buried in Norwood cemetery; M.I.
- III. LUCY HARFORD, born at Frederick Place, 27th December 1788; died unmarried at her residence, The Crescent, Clapham, 6th November 1875; buried in Norwood cemetery. -
- IV. CAROLINE HARFORD, born at Frederick Place 31st December 1789; died at Clapham Common, 4th October 1803; buried in the F.B.G., Whitechapel, 10th October.
- V. EMILY HARFORD, born at Frederick Place, 2nd October 1791; died at The Crescent, Clapham, 9th June 1859; buried in Norwood cemetery; M.I.
- VI. ANN HARFORD, born at Frederick Place, 2nd January 1793; died an infant; buried at Whitechapel.

Richard Lyne was born at Bristol, 17th November 1749; died at Stockwell, 7th December 1826, aged 77; and was buried in the F.B.G., Whitechapel, 14th December. Grizell Lyne, who is

greatly revered by her descendants, died at Stockwell, 11th April 1844, aged 87; and was buried at Whitechapel.

ÆÆ.—**Henry Harford** [XV], Esq., of Keynsham, co. Somerset, and Balham Hill, co. Surrey, was born at Frederick Place, 9th March 1785. He took the name and arms of Lyne by sign manual, dated 29th December 1826, on succeeding to his father's estate at Keynsham. Arms of Lyne: Gules, three bucks' heads couped argent, on a chief of the second two griffins' heads erased sable; crest: A griffin's head erased sable. He married, at Sutton, co. Surrey, 15th September 1818, Eliza-Mountney, daughter of Robert Hoggart, Esq., of Old Broad Street, London, and Fox Grove, Beckenham, co. Kent, and Mary Smith, his wife. Arms of Hoggart: Argent, a chevron vairé or and gules between three hearts of the third, each charged with a lion's jambe, erased in pale, paw downwards, of the second. Mrs. Lyne was born 17th June 1786, died at Keynsham, 17th October 1871, aged 85, and was buried there. Henry Lyne had issue:—

ÆÆÆ.—I. **Harford Lyne.** *See below, ÆÆÆ.*

- I. **Eliza - Mountney Lyne**, born at Balham, 25th September 1819; baptized at Streatham, co. Surrey, 1st March 1820.
- II. **LOUISA-CHARLOTTE LYNE**, born at Balham, 21st October 1820; baptized at Clapham, 30th November 1821; died at Keynsham, 2nd July 1849; buried there.
- III. **MARY-EMMA LYNE**, born at Balham, 14th June 1822; baptized at Streatham, 13th July 1823; died at Keynsham, 9th February 1849, aged 25; buried there.
- IV. **CAROLINE LYNE**, born at Balham, 11th October 1826; baptized at Clapham, 28th February 1827; died at Keynsham, 7th July 1852, aged 25; buried at Keynsham.

Mr. Lyne died at Keynsham, 8th May 1868, aged 83, and was buried in the family vault in Keynsham church.

III.—**Harford Lyne** [XII], Esq., J.P., now of Keynsham, was born at Balham, 10th June 1824. He married, at Minehead, co. Somerset, 5th March 1852, **Rebecca-Harriet**, only daughter of Thomas Batchellor, of Monckton Farley, Wilts., and of Harriett Hellings, his wife, and has issue:—1. **Emma-Harford Lyne**, born at Clifton, co. Somerset, 19th January 1853.

EDMONDS OF HIGH WYCOMBE; AND SMITH
OF HIGHBURY.

I.—**Grizell Green** [XI], the eldest daughter of Joseph Green [XP] (*see p. 236*), was born at Stone Deane House, 24th December 1774. She married, in the F.M.H., High Wycombe, 22nd February 1797, Samuel Edmonds, Miller, of High Wycombe, son of Thomas Edmonds, Miller, and Joanna Worster, his wife, and had issue:—

I. SAMUEL EDMONDS, born 1804; died 1810.

II.—**I. Grizell-Maria Edmonds.** *See below, III.*

II. **Anna Edmonds**, married Philip-Debell Tuckett (*see p. 254*).

Samuel Edmonds died at High Wycombe, 11th October 1847, aged 84. Grizell Edmonds died there 24th January 1869, aged 94, and was buried there, in the F.B.G., beside her husband, 30th January.

III.—**Grizell-Maria Edmonds** [XII], now living, the elder daughter of Samuel Edmonds, was born at High Wycombe, 13th December 1799. She married there, 20th June 1827, Richard Smith, Solicitor, of no. 67 Chancery Lane, and of no. 12 Harpur Street, Bloomsbury, and afterwards of no. 10 Highbury Place, London, and had issue:—

†††.—I. Richard Smith. *See below*, †††.

II. Samuel-Edmonds Smith, Esq., born 25th December 1829; married first, 20th April 1858, Jane-Courtier Browne. By her (who died 9th May 1863) S.-E. Smith had issue:—i. Annie-Elizabeth Smith, born 14th February 1859; married, 15th August 1883, George-Philip Nowers; and ii. Alice-Jane Smith, born 2nd November 1861. S.-E. Smith married secondly, 2nd August 1866, Sarah-Frederica Savage, and has issue:—i. Thomas-Savage Smith, born 26th October 1868; ii. JOHN-HENRY SMITH, born 25th December 1873; died 25th March 1874; i. Maria-Frederica Smith, born 26th October 1867; ii. Helen-Sophia Smith, born 20th September 1870; and iii. Katherine-Sarah Smith, born 11th August 1872.

III. Joseph Smith, born 6th December 1831; married, 13th January 1858, Susan Anderson; and by her (who died 12th July 1864) had issue:—i. George-Anderson Smith, born 23rd December 1862; and i. Mary-Louise Smith, born 1st January 1859; married, 8th September 1877, John - Bellerby Sampson; ii. Josephine - Susan Smith, born 10th April 1860.

IV. GEORGE SMITH, born 21st December 1833; died 13th August 1856.

V. William-Binns Smith, Chief Clerk in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice; born 2nd June 1837; married, 11th October 1882, Rosalie-Alice Romer.

VI. James-Hesletine Smith, born 28th December 1841.

- I. Anna-Maria Smith, of Highbury Place ; born 13th October 1835.
- II. Elizabeth Smith, of Highbury Place ; born 20th December 1840.
- III. Sarah-Jane Smith, of Highbury Place ; born 23rd January 1845.

Richard Smith was the son of Joseph Smith, of Close House, Skipton, co. York, and Mary Binns, his wife. He was born 18th December 1784 ; died at Highbury Place, 17th November 1856 ; and was buried at Winchmore Hill.

III.—Richard Smith [XIII], Esq., Solicitor, now of no. 26 Lincoln's Inn Fields, and Cromwell Road, Kensington, London, the eldest son of Richard Smith, was born 19th April 1828. He married, at the F.M.H., Leeds, 15th May 1861, Mary, daughter of Robert-Lawson Ford, of St John's Hill, and afterwards of Adel Grange, Leeds, and Hannah, his wife (daughter of Thomas-Benson Pease, of the Darlington family of that name), and has issue :—

- I. Richard-Ford Smith, born at Highbury Crescent, 17th March 1862.
 - II. Charles-Lawson Smith, born there 19th June 1863.
 - III. Walter-Arthington Smith, born there, 11th December 1865.
 - IV. Arthur-Myers Smith, born there, 15th January 1871.
 - V. Hugh-Vandewall Smith, born in Cromwell Road, 14th March 1880.
 - I. Mary-Catherine-Ford Smith, born there, 27th March 1875.
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TUCKETT OF FRENCHAY.

ARMS : OR, A CHEVRON BETWEEN THREE CROSSES AZURE.

I.—Anna Edmonds [XII], now living, the younger daughter of Samuel Edmonds and Grizell Green (*see p. 251*), was born at High Wycombe, 14th March 1802. She married there, 4th April 1832, Philip-Debell Tuckett, Gent., of Frenchay, co. Gloucester, eldest son of Philip-Debell Tuckett, of Frenchay, and Elizabeth Curtis, his wife, and had issue :—

II.—I. Philip-Debell Tuckett. *See below, III.*

II. SAMUEL - EDMONDS TUCKETT, Esq., born at Frenchay, 1837, died *sine prole* 19th September 1861 ; buried there.

Mr. Tuckett died at Frenchay, 15th August 1872, aged 70.

III.—Philip-Debell Tuckett [XIII], Esq., now of Child's Hill House, Hampstead (formerly of Cleveland Gardens and Highgate, London), was born at Frenchay, 29th November 1833. He married, 11th September 1867, Rachel-Elizabeth, widow of Samuel-Lindoe Fox, of Tottenham, and eldest daughter of Alfred Fox, of Falmouth, and Sarah Lloyd, his wife. Mr. Tuckett has issue :—

I. Philip - Debell Tuckett, born in Cleveland Gardens, 22nd December 1868.

II. Percival-Fox Tuckett, born there, 21st August 1870.

III. Ivor-Lloyd Tuckett, born there, 1st February 1873.

LITTLEBOY OF GREAT BERKHAMPSTEAD,
NEWPORT PAGNELL, HUNTON BRIDGE, AND
PRESTON CROWMARSH.

I.—**Mary Green** [XI], the second daughter of Joseph Green [XP] (*see p.* 236), was born at Stone Deane, 2nd May 1773. She married, in the F.M.H., High Wycombe, 14th May 1793, John Eeles, Miller, of Amersham, son of Robert Eeles, of Amersham, and Sarah Coles, his wife, and had issue :—

II.—**I. SARAH EELES.** *See below, III.*

II. **MARY EELES**, born September 1796; married, October 1825, John-Turpin Eddy, of Bishops Stortford, Chemist, son of Charles and Mary Eddy, of Philadelphia. He was born in 1799; died in London, 2nd October 1864. While J.-T. Eddy was resident at Bishop's Stortford, Jacob Bright, afterwards M.P. for Manchester, was for several years his assistant. Mary Eddy died at Great Berkhamstead, 17th February 1871; buried in the F.B.G., 23rd February.

John Eeles was born 10th April 1769, and died 1st February 1847. Mary Eeles, who is described as an "humble, "lovely character," died at Amersham, 3rd August 1800, aged 27, and was buried there, in the F.B.G., 10th August.

III.—**Sarah Eeles** [XII], the elder daughter of John Eeles, was born at Amersham, 2nd August 1794. She married, 9th October 1817, William Littleboy, Miller, of Bourne End, near Great Berkhamstead, son of Richard and Sarah Littleboy, of Great Berkhamstead, and had issue :—

III.—**I. Richard Littleboy.** *See below, IIII.*

II. **John - Eeles Littleboy**, Miller, of Hunton Bridge, near Watford, co. Hertford; born 24th

November 1825; married, 21st March 1850-1, Mary-Naish, daughter of John and Sarah Ashworth, of Turton, near Bolton, co, Lancaster. She was born 27th April 1821; died 12th April 1884. J.-E. Littleboy had issue:—

- i. **Louisa - Mary Littleboy**, born 29th March 1851; married, 5th April 1877, **Charles Cooper**, Paper-maker, of Tovil, near Maidstone, son of Emanuel and Elizabeth Cooper, of Stoke Newington. He was born 29th May 1838, and has issue:—1. **John - Eeles Cooper**, born 24th April 1884; 2. **Charles-Hubert Cooper**, born 7th June 1886; 1. **Wini-fred-Mary Cooper**, born 5th February 1878; 2. **Elsie-Louisa Cooper**, born 13th February 1880; and 3. **Lilian-Ruth Cooper**, born 15th November 1881.

- III. **William Littleboy**, Miller, of Preston Crowmarsh, near Wallingford, co. Berks.; born 15th April 1828; married, 24th September 1856, Sarah, daughter of James and Lydia Thurlow, of High Wycombe. By her (who was born 28th November 1828) William Littleboy had issue:—i. **William-Henry-Theodore Littleboy**, born 2nd April 1868; ii. **Thomas-Graham Littleboy**, born 1st February 1870; iii. **Allan-Richard Littleboy**, born 21st September 1871; i. **FLORENCE-ELLEN LITTLEBOY**, born 17th July 1857; died 2nd August 1877; ii. **Rose-Marian Littleboy**, born 29th November 1858; iii. **MARY-THURLOW LITTLEBOY**, born 5th January 1860; died 6th January 1887; iv. **Amy-Susanne Littleboy**, born 5th January 1861; and v. **Isabelle Littleboy**, married **John-Henry Darby** (*see p. 257*).

- IV. **THOMAS-GRAHAM LITTLEBOY**, Miller, of Preston Crowmarsh ; born 13th March 1831 ; died 13th July 1869 [Ob.N., *A.M.*] ; married, 5th September 1855, Sophia, daughter of Caleb and Mary Richardson, of West Lodge, Sunderland. She was born 16th August 1831, and died 2nd May 1865. T.-G. Littleboy had issue :—i. **Charles-William Littleboy**, of Stockton-on-Tees, born 31st August 1856 ; ii. **GRAHAM-RICHARDSON LITTLEBOY**, born 27th October 1857, died 21st January 1869 ; iii. **Frederick Littleboy**, of Sunderland, born 3rd July 1861 ; and i. **Ellen-Sophia Littleboy**, of Wrensnest, Wrexham, born 18th December 1863.
- I. **Mary Littleboy**, of Great Berkhamstead, born 1st November 1818.
- II. **Sarah Littleboy**, born 9th March 1822 ; married, 5th July 1854, **William-Henry Darby**, Ironmaster, of Brymbo, near Wrexham, son of Richard and Maria Darby, of Coalbrookdale. He was born 2nd April 1819, and died 9th June 1882, having had issue :—
- i. **John-Henry Darby**, of Brymbo, born 17th September 1856 ; married, 2nd July 1884, **Isabella**, daughter of William and Sarah Littleboy, of Preston Crowmarsh (*see p.* 256). She was born 25th September 1862, and has a daughter :—**Gwendolen Darby**, born 1st May 1885.
- ii. **William Darby**, of Birkenhead, born 20th November 1858 ; married, 3rd February 1886, **Maria**, daughter of John and Deborah Thistlethwaite, of Birkenhead, and has a daughter :—**Ruth Darby**, born, 19th September 1887.

iii. **Alfred Darby**, of Wrexham, born 6th July 1860.

i. **ELLEN DARBY**, born 6th October 1864 ; died 20th April 1865.

William Littleboy was born 14th August 1788, and died 28th January 1837. His wife, Sarah, was a valued Minister of the Society of Friends, and in every sense an estimable woman. She was gifted with considerable literary powers, and wrote several poems. Her memoirs, with selections from her manuscripts of prose and poetry, were privately printed in 1873. She died at Berkhamstead, 25th March 1870, and was buried there in the F.B.G.

III.—Richard Littleboy [XIII], Banker, now of Newport Pagnell, co. Buckingham, the eldest son of William Littleboy, was born 2nd November 1819. He married, 5th July 1848, Mary, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Brown, of Luton, and by her (who was born 25th June 1882) had issue :—

I. **William Littleboy**, of Birmingham, born 10th April 1853 ; married, 2nd June 1880, **Margaret**, daughter of Gawen-Ball and Hannah-Player Kenway, of Birmingham. She was born 26th July 1855.

II. **Francis Littleboy**, of Newport Pagnell, born 22nd March 1857 ; married, 27th March 1884, **Lucy-Ann**, daughter of William-Wright and Mary Brown, of Evesham. By her (who was born 21st July 1858) he had issue :—i. **Wilfred-Ernest Littleboy**, born 11th February 1885 ; and ii. **Ronald-Francis Littleboy**, born 8th February 1888.

III. **Richard - Wallis Littleboy**, of Birmingham, born 1st June 1862.



CHAPTER XVIII.

HOARE OF STOKE NEWINGTON, HAMPSTEAD,
AND LONDON; AND THE FAMILIES OF PRYOR,
POWELL, WOODS, AND BRADSHAW.

*Tendimus huc omnes : metam properamus ad unam
Omnia sub leges mors vocat atra suas.—OVID, Liv., 359.*

ARMS OF HOARE: SABLE, A DOUBLE-HEADED EAGLE DISPLAYED, A
BORDURE ENGRAILED ARGENT; A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE.

Æ.—**G**rizell Gurnell [ÆR], the sixth and youngest daughter of Jonathan Gurnell and Grizell Wilmer [VIII M], his wife (*see p.* 192), was born in Throckmorton Street, London, 8th November 1724. She married, in the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, 19th April 1744, Samuel Hoare, Merchant, of Dyer's Court, London, and of Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, and had issue:—

I. SAMUEL HOARE, born in 1745; died an infant.

II. A SON, born 8th and died 22nd November 1746.

III. JOSEPH HOARE, born at Paradise Row, 27th April 1750; died unmarried, 20th April 1774.

ÆÆ.—IV. SAMUEL HOARE. *See below*, ÆÆ.

V. JONATHAN HOARE, Merchant, of Throckmorton Street, London, and Clissolds Park, Stoke New-

ington ; born at Paradise Row, 4th November 1752 ; died at Hampstead, 15th August 1819, aged 66 ; buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 23rd August ; married, in the F.M.H., Ratcliffe, co. Middlesex, 19th June 1783, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Beswick, and by her (who died 14th February 1841) had a daughter:—i. SARAH HOARE, born in Throckmorton Street, 4th April 1786 ; died at Stoke Newington, 18th September 1805, aged 19 ; buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 25th September.

- I. GRIZELL HOARE, born in Dyer's Court, Aldermanbury, 24th August 1745 ; died 25th November 1746.
- II. MARGARET HOARE, married Joseph Woods (*see p. 268*).
- III. MARY HOARE, born in Dyer's Court, 3rd February 1748-9 ; died 'of decay' at Stoke Newington, 26th May 1752 ; buried in the F.B.G., Bunhill Fields, 29th May.
- IV. SARAH HOARE, married Thomas Bradshaw (*see p. 275*).
- V. HANNAH HOARE, born at Paradise Row, 15th September 1755 ; died 11th March 1763 ; buried in the F.B.G., Hammersmith, 16th March.
- VI. GRIZELL HOARE, born at Paradise Row, 24th December 1757 ; married first, in the F.M.H., White Hart Court, London, 16th December 1801, Wilson Birkbeck, Widower, Ironfounder, of Nicholas Lane, London, and of Hull and Norwich, son of John and Sarah Birkbeck, of Settle, co. York. He died 2nd June 1812, aged 58, and was buried at Winchmore Hill. Grizell Birkbeck married secondly, 14th March 1828, William Allen, F.R.S., F.L.S., etc., Chemist, of Plough Court, London, of the eminent firm of

Allen and Hanbury, and of Lindfield, co. Sussex. William Allen was the son of Job and Margaret Allen, and was distinguished as a man of science and as a philanthropist. He was a trustee for the Queen under the will of the Duke of Kent. Several memoirs of this estimable man have been published, and for a further account of his life we would refer the reader to the *Annual Monitor* 1845, and the *Gentleman's Magazine*. William Allen died at Lindfield, 30th December 1843, aged 73. Grizell, his wife, died at Paradise Row, 15th July 1835, aged 77, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 22nd July.

- VII. MARY HOARE, born at Paradise Row, 8th January 1761; died there unmarried, 21st January 1819; buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 28th January.

Samuel Hoare was born 20th November 1716, and was the second son of Joseph Hoare, Merchant and Banker, of Cork, and of Margaret Satterthwaite, his third wife. He was a partner with his father-in-law, Jonathan Gurnell, in the firm of *Gurnell and Hoare* afterwards *Gurnell, Hoare and Harman, Merchants and Bankers*. He died at Stoke Newington, 30th August 1796, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 6th September. We take the following extract from an obituary notice in the *Gentleman's Magazine* :—

“Aged 80, at Stoke Newington, where he had lived ever since 1748, possessed of an ample fortune, Mr. Samuel Hoare, one of the most respectable inhabitants of that parish, always uniform and consistent in his conduct; strict and steady, but neither bigoted nor troublesome, with his strict adherence to the principles of his sect; of the most irreproachable integrity; always ready to assist and serve the poor, without regarding their religious sentiments; plain, unassuming, and unostentatious, always more inclined to withdraw from, than to push himself into, public notice. A man whom nobody had any thing to say against. His family originated from Cork, and he carried on a large trade with Ireland.”

Grizell Hoare, who is described in the same magazine as "a good, charitable and truly respectable woman," died at Stoke Newington, 7th December 1802, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 17th December.

XX.—Samuel Hoare [XR], Esq., of Old Broad Street and Lombard Street, London, and of Hampstead, co. Middlesex, the fourth son of Samuel Hoare, was born at Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, 29th July 1751. Samuel Hoare was a partner in the banking firm of *Barnett, Hill, Barnett and Hoare*, of no. 62 Lombard Street, and was well-known as a philanthropist. He married first, in the F.M.H., Norwich, 15th May 1776, Sarah, daughter of Samuel Gurney, Esq., of Norwich and London, and of Sarah Lawrence, his wife. Arms of Gurney: Argent, a cross engrailed gules. Sarah Hoare died suddenly in Bread Street, London, 31st January 1783, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 6th February. By her Samuel Hoare had issue:—

I. SAMUEL HOARE, ancestor of the Hoares of London, etc.

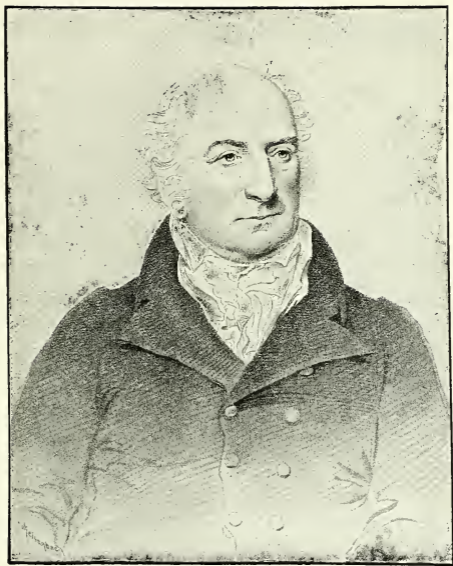
I. SARAH HOARE, born in Old Broad Street, 29th July 1777; died unmarried, 21st October 1856.

XXX.—II. HANNAH HOARE. *See below, XXX.*

III. GRIZELL HOARE, married David Powell (*see p. 265*).

Samuel Hoare married secondly, in the F.M.H., St. John Street, London, 17th June 1788, Hannah, daughter of Henry Sterry, Citizen and Currier, of Hatton Garden, London, and Mary Fleatham, his wife. She was born 8th August 1769, and died at Hampstead, 21st January 1856, aged 86, *sine prole*. Samuel Hoare died at Hampstead, 14th July 1825, and was buried at Winchmore Hill, 20th July.

XXX.—Hannah Hoare [X7R], was born in Old Broad Street, London, 18th August 1779. She married, in the F.M.H., 25th November 1802, Thomas-Marlborough Pryor, Esq., of Hampstead, second son of John Pryor, Esq., of Baldock, co.



SAMUEL HOARE.

BORN 1751. DIED 1825.

FROM A PORTRAIT IN THE POSSESSION OF ROBERT PRYOR, ESQUIRE.

Hertford, and Martha Marlborough, his wife, who was the relict of John FitzJohn, Esq., of Baldock. Mr. T.-M. Pryor was born in 1777, and had issue :—

- I. MARLBOROUGH PRYOR, Esq., J.P., of Weston, co. Hertford, born 12th March 1807 ; married, 1st July 1837, Eleanor, daughter of W.-L. Rogers, Esq., Police Magistrate, and died *sine prole* 5th February 1869.

FC.—II. Robert Pryor. *See below, FC.*

- III. HENRY-HOARE PRYOR, Esq., born 6th February 1814 ; died 10th September 1841.

- I. Ellen Pryor, born 16th April 1810 ; married, 20th March 1858, Charles Toller, Esq., Widower, of Hampstead ; he died without issue by this marriage, 1st October 1870.

- II. CAROLINE PRYOR, born 19th May 1816 ; married, 2nd November 1836, David Powell, Esq., of Heath Lodge, Hampstead. He died 6th April 1882, and was buried at Hendon, co. Middlesex. Mrs. Powell died 14th October 1865, and was buried at Overstrand, co. Norfolk. They had issue :—i. David Powell, Esq., of Leadenhall Street, London, Director of the Bank of England ; born 16th April 1840 ; married, 16th July 1867, Lucy-Elizabeth Pryor, and had issue ; ii. Henry-Pryor Powell, Esq., born 14th February 1847 ; married, 22nd July 1875, Helena - Margaret Edes ; iii. Robert-Walter Powell, Esq., born 29th September 1850 ; married, 29th July 1879, Mary-Caroline Hankey ; iv. HOPE POWELL, born 24th May 1854 ; died an infant ; v. Leonard-Marlborough Powell, Esq., born 8th November 1856 ; vi. BERNARD-LOUIS POWELL, Esq., born 10th November 1858 ; died 13th April 1883 ;

i. CAROLINE POWELL, born 30th August 1841 ; died an infant ; ii. **Wilhelmina - Louisa Powell**, born 15th August 1842 ; iii. **Adeline Powell**, born 23rd September 1843 ; married, 23rd July 1868, **Richard-Musgrave Harvey**, Esq. ; iv. **BLANCHE-MARY POWELL**, born 1st June 1845 ; died 3rd October 1848 ; v. **Ellen-Marion Powell**, born 21st September 1849 ; and vi. **Constance-Irby Powell**, born 23rd January 1860.

Mr. Pryor died 4th March 1821, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 10th March. Mrs. Pryor died 30th April 1850.

XX.—Robert Pryor [XVIR], Esq., M.A., J.P., D.L., Barrister-at-Law, now of High Elms, near Watford, co. Hertford, was the second son of Thomas-Marlborough Pryor. He was born 21st April 1812 ; educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. (fourth Wrangler) in 1834 ; High Sheriff of Hertfordshire in 1868 ; and is Chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the county of Hertford. He married, at St. James's, Westminster, 20th August 1844, **Elizabeth-Caroline**, daughter of **Wyrley Birch**, Esq., of Wretham Hall, co. Norfolk, and **Katherine-Sarah Reynardson** his wife. Arms of Birch : Azure, three fleurs-de-lis and a canton argent. Robert Pryor has had issue :—

- I. Marlborough-Robert Pryor**, Esq., M.A., J.P., of Weston, co. Hertford, born 16th October 1848 ; educated at Eton, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, of which foundation he was a Fellow ; married, at Abbot's Langley, co. Hertford, 7th April 1875, **Catherine - Alice - Hammond**, daughter of **W.-Hammond Solly**, Esq., of Serge Hill, in the same county, and has issue :—
- i. **Marlborough - Walter Pryor**, born 1880 ;
 i. **Ellen-Catherine Pryor**, born 18th December 1876 ;
 ii. **Alice Pryor** ;
 iii. **Elizabeth Pryor** ;
 iv. **Hilda Pryor** ; and
 v. **Margaret Pryor**.

- II. FREDERICK-ROBERT PRYOR, born January 1851 ; died an infant.
- III. Selwyn-Robert Pryor, Esq., M.A., born 17th August 1855 ; educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge.
- IV. Francis-Robert Pryor, Esq., B.A., born 30th March 1862 ; educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge.

For further particulars of the family of Hoare we must refer the reader to Captain Hoare's history of the family, and to Joseph Foster's *Peerage and Baronetage*.

POWELL OF LOUGHTON.

I.—**Grizell Hoare** [XI], third daughter of Samuel Hoare [XR] (*see p. 262*), was born in Old Broad Street, London, 7th September 1781 ; married, 9th August 1810, David Powell, Esq., J.P., Widower, of Bench House, Loughton, co. Essex, son of David Powell, Esq., of Hommerton, and Letitia, his wife, daughter of John Clark, Esq., and had issue :—

- I. SAMUEL POWELL, Esq., born at Hampstead, 16th December 1814 ; died at Hastings, unmarried, 1st June 1837.
- II. GEORGE POWELL, Clerk in Holy Orders, Vicar St. James's, Clapton, and subsequently of Crookham, co. Hants. ; born at Hampstead, 5th July 1818 ; died at Crookham, unmarried, 9th February 1875.
- III.—**Thomas-Edward Powell.** *See below, III.*
- I. Sarah-Sophia Powell, born at Hampstead, 3rd September 1813 ; married, at Loughton, 19th May 1840, George-Frederick Goddard, Clerk in Holy Orders, Rector of Southfleet, co. Kent, eldest son of the Ven. Archdeacon Goddard, of Ibstock, co. Leicester.

- II. **LOUISA POWELL**, born at Hampstead, 26th October 1816; died at Hastings, 5th June 1837.
- III. **Agnes Powell**, born at Hampstead, 27th March 1820; married, at Loughton, 22nd August 1838, **Nathaniel Powell, Esq., J.P.**, of Buckhurst Hill, co. Essex, third son of **James Powell, Esq.**, of Hackney, and **Catherine** his wife, daughter of **Nathaniel Cotton**, Clerk in Holy Orders. They had issue:—i. **HERBERT - NATHANIEL POWELL**, born 4th July 1841; died 27th August 1850; ii. **ROBERT-ARTHUR POWELL**, born 24th July 1848; died an infant; iii. **Harry-James Powell**, born 24th January 1853; married, 26th January 1875, **Emma-Elizabeth**, daughter of **Major Suart**, of Chigwell Row, and has a daughter:—**Muriel Powell**, who was born 29th October 1875; iv. **JOHN-DAVID POWELL**, born 28th August 1855; died 7th June 1856; v. **Edmund-Nathaniel Powell**, Clerk in Holy Orders, Curate in charge of Beckton, co. Essex; born 2nd September 1859; i. **LOUISA-AGNES POWELL**, born 10th June 1839; died 7th May 1844; ii. **Alice-Catherine Powell**, born 6th June 1843; iii. **Maria Powell**, born 3rd November 1846; married, 10th September 1867, **Frederick-George Read, Esq.**, and has two sons and three daughters; iv. **Janette-Mary Powell**, born 5th August 1849; v. **Annie-Louisa Powell**, born 14th April 1851; vi. **Emma-Sophia Powell**, born 29th May 1857; vii. **Beatrice-Fryor Powell**, born 2nd April 1862; and viii. **Rachel-Clark Powell**, born 31st August 1864.
- IV. **ANNA - LETITIA POWELL**, born at Hampstead, 10th November 1821; married, at Loughton, 16th May 1843, **George-Kidd Morrell, M.A.**, Clerk in

Holy Orders, son of Baker Morrell, Esq., of Oxford, and had three sons, who are all married and have issue, and one daughter, who died in 1880. Mrs. Powell died 19th March 1885.

David Powell was born at Little St. Helens, London, 22nd November 1764, and was killed by lightning at Loughton, whilst passing under a tree, 15th May 1832. His wife Grizell, died at Hampstead, 21st February 1852, aged 70.

XX.—Thomas-Edward Powell [XVII], M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, now Vicar of Bisham, co. Berks., was the third son of David Powell, Esq., by his second wife. He was born at Hampstead, 22nd August 1823; educated at Oriel College, Oxford, B.A. 1845, M.A. 1848; ordained Deacon 1846, and Priest 1848. He married, at St. James's, Paddington, 5th January 1847, Emma, daughter of Edgar Corrie, Esq., of Purley Lodge, Croydon, and Margaret his wife, daughter of Ashton Byrom, Esq., and has issue:—I. Edgar Powell, born 9th January 1853; II. ERNEST-HENRY POWELL, born 20th September 1854; died 5th July 1855; III. George-Herbert Powell, born 29th March 1855; IV. John-Clark Powell, born 25th December 1860; V. Malcolm-Corrie Powell born 28th July 1863; VI. Alfred-Hoare Powell, born 14th April 1865; VII. Oswald-Byrom Powell, born 30th August 1867; 1. Margaret Powell, born 28th November 1847; II. Emily-Sibella Powell, born 25th August 1849; married, 21st December 1878, Edward-Norman-Peter Moor, Esq., and has two daughters; III. ANNE-MARY POWELL, born 27th April 1851; died 17th September 1860; IV. Agnes-Katharine Powell, born 5th June 1858; and V. Edith-Venables Powell, born 4th August 1870.

WOODS OF LONDON, STOKE NEWINGTON,
TOTTENHAM, AND LEWES.

ARMS : ARGENT, A WOLF SALIENT SABLE, COLLARED OR.

K.—**Margaret Hoare** [X], the second daughter of Samuel and Grizell Hoare (*see p. 260*), was born in Dyer's Court, Aldermanbury, London, 27th January 1747-8. She married, in the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, London, 22nd March 1769, Joseph Woods, Woollen Draper, of White Hart Court, second son of Edward Woods, of London, and Sarah Neale, his wife. Joseph Woods was born 19th September 1738. He was a man of sterling worth and unostentatious habits, and, as a great philanthropist, was one of the earliest members of the committee for the abolition of the slave-trade, and a member of the Anti-slavery Society. His literary acquirements led him to be a frequent contributor in Latin and English prose and verse to the *Monthly Ledger* and the *Gentleman's Magazine*. In the latter magazine were inserted two highly appreciative obituary notices of him. Mr. Woods seems to have transmitted his literary tastes to his descendants, for his eldest son and grandson for seventy years succeeded him as honorary agents in the selection of books for the Philadelphia library, which is one of the most comprehensive in the United States. Joseph and Margaret Woods had issue :—

II.— I. SAMUEL WOODS. *See below*, **II.**

II. A SON, born 1773 ; died an infant.

III. EDMUND WOODS, born 1774 ; died an infant.

IV. JOSEPH WOODS, Esq., F.S.A., F.G.S., and F.L.S., of Southover, near Lewes ; born at Stoke Newington, 24th August 1776. Joseph Woods was by profession an Architect, and one of the founders, and the first honorary secretary of the "London Architectural Society"

in 1806. When this Society was merged in the "Royal Society of British Architects," Mr. Woods was admitted as an honorary member. Several tours in Italy and Greece resulted in the publication of his *Letters of an Architect* (2 vols. 4to, 1828), which forms a standard work of reference. Taking up natural history, and especially botany, as his favourite pursuit, he contributed many papers to the scientific societies that he joined. In 1858 he published his well-known *Tourist's Flora*. His conversational powers were great, and his kindness in aiding the education of young men procured him many friends. He died suddenly at Southover, 9th January 1864, aged 87, and was buried in the F.B.G., Lewes. There was a long obituary notice of him in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and several cotemporary scientific publications.

V. GEORGE WOODS, of whom presently (*see p.* 273).

I. MARGARET WOODS, of Southover, Lewes; born at Stoke Newington, 13th February 1778; died at Lewes, 15th December 1868; buried in the F.B.G. there. Margaret Woods remained a consistent and liberal-minded 'Friend' all her life, and was well-known as the compiler of her mother's journal, and as a generous benefactor.

Joseph Woods died at Stoke Newington, 27th June 1812, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill, 3rd July. Margaret Woods was a highly gifted woman, and *Extracts from the Journal of Margaret Woods* became a standard book in Friends' libraries both in England and America. She died at Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, 5th July 1821, and was buried beside her husband, 12th July.

XX.—**Samuel Woods** [XV], F.G.S., of George Yard, Lombard Street, London, and of Tottenham, the eldest son of Joseph Woods, was born in White Hart Court, 13th August 1772. He married, 9th March 1797, Lucy, eldest daughter of Benjamin Webb, of St. John's Square, London, and of Tottenham Green, and of Mary Gregory, his wife, and had issue :—

XXX.—I. **Samuel Woods.** *See below, XXX.*

II. Edward Woods, Civil Engineer, of Victoria Street, Westminster, and no. 45 Onslow Gardens, London ; born in George Yard, 28th April 1814. Mr. Woods was formerly Resident Engineer of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway and was President of the Institute of Civil Engineers 1886-7. He married, at Edgbaston, 5th October 1840, Mary Dent, daughter of Thomas Goodman, of Peterborough and Birmingham. She was born in September 1819 ; died 15th April 1879. They had issue :—

i. **Edward-Henry Woods,** Civil Engineer, born 25th June 1841 ; married, 9th June 1864, **Emily-Wilson,** second daughter of Matthew and Susan Stow, of Leeds, and of Clifton, near Bristol. She was born 29th March 1841.

ii. **Frank Woods,** M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Nottingham, formerly of All Saints', Hereford ; born 21st November 1846 ; educated at Trinity College, Cambridge ; B.A. (second class Classical Tripos) 1869 ; first class Theological Tripos 1870 ; M.A. 1872 ; ordained Deacon 1870, and Priest 1871 ; married, 4th September 1872, **Alice-Octavia,** third daughter of Joseph Fry,

J.P., of Fairkytes, Hornchurch, co. Essex, and Alice Partridge, his wife, and granddaughter of Joseph Fry, of Plashet House, Essex (and Elizabeth Gurney, his wife, the distinguished prison philanthropist). Mrs. Woods was born 10th February 1845, and has issue :—1. **Frank - Theodore Woods**, born 15th January 1874; 2. **Edward - Sydney Woods**, born 1st November 1877; 1. **Evelyn-Mary-Alice Woods**, born 7th December 1875; 2. **Richenda - Margaret Woods**, born 20th March 1879; and 3. **Josephine-Adelaide Woods**, born 21st October 1881.

iii. **Vincent - Sydney Woods**, born 19th February 1856; married, at Hornchurch, co. Essex, 12th April 1888, **Margaret-Adelaide**, youngest daughter of Joseph Fry, Esq., of Hornchurch. •

i. **Mary-Jane Woods**, born 26th July 1848; married, 22nd January 1878, **Frederic Barker, D.D.**, Lord Bishop of Sydney, Widower, son of the Reverend John Barker, Rector of Baslow, co. Derby, and Jane Whyte, his wife. He died 6th April 1882.

ii. **Lucy-Margaret Woods**, born 24th February 1858.

III. **JOSEPH WOODS**, Civil Engineer, born in George Yard, 10th March 1816; died of cholera, 6th September 1849.

I. **LUCY WOODS**, born 13th September 1798; died an infant.

- II. EMMA WOODS, born 2nd July 1800; died an infant.
- III. MARY WOODS, born 23rd August 1801; died 19th February 1854.
- IV. Lucy-Maria Woods, of Nottingham; born 4th April 1805.
- V. RACHEL WOODS, born 24th April 1807; died 29th March 1858.
- VI. EMILY WOODS, born 29th January 1810; died an infant.
- VII. Catherine Woods, of Nottingham; born 2nd April 1812.
- VIII. MARGARET WOODS, born 14th September 1818; died 3rd December 1840.
- XI. SARAH WOODS, born 18th June 1821; married, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 20th June 1849, Philip-Edward Sewell, only son of Isaac Sewell and Mary Wright, his wife, of Catton, co. Norfolk. She died 13th December 1866. P.-E. Sewell had three sons and five daughters.

Samuel Woods was one of the founders of the short-lived scientific *Askesian Society*, and of the *London Institution* in Finsbury Circus. He was the first Honorary Secretary of the latter, and for many years its most active Director. He contributed various papers to the *Geological Society*. From an early age he was engaged in works of philanthropy, and was one of the first members of the Prison Discipline Committee, and a promoter of Savings Banks. He died at Liverpool, 14th March 1853, aged 81, and was buried in the F.B.G., Winchmore Hill.

III.—Samuel Woods [YII], F.R.G.S., Stockbroker, now of Draper's Gardens, London, and of Bromley, co. Kent, the eldest son of Samuel Woods, was born in George Yard, 18th May 1808. He married, at St. George's, Bloomsbury, 10th

May 1837, Emma, second daughter of Frederick-Benjamin King, of Stoke Newington, and Emma Austin, his wife. She was born 9th December 1806. Samuel Woods has had issue :—
 I. FREDERICK WOODS, born 31st January 1840; died 18th April 1857; II. Arthur Woods, born 24th July 1844; I. LUCY-EMMA WOODS, born 12th February 1838; died 25th February 1860; II. MARGARET WOODS, born 1st July 1841; died 1st March 1860; III. Jessie-Maria Woods, born 20th November 1842; IV. Elizabeth-King Woods, born 7th February 1846; and V. Alice-Augusta Woods, born 6th August 1849.

THE SECOND HOUSE OF WOODS.

I.—George Woods [X1], of Settle, co. York, and Chudleigh, co. Devon, the fifth son of Joseph and Margaret Woods (*see p. 269*), was born at Stoke Newington, 12th January 1781. He inherited his father's classical and literary tastes. In 1811 he published a book on the *Past and Present State of the Isle of Man*, and a work, entitled *Observations on the present price of Bullion*. He married, 27th November 1805, Mary-Anne, sister of Neville Browne, City Marshall, of Charlton, co. Kent, and Mary-Ann, his wife. She was born 6th December 1783, and died 7th January 1820. By her George Woods had issue :—

II.—I. George Woods. *See below, II.*

II. RICHARD-FREWIN WOODS, born 22nd March 1812; died at Ventnor, 19th September 1872.

III. Alfred Woods, born 29th November 1816; married, 26th September 1844, Jane, daughter of Joseph Higgin, of Manchester, and Mary-Anne Ogden, his wife, and has had issue :—i. SUSAN-MARIAN WOODS, born 11th August 1845; died 22nd July 1884; married, 6th July 1865, Allan-Stuart Hanckel, of Liverpool, and had issue; and ii. Edith-Jane Woods, born 13th July

1847; married, 20th January 1876, the Reverend Edward-Kent Green, M.A., of Jersey, and of Cloughton, co. Lancaster, son of Joseph Green and Hannah Rickaby, his wife.

- I. MARY-ANNE WOODS, born 27th May 1814; died 2nd September 1840.
- II. MARGARET WOODS, born 4th May 1815; married, 4th March 1841, Thomas Galabin, of Camberwell. He was born 11th January 1806, and died 21st December 1881. She died 20th January 1843, leaving issue:—i. Alfred-Lewis Galabin, M.D., of no. 49 Wimpole Street, London; born 10th January 1843.

George Woods died at Exeter, 12th March 1870, and was buried in Chudleigh parish churchyard.

K.—George Woods [XVII], M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, now Vicar of Llandevaud, and Rector of Kemys, co. Monmouth, the eldest son of George Woods, was born 12th October 1808. He was a scholar of University College, Oxford, B.A. (first class in *Literis Humanioribus*) 1833, M.A. 1835; Chancellor of Llandaff cathedral, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Llandaff; Rector of Sully, near Cardiff 1848-1886. He was the translator of Madvig's *Latin Grammar*. He married, 7th January 1840, Ellen, fourth daughter of Frederick-Benjamin King, of Stoke Newington, and Emma Austin, his wife. She was born 26th January 1814, and by her Mr. Woods has had issue:—

- I. GEORGE-HERBERT WOODS, born 7th April 1844, died 7th March 1847.
- II. Francis-Henry Woods, B.D., Clerk in Holy Orders, now Vicar of Chalfont St. Peter, co. Buckingham, born 22nd May 1850; late scholar of Jesus College, Oxford; second class in Moderations 1871; B.A. (first class in the

Theological School) 1873; Junior Hall-Houghton Greek Testament Prize 1874, Denyer and Johnson Scholar 1875, Syriac Prize 1875; Fellow of St. John's College 1876; M.A. 1877; B.D. 1881; ordained Deacon 1874, and Priest 1875. He married, 2nd August 1883, Frances-Edith, third daughter of the Reverend C.-E. Pritchard, of South Luffenham, co. Rutland, deceased, and M.-A. Seymour, his wife, and has issue:—i. George-Constantine Woods, born 9th January 1885; and ii. Katharine-Seymour Woods, born 17th September 1887.

I. Mary-Anne Woods, born 31st October 1840.

II. Ellen-Maria Woods, born January 1842.

III. Constance-Margaret Woods, born 9th February 1843.

IV. Emily Woods, born 26th November 1845.

V. Irene-Sophia Woods, born 24th June 1847.

VI. FANNY-AUGUSTA WOODS, born 14th August 1848; died 27th April 1861.

VII. Evangeline - Alice Woods, born 19th January 1852.

BRADSHAW OF MILE CROSS, LONDON, AND
STOKE NEWINGTON.

ARMS: ARGENT, TWO BENDS AZURE.

K.—Sarah Hoare [X], fourth daughter of Samuel and Grizell Hoare [L.VR] (*see p.* 260), was born at Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, 9th April 1754. She married, in the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, London, 26th November 1777, Thomas Bradshaw, Linen Manufacturer, of Mile Cross, Newtown

Ards, co. Down, Ireland, and of London, second son of Robert Bradshaw, of Newtown Ards, and Ann Greer, his wife. They had issue:—

££.—I. ROBERT BRADSHAW. *See below*, ££.

II. THOMAS BRADSHAW, born in London in 1781; died young.

III. SAMUEL BRADSHAW, twin with Thomas; died young.

IV. JOSEPH-HOARE BRADSHAW, of whom presently (*see p. 278*).

V. THOMAS BRADSHAW, born at Stoke Newington 5th May 1787; died 5th December 1787.

I. SARAH BRADSHAW, born in London, 9th November 1778; died unmarried, at Stoke Newington, 12th August 1855 [Ob.N., *A.M.*].

II. ANNA BRADSHAW, born in New Ormond Street, London, 19th November 1782; married, in the F.M.H., Gracechurch Street, London, 16th March 1831, Joseph Pease, of Feethams, Darlington, Widower, third son of Joseph Pease, of Darlington, Woollen Manufacturer, and Mary Richardson, his wife. Joseph Pease, the younger, was born 28th January 1772, and died 16th March 1846. He was an active colleague of Clarkson and Wilberforce in the anti-slavery movement, and one of the founders of the Peace Society. His widow died at Darlington, 2nd April 1856, and was buried there in the F.B.G., 6th April.

III. GRIZELL-MARIA BRADSHAW, born at Mile Cross, 28th June 1785; died unmarried at Kingstown, Dublin, 10th June 1848.

IV. ELIZA BRADSHAW, born at Mile Cross, 30th April 1790; died at Stoke Newington, 29th March 1841.

- V. LUCY BRADSHAW, born at Mile Cross, 19th June 1792; died at Stoke Newington, 17th December 1862 [Ob. N., *A.M.*, 1864].

Thomas Bradshaw died 22nd September 1810, and was buried 25th September. His widow died at Mile Cross, 30th June 1813.

II.—Robert Bradshaw [XV], of Mile Cross, J.P., was born in Old Jewry, London, 31st January 1780. He married, at Mile Cross, 1st May 1811, Anna, daughter of Andrew Moore, of Newtown Ards, and by her (who died 31st July 1853) had issue:—

- I. JAMES BRADSHAW, Esq., born 10th October 1815; died unmarried 20th February 1881.
- II. **Joseph Bradshaw**, of Trinity College, Dublin, B.A. 1845; Clerk in Holy Orders; ordained in 1846 by the Bishop of Lincoln; born 19th May 1819; late of Mile Cross, J.P.; Rector of Mursley, co. Buckingham, since 1885; married, 25th February 1851, Jane-Annabella, daughter of the Reverend William Richardson, Vicar of Ferry Fryston, co. York.
- III. THOMAS BRADSHAW, Esq., born 9th June 1820; died unmarried, 12th January 1857.
- IV. SAMUEL BRADSHAW, Esq., born 7th July 1822; died unmarried, 27th April 1876.
- V. ANDREW BRADSHAW, Esq., born 22nd November 1824; died unmarried, 22nd December 1869.
- VI. JONATHAN BRADSHAW, Esq., born 20th October 1826; died unmarried, 23rd May 1871.
 - I. Anne Bradshaw, born 17th October 1813; married James Bell, Esq., late of Belfast.
 - II. ELIZA BRADSHAW, born 24th June 1817; married, at Newtown Ards, Samuel Greer, Esq., of Lurgan; died at Mile Cross, *sine prole*, 26th December 1882.

THE SECOND HOUSE OF BRADSHAW.

I.—**Joseph = Hoare Bradshaw** [VI], Esq., J.P., Banker, of the firm of *Hoare, Barnetts and Company*, of no. 62 Lombard Street, and of Upper Hyde Park Street, London, and of Hornsey, co. Middlesex, was the fourth son of Thomas Bradshaw (*see p. 276*). He was born at Mile Cross, 20th February 1784, and married, 15th December 1823, Catherine, youngest daughter of Richard Stuart, Esq., of Clare, co. Antrim, and had issue :—

II.—**I. THOMAS-JOSEPH BRADSHAW.** *See below, III.*

II. Richard Bradshaw, of The Grange, Steeple Aston, co. Oxford, C.B., Rear-Admiral R.N., J.P. for co. Oxford; born 16th March 1829; married, 25th February 1862, **Emma-Loveday**, daughter of Isaac Walker, Esq., of Arno's Grove, Southgate, co. Middlesex, and has issue :—i. **John Bradshaw**, born 7th February 1863; ii. **Richard-Stewart Bradshaw**, born 13th December 1869; iii. **Joseph-Henry Bradshaw**, born 13th April 1871; iv. **Robert Bradshaw**, born 3rd February 1874; v. **Arthur - Edward Bradshaw**, born 26th November 1878; i. **Katherine-Sophia Bradshaw**, born 22nd February 1867; and ii. **Emma-Louisa Bradshaw**, born 20th November 1872.

III. **HENRY BRADSHAW**, Esq., M.A., a Senior Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and Librarian of the University; born 2nd February 1831; died very suddenly, while sitting at his library table, 11th February 1886, unmarried. We cannot do more in this place than touch *currente calamo* upon the life of this accomplished scholar and bibliographer. We will only quote the concluding words of one of his friends, who contributed three

able papers to the *Cambridge Review* at the time of his death, and is now engaged in preparing a memoir of him for the press. He says:—"His best gift was himself, and dying he has left us the noblest legacy that a man can leave, the memory and example of a stainless life, spent in promoting the cause of science, and in aiding his fellowmen." Mr. Bradshaw was buried in King's College chapel, 15th February 1886, in the presence of a vast assemblage of his friends, amongst whom were the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Ely. A simple stone marks the place of his burial.

- I. **Katherine Bradshaw**, born 14th February 1826 ; married, at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, 17th February 1848, **John-Henry Daniell**, Esq., of Fairchild, co. Surrey (second son of Thomas Daniell, Esq., of Little Berkhamstead), and had a son, **Henry-Averill Daniell** (*see p.* 280).
- II. **Sarah Bradshaw**, born 5th July 1827 ; married, at Bournemouth, 14th June 1864, the Right Reverend **Ashton Oxenden**, D.D., Lord Bishop of Montreal, and Metropolitan of Canada (sixth son of Sir Henry Oxenden, Bart.), and has a daughter, **Mary-Ashton Oxenden**, born 20th January 1867. Arms of Bishop Oxenden : Argent, a chevron gules between three oxen sable, a martlet for difference. Bishop Oxenden was born 28th September 1808, and was formerly Rector of Pluckley, co. Kent, Honorary Canon of Canterbury, etc. He is the author of many popular religious works.
- III. **Mary-Charlotte Bradshaw**, born 29th July 1839 ; married, at Chelsham, co. Surrey, the

Reverend Robert - Dusautoy White, M.A., Vicar of Moreton-Pinkney, co. Northampton (son of the late Robert White, Esq., of Egypt House, Cowes, Isle of Wight), by whom she has no issue.

Joseph-Hoare Bradshaw died in Upper Park Street, London, 24th May 1845. Mrs. Bradshaw was born 24th June 1800; died at Bournemouth, 23rd November 1870, and was buried there.

††.—**Thomas = Joseph Bradshaw** [XII], Esq., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, J.P., a Judge of the County Court of Northumberland, was the eldest son of Joseph-Hoare Bradshaw. He married first, 21st January 1847, the Hon. Frances-Catherine Devereux, Maid of Honour to the Queen, and only daughter of Henry-Fleming-Lea, 14th Viscount Hereford, and had issue:—

- I. VICTOR - ALEXANDER BRADSHAW, Sub-Lieutenant, R.N., born 13th April 1848. Her Majesty the Queen was one of the sponsors at his baptism. He died *sine prole* at Yan-Coomassie, Africa, on service in the Naval Brigade, 16th February 1874.
- II. WILFRED-NINIAN-STEWART BRADSHAW, born 8th June 1850; died 10th June 1860.
 - I. Mabel-Frances-Catherine Bradshaw, born 8th January 1853; married, 6th April 1875, her cousin-german, Henry-Averill Daniell, Esq., son of John-Henry Daniell, of Fairchild (*see p. 279*), and has issue.
 - II. Constance-Sybil-Frances Bradshaw, born 13th December 1854; married, 29th July 1884, Francis - John Greenwell, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Recorder of Durham, second son of Francis Greenwell, Esq., J.P. for co. Durham, and of Elizabeth Trotter, his wife. He

was born 20th October 1852. The arms of his family are: Or, two bars azure between three ducal coronets gules.

III. Muriel-Frances Bradshaw, born 2nd January 1857.

Mrs. Bradshaw died 12th January 1857, and Mr. Bradshaw married secondly, 27th December 1860, **Emily-Isabella**, only child of Colonel Frederick Halkett (son and heir of General Sir Hugh Halkett, G.C.H., K.C.B.), and had issue:—

I. **Hugh-Stewart Bradshaw, born 9th May 1868.**

II. **HUMPHREY - STUART - HALKETT BRADSHAW,** born 24th May 1872; died 24th March 1877.

I. **Evelyn-Emily Bradshaw, born 12th December 1862.**

II. **Lilian Bradshaw, born 21st May 1865.**

III. **Winifred - Georgine - Margaret Bradshaw,** born 1st November 1879.

Mr. Bradshaw died suddenly at Newcastle, 17th December 1884.





CHAPTER XIX.

WILMER OF LONDON AND CHIGWELL.

"It is not without pleasure, and perchance it may not be without use, that we rescue some quaint old document from the dust of ages; and that we arrest the floating memories of men & things, as they pass down the stream of time toward the ocean of oblivion."

IN the earlier part of the 17th century there was living in London, and at Chigwell in the south-west of Essex, a family of Wilmer, which claimed to be descended from the Wilmers of Warwickshire, although there is no record of the intermediate generations. The following is a copy of their pedigree as entered in the Visitation of Essex made in 1634 by George Owen, York Herald, and Henry Lilly, Rouge Rose, and edited in 1878 for the Harleian Society by W.-C. Metcalfe, Esq., F.S.A., from Harleian MS. 1542:—

Wilmer.

ARMS.—*Gules, a chevron vair between three eagles displayed or.* [WILMER.]

James Wilmer of London haberdasher descended = Mary d. of William
from the Wilmers of Warwickshire. | Pendred.

Thomas Wilmer of London haberdasher, = Agnes d. of Richard Lake.

Elizabeth d. of Nicholas = Thomas Wilmer of Chigwell = Sarah d. of Will'm
Gregory of Battersea in | in com. Essex & free of the | Hodges of London
com. Surry 1 wife. | Society of the Salters of Lon- | 2 wife.
don 1634.

1 Thomas Wilmer, about 16 years of age 1634. 2 Nicholas. Mary. Sarah. Elizabeth. Susan.

I.—James Wilmer, the first in the above pedigree, Citizen and Haberdasher, of London, married, prior to November 1597, Mary, daughter of William Pendred, and had a son, THOMAS WILMER, of whom presently. It appears that a certain Nicholas Spackman by his will bequeathed to Mary Pendred, who married James Wilmer, three messuages in Paternoster Row, London, which were known as *the sign of the Hart*, *the sign of the Dolphin*, and *the sign of Adam and Eve*.² On the 12th of November 1597 a Fine was passed between James Wilmer and Mary his wife, querents, and Francis Peircy and Juliana his wife and William Fynche and Mary his wife, deforciant, of a messuage and garden in Chigwell.³ James Wilmer died in or before 1610, for in thirty days from Easter in that year a Fine was passed between Mary Wilmer, his widow, querent, and a certain John Wilmer, deforciant, of premises in Chigwell.⁴ Mary Wilmer died before 1635.

II.—Thomas Wilmer, Citizen and Haberdasher, of London, of the parish of St. Martin, Ludgate, was the son of James and Mary Wilmer. He married Agnes, daughter of Richard Lake, and had a son and heir, THOMAS WILMER (*see below*, **III**.) Administration of the goods of the elder Thomas was granted to his widow, Agnes Wilmer, 22nd September 1626.⁵ By an Indenture dated 31st October 1626, Agnes Wilmer conveyed the three above-mentioned messuages in Paternoster Row to the use of her son, Thomas Wilmer, and his heirs for ever, though her right to make this conveyance was disputed in 1647.² Her said son,

III.—Thomas Wilmer, of London, and of Chigwell, co. Essex, was free of the Society of the Salters in 1634. He married first, Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Gregory, of Battersea, co. Surrey, and had issue :—

2. Gouge v. Wilmer, Chan. Pro., Car. I., GG. 18, 4.

3. Feet of Fines, Essex, Mic. 39-40 Eliz.

4. Feet of Fines, Essex, Easter 8 Jac. 1.

5. P.C.C.

Æ.—I. THOMAS WILMER. *See below, Æ.*

II. NICHOLAS WILMER, of the parish of St. Gregory, London, Silkman and Freeman of the City; married, about December 1643, Hester Clerkson, sister of Robert Clerkson, and died intestate within a month of the marriage, in his house in Paternoster Row. His relict married secondly, prior to May 1645, Robert Bagnall. On the 21st of May 1645, Robert and Hester Bagnall filed a Bill in Chancery from which we take the following extracts:—

“One Thomas Willmer late of Chigwell in the co. of Essex, deceased, father of the said Nicholas having two sons Thomas the eldest and the said Nicholas, did purchase to him ̄ to the said Thomas his eldest son and their heirs the fee simple of three messuages in Paternoster Row, London, the purchase whereof cost the said Thomas 700*l.*, out of which purchase money one of whom the said Thomas Willmer the father purchased the premises did appoint unto the said Nicholas by way of abatement out of the purchase money 100*l.* The said Thomas Willmer the father did about 16 years since become bound unto the said Nicholas in 100*l.* * * * * * The said Nicholas died * possessed of a personal estate of good value and (amongst other things) of two Bonds wherein his said father and brother stood respectively bound, and also a certain book whereby his dealings in the trade of a Silkman did appear.

“Letters of administration of the goods, etc., of the said Nicholas are granted unto your Oratrix and the Bonds, etc., of right belong unto your Orator in right of your Oratrix Hester. But the said Thomas Wilmer the younger did immediately upon the death of the said Nicholas cause the dead corps of the said Nicholas to be carried from his said house to Chigwell to be there buried, & procured your said Oratrix to accompany the said corps. The said Thomas Wilmer the younger entered into the aforesaid house in the time of your Oratrix Hester's absence & took or caused to be taken the said two Bonds, ̄c.”⁶

The answer of Thomas Wilmer was to the effect that the two Bonds were delivered to him by

6. *Bagnall v. Willmer*, Chan. Pro., Car. I., B B. 67, 13.

Robert Clerkson, the complainant Hester's brother. The following is the Inventory of Nicholas Wilmer's goods⁶:—

"An Inventory of all and singuler the goodē Chattellē and debtē of Nicholas Willmer Cittizen of London late of the parish of St Gregory London deceased taken vallued and prized the tenth day of February Anno dñi stilo Angliæ one Thowsand six hundred forty three by Henry Dermer and Joseph Batchelor as followeth vizt/

" In the upper roome backwardē
 In primis. a painted bedsted, Curtaines and vallance of striped stufte one feather bed & bolster one blankett and twoe Coverlettē a windowe Curtaine and twoe old Chayres and a table basket.

ijij*l*
 xs

" In the fore Chamber upward
 Item. a bedsted curtaines and vallance twoe feather beddē and boulters twoe blankettē, a greene rugg a trundle bed.

vijij*l*

Item. a Chest with drawers, twoe joynt stooles.

xxijs

Item. the hangeingē about the roome of striped stufte.

xxxs

" In the great Chamber

Item. twoe backstooles & a leather stoole six Cushions a payre of Creepers and a fire shovell.

xijs

Item. the said deceasedē weareinge Clothes Woollen and Linnen

xj*l*
 ijs

Item. a Bench

ijjs vj*d*

" In the Hall

Item. a small draweing table and three chayres a striped Carpet five pictures a pe of Creepers.

xxijs

Item. an inlayed muskett

xxxs

" In the Kitchen

Item. a round table and Cubberd

xvjs

Item. a Jacke & stone w^{te}

xijs

Item. three spittē

ijjs

Item. irons in the Chimney

xs

Item. thirty pound of pewter att nyne pence the pound

xxijs vj*d*

Item. an iron pott and kettle smale a warmeinge pan and other lumber.

xxs

6. Bagnall v. Willmer, Chan. Pro., Car. I., B B. 67, 13.

Item. a smale leaden Cesterne a pompe and pipe to the streete.	}	ij <i>l</i>
		xvs
Item. three sheete and other smale odd linnen		xxs
		“ In the Shopp
Item. a box with weightes and [blank] Cloth & other lumber		xxs
Item. presses and Cheste lett with the shopp.		v <i>l</i>
		“ In the Celler
Item. an old smale powdering tubb and Bearfore		iijs
It. received of Rowland Taylor		viijs

“ Su \bar{m} a

“The wares of the said Nicholas Willmore deceased valled and prized the nynth day of February stilo Angliæ one thowsand six hundred forty three by Godfrey Robinson and James Henbury as followeth, vizt./

In primis. twenty six pound $\frac{1}{2}$ of Collered Silke att	}	xxiiij <i>l</i>
eighteene shillings p pound		xvijs
Item. Fifteene pound eight ounces of rawthorne Silke St :	}	xj <i>l</i>
Sow: And five at fowerteene shillinge six pence p pounde		iijs ix <i>d</i>
Item. nyne pound fower ounce of Coloured galloone att	}	xj <i>l</i> xjs
twenty five shillinge per pound		iiij <i>d</i>
Item. three grosse 4 ^d i6 of bias Lace att twenty twoe	}	iiij <i>l</i>
shillinge p grosse		xiijs iiij <i>d</i>
Item. sixteene grose six dozen of smale Coloured Lace	}	ix <i>l</i>
att xis g's		js vj <i>d</i>
Item. ten grosse five dozen of coloured open lace at	}	viiij <i>l</i>
seaventeene shillinge g's		xvijs
Item. one doz. of bt bone lace at tenn shillinge the doz.		xs
Item. eleaven doz. of remnant ϵ of coloured lace att tenn	}	xviijs
shillinge		iiij <i>d</i>
Item. fower grosse three doz. of open blew lace att twenty	}	v <i>l</i>
fower shillinge the grosse		ijs
Item. five dozen viij yard ϵ of co : binging ϵ at iijs the	}	xvijs
dozen		
Item. viij grosse tenn dozen of bt lace att twelve	}	v <i>l</i>
shillinge the grosse		vjs
ij <i>l</i> xoz $\frac{1}{2}$ } Item. fiftie six ounces $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ qr venis of	}	x <i>l</i>
silke wa } silver parchment and Cha: at three shillinge		vs
viiij <i>d</i> oz.		iiij <i>d</i>

Item. sixty nyne ounces of dra. venis of gold and three pound silver	}	xiiij <i>l</i>
iiij oz. silke } parchment and Cha: att iij <i>s</i> eleaven pence	}	x <i>s</i>
wa. } the ounce.	}	iiij <i>d</i>
Item. fiftie eight ounces venis of gold and silver bone	}	xiiij <i>l</i>
ij <i>t</i> xj ^{oz} $\frac{1}{2}$ } lace att iiij shillinge twoe pence p ounce	}	x <i>s</i>
silke wa }	}	viiij <i>d</i>
Item. one pound five oz. $\frac{1}{2}$ of gold thrid att one and fiftie shillinge per pound	}	iiij <i>l</i>
	}	xiiij <i>s</i> iiij <i>d</i>
Item. eight oz. of silver thrid and Spa att three shillinge fower pence p ounce	}	xxx <i>s</i>
Item. fower dozen & five yarde of sixpenny and fower-penny Ferritt Ribbon att twoe shillinge p dozen	}	viiij <i>s</i>
	}	x <i>d</i>
Item. fowerteene ounces venis of silke and gold galloc ne tenn ounces one halfe silke wa	}	xxviiij <i>s</i>

“Suma cxxiiij*l* viij*s* vj*d*

“Sumā totalī } clxv*l* xviiij*s*
hujus In^{ra} }

“Debts owinge to the said deceased att the tyme of his decease *vi* viij*s* iiij*d*.”

III. ROBERT WILMER, baptized 14th January 1623-4†; buried 20th January 1623-4.†

Thomas Wilmer married secondly, 12th June 1625,† Sarah, daughter of William Hodges, of London, and had issue:—

I. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 27th August 1626†; not mentioned in the Visitation of 1634, and therefore probably dead.

I. MARY WILMER. III. ELIZABETH WILMER.

II. SARAH WILMER. IV. SUSAN WILMER.

There was the will of a Sarah Willmor of Essex, who was probably the widow of Thomas Wilmer. It was dated 20th September 1658, and proved 6th November 1658. She names her daughter, Mary Bullman, and her son-in-law, John Bullman, whom she appoints executor; her grandchildren, Elizabeth,

† Par. reg. of St. Thomas the Apostle's, London.

Mary, and Thomas Bullman ; her daughter, Sarah Tanner, and her son-in-law, Jonas Tanner ; her daughter, Elizabeth Hill, and her son-in-law, Nicholas Hill ; and her daughter, Frances Willmore⁷.

By an Indenture dated 30th June 1626, Thomas Wilmer acquired to himself from George Scott, Esq., Robert Clarke, Knt., and John Scott, a close of meadow and pasture, called *Hammond meade*, and a close and field, called *Langland*, in Chigwell, together containing 26 acres. For this conveyance he neglected to obtain a royal licence, and consequently we find him paying 20s. for a pardon, which was granted by letters patent dated 14th June 1632⁸. He made his will 12th May 1634, appointing a certain John Wilmer executor. He left all his lands, which were worth 300*l.* a year, to his elder son Thomas, and 500*l.* to his younger son Nicholas⁶. After his death, which took place 14th August 1638, an Inquisition *post mortem* was taken, of which the following is an abstract :—

“INQUISITION taken at Stratford Langton⁹ in the County of Essex 26th January 14 Charles I [A.D. 1638-9] after the death of Thomas Wilmer. They [the Jurors] say that the said Thomas was seized in his demesne as of fee of seven messuages in le old Bailie in the parish of St. Sepulchre without Newegate, London ; and of one messuage called the signe of the gold Ring in the parish of St. Martin within Ludgate ; also of one tenement in Lamborne in the County of Essex called Bankes containing 8 acres ; and of two other closes called Colliers containing 8 acres ; and of one other tenement called Roles with the lands, tenements, woods, and orchard to the same pertaining in Chigwell in the County of Essex. The said Thomas was siezed of 14 acres of meadow called Hamands Meade and of one close containing 12 acres called Langlands in Chigwell.

“By his Deed bearing date 2nd November 2 Charles I [A.D. 1626] he covenanted with a certain William Lodges¹⁰ that he Thomas Wilmer and his heirs should stand and be seized of the closes called Hamondes Mead and Langlandes to the use of the same Thomas and Sarah his

6. *Bagnall v. Willmer*, Chan. Pro., Car. I., B B. 67, 13.

7. P.C.C. 599 Wotton.

8. Pat. R., 8 Car I., pt. 15 (77).

9. Now called Stratford-Langthorne.

10. This should be *Hodges*.

wife, now alive, for the term of their lives and of the longest liver of them for the jointure of the same Sarah.

“The said Thomas Wilmer on the 12th day of May 10 Charles I made his Will. John Wilmer was Executor of the Will aforesaid.

“The said Thomas died 14th August last past. Thomas Wilmer is his son and next heir of the age of 20 years and not more.

“The close called Banks and the two closes”
 were held of the Lord of the manor of Lamborne by fealty and a rent of 10*d.* by the year for all services. The messuage and land called Roles were held of the Lord of the manor of Barrington in free socage by fealty and a rent of 6*s.*, and it is worth by the year beyond reprises 20*s.*

“The seven messuages in le old bailie and the messuage called the Gold ring were held of the King in free and common socage as of his Manor of East Greenwich by fealty only for all services, and it is worth by the year beyond reprises 3*l.*

“The meadow called Hamondes Mead and Langlandes were held of the King *in capite* by knight's service.” [*Inq. post mortem*, 14 Charles I., part 3, no. 104.]

IV.—Thomas Wilmer, Esq., of Chigwell, a Major in the Royalist Army, “was of the age of 20 years and not more” at the death of his father, Thomas Wilmer, in 1638. He married, in or before 1640, Mary By an Indenture, dated 16th November 1639, Thomas Wilmer for 40*s.* conveyed to Thomas Woodward, Esq., of Lambeth, Henry Dermer, George Nutt, Gent., of Chigwell, and Cuthbert Curwyn the capital messuage called Rolls, a ‘parcell of medowe in Broadmeade ‘conteyninge two acres,’ and a ‘parcell of wood or grove called ‘Rolls grove conteyning four acres,’ all situate in Chigwell.¹² The grantees were probaby feoffees in trust, and the deed itself executed in contemplation of Thomas Wilmer's marriage, which seems to have taken place about this date. On November the 17th in the same year Henry Jackson, Citizen and Grocer, of London, in consideration of 1900*l.*, granted and sold¹³ to Thomas Wilmer the manor of Barringtons *alias* Barrington in Chigwell,

11. Obliterated.

12. Close R, 15 Car. I., pt. 23 (5);

Feet of Fines, Essex, Hil. 16 Car. I.

13. Close R., 16 Car. I., pt. 17 (34).
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Loughton, and Woodford, co. Essex.¹⁴ Barringtons, otherwise called Rolls, was one of the manors in Chigwell. The mansion house lay about a mile to the north of the church. By an Indenture, dated 16th November 1647, Thomas Wilmer, for 173*6*l., sold to William Gouge, "Doctor in Divinity and Pastor of the Church of Blackfryers," London, all his messuages "scituate in Paternoster rowe London on the south side of the said streete * that is to say * the three Cranes * the Dolphin * heretofore * called * the halfe moone * the Adam and Eve * and the Goate."¹⁵ Dr. Gouge appears to have been in some doubt as to the soundness of Thomas Wilmer's title to these messuages, for on December the 11th in the same year he petitioned in the Court of Chancery that Thomas Wilmer, and also Henry Dormer, who declared that he was privy to Wilmer's title to the premises, might be summoned to declare on their oaths that Thomas Wilmer was lawfully seized of them. The Answer of Thomas Wilmer was made December the 13th, and began as follows:—

"There still is some treaty concerning the sale of five messuages, whereof two are put into one in Paternoster row, viz.; one message called the Three Cranes heretofore demised to this Defendant for 21 years from William late Lord Bishop of London by his Indenture 7 June 13 Charles I, one other message called the sign of the Hart, one other message called the sign of the Dolphin, one other message called the sign of Adam and Eve, of all which, except the Three Cranes, this Defendant is seized to him & his heirs in fee simple & now holdeth the same exonerated from all former bargains * except the title of Dower of Mary now wife of this Defendant."¹⁶

A Fine was passed in 1656 between George Lubbs and Adam Ke . . . , querents, and . . . Wilmer and Frances

14. A Fine was passed in 15 days from St. Martin's Day 15 Charles I., between Thomas Willmer, Gent., querent, and Henry Jackson, Gent., and Sarah his wife, deforciant, of the manor of Barringtons, with the appurts., and of 20 messuages, 10 cottages, 20 tofts, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 200 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 50 acres of wood, and

6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of rent in Chigwell, Woodford, and Loughton, in Essex; and also common pasture for all cattle in the forest of Waltham Holy-Cross (now called Waltham Abbey).

15. Close R., 24 Car. I., pt. 17 (40).

16. Gouge v. Wilmer, Chan. Pro., Car. I., GG. 18, 4.

his wife, deforciant, of land and houses in Chigwell, Woodford, Loughton¹⁶ If Thomas Wilmer is one of the deforciant in this Fine, he must have married a second time. It seems probable that he is the Thomas Wilmer named in a Fine passed in 1657 between Henry Barnard, querent, and Thomas Wilmer and Frances his wife, deforciant, of two messuages in the parish of St. Martin, Ludgate, London.¹⁷

Thomas Wilmer, who, as has already been related, was an officer in the army of King Charles I., suffered heavily for his loyalty to his Sovereign, as is shown by the Royalist Composition Papers, from which the following extracts are taken.

“ December the 16th 1648.

“ An accot of the Estate reall & personall of me Major Thomas Willmor given into the standing Comittie for the Countie of Essex in order to a Composition for my delinqency this day acknowledged before the said Comittie.

	li	s	d
“ I haue in personall Estate	217	= 00	= 00
I have in reall estate in Chigwell most in my owne occupation whereof Rich. Goldson holds 26 ^{ti} p Anñ	100	= 00	= 00
I have alsoe at London Martin's Ludgate in the Tenure of Henery Dormer & Oliver Dormer p ^r anñ	040	= 00	= 00

“ I have nothing moore but owe 400^{li} upon a Morgage to Mr. Nutt of Buntingford.

Tho : Willmer.

“ This is a true Coppie of y^e particulars given into the standinge Comittie of Essex by Mr. Thomas Willmer, accordinge to its date; examined by us

“ March y^e 25th 1653

“ Abraham Barrington
John Maidstone.”

[Series I., vol. vii. p. 397.]

“ Sept. 21st 1649.

“ It is ordered that the Sequestration upon the estate of Mr. Thomas Wilmer of Chigwell be taken off & discharged And the

16. Feet of Fines, Essex, Easter 1656. This document is in a very bad condition, and partly illegible.

17. Feet of Fines, London, Easter 1657.

Sequestratour is heerby required to forbear any further proceedings against the said estate.

“ By the standing Com^{tee}
of Essex.

“ W^m. Harlakenden

“ Tho : Honywood
Ri Harlakēden

“ Robert Crane

“ Car : H : Mildmay

“ Ro : Calthorp.”

[Series I., vol. vii. p. 400.]

“ To the hono^{ble} Comission^{rs} for Compositiōns etc.

“ The humble petiōn of Thomas Wilmore of Chigwell in
Com Essex.

“ Sheweth

“ That by Act of Parliam^t of the 7th of May 1649 the standing
Comittee of the Countie of Essex were impowered and authorised
to fine and Compound wth the delinquents in the Insurrecōn
in the sd Countie of Essex according to the Rules of Gold-
smithes Hall

“ That in pursuance thereof yor pet^r had his fine of 250^{li} sett by the
sd Comittee of Essex for his wholl estate to w^{ch} fine the pet^r
accordingly submitted and paieing his wholl moneys thereupon
All his land^e were discharged by order of the sd Com^{tee} of Essex.

“ That nevertheless the Rent^e of 2 Tenem^{ts} in the parrish of
Martins Ludgate London w^{ch} he compounded for, and stand^e
pticularly discharged as aforesaid, the same rents are now made stay
of by the Com^{rs} of Sequestraōns London although the proffitt^e
of the sd Tenem^{ts} are Conveyed for the maintenance of the pet^{rs}
Mother^{rs} & 4 children; and at the time of such Compositiōn
the pet^r was 700^{li} in debt w^{ch} his land^e was ingaged for.

“ The premisses considred

“ Yo^r Pet^r humbly prayes That the sd 2 Ten^{te} or
houses & Rents aforesaid in Martins Ludgate
parrish may be discharged from any further

“ Aug. 30^o 1650

trouble or molestaōn of the sd Comissio^{rs} of
Sequestraōns London, according to his said former
orders; Or that it may be referred to Counsell

“ The Pet^r to bring
in y^e pticular of his
estate in ye County
of Essex for w^{ch} he
hath compounded.”

“ And he shall pray

“ Thomas Wilmer.”

[Series I., vol. lxxi. p. 367.]

18. That is, step-mother (*see p.* 287).
The four children would be Thomas

Wilmer's sisters of the half-blood.

“ It is Ordered that the sequestration upon the Estate of Mr. Thomas Willmore of Chigwell be taken off and discharged and the sequester is hereby required to forbear any further proceedings against the said Estate

“ Wm Harlakenden.

“ Tho. Honeywood. Rob. Crane.
Ri. Harlakenden. Rob. Calthorpe.

“ By the standing
Com^{tee} of Essex.

“ Car. H. Mildmay.

“ Vera copia Wm Jackson
Cler. to y^e Com^{rs} for Seq^{ns}
London, 4, Febr, 1652.”

[Series I., vol. vii. p. 403.]

The last notice that we have of the Wilmers of Chigwell is the following Deed :—

“ THIS INDENTURE made the Eleventh day November [A.D. 1659] Betweene Thomas Wilmer late of the Parish of Chigwell in the County of Essex Esquire of th'one part And Robert Abdy of Albyns in the County of Essex Esquire and John Chapman of London Gentleman of th' other part Witnesseth that in part performance of one Covenant * in one Indenture (4 March A.D. 1655) etc., He the said Thomas Wilmer hath granted bargained sold released quite claymed and confirmed * unto the said Robert Abdy and John Chapman their heires, etc., for ever All that Capitall messuage or mansion house comonly called * Rolles * in the parish of Chigwell * And all that parcell * called Rolles Mead conteyning * seven acres * Rolles Grove * five acres * Two acres and a halfe in Broad mead * one acre and an halfe in the said Meed sometimes Coppinghold of the Mannor of Barringtons * All that Close * called Poundfeild * Tenn acres * Bridgfeild * five acres and halfe an acre * Rye-feild * fourteene acres * Barrington Buses and Bushfeild * Twenty two acres * the Lower grounds * eightene acres * foure acres * in Broad Mead * Little Mead * Three acres * Hammonds meade * fiteene acres * Langlands * Thirteene acres * one acre * in Broad Mead * held of the Mannor of Luckton otherwise Loughton by Coppy of Court Roll * Copyhold of the said Mannor of Barringtons called the uper Hobmans and Lower Hobmans * Seven acres * all that messuage or Tenemēt * in Chigwell * late of Thomas Sigon * closes about the said house

* seven acres * Wellfeild * six acres * three feilds scituate
in Chigwell * Copsyhold of the Mannor of Wolston hall * eight
acres * Eight acres * in Broadmead * three acres in Broad
Mead * And also the Moyety of the aforesaid Mannor of Barring-
tons * Together with the moyety of Two hundred acres * within
the Forrest of Waltham Holy Crosse now or late parcell of * the
said Mannor of Barringtons * To have and to hold, etc., for ever,
etc." [Close Roll, A.D. 1659, part 6 (23).]






CHAPTER XX.

WILMER OF STONY STRATFORD, COVENTRY,
AND LONDON.

*Vixere fortes ante Agamemnona
Multi; sed omnes illacrymabiles
Urgeantur, ignotique, longa
Nocte, carent quia vate sacro.*—HORACE, *Od.*, iv. 9, 25.

ARMS BORNE BY THIS BRANCH OF THE WILMER FAMILY: GULES, A
CHEVRON VAIR BETWEEN THREE EAGLES DISPLAYED OR; CREST: AN
EAGLE'S HEAD OR BETWEEN TWO WINGS EXPANDED VAIR.

Æ.— John Wilmer, Gent., of Stony Stratford, co. Buckingham, was the founder of an extensive family of Wilmer, which now flourishes in London and its neighbourhood. Much uncertainty hangs about his ancestry; it is stated by persons still living to have been within the memory of their parents that he was related to the Wilmers who resided at the neighbouring village of Moulsoe (*see chap. XXII.*). This belief would seem to gain some confirmation from the fact that both these branches of the family used the uncommon Christian name of Bradford. But granted proof of this relationship, we should still be no nearer John Wilmer's ancestry, for the origin of the Moulsoe Wilmers is involved in equal obscurity with his own. It has also been said that John Wilmer was an Oporto merchant. Again,

it has been supposed, and, we think, with much more probability, that John Wilmer was a surgeon practising at Stony Stratford; and further, that he was identical with a certain John Wilmer, an apothecary, who was living at the neighbouring town of Olney in 1736, and who, apparently, was related to the Moulsoe Wilmers (*see chap. XXII.*). The earliest evidence that we have of John Wilmer's residence at Stony Stratford is in March 1744-5, and between the two dates he might have moved thither from Olney. Unfortunately, the Olney parish registers contain no entries relating to the family at this period. John Wilmer married Mary , and had issue:—

I. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 10th March 1744-5.†

‡.—II. BRADFORD WILMER. *See below*, ‡.

III. JOHN WILMER,¹ *Captain in the Warwickshire Fencibles*; baptized 4th January 1747-8†; married *Miss Smart, of Stivichall, near Coventry, and had a son:—*

John Wilmer, Surgeon, of Derby, aged about thirty in 1821; married his first cousin, , daughter of John Smart, of Stivichall, and had several children living in 1821¹.

John Wilmer died at Coleshill, co. Warwick, in 1816².

IV. RICHARD WILMER, baptized 26th November 1750†.

V. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 5th August 1751†.

VI. ROBERT WILMER, baptized 28th May 1754†; buried 9th June 1755*.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary Magdalene's, Stony Stratford.

1. The statements in italics are on the authority of a pedigree compiled in 1823 for Mrs. Field, of Upper Helmsley, by William Ratcliffe, Rouge Croix, Pursuivant of Arms.

2. The burial is not recorded in the par. reg. of Coleshill.

* Par. reg. of St. Giles's, Stony Stratford.



BRADFORD WILMER, M.D.

FROM A MINIATURE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE REVEREND
JOHN WATKINS.

I. ANNA-MARIA WILMER, ancestress of Watkins
of Yorkshire (*see chap. XXI.*).

Mrs. Wilmer was buried 18th November 1776* ; and John Wilmer was buried 17th September 1773*. His will was as follows :—

“ This is the last will and testament of John Wilmer of Stony Stratford :—I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Wilmer all my land and Estate in Cosgrove feild in the county of Northampton during her natural life and after her decease I give and bequeath the said land to my son John Wilmer, my son Richard Wilmer, and my daughter Anne not as joint tenants, but tenants in common to be equally divided amongst them. If my son Bradford Wilmer does not enjoy the two houses in Stony Stratford I will that he should share the said Estate with them. I give all my personal Estate including the stock in trade of my son John Wilmer to be equally divided amongst my wife Mary Wilmer and all my children. I appoint my said wife Mary Wilmer sole executrix of this my last will and testament. Jn^o X Wilmer. Signed sealed etc. this 20th day of November 1768 in the presence of us Jn^o Lambert, Tho^s Poulter, W^m Lambert.” [Proved 28th April 1774, by the oath of Mary Wilmer, the executrix, to whom administration was granted. P.C.C. 164 Bargrave.]

H.—**Bradford Wilmer**, Esq., M.D., of Much Park Street³, Coventry, the second son of John and Mary Wilmer, was baptized 19th March 1745-6†. He married first, by licence, 11th March 1773‡, Sarah Pickering, of the parish of St. Michael, Coventry, by whom, according to Ratcliffe, he had no surviving issue. Mrs. Wilmer died 11th November 1791, aged 39, and was buried in the lady chapel of St. Michael's church, Coventry ; M.I. there.

Dr. Wilmer married secondly, at Meriden, co Warwick, 22nd November 1792, Sophia, daughter of the Reverend Bartholomew

* Par. reg. of St. Giles's, Stony Stratford.

3. The house occupied by Dr. Wilmer was used for many years as Judge's Lodgings when Coventry had its own assizes.

† Par. reg. of St. Mary Magdalene's, Stony Stratford.

‡ Par. reg. of St. Michael's, Coventry.

Musson, Rector of Baginton, near Coventry. She died 3rd April 1801, aged 35, and was buried 7th April 1801‡; M.I. (*see below*). They had issue :—

- I. HENRY - BRADFORD WILMER, baptized 11th September 1793‡; died 27th December 1810, aged 17; buried 1st January 1811‡; M.I.
- I. SOPHIA-MARIA WILMER, baptized 29th October 1796‡; died 22nd July 1810, aged 14; buried 26th July‡; M.I.
- II. SARAH WILMER, baptized 1st August 1798‡; married, 25th November 1819, Alexander Christie, Esq., eldest son of Rear-Admiral Christie, of Baberton, co. Mid-Lothian, and had issue. She died about 1832 or 1833.

Dr. Wilmer married thirdly, Jane, daughter of Charles Rattray, Esq., M.D., of Daventry, co. Northampton. She died 13th July 1805, aged 36, and was buried 18th July 1805‡; M.I. They had issue :—

III.—I. DAVID WILMER. *See below, III.*

- II. JANE WILMER, baptized 3rd June 1805‡; married, at Daventry, 25th August 1825, Abraham Turner, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, of the Middle Temple, London, and of Areley House, Kidderminster. He was educated at Rugby under Dr. Arnold, and was the eldest son of Jacob Turner, Esq., of Park Hall, near Kidderminster, by Ann his wife, daughter of Thomas Farley. Abraham and Jane Turner had issue :—

- i. ABRAHAM TURNER, born 29th August 1826; died 1827.

‡ Par. reg. of St. Michael's, Coventry.

- ii. **BRADFORD TURNER**, born 25th February 1829; died 4th January 1860, at his uncle David Wilmer's house in Highgate, co. Middlesex; buried at Mitton, near Stourport; M.I. there.
- iii. **William-Henry Turner**, Esq., now of Hillmore, Whakapuaka, Nelson, New Zealand; born at Areley House, 10th August 1832; sailed for New Zealand in the *Duke of Portland*, 8th November 1853; arrived at Nelson 8th February 1854; married, in 1862, by Dr. Hobhouse, the first Bishop of Nelson, **Isabella**, third daughter of James Mackay, Esq., J.P., of Drumduan, N.Z., and formerly of Aberdeen in Scotland and of St. John's Wood, London, one of the pioneer settlers of Nelson, N.Z. Mr. W.-H. and Mrs. Turner have issue:—

1. **Charles-William-James Turner**, born 11th October 1865.
 2. **Harold-Wilmer Turner**, born at Hillmore, 23rd November 1869; baptized 9th January 1870.
1. **Annie-Jane Turner**, born at Hillmore, 30th April 1863; baptized 21st June 1863; married, at St. Peter's by the Strand, Whakapuaka, 15th November 1883 (by the Lord Bishop of Nelson, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Mules and the Rev. W.-H. Kay), the Reverend **Arthur Hermon**, late of Surbiton, England, and now Curate of Spring

Creek, Marlborough and Grove Town, in the Wairau, New Zealand. Mr. Hermon is nephew to the late Edward Hermon, Esq., M.P. for Preston, England. He has a daughter:--Faith-Adine Hermon, born 25th August 1884; baptized 1st October.

2. Dora - Frances Turner, born at Hillmore, 17th February 1868; baptized by the Bishop of Nelson, 8th March.

Arms of M^r. W.-H. Turner: Sable, within a cross voided a cross pattée fitchée between four millrinds; crest: A lion gardant sable, charged on the body with three crosses pattée fitchée argent, resting the dexter fore-paw upon a shield of the last, charged with a millrind of the first; motto: *Esse quam videri*.

- iv. ABRAHAM TURNER, born 26th and baptized 27th December 1834; educated at Rugby school under Dr. Tait (late Archbishop of Canterbury); matriculated at Worcester College, Oxford; but, outgrowing his strength, died 14th April 1858, and was buried in Mitton churchyard, beside his brother Bradford; M.I. there. He was known among his friends as "The Walking Bradshaw," for it was one of his favourite occupations to study the working of trains on the various railways. He had a great veneration for Bradshaw, and on one occasion called

upon him in Manchester, when the Quaker said, "I am proud to see thee, Friend."

- i. SELINA-JANE TURNER, born 7th September 1827; died 27th January 1845.
- ii. Caroline - Sarah Turner, born 21st August 1831; married, in 1862, Captain Massey, and had an only son, Captain MASSEY, who was on General Hicks Pasha's Staff in the Soudan, where he was killed.

Dr. Wilmer married fourthly, in 1806, Selina, sister of his third wife, and daughter of Dr. Rattray, and by her (who died at Bath, 30th April 1819) had issue :—

- I. BRADFORD WILMER, of whom presently (*see below*).
- II. JOHN WILMER, Esq., of Frankfurt, Germany, baptized 14th March 1810[‡]; married a German lady; died *sine prole* in December 1880.
- III. WILLIAM WILMER, Esq., Lieutenant-Colonel in H.M. Royal Irish Hussars; baptized 25th October 1811.[‡] The following extract from the *Gentleman's Magazine*, under date 30th January 1858, records the chief events in this gallant officer's career :—

"Lieut-Colonel Wilmer served with the 16th Lancers throughout the campaign in Afghanistan, including the siege and capture of Ghuznee (medal). He was also present in the action of the Maharajpore. He afterwards served with the 14th Light Dragoons, throughout the Punjaub campaign in 1848-49, including the action of Ramnuggur, passage of the Chenab, battles of Chillianwallah and Goojerat, pursuit of the enemy across the Jhelum, and of the Affghans over the Indus and through the Khyber Pass. For his services in the Punjaub he received a medal and clasps. This gallant officer was likewise employed in the Persian expeditionary force in 1857, and was present at the

[‡] Par. reg. of St. Michael's, Coventry.

bombardment and capture of Mohamreh, and subsequent pursuit of the Persian army. On his promotion to his present rank, Lieut.-Col. Wilmer was transferred from the 14th Light Dragoons to the 8th Hussars, and joined that corps on its arrival at Bombay about six weeks ago. It may be added that in the action of Ramnuggur, when the shattered remains of the 14th were retiring from the Nullah, Lieut.-Colonel, then Captain Wilmer, with characteristic valour and kindness, dismounted under a heavy fire to carry off a wounded brother officer. On another occasion he had a narrow escape when attacked and surrounded by mountain robbers, when Lieutenant Inverarity was murdered."

Colonel Wilmer died at Bombay, of malignant small-pox, 30th January 1858, aged 46. He married, 26th February 1835, **Margaret-Jane**, daughter of William - Ramsay White, Esq., Surgeon in the 84th and 31st Regiments, and the 16th Lancers, and Staff-Surgeon (1st class). Colonel Wilmer had issue:—

- i. **John - Randal Wilmer, Esq.**, now residing at Boulogne-sur-Mer, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, born in India in January 1841; educated at Sandhurst Royal Military College; transferred to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich; obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery in 1858; sailed for India in 1860, and entered the Bengal Staff Corps; and is now serving on the Grand Trigonometrical Survey; married first, 27th April 1870, Frances-Jane, daughter of William Jackson, F.R.C.S., formerly Superintending Surgeon in the Bengal Medical Service under the Hon. E.I. Company, by Margaret-Ann Buchan, his wife. Mrs. Wilmer died 15th March 1876, leaving issue:—1. **Margaret-Alice-Theodora Wilmer**, born 10th February

1871; and 2. Frances-Alice Wilmer, born 14th March 1876. Colonel Wilmer married secondly, 28th May 1877, Helen-Florence - C. Gordon, daughter of Alexander Gordon, of Banff, Scotland, Major in the Madras Army, by Maria-Margarate, his wife, daughter of Oloff de Wet, Esq., of the Cape of Good Hope. Colonel and Mrs. Wilmer have issue:—
 1. Harold-Gordon Wilmer, born 7th July 1879; 2. Eric-Randal-Gordon Wilmer, born 24th May 1882; 1. Helen-Ida - Gordon Wilmer, born 20th February 1878; and 2. Ruby-Gordon Wilmer, born 14th January 1886.

- ii. William Wilmer, Captain in the Army, now of 'The Retreat,' Yoxford, co. Sussex, born 2nd July 1842, at Meerut, East India; educated at Sandhurst Military College from 1858 to 2nd July 1860; 3rd July 1860, gazetted as Ensign (without purchase) to the 90th Light Infantry (Perthshire Volunteers), now the Scottish Rifles; 3rd November 1863, appointed Lieutenant in the same regiment; 25th December 1865, Fort Adjutant, Attock; 28th July 1867, Officiating Brigade Major, Peshawur Brigade; 2nd August 1867, appointed to the 45th (Rattray's) Sikhs; 19th February 1869, Officiating Adjutant, 13th N.I.; 3rd July 1872, promoted to the rank of Captain, and placed on retired half-pay shortly afterwards, on account of ill-health. Captain Wilmer passed the examination for high proficiency in Hindi,

Persian, and Urdu, and the Higher Standard in Hindustani. For these examinations he received more than 500*l.* in prizes. Captain Wilmer married, at St James's, Paddington, London, 20th August 1872, **Harriet-Agnes-Letitia**, only surviving daughter of the late John-Leman Ewen, Esq., J.P., of Reydon, and The Manor House, Southwold, co. Suffolk, by Alethea Colvile, his wife. Captain Wilmer has two daughters:—1. **Alethea-Edith-Marion Wilmer**, born 2nd March 1874; and 2. **Alice - Margaret - Isabella Wilmer**, born 13th June 1878.

- iii. **Bradford Wilmer**, Esq., now residing at the Falkland Islands; born 3rd April 1844; married, 11th December 1869, **Caroline**, daughter of William Cornish, Captain in the Merchant Service, and has two daughters.
- iv. **George-Crofton Wilmer**, Esq., late of H.M. 66th Infantry; born 29th August 1851; educated at Sandhurst; married, 6th September 1876, his first-cousin, **Emily**, daughter of George Pedder, Esq., and has no issue.
- v. **Algernon-Henry Wilmer**, Esq., now in the Bengal Staff Corps, and residing at Moscow, Russia; born 4th May 1857; educated at Sandhurst; passed the examinations for High Proficiency in Persian and Urdu, and the Higher Standard in Hindustani, Pushtu, and Punjabi; married, 6th January 1878, **Florence Wallen**, and has two sons.

i. **Alice-Charlotte Wilmer** married first, 18th September 1873, **John - Medows Theobald, Esq.**, Captain in H.M. Wiltshire Regiment, of Henley Hall, Ipswich, and had a daughter :—**ALICE - LILLIAN THEOBALD**, who was born in June and died in July 1874. Captain Theobald died in India, 6th February 1876. Mrs. Theobald married secondly, 28th April 1883, **Charles - Carne Lewis, Esq.**, of Shenfield House, Brentwood, Essex, and has no issue.

I. Selina Wilmer, baptized 15th August 1808 ; † married, at Middleton St. George, co. Durham, 5th July 1881, the Reverend **Edwards Peacock**, who assumed the surname and arms of Cust, and is now the Venerable **Archdeacon Cust**, of Danby Hill, Northallerton, co. York. He is the son of the late Reverend **Daniel-Mitford Peacock**, by Catherine Edwards his wife, and the grandson of the Reverend **William Peacock**, Rector of Danby, and of Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heiress of Daniel Mitford. Archdeacon Cust was formerly a Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge ; B.A. (11th Wrangler) 1827 ; M.A. 1830 ; ordained Deacon in 1829 ; Priest in 1830 ; Rector of Danby-Wiske with Yafforth, co. York, 1840 to 1883 ; appointed Archdeacon of Richmond and Canon of Ripon cathedral in 1868. He has issue :—**I. Arthur Cust** ; and **2. Mitford Cust**, Major in the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

II. Charlotte-Lucy Wilmer, baptized 21st June 1813 † ; married, at Badby, co. Northampton, 21st

† Par. reg. of St. Michael's, Coventry.

February 1843, the Revcrend **Halford-Henry Halford-Adcock**, Clerk in Holy Orders. Mr. Halford-Adcock graduated at Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1839; M.A. 1842; ordained Deacon in 1839 by the Bishop of Lincoln, and Priest in 1840 by the Bishop of Peterborough; formerly Curate of Evington, co. Leicester; Vicar of Humberstone, co. Leicester, 1856-61; and is now of no. 23 Earl's Court Square, South Kensington, London. He has had issue:—

- i. **Halford Halford-Adcock**, Clerk in Holy Orders, born 2nd February 1846; baptized at Humberstone, 22nd March 1846; graduated at Exeter College, Oxford, B.A. 1868; M.A. 1874; ordained Deacon in 1869, and Priest in 1870 by the Bishop of Lincoln; Curate of St. Peter's in Eastgate, Lincoln, 1869-71; and Chaplain of H. M. Prison at Lincoln 1871, which appointment he still holds. He married, at St. Pancras, Mary-le-Bow, London, 12th August 1876, **Catherine-Mary**, eldest daughter of Major W.-H. West, and has issue:—1. **Herbert-Harfield Halford-Adcock**; 1. **Maude Halford-Adcock**; and 2. **Mildred Halford-Adcock**.
- ii. **HERBERT-HENRY HALFORD-ADCOCK**, born 14th January 1847; baptized at Humberstone, 14th February 1847; died in Queensland, Australia, 1st December 1877; buried in the cemetery at Brisbane.
- i. **Charlotte-Anne Halford-Adcock**, born at Humberstone; married, at St. John's, Paddington, London; 2nd June 1863,

Yorke Rattray, Lieutenant R.N., only son of the late Vice-Admiral Rattray, R.N., and has issue :—1. James-Vivian-Yorke Rattray, born 2nd May 1864 ; and 1. Eva - Charlotte Rattray, born 3rd April 1869.

ii. Alice - Mary Halford-Adcock, married, at St. Matthias's, Earl's Court Square, London ; Everitt Everitt, Esq., only son of Everitt Everitt, Esq.

Arms of Adcock : Azure, on a saltire argent nine ogresses ; crest : A fox's head argent.

Dr. Wilmer attained a good position in his profession, for he was considered the foremost medical man in Coventry. In 1779 he published a work, entitled, *Cases and Remarks in Surgery, To which is subjoined An appendix, containing the Method of curing the Brouchocele in Coventry*. This book he dedicated to William Sharpe, Esq., with whom he studied surgery in London. He died 21st or 27th November 1813, aged 67, and was buried 29th November.‡ His will was dated 24th March 1813, and proved 14th February 1814.⁴ He bequeathed to his wife 250*l.* a year for life, in addition to 300*l.* a year, which he settled upon her at the time of their marriage.

The following inscriptions are in St. Michael's church, Coventry :—

Near the north door, on a plain oval tablet of marble :—

NEAR THIS PLACE LIE THE REMAINS OF
BRADFORD WILMER M.D.
WHO DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1813, AGED 67 YEARS.
THIS TABLET IS ERECTED AS A TRIBUTE OF
SINCERE REGARD, BY AN AFFECTIONATE
WIFE AND FAMILY.

‡ Par. reg. of St. Michael's,
Coventry.

4. P.C.C., 102 Bridport.

On a flat stone near the north door:—

SOPHIA Wife of
BRADFORD WILMER,

Surgeon of this City,

died 3d April 1801,

Aged 35 Years.

JANE WILMER,
Wife of BRADFORD WILMER,

died 13th July 1805,

Aged 36 Years.

SOPHIA WILMER,
Eldest Daughter of
BRADFORD WILMER

died 22nd July 1810,

Aged 14 years.

HENRY WILMER
Eldest Son of
BRADFORD WILMER

died 27th Decbr. 1810, Aged 17 Years.

BRADFORD WILMER, M.D.

died 21st Novmbr. 1813, Aged 67 Years.

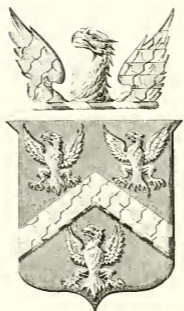
XXX.—David Wilmer, Esq., of Highgate, co. Middlesex, the eldest surviving son of Dr. Bradford Wilmer, was baptized 23rd August 1803,† and educated at Rugby School. He married, in 1833, **Isabella Ponsonby**, who is now living at no. 35 The Grove, Boltons, London, S.W. Mr. Wilmer died about 1870, having had issue:—

IC.—I. **Frederick Wilmer**. See below, **V.**

II. **Charles-Ponsonby Wilmer**, Esq., Solicitor, of Lincoln's Inn, and no. 35 The Grove, Boltons, London.

III. & IV. **TWO SONS**, died young.

† Par. reg. of St. Michael's, Coventry.



ARMS OF BRADFORD WILMER, ESQUIRE.

4. Elizabeth Wilmer, married to St. Walburga, Walsby, Old Doncaster, 1807; the founder of Hampden Foundery; and her six sons:— (i) Duckmanton of Queen's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1823, M.A. 1830; Second Master of Westminster Grammar School, in York, 1826-7; ordained Deacon and Priest in 1827, by the Bishop of Durham; Head Master of the Grammar School and Vicar of St. Mary's, Bishop-Auckland, 1827-55; Rector of Leyburn in Durham (1836-70); and Vicar of Ellsworth, Masham, (Hampshire, 1872) which living is still void.
11. Ann Wilmer, now of Frankfurt, Germany; married Albrecht von Bauswicken and has one daughter.
12. Isabella Wilmer, married C. Kelly Esq., and living 1870.
13. Charlotte Wilmer, married Edward Salusbury Esq. and living.

10 — Frederick Wilmer, Esq. now living; the younger son of David and Isabella Wilmer; married in 1856, with three issue, viz. — Frederick Lewis Wilmer and Arthur Wilmer.

THE SECOND HOUSE OF WILMER

1. — Bradford Wilmer, Esq. of Roughton Hall, Wymondham, Suffolk; the eldest son of Dr. Bradford Wilmer and Susan, his fourth wife; was baptised 24th June 1802; educated at Rugby School and Christ's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1821. He married in 1826, Frances Childerick, daughter and only heiress of Thomas Giles Worthlessen, Esq. of Hales Thimble

¹ See page 108, under "Notes."



- I. **Eliza-Fanny Wilmer**, married, at St. Michael's, Highgate, 6th December 1865, the Reverend **Thompson Thackeray**, and has no issue. Mr. Thackeray was of Queen's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1846, M.A. 1850; Second Master of Richmond Grammar School, co. York, 1846-7; ordained Deacon and Priest in 1847, by the Bishop of Durham; Head Master of the Grammar School and Curate of St. Ann's, Bishop-Auckland, 1847-53; Rector of Usworth, co. Durham, 1853-79; and Vicar of Kilmeston, Alresford, Hampshire, 1879, which living he still holds.
- II. **Ada Wilmer**, now of Frankfurt, Germany, married **Albrecht von Bardeleben**, and has one daughter.
- III. **Isabella Wilmer**, married **C. Kelly, Esq.**, and has no issue.
- IV. **Charlotte Wilmer**, married **Llewellen Salusbury, Esq.**, and has issue.

IV.—**Frederick Wilmer**, Esq., now living, the elder son of David and Isabella Wilmer, is married, and has, with other issue, two sons **Frederick-Louis Wilmer** and **Arthur Wilmer**.

THE SECOND HOUSE OF WILMER.

F.—**Bradford Wilmer**, Esq., of Reydon Hall, Wangford, co. Suffolk, the eldest son of Dr. Bradford Wilmer and Selina, his fourth wife, was baptized 24th June 1807[‡]; educated at Rugby School, and Christ's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1831. He married, in 1836, **Frances - Chudleigh**, daughter and sole heiress of **Thomas-Giles Worthington, Esq.**, of Halse House,

[‡] Par. reg. of St. Michael's, Coventry.

Milverton, near Taunton. Arms of Worthington: Argent, three tridents sable. She was born 5th August 1809; died 15th December 1885, aged 76, and was buried at Reydon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer had issue:—

- I. HUGH-FRANCIS WILMER, Esq., born at Florence, Italy, 7th March 1837; educated at Cheltenham College; joined the 90th Light Infantry at Mullingar, India, in 1854; killed in the attack on the Redan, before Sebastopol, 8th September 1855.

††.—II. Lieutenant - Colonel Louis - Worthington Wilmer. *See below, ††.*

- III. HENRY-CHUDLEIGH WILMER, Esq., Lieutenant in the 85th Light Infantry; born in London, 24th September 1842; educated at Eton; married, 6th February 1878, Ida - Julia, eldest daughter of Forster Goring, Esq., of Portumna, co. Galway, and afterwards of Wellington, New Zealand, by the Hon. Sydney-Eloisa Yelverton, his wife, third daughter of Barry-John, third Viscount Avonmore. Arms of Mr. F. Goring: Argent, a chevron between three annulets gules, a mullet for difference. Mr. H.-C. Wilmer died 17th December 1882, aged 40, and left a son, Francis-Goring Wilmer.

- IV. Horace Wilmer, Esq., Civil Engineer, of Mountstuart, Woodford, Essex; born at Janval, near Dieppe, France, 2nd November 1851; educated at Rugby School; married, 3rd September 1874, Mary-Frances, only daughter and heiress of the Reverend Leonard-Edmund Graham, of Kinburn Lodge, Egham, co. Surrey, and has had issue:—

- i. GODFREY - HORACE - GRAHAM WILMER, born at Bangalore, India, 21st June 1875;

died at Hassan, Mysore, India, 14th October 1875.

ii. **Altham - Browning Wilmer**, born at Hassan, 15th August 1876.

iii. **Graham - Horace Wilmer**, born at Woodford, Essex, 3rd December 1883.

iv. **BRADFORD-WILLIAM WILMER**, born at Woodford, 30th October 1885; died there, 11th January 1886.

v. **Douglas - Horsford Wilmer**, born at Woodford, 25th December 1886.

i. **Margaret-Emily-Anne Wilmer**, born at Woodford, 30th December 1877.

ii. **Doris - Maud - Isabel Wilmer**, born at Woodford, 24th October 1880.

Mr. H. Wilmer quarters the arms of Worthington with his paternal coat.

V. & VI. **JULIAN WILMER AND ANOTHER SON**, twins, born at Janval in 1854; died in infancy.

I. **EMILY WILMER**, born in London, 12th July 1840; died at Bournemouth, 31st December 1878; buried 4th January 1879.

II. **Catherine Wilmer**, born in London, 23rd May 1849; baptized at Worthing, 2nd August 1849; married, 20th June 1878, **Arthur-Wyndham Standert, Esq., M.D.**, of Bournemouth, and has issue:—

i. **HUGH-CHUDLEIGH STANDERT**, born 16th October 1881; baptized at St. Thomas's, Bayswater, 25th November; died 9th August 1885.

- i. **Frances - Dorothea - Chudleigh Standert**, born 26th March 1879; baptized at St. Mark's, Notting Hill, London, 2nd April.
- ii. **Helen-Adela-Elton Standert**, born 14th October 1883; baptized at St. Barnabas's, Addison Road, London, 13th November 1883.
- iii. **Marion-Cecil - Standert**, born 4th July 1885; baptized at St. Barnabas's, Addison Road, 2nd August.

Arms of Standert :.....An arrow in pale.....
 crest: A flag-staff and flag between two wings
 expanded; motto: Aut vincam aut peribo.

The accompanying illustration shows the arms of the family as borne by Mr. Bradford Wilmer. He died at Reydon, 21st May 1886, and was buried there, 26th May.

H.—Lieutenant-Colonel Louis-Worthington Wilmer, now living at no. 12 Gunterstone Road, West Kensington, London, the elder surviving son of Bradford and Frances-Chudleigh Wilmer, was born at Naples, Italy, 25th September 1839; educated at Cheltenham College; gazetted Ensign, 25th October 1855; Lieutenant, 25th September 1857; promoted to the rank of Captain unattached, 1st April 1870; reappointed as Captain to the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, 25th November 1875; retired to the Reserve of Officers, 1st April 1880, with rank of Brevet-Major; promoted to rank of Lieut.-Colonel, 26th August 1881; is still on the Reserve of Officers; served with the 90th Light Infantry through the Indian Mutiny Campaign in 1857-8; present at the actions of Sheorajpur and Bilhoor; defence of the Alum Bagh enclosure, under Major McIntyre, 78th Highlanders; Relief of Lucknow, under Sir Colin Campbell; subsequent operations



LOUIS WORTHINGTON WILMER,

LIEUT.-COLONEL, RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ARMS:—1 AND 4 WILMER ; 2 AND 3 WORTHINGTON.

CRESTS : 1 WILMER ; 2 WORTHINGTON.

before Lucknow, under Sir James Outram ; Capture of Lucknow, under Lord Clyde ; action of Dhoondia Khera, and the closing events of the Oude Campaign, which crushed the Indian Mutiny in that part of the country ; medal and clasp for relief and capture of Lucknow.

Colonel Wilmer married, 11th June 1878, Inez-Selina, fourth daughter of George-Macartney Ogilvie, Esq., of the Madras Civil Service, son of Thomas Ogilvie, Esq., of Chesters, near Jedburgh, and has issue :—

- I. Louis - Emilius - Chudleigh - Worthington Wilmer, born 14th April 1879 ; baptized at St. Jude's, Southsea.
- II. Geoffrey - Raymond - Worthington Wilmer, born 20th April 1880 ; baptized at St. Stephen's, Bayswater.
- III. Conrad-Alexis-Ogilvie-Worthington Wilmer, born 15th May 1883 ; baptized at St. Stephen's, Bayswater.
- IV. Hugh - Ferdinand - Mansfield - Worthington Wilmer, born 8th February 1888.
 - I. Inez-Ysabel-Worthington Wilmer, born 25th October 1881 ; baptized at St. Stephen's, Bayswater.
 - II. Angela-Astræa-Worthington Wilmer, born 7th February 1886 ; baptized at St. Mary's, Hammersmith.

Colonel Wilmer quarters the arms of Worthington with his paternal coat.

ROYAL DESCENT OF LOUIS - EMILIUS - CHUDLEIGH-WORTHINGTON WILMER, AND OTHERS.⁵

†. Edward †., King of England, married Eleanor, daughter of Ferdinand III., King of Castile. Their second daughter:—

II. Joan Plantagenet, called *of Acre*, married Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Hertford and Gloucester, and had a daughter:—

III. Alianore de Clare, who married, in 1313, Hugh, Lord Despencer, the younger, son of Hugh Despencer, Earl of Winchester. Their second son:—

IV. Edward Despencer, married Anne, daughter of William, Lord Ferrers of Groby, and dying in 1342, left an only son:—

V. Sir Edward Despencer, K.G., summoned to Parliament as Baron Despencer. He married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Bartholomew, Lord Burghersh, and had a daughter:—

VI. Margaret Despencer, who married Edward, 4th Lord Ferrers, of Chartley, and had an eldest son:—

VII. Edmund de Ferrers, 5th Lord Ferrers. He married Eleanor, daughter and heiress of Thomas de la Roche, and had a son:—

VIII. William de Ferrers, 6th Lord Ferrers, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hamon Belknap, Knt., and died in 1450, leaving an only child:—

IX. Anne de Ferrers, who married Sir Walter Devereux, K.G., who was summoned to Parliament as Lord Ferrers of Chartley. They had a daughter:—

X. Elizabeth Devereux, who married Sir Richard Corbet, Knt., of Moreton-Corbet, in Shropshire, and had a son:—

XI. Sir Robert Corbet, Knt., of Moreton-Corbet, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Vernon, of Nether Haddon, and had a son:—

XII. Roger Corbet, Esq., of Moreton-Corbet, who was sheriff of Shropshire in 1530. He married Anne, daughter of Sir Andrews Windsor, 1st Lord Windsor, K.B., and had issue:—

XIII. Margaret Corbet, who married Sir Francis Palmes, Knt., of Lindley, co. York, and had a son:—

XIV. Francis Palmes, Esq., of Lindley, who married Mary, daughter and coheiress of Stephen Hadnall, Esq., and had a daughter:—

5. From a MS. pedigree *penes* Lt.-Col. L.-W. Wilmer.

XV. Mary Palmes, who married William Molesworth, Esq., of Fotheringay, co. Northampton. Their third son :—

XVI. Robert Molesworth, Esq., married, 10th October 1654, Judith, daughter of John Byse, Lord-Chief-Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, and had an only child :—

XVII. Robert Molesworth, who was created, in 1716, Baron Philipstown and Viscount Molesworth in the peerage of Ireland. Lord Molesworth married Letitia, 3rd daughter of Charles, 1st Lord Coote, of Colooney, co. Sligo, and had :—

XVIII. Byse Molesworth, Esq., 7th son, who married, in 1731, Elizabeth, widow of Edward Archdall, Esq., of Castle Archdall, co. Fermanagh, and dying in 1779, left a second son :—

XIX. Robert Molesworth, Esq., who married, in 1770, Miss Rose, of Limerick, and had an eldest son :—

XX Arthur Molesworth, Esq., Major-General, E.I.C.S., who married Mary, daughter of Matthew Kearney, Esq., and had a fourth daughter :—

XXI. Emma Molesworth, who married George-Macartney Ogilvie, Esq., of the Madras Civil Service. Their fourth daughter :—

XXII. Inez-Selina Ogilvie, married Lieutenant-Colonel Louis-Worthington Wilmer, and has (with other issue) an eldest son :—

XXIII. Louis-Emilius-Chudleigh-Worthington Wilmer
(see p. 313).






CHAPTER XXI.

WATKINS OF YORKSHIRE.

*“Through Coningsburgh’s vale flows the bright river still,
And the donjon-tower yet crowns the wood-covered hill,
And its dungeon is still yawning darkly below ;
—But the ivy alone is its green banner now.”*—W. H. STERNDALE.

ARMS OF WATKINS : OR, ON A CHEVRON GULES THREE HORSESHOES OF THE FIELD, ON A CHIEF OF THE SECOND AS MANY FLEUR-DE-LIS OF THE FIRST ; QUARTERING KEEN : AZURE, A TALBOT PASSANT OR, ON A CHIEF INDENTED ARGENT A CROSS FLORY SABLE ; AND GIBBS : SABLE, THREE BATTLEAXES ERECT ARGENT, A BORDURE ERMINE. CREST OF WATKINS : A LION RAMPANT GULES, HOLDING IN HIS DEXTER PAW A FLEUR-DE-LIS OR.

MOTTO : VIRTUTE AVORUM.

F.— The Reverend Henry Watkins, M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, was the third son of Joseph Watkins, of Clapton, co. Middlesex, of Wright’s Buildings, Kensington, and of Wimpole Street, London, by Magdalen, his wife, daughter and heiress of John Gibbs, Esq., by his wife, who was the daughter and co-heiress of Sir Robert Kite, Knt. Joseph Watkins, of Clapton, was the elder son of another Joseph Watkins, of Abingdon, co. Berks., who married Frances, daughter and sole heiress of John Keen, of Congersbury, the second son of Edmund Keen, of Wrigton, by Frances, his wife, daughter of Christopher Locke,

of Publow, co. Somerset, and aunt to John Locke, the Philosopher. Henry Watkins was born 10th June, and baptized 23rd June 1743 in the chapel of the British Factory at Lisbon, where his parents were then residing. He was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in 1764, being fourth Wrangler; and of M.A. in 1767. He was Rector of Barnborough, co. York, resident Vicar of Conisborough or Coningsburgh, in the same county, from 1770 to 1829, and Prebendary of York cathedral and Southwell collegiate churches for 57 years. Joseph Hunter, in his list of the vicars of Conisborough in 1828, says that Henry Watkins had "outnumbered the years of the long incumbency of his predecessor Henry Saxton, and not fallen short of him in the graces and virtues which best adorn the ministerial character." Mr. Watkins married, 12th May 1772, Anna-Maria, only daughter of John Wilmer, Esq., of Stony Stratford, co. Buckingham, and sister of Bradford Wilmer, Esq., M.D., of Much Park Street, Coventry (*see p. 297*). She was born 27th September, and baptized at St. Mary's, Stony Stratford, 16th November 1752. It is said that she was married from the house of her brother, Bradford Wilmer, at Coventry, but the marriage is not recorded in the registers of any one of the Coventry churches. She died 28th May 1843, in her 91st year, and was buried, 3rd June, in a vault in the chancel of Conisborough church; M.I. Her will was dated 13th May 1834, and proved at York 26th July 1843. Henry and Anna-Maria Watkins had issue:—

ÆÆ.—I. HENRY WATKINS. *See below, ÆÆ.*

- I. MARIA WATKINS, born at Doncaster, 8th March 1773; died unmarried, 17th July 1835; buried in a vault in the chancel of Conisborough church; M.I.
- II. SARAH WATKINS, born 6th July, and baptized 9th August 1774; died unmarried, 28th July 1865,

in her 92nd year ; buried at Conisborough, 3rd August ; will dated 25th December 1861 ; proved 14th October 1865².

- III. FRANCES WATKINS, born 23rd March, and baptized 13th May 1777 ; married first, 1st October 1807, Henry Campion, Esq., of The Deanery, South Malling, co. Sussex, who died *sine prole* 9th March 1836, in his 74th year. Mrs. Campion married secondly, 17th September 1838, Lieutenant-General Sir Fitzroy-Jefferies-Grafton Maclean, Bart., of Morvaren, Colonel of the 45th regiment. He died 5th July 1847 ; and she died *sine prole* 12th May 1843, and was buried in Christ church, Doncaster, 19th May.
- IV. EMMA WATKINS, born 21st January, and baptized 1st February 1779 ; married, 9th December 1814, Sir Philip Francis, K.C.B. The marriage was solemnized by special licence, at night, in the drawing-room of no. 15, St. James's Square, in the parish of St. James, London. Lady Francis died *sine prole* 1st June 1852, and was buried at Conisborough, 8th June. Her will was dated 23rd September 1848, and proved at York 21st September 1852, and at London 1st November 1852². Sir Philip Francis was a distinguished politician, and, even apart from his supposed authorship of the *Letters of Junius*, a powerful pamphleteer. He was the only son of the Reverend Philip Francis, D.D., of Trinity College, Dublin, and was born in that city, 22nd October 1740. He married first, in 1762, Miss Macrabic, the daughter of a retired London merchant, and in 1773 he was appointed a member of the Supreme Council of Bengal, with a salary of

10,000*l.* a year. As it has been mentioned above, he is supposed to have written the *Letters of Junius*, but their authorship is still an open question, although Sir Philip's biographers have brought forward many and weighty reasons for assigning the letters to him. He died 23rd December 1818. His arms were: Per bend sinister sable and or, a lion rampant counter-changed, charged on the shoulder with a shamrock counter-changed of the field; crest: Out of a ducal coronet or, a demi-lion rampant sable, charged on the shoulder with a shamrock of the first, holding in his paws a garb proper.

- V. ANNA WATKINS, born 30th June, and baptized 8th July 1781; married, 3rd September 1798, the Rev. John-Hall Clay, M.A., of Calverton, Vicar of Oxton, co. Nottingham. He died 6th September 1822, leaving a son, JOHN CLAY, who died 9th October 1822. Mrs. Clay died 21st December 1856, and was buried at Christ church, Doncaster, 26th December. Her will was proved at York 10th February 1857.

Henry Watkins died 22nd November 1829, aged 86 years, and was buried in the vault in the chancel of his church, within a stone's-cast of the historic castle of Conisborough; M.I. His will was dated 16th November 1822, and proved at York 3rd June 1830.

KK.—The Reverend Henry Watkins, Clerk in Holy Orders, J.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, only son of Henry Watkins and Anna-Maria Wilmer, was born 6th July 1775. He was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, B.A., 1798; presented to the vicarage of Silkstone, near Barnsley, 23rd March 1835; Vicar of Beckingham, co. Nottingham; and Curate of Barnborough, co. York. He married, at Tickhill, near Doncaster, 15th March 1803, Frances-Mary, eldest daughter

and coheirress of Freeman Bower, Esq., of Killerby Hall, Maltby, and Bawtry, co. York, by Mary, his wife, elder daughter and coheirress of Nathaniel Pearson, Esq., of Tyers Hill, near Darfield, in the same county, who married Priscilla, sister and sole heirress of Thomas Rayney, Esq., of Tyers Hill. Mrs. Watkins was born 3rd November 1779, died 24th November 1854, aged 75, and was buried in Christ church, Doncaster. She was 17th in descent from Edward III. Arms of Bower : Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Sable, a human leg couped at the thigh, pierced bendwise by a broken spear, guttée de sang, all proper, on a canton argent a tower gules, a crescent for différence (Bower); 2nd, Azure, between two pallets wavy ermine three suns or (Pearson); 3rd, Gules, two wings conjoined in lure, tips downwards, ermine, a crescent for difference (Rayney). Henry and Frances-Mary Watkins had issue :—

I. THE REVEREND HENRY WATKINS, Clerk in Holy Orders, M.A., of Peterhouse, Cambridge; Vicar of South Malling, co. Sussex, 1836; born 14th January 1807; married at St. Michael's, Lewes, 24th January 1837, Frances, second daughter of George Courthope, Esq., of Bedford Square, London, and of Whiligh, co. Sussex, by Amelia, daughter of William Campion, Esq., of Lewes, and had issue :—

- i. HENRY-BOWER WATKINS, born at Lewes, 23rd January 1840; died at Tunbridge Wells, 25th September 1864, unmarried.
- ii. FANNY-AGNES WATKINS, born at Lewes, 27th July 1838; married at Holy Trinity, Tunbridge Wells, 17th September 1863, the Reverend William-Henry-Bromley Way, of Exeter College, Oxford, B.A., 1860, and had issue :—

1. HENRY-WATKINS WAY, born in May 1865; died at no. 16

Calverley Park, Tunbridge-Wells,
25th November 1866.

Mrs. Way died 18th, and was buried at Tunbridge Wells, 23rd November 1867. Mr. Way was ordained Deacon in 1861, and Priest in 1862; Curate of Chipping-Camden 1861-2, Rector of Stapleton, co. Gloucester, 1869-75, and has been Rector of Duntsbourn-Abbots, Cirencester, since 1875.

Arms of Courthope: Argent, a fess azure between three estoiles of six points wavy sable. Mrs. H. Watkins died at Madeira, 23rd January 1841, and Mr. H. Watkins died at Lewes, 11th November in the same year, and was buried at South Malling.

III.—II. FREDERICK WATKINS. *See below, III.*

III. FRANCIS-WILMER WATKINS, of whom presently (*see p. 325*).

I. FRANCES-MARIA WATKINS, of whom presently (*see p. 329*).

II. ANNA-MARY WATKINS, died an infant.

III. EMMA-CAROLINE WATKINS, born 19th November 1820; died unmarried at Doncaster, 14th April 1852; buried there in Christ church, 20th April.

Mr. Watkins died 13th December 1844, aged 69, and was buried at Silkstone, 20th December. His will was dated 24th January 1843, and proved at York 24th April 1845.

III.—The Venerable Archdeacon Frederick Watkins, B.D., the elder surviving son of Henry Watkins, of Silkstone, was born in the old rectory-house at Barnborough, 1st April 1808. He was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he took the degree of B.A., in 1830, being a Senior

Optime and in the 2nd class of the Classical Tripos; M.A. 1833; B.D. 1840; sometime Fellow of Emmanuel College; ordained Deacon in 1837, and Priest in 1838, by the Bishop of St. David's. "His first curacy was under Archdeacon Venables, " after which he made something of the nature of the grand tour, " visiting France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium. " In 1836 he went out as chaplain to St. Petersburg, returning to " England to take a curacy at Lewes, which he held for four years.

" In 1844 Archdeacon Watkins was appointed one of the " first H.M. Inspectors of schools, and he held that arduous office " for the long period of thirty years, securing the full retiring " pension, which no one could have better deserved. It will seem " strange to some to be told that the earliest field of his work was " the four northern counties. This was afterwards changed to " Yorkshire, Notts., and part of Lincolnshire, and it was " subsequently curtailed still more. The fact that this vast " tract of country was committed to one man shows the humble " beginnings of the present great Education Department. No " one could have been selected more likely to disarm prejudice and " win popularity for the new system than the inspector who had " been chosen. * In 1873 Mr. Watkins left Thribergh, near " Rotherham, where he had resided since 1847, to take charge of " the living of Marston, near York, to which he had been " presented by Lord Wenlock. In the same year he was chosen " by an almost unanimous vote to represent the clergy of the " archdeaconry in convocation. In the following year he was " advanced by the Crown to the archdeaconry of York, and " received from the Archbishop the prebend of Knaresborough " in the cathedral church."³ He resigned the archdeaconry in 1874.

Archdeacon Watkins married first, at Silkstone, 5th August 1847, Amelia, daughter of the Reverend George Millett, Vicar of that place. She was born in 1822, died 9th July 1872, aged 50, and was buried at Thribergh, 13th July; M.I. They had issue:—

3. From an obituary notice in the *Guardian* newspaper of 22 Feb. 1888.

- I. AGNEW-LOCKE WATKINS, born 6th May, and baptized 13th June 1848†; died unmarried 19th June 1886, at Charing Cross, London, and was buried in the Brompton cemetery, 22nd June.

W.—II. Frederick-Wilmer Watkins. *See below, W.*

- III. ARTHUR-HENRY WATKINS, born 11th May, and baptized 11th June 1853†; died at Marlborough College, 19th September 1867; buried at Preshute, Wilts., 22nd September.

- IV. Leonard-George Watkins, Lieutenant R.A., now in India; born 2nd September, and baptized 29th September 1860†; educated at Clifton College and the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich; married at Bombay, 30th October 1886, Julia-Janet, daughter of Colonel Playfair.

- I. EDITH-MARY WATKINS, born 5th March, and baptized 6th April 1851†; died at Rhyl, North Wales, 22nd October 1887; buried in Torwyn churchyard, near Rhyl, 26th October.

- II. Florence-Amy Watkins, born 11th October, and baptized 11th November 1855; † now a sister at Bloomfontein, Africa.

- III. Ella-Margaret Watkins, born 11th February, and baptized 13th March 1864.†

Arms of Millett: Argent, a fess gules between three dragons' heads erased vert. Archdeacon Watkins married secondly, in Brighton parish church, 17th September 1873, Fanny, daughter of William Chambers, of Hafod, co. Cardigan, and had issue:—

- I. Harry-Trant-Godfrey Watkins, born at Harrogate, 30th July 1874; baptized at Marston, 6th September; elected a King's Scholar at Eton College in 1887.

† Par. reg. of Thribergh.

II. **Frederick-Bower Watkins**, born at Marston, 30th September 1875; baptized there 14th November.

III. **VAUGHAN-GRAHAM WATKINS**, born 12th February 1877; baptized at Marston, 18th March; died 19th March 1877; buried there; M.I.

Arms of Chambers: Gules, a chevron between three cinquefoils or. Archdeacon Watkins died at Bournemouth, 6th February 1888, in his 80th year, and was buried on the 10th at Marston, where, nearly two-and-a-half centuries ago, the armies of the King and the Parliament joined battle. "He used to gather his friends around him," says the writer to the *Guardian*, "on the anniversary of the great battle in the month of July, and take them to the scene of the conflict, the chief landmarks of which are still wonderfully preserved. He who summoned us so often together has now fought his own last battle and won it, and lies sleeping in his own quiet churchyard at the foot of the historic hill, with his face turned towards York, waiting for the resurrection of the just."

W.—**Frederick-Wilmer Watkins**, now in India, Major in the Royal Engineers, is the eldest surviving son of the late Archdeacon Watkins. He was born 19th June 1849.

THE SECOND HOUSE OF WATKINS.

*Optima quaeque dies miseris mortalibus aevi
Prima fugit; subeunt morbi tristisque senectus
Et labor, et duo ac rapit inclementia mortis.*—VIRGIL, *Georg.* 3, 66-8.

ARMS: OR, ON A CHEVRON GULES THREE HORSESHOES OF THE FIELD, ON A CHIEF OF THE SECOND AS MANY FLEUR-DE-LIS OF THE FIRST, A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE; QUARTERING KEEN, GIBBS, BOWER, PEARSON, AND RAYNEY. CREST: A LION RAMPANT GULES, HOLDING IN HIS DEXTER PAW A FLEUR-DE-LIS OR, A CRESCENT FOR DIFFERENCE. MOTTO: VIRTUTE AVORUM.

I.—Francis-Wilmer Watkins, Esq., Civil Surgeon in the East India Company's service, the third (but second surviving) son of the Reverend Henry Watkins, and Frances-Mary Bower (*see p.* 321), was born 3rd December 1809. He married first, at Bycullah, in Bombay, 15th June 1836, Margaret-Spottiswoode, younger daughter of John Lawson, Esq., of Cairnmuir, co. Peebles. She was born 23rd April 1815, died at Conchieton, co. Galloway, 11th June 1849, aged 34, and was buried in the family burial-place of the Lawson family at West Linton, co. Peebles, 19th June. Arms of Lawson: Argent, a saltire and chief sable, on the last three garbs or. Mr. Watkins had issue:—

I. WILLIAM-HENRY WATKINS, born at Poona, India, 10th June 1837; died there the 27th day of the same month.

II.—II. FREDERICK-WILLIAM WATKINS. *See below, III.*

III.—III. JOHN WATKINS. *See below, IIII.*

I. Isabella-Mary Watkins, born 30th May 1838, at Poona, India; married, at Thribergh, near Rotherham, 21st June 1864, the Reverend Charles-William Foster, M.A., Vicar of the adjoining parish of Dalton, and has issue:—

i. Charles-Wilmer Foster, now living at Grosvenor Terrace, York; born at Dalton, 3rd June 1866; baptized there 24th June; of St. John's College, Oxford, B.A. 9th July 1887.

i. Margaret-Charlotte Foster, born at Dalton, 22nd July 1867; baptized there 11th August.

ii. Mary Foster, born at Dalton, 29th November 1869; baptized there 25th December.

Charles-William Foster, who was born in the rectory-house at Wickersley, co. York, 10th

March 1825, and baptized in the parish church 13th March, was the fourth and youngest son of the Reverend John Foster, M.A. who was for 60 years Rector of Wickersley, and of Charlotte, his wife, daughter of George Rooke, Esq., of Langham Hall, co. Essex. Mr. Foster was educated at the Grammar School, Stamford, co. Lincoln, and at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he gained a scholarship. He took the degree of B.A. in 1849, being a Junior Optime and in the 2nd class of the Classical Tripos; M.A. 1852; ordained Deacon in 1849, and Priest in 1851, by the Archbishop of York. His first curacy was under the Hon. and Rev. William Howard at Whiston, near Rotherham, 1849-53; and at the latter date he became curate of Sopley, near Christchurch, in Hampshire. In 1856 he was presented by George-Savile Foljambe, Esq., to the vicarage of Dalton, near Rotherham, which he held for thirty years. He died 23rd May 1886, at Dalton, and was buried in the churchyard there on May the 27th; M.I. His arms were: Quarterly of eight, 1st and 8th, Sable, a chevron engrailed ermine between three broad arrows or, headed and feathered argent, a crescent for difference (Foster); 2nd, Argent, two lions passant gardant in pale sable, a mullet for difference (Browne of Horbling); 3rd, Argent, a saltire gules between four burleaves proper, on a chief azure a lion's head erased between two battleaxes or (Burrell, of Dowsby, co. Lincoln); 4th, Gules, three cushions ermine, tasselled or (Redmayne); 5th, Azure, a lion rampant or (Nevill); 6th, Azure, a fess between three martlets argent (Aslakeby); 7th, Azure, a chevron ermine between three leopards' faces or (Baskett). Crest

of Foster : A hind's head gules, ducally gorged and lined or, charged with a crescent for difference. Motto : *Inconcuſſa fides.*

II. **Eliza - Georgiana - Fitzmaurice Watkins**, born at Nassuck, India, 23rd September 1843.

Francis-Wilmer Watkins married secondly at the cathedral, Bombay, 29th May 1852, **Augusta-Marianne**, daughter of Francis Swinfen, Esq., of Lapley (an officer in the 16th Light Dragoons, and son of John Swinfen, Esq., of Swinfen), and relict of Thomas-Adolphus Boyrenson, Esq., M.D., who died in 1850. Mr. Watkins had issue :—

I. **WILMER-SWINFEN WATKINS**, born in March 1853 ; died 16th May 1854, at no. 5 Connaught Square, Hyde Park, London.

Mrs. F.-W. Watkins is now living at Drayton Green, co. Middlesex. Arms of Swinfen : Per chevron sable and argent, in chief three leopards' faces or. Mr. F.-W. Watkins died at his house in the Breach Candy, Bombay, 1st April 1853, aged 43, and was buried in the neighbouring cemetery at Girghaum. The following notice is taken from the *Bombay Times* :—

“ It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Dr. Watkins, civil surgeon, and formerly garrison surgeon, at the Presidency. The melancholy event took place in his house, in the Breach Candy, on the evening of Friday, the 1st of April. Dr. Watkins was in extensive private practice, and intimately known to a very large number of the members of the community. He was a man of considerable ability, and great good sense ; of large and varied acquirements, sterling uprightness, and much warmth of heart. Eminently skilled in his profession, he was what may be termed a remarkably satisfactory medical visitor ; his patients felt that he understood their ailments—that he overlooked no symptom, however trivial, and slighted no explanation, however tedious—that he looked on the bright and hopeful side of things, and always left them with that sense of cheerfulness and comfort which so often so materially assists in bringing about a cure. The feeling of regard and esteem entertained for him by all who knew him, deepened into love and affection amongst those whom he visited,

and his removal in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness, occasions a feeling of deep and general sorrow. He had been for some weeks suffering from dysentery, which, a fortnight since, took so alarming a turn, as to prevent the possibility of his being removed from the Presidency; and for the past ten days he had been so dangerously ill, that the announcement of the sad event which has now occurred, would at no time have occasioned astonishment. Dr. Watkins served with the 3rd troop H. A. during the whole campaign in Scinde and Afghanistan, under Sir John Keane, and was present at the storm and capture of Ghuznee; he received a Ghuznee medal."

FF.—Frederick-William Watkins, Esq., Lieutenant R.E., elder surviving son of Francis-Wilmer Watkins, was born at Nassuck, near Bombay, 5th September 1841, and educated at Cheltenham College and Woolwich. He married, at Oxted, co. Surrey, 16th April 1873, **Katherine-Emily-Hoskins**, eldest daughter of the late Charles-Hoskins Master, Esq., of Barrow Green House, Oxted, co. Surrey. Mr. F.-W. Watkins died *sine prole* at Barrow Green, 17th September 1874, and was buried on the 21st at Oxted. Arms of Master: Azure, a fess embattled between three griffins' heads erased or. Mrs. Watkins married secondly, at Upton-cum-Chalvey, co. Buckingham, 28th November 1886, Captain **Ernest-Bengough Ricketts**, of the Grange, Chislehurst, co. Kent, and now of Lawrence Court, Huntingdon.

FFF.—The Reverend John Watkins, M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, now Rector and Vicar of Gamlingay, co. Cambridge, younger surviving son of Francis-Wilmer Watkins, was born at Seacroft Grange, in the parish of Whitkirk, co. York, 27th January 1846. He was a Dolman Exhibitioner of St. John's College, Cambridge; took the degree of B.A. in 1869, being placed in the 3rd class of the Classical Tripos; M.A. 1872; ordained Deacon 1870, and Priest 1871, by the Bishop of Ripon; Curate of Leeds parish church under Dr. Woodford (late Bishop of Ely) 1870-4; Precentor 1872-4; Vicar of Thriplow, co. Cambridge, 1874-8; presented to the vicarage of Gamlingay in 1878 by the Bishop of Ely, and to the moiety

sinecure rectory of the same by Merton College, Oxford; and appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of Ely in 1877. Mr. Watkins married, at Leeds parish church, 19th August 1874, Constance, sixth daughter of the late Charles Chadwick, Esq., M.D., of Leeds.

FITZMAURICE OF DRAYTON GREEN.

"Mihi quidem nulli satis eruditi videntur quibus nostra ignota sunt."—CICERO.

ARMS: ARGENT, A SALTIRE GULES, A CHIEF ERMINE. CREST: A CENTAUR WITH BOW AND ARROW PROPER. MOTTO: VIRTUTE NON VERBIS.

F.—**Frances-Maria Watkins**, the eldest daughter of Henry Watkins and Frances-Mary Bower (*see p.* 321), was born 11th March 1804. She married, at Barnborough, 3rd November 1824, Major-General John FitzMaurice, K.H. He was born at Knockavallig, co. Kerry, 23rd June 1793, and was the son of John FitzMaurice, Esq., of Lixnaw, by Mary Buske, his wife, and claimed descent from John, 5th Lord of Kerry, the common ancestor of the noble houses of Lansdowne and Orkney. In 1811 General FitzMaurice joined the British army, which was then occupying the lines of Torres Vedras, as a Volunteer. He was appointed Lieutenant in the first battalion of the Rifle Brigade, then the 95th Regiment, 25th April 1811, and served with it during the remainder of the war. He was in the campaign of 1815, and led the advanced guard at Quatre Bras, where he had the honour of firing the first shot. He was appointed Captain in 1826, Major in 18... , K.H. in 1831, Colonel in 1854, and Major-General 7th May 1861. He was Adjutant of the Yeomen of the Guard in 1847, and Lieutenant in 1861. General FitzMaurice received the Waterloo medal, the Peninsula medal with eight clasps, a good-service pension, and pensions for wounds received

at Badajos and Quatre Bras. He died at his residence, Drayton Green, co. Middlesex, 24th December 1865, and was buried at Perivale, hard by, on the 29th. He had issue :—

- I. MAURICE-HENRY FITZMAURICE, Captain and Adjutant of the 11th Brigade of the Royal Artillery; born 9th June 1833; died unmarried at Landour, India, 3rd August 1865.

☩.—II. John-Gerald FitzMaurice. *See below*, ☩☩.

- I. Anna - Maria FitzMaurice, born at Barnborough, 30th August 1825; married, 10th April 1850, Benjamin Huntsman, Esq., of West Retford Hall, High Sheriff for Nottinghamshire in 1887, and J.P. and D.L. for the same county. He was the eldest son of Francis Huntsman, Esq., of Attercliffe, near Sheffield, and was born 21st March 1820. He has issue. Arms of Huntsman: Gules, three escutcheons argent, each charged with a bugle-horn sable, garnished or, and stringed of the field; crest: A mount vert, thereon a fernbrake in front of two spears in saltire proper, therefrom pendent a bugle-horn garnished and stringed as in the arms; motto: Esto vigilans.

II. A Daughter.

- III FRANCES-MARY FITZMAURICE, born 11th April 1829; died 2nd October 1831.

- IV. Geraldine-Elizabeth FitzMaurice, of Haslemere, co. Surrey, born 8th July 1831.

- V. MARY-FRANCES FITZMAURICE, born in April, and died in May 1835.

- VI. Gertrude FitzMaurice, of Haslemere, born 22nd January 1842.

Mrs. FitzMaurice died 9th June 1877.

KK.—John = Gerald FitzMaurice, Esq., B.A., Barrister-at-Law of the Inner Temple, now of Drayton Green, was born 21st July 1837. He was educated at University College, Oxford, B.A. in 1860; appointed H.M. Inspector of Schools in 1864, which appointment he still holds; called to the Bar in 1866. He married, 15th July 1869, Florence, daughter of Thomas-Adolphus Boyrenson, Esq., M.D., by Augusta-Marianne, daughter of Francis Swinfen (*see p. 327*), and has had issue:—

- I. Maurice-Swynfen FitzMaurice, born 12th August 1870; a midshipman on board H.M.S. *Monarch*.
- II. GERALD-VERE FITZMAURICE, born 13th June 1872; died 19th August 1872.
- III. Desmond FitzMaurice, born 27th November 1873.
- IV. Raymond FitzMaurice, born 7th August 1878.
- I. Geraldine-Augusta FitzMaurice, born 1st August 1875.






CHAPTER XXII.

WILMER OF OLD STRATFORD, BROUGHTON,
MOULSOE, CRANFIELD, AND NEWPORT
PAGNELL.

"The mere archæologist, the mere genealogist, the mere antiquary, are not the parasites of historical study, as they are too often regarded by men who find it easier to borrow than to estimate the results of their researches; they are working bees in the hive of historic knowledge."—BP. STUBBS.

Æ.—ohn Wilmer, Gent., was living at Old Stratford, co. Northampton, a quarter of a mile from Stony Stratford, in the 18th century. His ancestry is unknown. He married Ann _____, who survived him, and by whom he had no issue. The following is an abstract of his will:—

30th July 1736. JOHN WILMMER, of Old Stratford, co. Northampton, Gent., being weak in body, etc.

To my wife Ann, my sole executrix, my message or tenement in Old Stratford. To my brother, Richard Willmer, of Broughton, co. Buckingham, 5*l*. To my brother, Edward Willmer, of Kilsenbury, co. Northampton, yeoman, 5*l*. To my 2 sisters, Elizabeth Rogers and Grace Robins, 5*l*. each. To my niece, Patience Rogers, 20*s*. for mourning. To my said wife my house in Gloucester Street, in the parish of St. George-the-Martyr, co. Middlesex, also my houses in Stanhope Street, St. Clement Danes, co. Middlesex, and at Hammersmith, in the parish of Fulham, co. Middlesex, for her life, and after her death to John Wilmer, of Olney, co. Buckingham, Apothecary, and Thomas Wilson, of West

Harding Street, in the parish of St. Bride's, London, they paying the following legacies, viz., to my brother, Richard Willmer, 5*l.*; to my brother, Edward Willmer, 20*l.*; to my brother, Richard Rogers, of Kislisbury, 5*l.*; to my 2 sisters, Elizabeth Rogers and Grace Robins, 5*l.* each; to my 2 nephews, William and Richard Willmer, 5*l.* each; to my nephew, Edward Wilmer, and my 2 nieces, Mary Wilmer and Patience Wilmer, 5*l.* each; to John Bancat, of Kislisbury, son of Elizabeth Rogers, 5*l.*; to my 2 nephews, John and Daniel Robins, and my 2 nieces, Mary Robins and Grace Robins, 5*l.* each; to my niece, Patience Rogers, 5*l.* I give to the said Thomas Wilson all such plate, household goods, and linen as my wife shall leave at her death. Witnesses:—Geo. Lawrence, Thos. Gilbert, and Maurice Vaughan. [Proved 22nd March 1739-40. P.C.C. 97 Browne.]

It will be remembered that it was suggested above (*see p.* 296) that John Wilmer of Olney, who is named in this will, was identical with the John Wilmer, whom we found to be residing at Stony Stratford a few years after this time. We shall now proceed to relate what is known respecting Richard Wilmer of Broughton.

EE.—Richard Wilmer, of Broughton, co. Buckingham, was brother of the above-mentioned John Willmer of Old Stratford. He married Anne _____, who was buried 31st August 1752†. They had issue:—

EEE.—I. RICHARD WILMER. *See below, EEE.*

II. WILLIAM WILMER, ancestor of the Wilmers of Moulsoe (*see p.* 335).

Richard Wilmer was Churchwarden of Broughton in 1742, 1743, and 1752, and was buried there 19th August 1753†.

III.—Richard Wilmer, Innholder, of Broughton elder son of Richard Wilmer married, by licence, 12th December 1756, Elizabeth Huggins, of Wooburn, co. Buckingham. She died at Northampton, 23rd August 1825, aged 94, and was buried 30th August†; M.I. at Broughton. They had issue:—

† Par. reg. of Broughton.

I. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 10th November
1757†; buried 2nd November 1760.†

✠.—II. RICHARD WILMER. *See below, ✠.*

Richard Wilmer died 30th July 1777, aged 54; M.I. in Broughton churchyard:—

BENEATH
this STONE are
Deposited the
Remains of
ELIZABETH
Widow of the late
RICHARD WILMER
of this Parish who
Departed this life
For a Better
on the 23rd Day
of August 1825
in ninety fifth year
of Her Age
In Memory of
RICHARD WILMER
Husband
of Eliz: Wilmer
Who died July 30, 1777
Aged 54 years.

11th March 1777.—Will of RICHARD WILMER, of Broughton, co. Buckingham, Innholder. To my brother, William Wilmer, of Moulsoe, co. Buckingham, yeoman, and my friend, Wm. Stopp, of Potsgrave, co. Bedford, yeoman, the sum of 1500*l.* in trust, to pay the interest to my wife Elizabeth for her life, and at her death the said 1500*l.* to my son, Richard Wilmer, at his age of 21, and I give him all my lands and tenements, goods and chattels whatsoever, but if he dies before the age of 21, then I give the said money, lands, tenements, &c., amongst the children of my brother, William Wilmer, equally. To the said William Wilmer, my brother, 20*l.*, and to the said Wm. Stopp 10*l.* They to be joint executors with my said wife Elizabeth, and to be the Guardians of my son Richard. Witnesses:—E. Huggins, Bernard Gregory, and Geo. Pitt Hurst. [Proved 21st May 1778. P.C.C. 226 Hay.]

† Par. reg. of Broughton.

EV.—**Richard Wilmer**, of Broughton, son of Richard Wilmer, was probably the Richard Wilmer who married Mary , and had issue:—I. RICHARD WILMER, baptized 15th February 1786†; II. HENRY WILMER, baptized 19th June 1791†; III. WILLIAM WILMER, baptized 6th March 1803†; I. HARRIOTT WILMER, baptized 14th February 1785†; II. SOPHIA WILMER, baptized 19th July 1789†; III. CAROLINE WILMER, baptized 26th May 1793†; IV. SALLY WILMER, baptized 4th July 1794†; and V. HEMMA WILMER, baptized 6th March 1796†.

MARY-MARIA WILMER, the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Wilmer, was baptized 19th December 1788†, and buried 3rd February 1789†.

The register at Broughton records that Mortuaries were due and constantly paid, and that one was paid at the death of Richard Wilmer in 1777.

WILMER OF MOULSOE.

F.—**William Wilmer**, Yeoman, of Moulsoe, co. Buckingham, the younger son of Richard Wilmer, of Broughton, and Anne his wife (*see p.* 333), married Mary , who was buried 9th July 1781†. They had issue:—

FF.—I. WILLIAM WILMER. *See below*, **FF.**

II. RICHARD WILMER, baptized 2nd October 1752‡; buried 17th January 1753‡.

III. RICHARD WILMER, baptized 27th November 1763‡.

I. CATHERINE WILMER, baptized 22nd March 1750-1‡; buried 31st March 1751‡.

II. CATHERINE WILMER, baptized 14th December 1753‡.

† Par. reg. of Broughton. | ‡ Par. reg. of Moulsoe.

III. ELIZABETH WILMER, baptized 5th March 1758‡; buried 17th October 1776‡, aged eighteen; M.I. at Moulsoe.

IV. MARY WILMER, baptized 16th August 1761‡.

V. PATTY WILMER, baptized 20th January 1764‡; buried 8th February 1764‡.

William Wilmer was buried 19th April 1787‡, at Moulsoe; M.I. there.

II.—**William Wilmer**, Yeoman, of Moulsoe, eldest son of William Wilmer, was born about 1749. He married first, Elizabeth , who was buried 24th March 1778‡. They had issue:—

III.—I. JOHN WILMER. *See below*, **III.**

I. ANNA WILMER, married, by licence, 26th April 1802‡, James Pike, of Moulsoe.

William Wilmer married secondly, by licence, 26th September 1787‡, Catherine Page, of the parish of Wavendon, co. Buckingham, and by her, who died in 1830, had issue:—

I. WILLIAM WILMER, born 9th November 178- -; married first, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, in 1817, Anne, daughter of Westlake, of Hatherleigh, co. Devon, and by her, who died in 1831, had issue:—i. WILLIAM - MATTHIEW WILMER, born in 1818; married; died 28th May 1860, *sine prole*; ii. JAMES WILMER, born in 1826; died in 1855; iii. FREDERICK WILMER, born in 1828; died an infant; i. HARRIET WILMER, born in 1820; died unmarried, 28th May 1881; ii. HANNAH WILMER, born in 1822; married Robert Cadman; died 16th January 1870, leaving issue; and iii. Catherine Wilmer, of Twickenham; born in 1824.

‡ Par. reg. of Moulsoe.

William Wilmer married secondly, Jane Parkin, who survived him, but by whom he had no issue. He died 22nd May 1856.

- II. THOMAS-JAMES WILMER, born 1st February 1790; baptized 25th February.‡
- III. RICHARD WILMER, born 31st December 1790; baptized 30th January 1791.‡
- IV. BRADFORD WILMER, of Moulsoe, and Newport Pagnell, co. Buckingham; born 15th April 1794; baptized 31st December.‡; married Anne , and had issue:—i. FREDERICK WILMER, baptized 29th May 1836.‡; buried 15th November 1854.‡, aged 18; ii. WILLIAM-BRADFORD WILMER, baptized 18th June 1843.‡; i. SARAH-ANN WILMER, baptized 24th December 1837.‡; and ii. MARY - ELLIOT WILMER, baptized 15th September 1739.‡; buried 19th December 1854.‡, aged 15. Bradford Wilmer was buried 29th May 1855, aged 61.
- V. Edward Wilmer, born 8th March 1796.‡; buried 3rd April 1859.‡.
- VI. Hezekiah Wilmer, born 25th February 1798; baptized 23rd March.‡.
- VII. Robert Wilmer, born 1st October 1799; baptized 6th October.‡; buried 17th December 1799.‡.
- VIII. Robert Wilmer, born 1st November 1800; baptized 7th November.‡.
- IX. George Wilmer, born 28th December 1802; baptized 9th January 1803.‡.

William Wilmer was buried 7th September 1813.‡, aged about 63; M.I. at Moulsoe.

‡ Par. reg. of Moulsoe.

XX.—**John Wilmer**, of Newport Pagnell, co. Buckingham, eldest son of William Wilmer, was born 31st May, and baptized 18th September 1775.† He married, by licence, 18th March 1794,†, Elizabeth Stringer, of Moulsoe, who was buried 4th May 1828,†, aged 59. They had issue :—

- I. BENJAMIN WILMER, born 26th May, baptized 11th June 1797,†; married, and had a large family.
- II. HENRY WILMER, born 17th August; baptized 12th September 1802,†; buried 2nd December 1802.†

XI.—**III. JOHN WILMER.** *See below, XV.*

- IV. JAMES WILMER, born 6th August, baptized 28th August 1808,†; buried 15th April 1809.†
- I. CAROLINE WILMER, born 18th June, baptized 29th June 1794,†; married John Higgins.
- II. BETSY WILMER, born 18th March, baptized 23rd March 1800,†; married John Whittet.
- III. MARY-ANNE WILMER, born 29th September, baptized 12th October 1803,†; married John Thornley.
- IV. CATHERINE WILMER, of North Crawley, co. Buckingham, born 17th July, baptized 20th July 1811,†; buried 4th February 1845,† aged 33.

John Wilmer was buried 6th March 1842,† aged 66.

XV.—**John Wilmer**, of Gayhurst, co. Buckingham, third son of John Wilmer, was born 7th June, and baptized 11th June 1806.† He married, 15th July 1841, Mary-Anne Goodwin, who was born 19th May 1820, died 28th October 1885, and was buried at Gayhurst. They had, with five other children that died in infancy :—

† Par. reg. of Moulsoe.

- I. **John-Robert Wilmer**, of Bury Cottage, Newport Pagnell, born 19th April 1842.
- II. **William-Goodwin Wilmer**, of Tickford Cottage, Newport Pagnell, born 11th June 1843; married, 22nd July 1875, Jane Cook, of Newport Pagnell, and has issue:—i. **John-Henry Wilmer**; ii. **William-Edward Wilmer**; i. **Gertrude-Mary Wilmer**; and ii. **Kate Wilmer**.
- III. **JAMES-HENRY WILMER**, born 9th October 1844; died 4th June 1881; married, 9th October 1871, Lydia Fountaine, of Figrave, and had no issue.
- IV. **Benjamin-George Wilmer**, of St. Dunstan's Cottage, Muswell Hill, London, N., born 25th November 1851; married, 15th May 1884, **Emily-Maude Wood**, of Wood Green, London, N., and has issue:—i. **Benjamin-Fox Wilmer**, and i. **Mary Wilmer**.
- V. **Frederick-Joseph Wilmer**, of no. 5 Park Terrace, Falmouth; born 20th April 1854; married, 13th February 1882, **Florence-Mary Michell**, and has issue:—**John-Riley Wilmer**.
- I. **Charlotte-Mary Wilmer**, born 17th March 1846; married, 24th April 1867, **Henry Hives**, of the Elms, Newport Pagnell, and has issue:—i. **Charlie Hives**; ii. **John Hives**; i. **Edith-Mary Hives**; and ii. **Charlotte-Margaret-Averil Hives**.
- II. **Catherine-Anne Wilmer**, born 14th January 1849; married, 17th October 1872, **Benjamin-Fox Rogers**, of Lathbury, Newport Pagnell, and has issue:—i. **John-Fox Rogers**; ii. **Reginald-Dixon Rogers**; iii. **Robert-Arnold Rogers**; iv. **Bernard-Fox Rogers**; ii. **Anne-Mary Rogers**; and ii. **Dorothy-Fox Rogers**.

III. Mary Wilmer, of Bury Cottage, Newport Pagnell, born 28th August 1861.

John Wilmer died 15th January 1871, and was buried at Gayhurst.

WILMER OF CRANFIELD.

K.—John Wilmer, Yeoman, of Cranfield, co. Buckingham, was nearly related to the first William Wilmer, of Moulsoe, but in what degree we have not been able to determine. It is not improbable that they were brothers. John Wilmer married Mary _____, who died 23rd March, and was buried 27th March 1796‡, aged 51; M.I. at Moulsoe. They had issue:—I. THOMAS WILMER, died 1st September 1790, aged 22; buried 4th September‡; M.I. at Moulsoe; II. RICHARD WILMER, baptized 15th June 1770‡; III. JOHN WILMER (posthumous), born 10th August, baptized 11th August 1784‡; I. ELIZABETH WILMER, born 9th June, baptized 23rd July 1777‡; and II. SALLY WILMER, born 9th January, baptized 22nd February 1779.‡

John Wilmer, of Cranfield, died 6th May and was buried 9th May 1784‡; M.I. at Moulsoe.

We are unable to assign their proper places in the pedigree to the persons mentioned in the following extracts from the Moulsoe registers:—

- 1787 Feb. 5 John Tutt, of Moulsoe, Bachelor, and Catherine Wilmer, of the same, Spinster, married by banns. Witnesses:—Sarah Wilmer and William Wilmer.
- 1787 July 15 Daniel Thomas, of Moulsoe, Bachelor, and Sarah Wilmer, of the same, Spinster, married by licence. Witnesses:—Wm. Wilmer and Cath. Page.
- 1787 Oct. 18 Thomas King, of Moulsoe, Farmer, and Mary Willmer, of the same, Spinster, married by banns. Witnesses:—Wm. Wilmer and Thos. Platt.
- 1801 June 27 Catherine Willmer, buried.

‡ Par. reg. of Moulsoe.

- 1817 July 6 Sarah, dau. of William and Catherine Wilmer, of Moulsoe, Butcher, baptized.
- 1820 April 2 Catherine Wilmer, of N. Crawley, aged 60, buried.
- 1846 Mar. 1 Ann Wilmer, of Moulsoe, aged 39, buried.





CHAPTER XXIII.

WILMER OF READING.

*Nec forma aeternum, aut cuiquam est fortuna perennis :
Longius aut propius, mors sua quemque manet.*—PROPERTIUS, 2, 28, 57.



WILLIAM WILMER, Tanner, of Reading, married Elizabeth _____, and had issue :—WILLIAM, EDWARD, ELIZABETH, and MARY WILMER, who were all living in 1667. The elder William Wilmer's will was dated 17th July 1643, and proved 28th August 1643¹. He appointed Elizabeth his wife executrix, but on the 26th August 1643, she declared herself unable to “undergo the “execucon” of it, and desired that Edward Wilmer, a ward and kinsman, and principal creditor of her late husband, might take out letters of administration. The witnesses to the will were :—Edward Willmer, Scrivener, James hall his apprentice, John Lipscombe, and Anne Johnsone. Elizabeth Wilmer, “being “sick of that sickness whereof she dyed within a few days,” made a nuncupative will, dated 17th June 1667, and proved 26th April 1669,¹ administration being granted to her son William, the sole executor.

EDWARD WILMER, Scrivener, of the parish of St. Mary's, Reading, married, at St. Lawrence's, Reading, 29th June 1640, Anne Iremonger, and had a daughter, ANN WILMER,

1. Inferior Court of Berkshire at Somerset House.

who was baptized at that church 16th April 1641. Administration of the goods of Edward Wilmer was granted to Anne his relict, 28th February 1672-3.¹ He seems to be the Edward Wilmer who was mentioned above as being a kinsman and ward of William Wilmer of Reading.

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WILLIAM WILMER, of Reading, was perhaps the son of the above William Wilmer, Tanner, of Reading. He married Martha, eldest daughter of Thomas Kenrick, Esq., of Reading, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Davy,² and had issue :—

- I. WILLIAM WILMER, living in 1700.
- I. MARY WILMER, married John Brooke, junior, and died before 1732. They had, with other issue :—
 - i. RICHARD BROOKE, living in 1732 ; administrator of the goods of his mother, and of his aunt, Martha Wilmer.
 - i. AN ELDEST DAUGHTER, living in 1700.
- II. MARTHA WILMER, of Burghfield, in Berkshire ; will dated 7th August 1700 ; proved 16th March 1732-3³ ; administration granted to Richard Brooke, son and administrator of the goods of Mary Brooke, the administratrix appointed in the will of Martha Wilmer. Martha Wilmer desires to be buried near her mother in St. Mary's church, Reading.

Arms of Kenrick : Ermine, a lion rampant sable.² Administration of the goods of William Wilmer was granted to his widow Martha, 20th April 1683.¹ Martha Wilmer's will, in which she was described as of Sulhampstead-Abbotts, co. Berks,

1. Inferior Court of Berkshire at Somerset House.

2. *The Genealogist*, 1st Series, vol.

v. p. 282, Visit. Berkshire, 1664-6.

3. P.C.C. 105 Price.

Widow, was dated 14th October 1697, and proved 3th May 1698.¹ She appoints her daughters, Mary and Martha, executrixes.

Administration of the goods of William Wilmer, senior, Gent., of Sulhampstead-Bannister, was granted to William Wilmer, his son, 10th April 1730.²

Administration of the goods of Mary Wilmer, Spinster, of Salemstead [Sulhampstead], co. Berks., was granted to her nieces and next-of-kin, Margaret Chair and Mary Chair, 10th July 1762.³

EDWARD WILMER, Yeoman, of Reading, married Elinor , and had an only daughter :—

- I. LETITIA WILMER, who married William Reeve, Gent., of Burghfield, co. Berks. A licence was obtained 14th April 1669 for the marriage of “William Reeve, of Burfield, Berks., Gent., “Bach^r, ab^t 26, & Mrs. Letticia Wilmer, of “Reading, s^d co., Sp^r, ab^t 21; consent of her “guardian; at Brinsfield or Burfield, s^d, co.”⁵ In an indenture of lease, dated 1st May 1669, she is described as of Reading, Spinster. William Reeve was a party to a deed of conveyance, dated 2nd February 1675, of one acre of land in Tilehurst, co. Berks., which his father-in-law, “Edward Willmer the elder later of Reading “Gent. dec^d” purchased from “Sir Francis “Knollys late of Reading Knt. dec^d and since “settled upon William Reeve.”⁶

1. Inferior Court of Berkshire at Somerset House.

4. P.C.C.

5. Mar. Lic., Vic.-Gen. A.C.

6. Copy of a Final Concord in the College of Arms.

Edward Wilmer's will was dated 28th October 1652, and proved 1st June 1653.⁷ He appoints his wife Ellinor sole executrix, leaves to his daughter Letitia 100*l.*, and bequeaths to his wife and her heirs three messuages in Fisher Rowe, Readinge, two little messuages in Hosiers Lane, Readinge, and his free lands in Tilehurst, Whitley, and Reading. Elinor Wilmer's will was dated 14th April 1661. She bequeaths all her lands, etc. (for life) to her daughter, Letitia Wylmer, when she comes to the age of 21 years, remainder to William Wylmer, eldest son of her brother-in-law, Daniell Wylmer; to John Wylmer, second son of Daniell Wylmer, two houses in Fishers Rewe, Reading; to Edward Wylmer, third son of Daniell Wylmer, residue of lands in Tilehurst, Reading, and Whitley. She names Mary Restall, maidservant; Martha Crutchfield, Clement Went, Taylor; her kinswoman, Jane Kirsell; her brother, John Corker; Edward Crutchfield, son of Edward Crutchfield, Clothier; and her cosen, Mrs. Sarah Fagg. She wills that her brother-in-law, Mr. Danielle Wylmer, Mr. Thomas Seikes, of Reading, Gent., and James Hall, of Reading, Yeoman, have the sole management of all her estate during the minority of her daughter. A commission to administer was granted to Daniell Wylmer 29th June 1661, and the will was proved by Letitia Wilmer in 1669.⁸

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. LAWRENCE'S,
READING.

1616 May 13 John Alexander and Joan Willmer, wedded.

1633 Jan. 1 Sarah, dau. Edward Wilmer, baptized.

John Wilmer, aged 19, son of William Wilmer, *Plebs*, of Reading, matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, 5th December 1623.

7. P.C.C. 74 Brent.

8. P.C.C. 102 May.





CHAPTER XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES OF THE NAMES OF
WILMER, WILMORE, &c.

*“Sed nos immensum spatium confecimus æquor,
Et jam tempus equum jumantia solvere colla.”*

VIRGIL, *Georg.* 2, 541-2.



DURING our researches, we have met with notices of many persons bearing the surnames of Wilmer, Wilmore, etc., to whom no place can be assigned in the pedigree of the family. These notices we shall proceed to give in order.

JOHN WILMORE, OF LONDON, MERCHANT.

At the Midsummer Quarter Sessions for the county of Middlesex in 1681, John Wilmore, Merchant, of Jewen Street, London, was the foreman of the grand jury, before which Stephen Colledge was tried on a charge of high treason. The jurymen unanimously returned the verdict *Ignoramus*, with which Wilmore endorsed the indictment. This verdict was very unacceptable at Whitehall, and “King *Charles*,” says Wilmore¹, “was in a great Rage, and angry with me,” and

1. We quote from a pamphlet published by John Wilmore, containing an account of his troubles and persecution, under the title, *The Legacy of John Wilmer, Citizen, and late Merchant of London; Humbly offered to the Lords and Commons of England* (London :

Printed for the Author, MDCXCII.). He states that he is nearly 54 years of age, and intends shortly to go to Jamaica, where he has some plantations, in order to make some provision for his wife and children.

“throwing his Hat and Periwig on the Ground, he was heard to express himself to this effect: *This Rogue Wilmer has broke all my Measures; God's Fish I will have his Blood, or ruine him; although it cost me ten thousand Pounds.*”

“August 1681. On the 13th, Mr. John Wilmore (who was foreman of the grand jury that found the bill preferred against Stephen Colledge, Ignoramus) was taken into custody on an accusation of high treason, and was carried to Hampton Court the 15th, and examined in council, and then committed by warrant to the Tower.”²

With respect to this accusation Wilmore writes:—

“I was carried before the King and Council at *Hampton-Court*; and being very sick with an Ague and Feaver, the Lord Chancellor said to me at my coming in, You come in like an *Ignoramus*: upon which the King pulled him by the Sleeve, and wink'd on him; which seemed to intimate, that though my giving the *Ignoramus* Verdict upon the Indictment against *Colledg*, was in truth the Crime which brought me thither, yet it should not be published. * * * *

“In the time of my Imprisonment several Stratagems were used to destroy me; diligent Enquiry was made in most of the neighbouring Counties about *London*, to find whether I had been in any of them, to the end that they might pack me out of *London*, and get me indicted and murdered as *Colledg* was at *Oxford*: they endeavoured to suborn English Witnesses against me, the Irish being become infamous.* Moreover, they had it under consideration to cut my Throat in the Tower; for Major *Hawley* (in whose house the Earl of *Essex's* Throat was cut) being enquired of, what would be done with *Wilmer*? he made answer, *He is a stubborn Rogue, his Throat must be cut.*”³

24th October 1681. John Wilmore made his prayer “by council to be either bailed or tried, according to the act of “habeas corpus.”⁴

28th November 1681. He was “brought by habeas corpus “from the Tower to the kings bench bar,” and set at liberty on bail.⁵

23rd January 1681-2, being the first day of the term, John

2. Luttrell's *Brief Relation of State Affairs*, i. p. 116.

3. *Legacy* §§ 8 & 10.

4. Luttrell, i. p. 138.

5. *Ibid.*, i. p. 147.

Wilmore appeared at the bar of the King's Bench, to save forfeiture of his recognizances.⁶

13th February 1681-2, being the last day of term, he was discharged from his bail, there being no further prosecution against him.⁷

Shortly after this, according to Wilmore's own account, his "fast Friends at Court" employed "two wicked and infamous" persons, *Vavator* and *Beaumont*," who brought a new indictment against him, and, upon its failure, threatened that they would never leave him till they had 'Colledg'd' him. A few days afterwards, on May 10th 1682, they delivered to the sheriffs of London "a writt de homine replegiando," accusing him of "haveing kidnapped a boy of 13 years of age to Jamaica." Wilmore, it appears, concealed himself, and the sheriffs made the return, *non est inventus* ; but on

"The 23rd [May 1682], was a tryall at the Kings bench barr upon an indictment against Mr. John Wilmore, for spiriting or kidnapping away a young boy under the age of 13 years, called Richard Siviter, and sending him to Jamaica : the jury was a very good one, returned out of the county of Kent : the witnesses against him were to prove that there was in generall such a trade as kidnapping or spiriting away children * ; then that Mr. Wilmore had been a practiser of that trade, and particularly had sent away this child to Jamaica. * On the other side, Mr. Wilmore's witnesses urged on his behalf, that the child was very willing to goe with him, * that he bound himself apprentice to Wilmore voluntarily at Gravesend in the presence of the mayor, who testified the same thing. * Then the lord cheif justice summ'd up the evidence, * so that the jury, without goeing from the barr, brought him in guilty.⁸"

"June 1682. Mr. Wilmore * * hath sent an expresse to Jamaica for the said boy, to bring him away as soon as possible, in hopes to mitigate his fine, which will be sett on him for the said offence.⁹"

"January 1682-3. The boy that Mr. Wilmore Kidnapped away to Jamaica, and for which a homine replegiando was issued against him, is lately brought over by his order.¹⁰"

6. *Luttrell*, i. p. 159.

7. *Ibid.*, i. p. 164.

8. *Ibid.*, i. p. 187.

9. *Ibid.*, i. p. 192.

10. *Ibid.*, i. p. 247.

In the same year Wilmore published his defence under the title, *The Case of John Wilmore Truly and Impartially Related: or, a Looking-Glass for all Merchants and Planters That are concerned in the American Plantations.* (London, Printed for Edw. Powell at the White Swan in Little Brittain MDCLXXXII). In section 12 of his *Legacy*, he says,

“From the time of this Verdict I was advised by Counsel, and perswaded by Friends, to keep out of the Reach of those who were bent upon my Ruin, and thirsted after my Blood; and I secreted my self in *England* for about a Year’s space; in which time, Messengers with Constables would come at all hours of the Night to search my House for me. I then retired into *Holland*, whither about a Year after my Wife and Children followed me. * I continued there five or six Years, until the Expedition of his Highness the Prince of *Orange*, in which I attended him, having pawned my Plate and Wive’s Jewels, to equip myself and Servant, as a Volunteer of Horse.”

“21st February 1692-3. Yesterday the lords read severall bills; and were going on the advice on that head about the lieutenancy of London, when one Wilmor (a kidnapper) delivering at the door a seditious libell reflecting on the mag of state for making such a lieutenancy; on which their lordship[s] voted the paper an insolent libell, and ordered the usher of the black rod to take him into custody; but he slipt away, and escaped.”¹¹”

[Further particulars about John Wilmore will be found in the *Journals of the House of Commons* for 1688, and in Echard’s *History of England*, vol. iii., pp. 634 *et seq.*]

CORNELIUS WILMER, of East Greenwich, Mariner in the Royal Navy, married Frances _____, and had a son:—

CORNELIUS WILMER, of East Greenwich, Mariner, of H.M. Ship “Ludlow Castle”; will dated 21st October 1717, proved 11th December 1718, by Frances Wilmer *alias* Phipps, his mother [P.C.C. 249 Tennison]; administration was granted at a later date to John Lake, the executor named in the will of the said Frances Wilmer.

11. *Luttrell*, iii. p. 39.

Cornelius Wilmer's will was dated 19th February 1693-4, and proved 8th November 1695, by Frances Wilmer, his relict [P.C.C. 195 Ireby]. The will of Frances Wilmer *alias* Phipps was dated 20th November 1725, and proved 23rd March 1725-6. She names Elizabeth and Anna-Maria Wallbank; her sister, Maria Burdett; and her kinsman, John Lake, whom she makes residuary legatee and executor [P.C.C. 63 Plymouth].

THOMAS WILMER, Surgeon, of Lime Street, London, married Rebecca _____, and had issue:—I. THOMAS WILMER, born and baptized 26th January 1700-1†, buried 27th January 1700-1†; II. HENRY WILMER, born 13th, baptized 14th October 1701†, buried 15th October 1701†; and III. JOHN WILMER, born 18th, baptized 19th November 1702.†

THOMAS WILMER, Citizen, Stationer, and Printer, of London, married, subsequently to September 1703, Catherine, widow of William Richardson, Printer, and had issue:—

I. CATHERINE WILMER, buried 25th August 1707, “in the new Vault at the east end of the S. Isle.”†

II. MARY WILMER, living in 1722.

Thomas Wilmer was buried 1st December 1728†, “in the Vault at the E. end of the south Isle.” In his will, which was dated 1st April 1722, and proved 5th December 1728 [P.C.C. 366 Brooke], he names his daughter-in-law, Israel Richardson. His widow, Catherine Wilmer, died 8th April, and was buried 15th April 1739†, “in the S. Isle.” Her will was dated 4th July 1737, and proved 9th April 1739 [P.C.C. 92 Huchman]. She names her daughter, Elizabeth Totten; her daughter, Israel White, the wife of Thomas White, Gent., of London; and her grandson, George White, the son of the said Thomas. Catherine

† Par. reg. of St. Dionis Backchurch, London.

Wilmer's first husband was William Richardson, Printer, and by him she had issue :—

- I. JOHN RICHARDSON, baptized 20th February 1690-1.†
- II. WILLIAM RICHARDSON, born 29th November; baptized 14th December 1693.†
- III. HUMPHREY RICHARDSON, born 15th December; baptized 23rd December 1697†; buried 16th October 1703.†
- IV. JOHN RICHARDSON, born and baptized 9th June 1699.†
 - I. ISRAEL RICHARDSON, born and baptized 15th December 1694†; married, 15th September 1730†, Thomas White, Printer, of St. John's, Wapping, co. Middlesex, and had issue:—i. GEORGE WHITE, born 29th May, baptized 14th June 1733†; and i. CATHERINE WHITE, born 16th January, baptized 30th January 1734-5†, buried 13th February 1734-5.† Thomas White was buried 19th March 1749-50†; and Israel White was buried 26th March 1750.†
 - II. ELIZABETH RICHARDSON, born and baptized 27th November 1696†; married Totten.

SAMUEL WILMER, of the parish of St. Luke, co. Middlesex, Gent., married, first, Mary _____, administration of whose goods was granted to him 26th March 1762 [P.C.C.]. He married, secondly, Hutchinson _____. In her will, which was dated 15th June 1774, and proved 21st July 1780 [P.C.C. 382 Collins], she names her sister, Elizabeth Winn, Widow, of Baldock, co. Hertford; her brother, Francis Sykes; her sister, Anne Willet; her cousin, Charles Godwine, of

† Par. reg. of St. Dionis Backchurch, London.

Baldock. In this will Hutchinson Wilmer is described as of Foster's building, White Cross Street, co. Middlesex, Widow.

Samuel Wilmer's will was dated 22nd August 1765, and proved 16th December 1767 [P.C.C. 470 Legard]. He names Alice White (Widow), of White Cross Street; Isabella Buttler; the Rev. Mr. Gibbons; and Mr. Henry Jones, of Oxford Court, Cannon Street.

WILMER, OR WILLMER, OF TISBURY AND PETERSFIELD.

THE REVEREND RICHARD WILMER was buried at Tisbury, co. Wilts, in 1778¹², but it does not appear that he was ever vicar of that parish. Elizabeth Wilmer, Widow, of Tisbury, who seems to have been his relict, presented to the vicarage in 1779¹³. Her will was dated 29th October 1778, and proved 1st December 1780 [P.C.C. 589 Collins]. She left all her estate, real and personal, to Richard Cobden, of Midhurst, co. Sussex, Maltster, and Thomas Wilmer, of Petersfield, co. Southampton, upon trust for the use of her only child, Elizabeth Wilmer. She names her brother, William Cobden, and her sister, Mary Cobden.

A certain Ann Willmer, who died 6th March 1782, aged 62, was buried at Petersfield; M.I.

A Mr. Wilmer, of Petersfield, who was perhaps the Thomas Wilmer named in the will of Elizabeth Wilmer of Tisbury, died in 1818, and was buried in Petersfield churchyard. His wife survived him till January 1845, reaching the age of 80 and upwards, and was buried beside him. By her he had six daughters and a son:—

HENRY WILLMER, Esq., Surgeon, of no. 44 Baker Street, Portman Square, London, of Down Place, Harting, co. Sussex, and of Stoke Poges, co. Buckingham. He married, 31st January 1815, Ann Pain, of Lewes, and had issue:—

¹². Hoare's *Wiltshire, Hundred of Dunworth*, p. 238.

¹³. *Ibid.*, p. 206.

- I. HENRY WILLMER, died in 1817, aged 10 months.
- I. HARRIET-ANN WILLMER, born in August 1818; married, 15th September 1841, at Stoke-Poges parish church, Frederick-Le-Gros Clarke, Esq., of "The Thorns," Sevenoaks, and had three sons:—i. Frederick-Willmer Clarke, born in 1846, married a daughter of Francis Crawshay, Esq., and has issue; ii. Alfred-Ashley Clarke, born in 1848, married a daughter of the late Andrew Swanzy, Esq., and has four children; and iii. WALTER-CONSTABLE CLARKE. Mrs. Le Gros Clarke died at Spring Gardens, London, 29th June 1850.
- II. CAROLINE WILLMER, born 3rd April 1829; married, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, 11th April 1850, the Reverend Ralph-Raisbeck Tatham, M.A., Rector of Dallington, co. Sussex, sixth son of T.-T. Tatham, Esq., of Highgate, and had three sons and five daughters, of whom the eldest son is:—Charles-John-Willmer Tatham, Army-surgeon. Mrs. R.-R. Tatham died at Dallington, 24th July 1867.

Henry Willmer, who was a cousin, in the first or second degree, of Richard Cobden, the advocate of Free Trade, died 17th September 1869, and was buried at Harting. His wife, who died 9th February 1859, was also buried there.

Æ.—* * WILLMER, of Higham Ferrers, co. Northampton, had (with three daughters) three sons:—

I. JOSEPH WILLMER, a twin with Benjamin.

ÆÆ.—II. BENJAMIN WILLMER. *See below*, ÆÆ.

III. * * * WILLMER, a nonconformist minister.

ÆÆ.—Benjamin Willmer, of Elstow, and afterwards of Wilshampstead, co. Bedford; was born at Higham Ferrers, and

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died in 1773. He married Miss Crane, and had, with other issue :—

I. JOHN WILLMER, born 5th October 1765.

III.—II. WILLIAM WILLMER. *See below, III.*

III. THOMAS WILLMER, born 19th September 1770 ; died 14th August 1815.

I. ANNE WILLMER, born 10th June 1772 ; died 6th February 1842.

III.—**William Willmer**, of Wilshampstead, was born 6th March 1767, and died 24th April 1837, leaving several children, of whom MARY-ANN WILLMER was born 29th December 1795, and died 20th October 1820, and SARAH WILLMER was born 22nd June 1799, and died 31st May 1819. One of the sons was :—

IV.—**William-Thomas Willmer**, of Wilshampstead. He was born there 27th April 1801, and died in August 1868. He married Harriet Barnard, and by her, who was born 22nd November 1809 at Amphill, near Bedford, he had issue :—

V.—I. William-Barnard Willmer. *See below, V.*

II. BENJAMIN WILLMER, born 14th October 1841, at Wilshampstead ; died young.

I. Sarah-Elizabeth Willmer, born 5th April 1848 ; now living in New Zealand

V.—**William-Barnard Willmer**, now of Harrowden, near Bedford, was born at Wilshampstead, 14th March 1830, and married first, Mary-Anne, eldest daughter of William Armstrong, of West End House, Haynes, co. Bedford. By her, who was born at Haynes 6th February 1834, Mr. Willmer has issue :—I. William-Armstrong Willmer, born 7th March 1864, at Diddenham Manor, Shinfield, near Reading ; II. Harry-Edward Willmer, born there 19th July 1869 ; III. Thomas-Reginald Willmer, born there 25th December 1872 ; I.

Ada-Bessie Willmer, born there 29th December 1865; and II. Sarah-Elizabeth Willmer, born there 25th May 1867.

Mr. W.-B. Willmer married secondly, Mary-Anne-Jane, eldest daughter of Richard Newman, of Harrowden, and by her, who was born 28th March 1844, has issue:—I. Richard-Newman Willmer, born at Harrowden, 9th June 1880; II. Frank-Montague Willmer, born there 20th March 1884; I. Nellie-Gertrude Willmer, born at Diddenham, 17th June 1879; II. Harriet-Louise Willmer, born at Harrowden, 8th April 1882; and III. Florence-Emily Willmer, born there 11th August 1886.

1583 August 26th. By an Indenture, Francis Wilmer, Innkeeper, of the parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, acknowledged that he owed 200*l.* to John Moncke, Yeoman, of Stone, co. Kent. [*Close R.*, 25 Eliz., no. 1172.]

1583 December 6th. By an Indenture, Thomas Dallet, Silk-weaver, of Woolwich, for 33*l.*, granted and sold to Francis Wilmer, of the parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a tenement called the "Signe of the Trowell," in the tenure of John Walebancke, Bricklayer, to have and to hold to the said Francis and his heirs for ever. [*Close R.*, 26 Eliz., no. 1326.]

1590 April 6th. Will of Francis Willmore, of the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, co. Surrey. My body to be buried in the church aforesaid as neare as can be to the place where Johane my late wife was buried. Francis Willmore, my eldest son, and Richard Willmore, my youngest son, both under age, to be the Executors of my will. To my brother, Anthony Willmore. My father-in-law, Leonard Croxton. My wife, Mary Willmore. My cosyn Pigott, a paynter, living in Wood Street, London, to be the overseer of my will. My sister Dorothe's eldest and youngest daughters. My other sister's daughter Johane. My cosen Marshall, of London. My uncle Bellowthy. My cosen Ward, of Westminster. Witnesses:—Lawrence Curtopp and William Pigotte. [A commission was issued, 1st June 1590, to Leonard Croxton, the father-in law of Francis Willmore, deceased, to administer during the minority of Francis and Richard, the sons of the deceased. Another commission was issued 22nd February 1599-1600, to Anne Richardson *alias* Somer, grandchild of the deceased. P.C.C. 90 Drury.]

1747-8 March 14th. Will of William Willmore, Carpenter, of the parish of St. Olave, Southwark. He names his wife, Anne Willmore. [Proved 4th April 1748. P.C.C. 133 Strahan.]

1750 May 19th. Administration of the goods of John Willmore, of the parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, co. Surrey, belonging to H.M. Ship "Exeter," deceased, was granted to Sarah, his relict, then the wife of William Webster. Another grant was made, 9th June 1750, to the said Sarah Webster, in which the deceased was described as John Willmore, *alias* Willmott, of the parish of St. George-the-Martyr. [P.C.C.]

1601 July 22nd. Administration of the goods of Henry Wilmore, of the parish of St. Sepulchre, London, deceased, was granted to John Parris, the principal creditor; Elizabeth Wilmore, the relict of the deceased, having first renounced. [Commissary Court of London.]

1662-3 February 28th. "Edmund Yeomans, of Lambeth, Surrey, Bachr, 23, & Elizabeth Willmer, Sp^r, 22, dau. of Thomas Willmer, of St. Sepulchre's, London, Gent., who consents; at St. Mary, Savoy, or Gray's Inn Chapel." [Mar. Lic. Fac. Off.]

1668-9 January 24th. Administration of the goods of Elizabeth Yeoman *alias* Wilmer, of the parish of St. Mary-le-Savoy, London, deceased, was granted to Edward Yeoman, the husband of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1716 September 5th. Will of Joseph Wilmore, Smith, of the parish of St. Sepulchre, London. My brother, Thomas Wilmore. My wife, Ann Wilmore. My daughters, Elizabeth and Judith. Witnesses: John Kendrick, Judeth Atterton, and Henry Bell. [Proved 19th October 1716. P.C.C. 199 Fox.]

1605 June 5th. Administration of the goods of Andrew Willmer, of Stratford Bowe, co. Middlesex, deceased, was granted to Andrew Willmer, the son of the deceased. [Commissary Court of London.]

1615 October 25th. Your Orator John Norcrosse, of London, Haberdasher, son & heir of Thomas Norcrosse, late of London, Haber-

dasher, etc. A suit concerning land containing 25 acres or thereabouts in Wittell in the Co. of Essex now in the tenure of John Willmore or his assigns, etc. [*Norcrosse v. Willmore*; *Chan. Pro.*, James I., N. 7. 43. This Record is almost destroyed. John Willmore does not appear to be the Defendant.]

1626-7 February 1st. "Thomas Willmore, of Stepney, co. Middlesex, Vintner, & Frances Reade, of same, Widow; at Stepney aforesaid." [Mar. Lic. B. L.]

[No date.] Will of James Willmer, of the parish of St. Bride, Fleet Street, London. To my father and mother. To my sister, Rebica Hailes. To Elizabeth Haily, daughter of George Haily. My brother, Richard Goswell To Doll (*sic*) Witness:—John Channon. [Administration of the goods of James Willmer, the testator, deceased, was granted, 27th September 1626, to Dorothy Chauntrell, a legatee named in the will ("Doll"). P.C.C. 172 Hele.]

1643 July 26th. Administration of the goods of Thomas Wilmore, of Stepney, co. Middlesex, who died beyond the seas, was granted to Edward Blackwall, the principal creditor of the deceased. Another grant was made, 30th August 1643, to John Wilmore, the brother of the deceased, the former grant to Edward Blackwall having been revoked. Another grant was made, 10th January 1644-5, to Francis Tetherington, a creditor of the deceased. [Commissary Court of London.]

1644-5 February 1st. Your orator John Willmore of Westham, co. Essex, gent. * did make unto John Combes a bill of sale of all his hay being in the several barnes & stables belonging to his farm called Newbarnes in Westham aforesaid. [*Chan. Pro.*, *Wylmer v. Riche*; Charles I., W.W. 70. 46.]

[No date.] The Replication of Richard Clarke & Agnes his wife, Complainants, to the Answers of John Willmere, Richard Roberts, & Thos. Lee, Defendants.

Thomas Symons in the Bill mentioned did bequeath unto the said Agnes the said message, etc. [*Chan. Pro.*, *Clarke v. Wilmer*, etc., Replication, Charles I., CC. 110.12.]

1653-4 January 26th. Will (nuncupative) of Margery Wilmer, of Whitechapel. I leave the care of my two children, Elizabeth and Deborah, to the hand of Jonathan Clandger and John Resbridger, and all my goods to my said children. [P.C.C.]

In Boyne's *Seventeenth Century Tokens*, among the coins issued by tradesmen, are the following:—

Obverse—"Robert Willmer in" (and at the foot) "R.M.W." (probably the initials of Wilmer and his wife). Reverse—"Litle Brittain 63 : Lether cvtter:"

Stratford, co. Suffolk—Obverse—"Iohn Willmor IEW." Reverse—"In Stratford 1650 IEW."

1660-1 THIS INDENTURE made the seventh day of March in the thirteenth yeare of * Charles the Second BETWEEN Peter Blower of Westham in the County of Essex, gent., of the one part And John Willmer of Westham * aforesaid, gent., of the other part WITNESSETH that the said Peter Blower, as well for & in consideraçon of the naturall love, etc., which he hath and beareth unto the said John Willmer his brother in law, as, etc., the said Peter Blower * doth grant, bargain, sell, etc., unto the said John Willmer, etc., All that peece or pcell of land conteyning by estimaçon one acre lying, etc., in Wickelme in the said Parish of Westham * now in the tenure or occupaçon of George Pearson, etc. To have & to hold * unto the said John Willmer, etc., for ever, etc. [*Close R.*, 12 Charles II., part 17 (19).]

Robert Wilmer was apprenticed to John in 1661.

..... Wilmer was apprenticed to Isaack Crew, 21st July 1662.

Thomas Wilmore was apprenticed to Robert Wilmore, 4th July 1694.

[From the Books of the Freemen of the Clothworkers' Company.]

1661 May 9th. "William Willmer, of St. Andrew, Holborn, Gent., Bach^r, ab^t 30, & Margaret Sharpe, of St. Bennet's, Paul's Wharf, Sp^r, ab^t 30; at St. Bennet's afs^d." [Mar. Lic. Vic.-Gen. A. C.]

1661 July 26th. Administration of the goods of Mary Willmer, of Bow, deceased, was granted to William Heard, the next-of-kin to the deceased, George Wilmer, the husband, first renouncing. [P.C.C.]

1666 June 8th. "Edward Warham, of St Martin's in Fields, Gent., Bachr, abt 23, & Rachell Willmer, of St Marg^{ts}, Westmr, Sp^r, abt 21; consent of father John Willmer, Gent.; at St Mary Magdⁿ, Old Fish St, London." [Mar. Lic. Vic.-Gen. A.C.]

1668 May 5th. Administration of the goods of William Wilmore, of the parish of St. Edmund-the-King, London, who died at Sea, was granted to Anne Wilmore, his relict. [P.C.C.]

1673 August 27th. Administration of the goods of Thomas Wilmer, of H.M. Ship "The Royal Prince," deceased, was granted to his relict, Anne Wilmer. [P.C.C.]

1676 October 21st. Administration of the goods of Daniell Willmer, Widower, of St. Olave, Silver Street, London, deceased, was granted to Edward Willmer, the son of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1679 December 23rd. Administration of the goods of Thomas Wilmer, of the parish of St. Ethelburga, London, deceased, was granted to Bridget Wilmer, relict of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1690 April 1st. Administration of the goods of Bridget Wilmer, Widow, of the parish of St. Ethelburga, London, deceased, was granted to Thomas Wright, uncle and guardian of Thomas Wilmer, junior, son of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1684-5 March 9th. Will of George Wilmer, Citizen and Haberdasher, of the parish of St. Catherine Creedchurch, London. To my wife, Rebecca Wilmer, all I possess. Executors: My loving father, John Merrehurst, and my loving brother, John Wilmer. Witnesses:— Abraham Wilmer, Jacob Bury, Mary Bury, and Hannah Merrehurst. [Proved 5th May 1685. P.C.C. 65 Cann. The names of the witnesses to this will would lead us to suppose that George Wilmer was one of the Bromley and Barking Wilmers.]

1689 July 7th. Edward, son of Edward and Hannah Wilmore, was baptized at St. John the Baptist's on Wallbrook, London.

1694 October 5th. Administration of the goods of Edward Wilmer, of St. Michael's, Crooked Lane, London, deceased, was granted to Hannah Wilmer, the relict of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1694-5 October 9th. Administration of the goods of John Wilmer, Bachelor, of the Island of Jamaica, deceased, was granted to John Wilmer, the father of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1707-8 February 28th. Will of Samuel Wilmer, Citizen and Weaver, of London. To my wife, Sarah Wilmer, my gold watch and several gold medalls which I formerly gave her. To Elizabeth Colebrand, my daughter, 100*l.* and the silver cup called "Sarah Wilmer's Cup." To my son Samuel 100*l.* To my daughters, Hannah and Mary, 50*l.* each My wife Sarah and my daughter Sarah to be the executors of this my will. [Proved February 1708-9. P.C.C. 50 Barrett.]

1711-12 February 15th. Administration of the goods of Nicholas Willmer, of the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, deceased, was granted to Margaret Wilmer, the relict of the deceased. [Commissary Court of London.]

Ro: (probably Rowland) Wilmer was a witness to the signatures of Nathaniel Brand, of Thavies' Inn, Middlesex, to an Indenture of Lease, dated 1st October 1712; and to an Indenture of Release, dated 2nd October 1712. [Mr. W.-H. Aldred's MSS., vol. i. documents 44 and 45.]

1712 October 9th. Will of Richard Wilmer, Merchant, of London, who was bound on a voyage to the East Indies. He names his mother, Susanna Wilmer, Widow, of London, and Richard Mead. [P.C.C. 60 Fagg.]

1715-16 March 20th. Administration of the goods of Anne Wilmer, of the parish of St. Peter, Paul's Wharfe, London, deceased, was granted to Robert Wilmer, the husband of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1720 December 7th. Administration of the goods of John Willmore, of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey, who died in H.M. Ship "Worcester," was granted to Jane Willmore, his relict. [P.C.C.]

1740-1 January 20th. Administration of the goods of Thomas Willmor, of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey, was granted to Ann Willmor, his relict. [P.C.C.]

1725 April 20th. Administration of the goods of Richard Wilmer, formerly of the parish of St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, but at the time of his decease of Bridge Town, Barbadoes, was granted to Elizabeth Wilmer, the relict of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

1728. Will of Peter Wilmer, of the parish of St. John, Wapping, co. Middlesex, Surgeon. Unto my loving brother, Frederick Wilmer, all my lands, messuages, etc., in Brandeshagen, Pomerania, and also 100*l.* To my loving wife Elizabeth and her heirs all other land, estates, etc. Witnesses:—John Bayce, Elizth Fryer, and Nath. Cutler, Attor^y in Wapping. [Proved 2nd October 1728, by Elizth Wilmer, relict of the defunct. P.C.C. 308 Brook.]

1730-1 February 4th. A limited administration of the goods of John Wilmer, Gent., of the parish of St. Gabriel, Fenchurch Street, London, deceased, was granted to Matthew Morris, of St. Olave's, Silver Street, Citizen and Barber-Surgeon of London. [P.C.C.]

1731-2 February. Joseph Wilmore died at his seat at Thadon Hall, Essex. [*Gentleman's Magazine.*]

In the parish church of Cobham, co. Surrey, on a stone in the floor:—"Sarah Willmer d^r of Thos. & Kath: Morrison & Relict of John Cheeseman leaving issue by him 3 sons & 2 daurs Kath: Elizabeth, John, Thomas, & James & late Wife to Thos. Wilmer gent. by whom 2 Sons & 2 daurs, Sarah Joseph Richard & Mary, Eliz: C. her 2^d daur died 7th July 1732 aged 22." [Francis Townsend's *Church Notes*, iv. p. 387; College of Arms.]

1732 September 18. Administration of the goods of Sara Willmer *alias* Cheeseman, of the parish of Cobham, co. Surrey, deceased, was granted to her husband, Thomas Willmer. [P.C.C.]

1735 November 25th. Will of Elizabeth Wilmer, in the parish of St. Dunstons in the West, London, Widow. My body to be buried in the vault of St. Dunstons aforesaid where my Father, John Cotsworth, lyeth. Unto my grandson, Charles Edward Brute (according to the will of my late Father), my freehold house in Bullhead Court, in the parish St. Dunstons, W.; also my house in Leadenhall Street; also my house by Sion College, London Wall; also my house in Red Lyon Street. Remainder to my son, Cotsworth Wilmer, my daughter, Elizth Bruce, and my son, Robert Wilmer, to be equally divided between them. To my son, Cotsworth Wilmer, all dowers, etc., that are in the hands of Mr. Stead, Linen Draper, now living near Tower Hill, and of Mr. Parr, now at the Blue Anchor, Cruthee Fryers, also all the pictures. To my grandson, John Wilmer (son of Cotsworth Wilmer), my Timepiece Clock. Executors:—Mr. Alexander Lancaster and Mr. Thomas Devey, to whom I leave rings. Witnesses:—Edward Knowles, Frances Crouch, and Elizabeth Breton. [Proved 9th February 1735-6, by the Executors. P.C.C. 46 Derby.]

John Wilmer, of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, London, Merchant, deposed to interlineations in the will of Nicholas Marshall, 10th December 1737. [P.C.C. 280 Wake.]

1741 December 26th. Will of John Willmore, Mariner, of H.M. Ship "Success." I leave all my goods to my loving friend, Daniel Jefferson, of Woolwich, Staveman, whom I appoint executor. Witnesses:—W^m Ward and J. Barnard. [Proved 29th December 1741. P.C.C. 369 Spurway.]

1742 December 1st. Will of Jacob Wilmer, Gent., of St. Clements Danes, co. Middlesex. My body to be buried in the parish of Barking, co. Essex. All my possessions to my loving friends, Walter Collins, of St. Clements Danes, Locksmith, and Elizabeth his wife, it being my will that none of my relations or kindred shall benefit by my will. Executors:—Walter Collins and Elizabeth his wife. Witnesses:—Margaret Drance, Mary Carr, and John Osgood. [Proved 3rd December 1742, by Walter Collins, Executor. P.C.C. 368 Trenley.]

Edward Wilmer, of Thavies' Inn, in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, London, died at Ford Hook, in the parish of Ealing. Administration of his goods was granted, 25th February 1742-3, to Ralph Harwood, Esq., principal creditor; Jane Wilmer, the relict, and Edward Wilmer, the son (a minor) of the deceased, being cited and not appearing. [P.C.C.]

1748. Joseph Wilmore, Ensign in Wolfe's regiment, was appointed Captain and Agent in the same. [*Gentleman's Magazine.*]

1748 June 28th. A limited administration of the goods of William Willmore, Bachelor, formerly of the private Ship of War "Prince Frederick," but late of H.M. Ship "Folkstone," was granted to William Blackshaw, sole executor of the will [not produced] of the deceased, with a proviso that the will be found and brought into Court.

1753 Sept. 17th. Another grant was made to Ann Mason (wife of William Mason), the sister and next-of-kin to the deceased, a former grant, in June 1748, to William Blackshaw, sole executor in a pretended will, being declared null and void. [P.C.C.]

1762 March. Will of John Wilmore, Seaman, of H.M. Ship "Centaur." To my sister, Hannah Wilmore, and my wife, Ann Wilmore, both living at North Shields. [Administration was granted, 25th November 1762, to Dorothy Gurnes, Spinster, the lawful attorney of Ann Wilmore, the relict of John Wilmore, of H.M. Ship "Centaur," deceased. P.C.C. 490 St. Eloy.]

1767 March 30th. Will of Jane Wilmer, of Brewers Hall, London, Widow of Edward Wilmer. To my son, Edward Wilmer, and his child, Jane Wilmer. Witnesses: Alexander Whitchurch and John Pright. [Proved 27th January 1768, by Edward Wilmer, son of the deceased. P.C.C. 40 Secker.]

1769 October 24th. Administration of the goods of Richard Willmer, Bachelor, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, deceased, was granted to Joseph Willmer, the brother of the deceased. [P.C.C.]

Among Mr. H.-W. Aldred's Historical MSS. there are two letters from William Clinton Willmer, dated

(i.) 1771 Feb. 6. Willmer offers to Wilkes his friendship and fortune.

(ii.) 1771 April 29. Willmer states his inducements to marry; and proposes to marry one of Wilkes's daughters, and to give Wilkes 10,000*l.* or 15,000*l.*

1779 June 3rd. Will of Ann Willmer, the elder, Widow, of the parish of St. Mary, Westminster. To my son, Thomas Wilmer. To my daughter (*quere* Anne Wilmer). Anne Wilmer to be sole executrix. Witnesses:—Thomas Day and Ann Day. [Proved 10th April 1782. P.C.C. 207 Gostling.]

1782 September 20th. Will of Henry Willmore, Milkman, of the parish of St. Pancras, co. Middlesex. To my wife Mary all my household goods and plate for life, and after her death, to my son, William Willmore. I leave property, etc., in trust to Jonathan Parkinson, of Gray's Inn, and Thomas Dunfy, Cowkeeper, whom I appoint executors. Witnesses:—Charles Bruce and Charles Buckland. [Proved 12th October 1782, by Mary Willmore, Widow. P.C.C. 573 Gostling.]

The following inscription is from the St. Pancras old burial ground, London:—

Sacred to the memory of William Henry Willmer who died Feb.1810, Aged 6 [?] years & 2 mo. Also William Willmer who died June 25. 1811 Aged 1 year & 2 mo. Also George Willmer who died Sept 16. 18... Aged 9 months and days Also Catharine Willmer who died Oct..... .. Aged 10 mo. & 22 days. The family grave of William and Catharine Willmer, of Camden Town.

“ To the Hon^{ble} Co^mmissioners for Composi^{ti}ons.

“ The humble Peti^{ti}on of John Wilmer Gent.

“ Shewing

“ That Sr Timothy Thornehill K^t deceased in his life tyme by his deed indented bearing date the xth of February 1626 did give and grante unto Elizabeth Crispe the now wife of yo^r said Peti^{ti}on^r One Annuity or yearlie Rent of Tenn POUND^e issuing out of one Messuage called the Parsonage house, and other Land^e wth the app^{ur}ce lying in the pish of Thomas the App^{le} in the Countie of Kent. To have and to hold unto the said Elizabeth during her life, etc.

“ Now for that the lande aforesaid are under sequestracōn by reason of the delinquency of Richard Thornehill Esq^r sonn and heire apparent of the said S^r Timothv. And for that there was due to yo^r petiçōn^r the sōme of Fortie Pōwnde, etc. Yo^r Petiçōn^r therefore humbly prayeth that yow would be pleased to make order that he may receive his arreares, etc.

“ 16 May 1650

“ Refer^d to M^c. Reading to state
& report. Jo: Leech.”

[*Royalist Composition Papers*, Series I., vol. LXXI., p. 363.]

“ According to yo^r order of the 16th of May 1650 upon the petiçōn of John Wilmer gent desiring allowance of an Annuity of Tenn pounds p Annū granted unto Elizabeth the pe^{tr}s wife for her life, etc.

“ I finde

“ That the said Timothy Thornehill by his Deed Indented bearing date the Tenth day of February 1626 did give, etc., unto the said Elizabeth the pe^{tr}s wife by the name of Elizabeth Crispe daughter of Henry Crispe of Aylesford in Kent gent one Annuity or yearly rent of 10^l to be issuing out of a Messuage called the parsonage howse & certaine Lands and Marshes in the parish of S^t Thomas in the Isle of Harty, etc. And it is deposed by y^e pe^{tr} & testified by Andrew Broughton Esq^{re} that y^e said Elizabeth is liveing, and that the said Annuity is now in Arreare for the last four years, etc.

“ All w^{ch}, etc.

“ 20 May 1650

“ Jo Readinge ”

“ Upon this Report the deed allowed and the Annittie to be pait out of the Lands.

“ May the 30th 1650. S.M.” [*Ibid.*, p. 365.]

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.

1590 May 10 William, son of John Willmar, baptized.

1592 Sept. 29 Thomas, son of John Wilmer, baptized.

1594-5 Jan. 1 John, son of John Willmor, baptized.

1595 Dec. 26 Jasper, son of John Wilmer, baptized.

1610 Aug. 5 Joan, daughter of Nicholas Willmore, baptized.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. MARY'S WOOLNOTH, LONDON.

- 1593 Nov. 12 John Cornishe, of the Parish of St. Mary Abchurch, and Cisley Wylmer, of this Parish, married.
 1636 Ap. 24 William Willmore, Shearegrinder, buried.
 1650 Sept. 25 Anne Willmore, a maid that lived in the Parish of St. Bartholomew, behind the Exchange, buried.
 1653-4 Jan. 12 Edward Wilmer, of Mildred, Bred Streete, and Elizabeth Stone, of Margarett, Westminster, married.
 1665-6 Mar. 24 Thomas Willmore, buried.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. JAMES'S, CLERKENWELL, LONDON.

- 1612 Dec. 20 Katherine, dau. of Edwarde Wilmor, baptized.
 1612 Dec. 27 John, son of Charles Wilmor, baptized.
 1616 June 16 Sara, dau. of Edward Willmore [*& Anne his wife*], baptized.
 1631 Dec. 2 Josua, son of Rowland Willmore, baptized.
 1653 Aug. 30 W^m, son of W^m Willmore, baptized.
 1667 July 28 Margarett, dau. of Dad Willmore, baptized.
 1667-8 Jan. 28 Elizabeth, dau. of Henry & Cristian Willmer, baptized.
 1697 Oct. 25 Eliz., dau. of Joseph Willmore & Anne his wife, baptized.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

- 1615 June 25 Anthony Capstocke with Bettris Wilmor, married.
 1638-9 Mar. 11 Daniell, son to Daniell Wilmor wife Elizabeth, baptized.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S, LONDON.

- 1627 Oct. 9 Elizabeth Rouse, servant to Tho. Wilmer, buried.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. MARY'S, STRATFORD-LE-BOW.

- 1638-9 M^{is} Mary Willmore the Wife of George Willmor gentleman was Buried the 23th day of february 1638 and Lieth under neath her husband's pew and lieth so deepe Close by the wall that 3 may bee buried one the top of her.
 1638-9 M^{is} Suse m^r Willmors howse keeper was Buried the 5th day of March in the Church one the north syde of the Ally and her feete reacheth to the bolt of the 3 pew dore bee lowe the Clarke's pewe.

- 1645-6 M^{is} Marry Willmore was Buried under the south wall of the Church over against the poulpet the 15th January 1645.
- 1655 Elizabeth Willmore maid wase buried the 27th Septem 1655 and lieth by the Corner of the Church by the Chancell in the pathway.
- 1659-60 Susa^{na} daughter of Thomas Wilmer of Dunstons in the East London Peuterer & of Jane his wife was borne on the tenth day of february and baptized the same day 1659.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ALL SAINTS', WEST HAM, CO. ESSEX.

- 1654 Aug. 11 Anne, daughter of Thomas Willmore, born.
- 1654 Aug. 18 Anne, daughter of Thomas and Anne Willmer, buried.
- 1654-5 March Hanna, the wife of Thomas Willmor of Stratford, buried.
- 1657-8 Feb. 13 John Willmor gent of Stratford, buried.
- 1666 Oct. 14 Elizabeth, ye daughter of Mr. John Willmor and Elizabeth his wife, baptized.
- 1667-8 Jan. 14 Elizabeth, ye daughter of Mr. John Willmere, buried.
- 1667-8 Mar. 22 Catherine, ye daughter of Mr. John & Elizabeth Willmore, baptized.
- 1671 April 26 Sarah, daughter of John Willmor by Elizabeth his wife, baptized.
- 1671 Sept. 3 *John* [query *James*], ye son of Thomas Willmore of Allgate London, buried.
- 1671 Dec. 25 Frances, ye son of Mr. John Willmore, buried.
- 1691 Dec. 18 Widow Willmore a Peas.....
- 1693 April 19 Mary Willmore from London (*sic*).
- 1694 April 19 Mary Willmore from Lond. (*sic*).

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. MARGARET'S, BROMLEY ST. LEONARD'S.

- 1665 July 8 John Wilmer, the son of John Wilmer and Elizabeth his wife, baptized.
- 1722 Nov. 4 Elizabeth Wilmer, from Poplar, buried.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL, LONDON.

- 1676 Mar. 29 Sarah, daughter of Henry Willmoor and Anne his wife, buried in the churchyard.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. DIONIS, BACKCHURCH, LONDON.

- 1681 Sept. 21 Mary Willmore, of Stratford Le bow : bur. in south Isle.

- 1698 Sept. 23 Robert Braken, son of Francis Braken, packer, lodger at Thomas Willmers: bur. in N. Churchyard.
 1702 July 3 John Cust, son of John Cust, Cutler, lodger at Thomas Wilmer's: bur. in N. Churchyard.

PARISH REGISTERS OF STIFFORD, CO. ESSEX.

- 1695 May 20 John Wilmer and Rhoda Davis, both of Bulfan in Essex, married by licence.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. MARY'S ALDERMARY, LONDON.

- 1730 May 27 John Willmore, buried.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ALLHALLOWS', BARKING.

- 1749 Dec. 27 Elizabeth Wilmer, buried.
 1752-3 Jan. 17 Edward Wilmer, buried.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE, LONDON.

- 1768 Dec. 4 William Ashby, Bachelor, & Sarah Willmore, Spinster, both of this parish, married, Mar. Lic. B. L.
 1773 Oct. 10 Thomas Wilmer & Letitia Jones, both of this parish, married.
 1774 Dec. 25 Charles Willmore & Catherine Arthur, both of this parish, married by licence.
 1783 Sept. 25 James Allen & Ann Willmer, both of this parish, married by banns.

PARISH REGISTERS OF STOKE NEWINGTON.

- 1786 Feb. 23 George Willmer, of St. Ann's, Westminster, Widower, & Charlotte Sandford, of this parish, Spinster, married by licence.

The following Funeral Bills are from the College of Arms, London:—

A Bill for work done for the funeral of Mr. Wilmer, "buried at bow Ma: y^e 2^d 1657." Arms: ("Wilmer of Essex") Gules, a chevron between 3 eaglets displayed or; impaling ("Jacob of Essex") Argent, a chevron gules between three (*query* heraldic tigers' heads erased proper). [*Painter's Work Book*, I. B. 3., p. 10.]

A Bill for work done for the funeral of Mr. Wilmer's child at Bow. [*Painter's Work Book*, I. B. 1., p. 78.]

A Bill for "the ffunerall of of Mr. Wilmer his wife's name was "Crispe." Arms: Gules, a chevron argent between three eaglets displayed or (Wilmer); impaling Or, on a chevron sable five horse-shoes argent (Crispe). [*Painter's Work Book*, I. B. 1., p. 46.]

A Bill for "worke don for the funeral of Madam Wade, May the "10th 1689 her Madene = Willmer." Arms: Azure, a saltire between four escallop shells or (Wade); impaling Gules, a chevron vair between three "eagles displaced or" (Wilmer). [*Painter's Work Book*, H. 1., p. 107.]

A Bill for "Worke don for the funeral of Mr. Willmor." Arms: Gules, a chevron vair between three eaglets or. [*Painter's Work Book*, H. 1., p. 52.]

1568-9 February 4th. Will of Thomas Wyllmer, thelder, of Enderby, co. Lincoln, Husbandman. My body to be buried in the Churchyard of Enderbye. To Willyam my sonne. To Elizabeth my daughter. Unto the child that my wyfe is withal, be yt man child or woman. My heir to continue with his mother until of age. John Marshe and Robard Wyllmer to be overseers of this my wyll. To my brother, Thomas Marshe. To my brother William. To my Godchilde, William Marshe. My Wyfe to be full Executrix. Witnesses: Nicholas Wodey, Reader John Marsh, W^m bent, Robard Wyllmer, W^m Medows, Thomas Marshe, with other mē. [Proved 19th April 1569, at Lincoln.]

Thomas Bent, of Enderby, co. Leicester, married Alice, dau. of Wilmer of Enderby, and from them were descended the Bents of Enderby. [*Visit. Leicester*, 1619; Harl. Soc. Publ., vi. p. 158.]

1810 August 3rd. Mr. Willmore, of Enderby Mill, co. Leicester, died. [*Gentleman's Magazine*.]

1623 July 28th. Will of Agnes Willmore, of Goxhill, co. Lincoln, widow. To be buried in Goxhill Churchyard. To John Walker, my son in law, xii*d.* for his wives porson. To Robert Shenell, my son, xii*d.* for his chald's porson. Residue to Thomas Willmore, my son, whom I appoint sole executor. I entreat George Selby and Edw. Cooke to be supervisors. To Elizth, my daughter, wife of John Walker. To Agnes Willmore, her..... Witnesses:—Geo. Selby, Robert Hewbrouge, Edw. Cooke, and W^m Sargent. [Proved 25th August 1627, at Lincoln.]

1638 December 17th. Will of Thomas Willmore, of Goxhill, co. Lincoln, Husbandman. To be buried in the Churchyard of Goxhill. To Margaret, my daughter, wife of Phillipp Cooke. To Theophiley my son Phillipps Cook daughter xxs. when 21. To my sons, Daniel Willmore and Thomas Willmore, 3*l.* each when 21 years of age. To my daughters, Elizabeth Willmore, Mathew Willmore, and Mary Willmore, 3*l.* each when 21. Residue to Mary Willmore, my wife, whom I make sole executrix. My brother Rob^t Camell, and W^m Allenbie to be supervisors. A debt owing to Rob^t Paynott. [Proved 2nd April 1639, at Lincoln.]

1647 April 27th. Will of Mary Willmore, of Goxhill, co. Lincoln, Widow. My Body to be buried in the churchyard of Goxhill. To Thomas Willmore, my 2nd son, 6*l.* at 21. To Mathew Willmore, my daughter. To Mary Willmore, my youngest daughter, 6*l.* at 21. To Elizabeth Allven, my daughter. To M^grett Cooke, my daughter. To Phillip Cooke my soñe in law fower children 10*s.* at 21. To my brother Richard Willson thre soñes. Residue to Daniell Willmore, my eldest senne, whom I appoint sole executor. I entreat William Allanebee and Edward Ledger to be supervisors. Witnesses :—Robert Camell, Edward Ledger, etc. [Proved at Lincoln.]

164... April 25th. Will of John Wilmer, of Barton Uppon Humber, co. Lincoln. My body to be buried within the Church of St. Maries in Barten. To William, my eldest sonne, 25*l.* (15*l.* when he is 14 and the other 10*l.* when 21). To Thomas, my sonne, 25*l.*, etc. To Anne, my daughter, 20*l.* (10*l.* when she is 12 and 10*l.* when 21). To Frances Page, my daughter in law, 10*s.* when she is 21. Residue to Elizabeth, my wife, whom I appoint sole executrix. Thos. Thompson and R^d Midson, my good friends, to be supervisors. Witnesses :—R^d Paige, Tho^s Thompson, Richard Nicholson, George Blassett, and Robert Gunger. Debt of 3*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* owing to the testator from Marie Wilmer, of Goxhill, by Bond. [Proved at Lincoln.]

1670 November 9th. Will of William Wilmer, of Barton upon Humber, co. Lincoln, Yeoman. My body to be buried within the Churchyard of St. Marie's, Barton. To Edward Willmore, my son, when 21 years of age. To Hector Willmore, my son, 5*l.* at 21. If my son Edward dye before 21, my son Hector to have my land and close

in Barton aforesaid. To William Wilmore, my son, 5*l.* at 21. If my son Edward dye before 21, my son William shall have the house I live in. To John Wilmore, my son, 12*d.* Residue to Alice, my wife. She and my son John to be executors. John Hall my father and John Hall my brother to be supervisors. Witnesses :—Thomas Wilmore and Thomas Jackson. [Proved 6th May 1671, at Lincoln.]

1557. Will of Thomas Willmer, of Morton. My body to be buried in the Churchyard of our lady in Morton. To the Mother Church of Peterborough ii*z.* To the Church of Morton xii*d.* To my sonne Thomas, when 18 years of age. To my sonnes, John, Richard, and William. To my daughters, Jone, Agnes, and Margaret. My wife and my son William to be executors, that they may dispose all things to the pleasure of god and the profit and welfare of my soule. John Hudson to be my overseer. Witnesses :—Johne Bosworth, curate, John Hudson and John pear. [Proved 22nd September 1557, at Peterborough.]

1575 November 15th. Will of Henry Wilmer, Husbandman, of Burley, co. Rutland. To be buried in the churchyard of Burley. My four children Edward, William, Rowett, and Isabel. [Proved at Northampton.]

1618 June 12th. Will of John Willmore, of Belton, co. Rutland, Labourer. To be buried in the parish Churchyard of Belton. To Thomas Caterb....., my sonne in law. To Roger Willmore, my son. To Francis Willmore, my son. Rest to Elizabeth Willmore, my daughter, whom I make sole executrix. Mr. Thomas Haslewood, gent., of Belton, and William Duerende, of the same, to be supervisors. [Proved 29th June 1618, at Peterborough.]

1681 April 10th. Will of Jeffery Willmere, of Brook, co. Rutland, Labourer. To my eldest sonne, John Willmere. To my sonne, William Willmere. To my daughter, Bridgett Willmere. Residue to my wife Bridgett, and she to be sole executrix. Witnesses :—Jane Willmer, etc. [Proved 31st August 1681, at Peterborough.]

In the north aisle of St. Andrew's church, Hertford, there is the following M.I. :—

ORATE PRO ANIMÂ JOHANNIS WILMER.

[Clutterbuck's *Hertfordshire*, ii. p. 171.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE MATRICULATION REGISTERS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF OXFORD.

- 1603 July 8 John Wilmer, aged 18, son of Wilmer, Gent., of co. Leicester—at Trinity College.
- 1650 Nov. 22 William Wilmer, son of Wilmer, Esq.,—at Oriol College.
- 1711 May 16 William Wilmer, aged 18, son of William Wilmer, Esq., of London—at Queen's College.

1603 July 23rd. George Wilmore, Esq., of co. Nottingham, was knighted at Whitehall, before the coronation of the king.

A royal licence, dated 2nd September 1611, was granted to John Wilmere and Judith his wife and Francis Cave and Jane his wife to grant to John Earle the fourth part of 1 messuage, 1 cottage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 150 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and of 10 acres of furze and heath, with the appurtenances, in Kylby, co. Leicester, which were held *in capite*. [Pat. R., 9 James I., p^t 40 (3).]

William Wilmore was Vicar of the parish church of Blackwell, co. Derby, and died before 20th August 1662. [*State Papers*, Domestic Series.]

1705-6 February 9th. Administration of the goods of Andrew Wilmer, of Arundel, co. Sussex, was granted to Caleb Fishweeke, guardian of William Wilmer, a minor, son of the deceased; Sarah Wilmer, the relict, having first renounced. The above grant expired, and another was made to the aforesaid William Wilmer, 21st March 1709-10, who was then of full age. [P.C.C.]

1724 November 23rd. Administration of the goods of William Willmore, of Ipswich, co. Suffolk, Bachelor, was granted to George Halfhide and John Drury, executors of the will of Henry Willmore, deceased, who was brother to the said William Willmore; Ursula Verbey, wife of Samuel Verbey, and aunt (on the father's side) and next of kin to the deceased, first renouncing. [P.C.C.]

1749 October 30th. Will of Richard Wilmer, the younger, of Hartley Wintney, co. Southampton, Woolcomber. To my honoured

Father, Mr. Richard Wilmer, of Farnham, co. Surrey, Woolcomber, and my loving brother in law, Mr. Marmaduke Daintry, citizen and goldsmith, of London, all my lands in Hartley Wintney, lately purchased of William Lamport, of Heckfield, and all my personal estate, in trust, to be divided among my children, when 21 years of age. My Father and Marmaduke Daintry to be executors. Witnesses:—John Seifkin, Samuel Harris, and Thomas Lecky. [Proved 6th February 1754, by M. Daintry; power reserved to Richard Wilmer. P.C.C. 63 Pinfold.]

In the parish churchyard of Harpenden, co. Hertford, there is a tombstone to the memory of Sarah Willmore, who died 23rd December 1815, and of Jacob Willmore, who died in 1816.





APPENDIX I.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE ESTATE
OF THOMAS WILMER OF COVENTRY, MERCER,
DECEASED.¹

(1) Writ of subpoena directed to John Goodier and William Hichecocke to be before the Chancery on the Morrow of Holy Trinity next. Dated 4 May, 2 Edw. 6.

(2) Interrogatories to be mynysteryd unto certeyn psons and wytnesses on the ptye & behalfe of Wyllm Wyllme^r.

First whether they doo pfectly knowe that Thom^{as} Wyllme^r late of the Cytye of Coventrye merce^r was lawfully seasyd in hys demesne as of fee of and in Certeyn lande and teñts * in the seyde Cytye of Coventrye or not.

Item what lande and teñts the seyde Thom^{as} Wyllme^r was seasyd of at the tyme of hys death.

Item of what valure the seyde londre and teñts were of.

Item whether the seyde Thom^{as} Wyllme^r dyd make a wyll of the seyde londre, etc.

Item whethe^r the seyde Thomas Wyllme^r by the same wyll dyd gyue and bequeth the seyde londre and teñte to Elyzabeth then hys wyffe to have and to hold to her for the terme of her lyffe and after her deceasse to Remayne unto Wylyyam Wyllmer of Ruyton to have, etc., for ever or not.

(3) Return to the writ.

(4) On the behalf of William Wyllmer "in perpetuum rei memoriam." Witnesses examined by William Bromley. William Hichecocke of Rugby in the Countie of War^{re} laborer of the age of xxx yeres * the vijth daie of June [2 Edw vi. A.D. 1548] * deposeth that he dothe pfectly kō that Thomas Wyllmer late of the Towne of Coventrye

1. See page 18.

mercier was lawfully seased in his demesne as of fee of and in certeyn lande and teñte * in the said Citie of Coventrye which he kōe by reason that he was his household ſuant and he further saeth that he was so seased of two houses or teñte in the pishe of Holy Trinitie in Coventry aforesaid a litle from Trinitie churche at the tyme of his deathe * And he saieth that * the said William² Wyllmer did make a will of the same lande aboute a quarter of a yere next before his deathe whiche was made in the vicarege of Woolson in the þsence of Roger Wygston Esquyer now decessed the said William Willmer one Mr Clerke then vicar there who wrote the same thes deþs William Goodyer and John and by the same will he saieth that the said Thomas Willmer did gyve and bequeth the said lande and teñte to Elizabeth then his wife To have and to hold to her for terme of her liff * to remayne unto Wylliam Willmer of Ruyton + forever. And he saieth that the same Thomas Willmer died in Lent was vij yeres * the said Elizabeth being yet in full lyff hathe e^o sithens * occupied and peacebly enjoyed all the þmisses, etc." [*Chancery. Town Depositions, Trinity 2 Edward vi., no. 34.*]

APPENDIX II.

SIR WILLIAM WILMER, KNIGHT, OF SYWELL.³

Extracts from the Journals of the Houses of Lords and Commons, relating to Sir William Wilmer, Knight:—

“ Die Mercurii, 16^o Martii 1641.

“ Peter Lord of the Parish of Welby and John James of Barten of the County of Northampton were called in; touching a Warrant, received from the High Sheriff, for publishing of a Book containing all Petitions and Messages from the Parliaments, and his Majesty’s several & respective Answers to the same, concerning the Militia: And Peter Lord said, That having on Saturday last, received such a Warrant, he repaired on Monday, to the High Sheriff, and told him ‘I came to know his mind about it’: Said he ‘Have not you published it? I will send you to the Gaol:—You are to publish it in the Church, and to every one of the Inhabitants of the Town:—Have not you the Book; the King’s Hand, *Charles Rex*; and my Hand, *William Wilmore*, High Sheriff?—This is to hinder the Militia, That is the end of it.—You

2. This should be *Thomas* Wyllmer. | 3. See page 51.

go contrary to all Men; and think yourself wiser than others.—The King must be obeyed, for all the Parliament.’ Then I told him, I durst not publish it without Consent of Parliament. He said, I must do it.

“Then John James, being examined said, He was present when all this, informed of by Peter Lord, was spoken by the High Sheriff; and can testify the Truth thereof; And saith farther, That the High Sheriff did check him for not causing the book to be read.

“Sir Christ. Yelverton, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Strode, Sir H. Vane, Junior, are appointed to withdraw forthwith to examine Peter Lord and Jno James; and to report their examinations to the House.

“Resolved, upon the Question that Sir W^m Willmer Knight, the High Sheriff of the County of Northampton, shall be forthwith sent for as a Delinquent, by the Serjeant at Arms attending on this House. Resolved, upon the question that Mr. Speaker shall direct these two persons of Northamptonshire, before mentioned, that they forbear to publish the Book, sent to the Sheriff of that County by his Majesty, containing the Petitions and Answers touching the Militia, until the business be further examined, and the House shall give further Order therein. The Persons aforesaid were called in: and Mr. Speaker, by the Commands of the House, took notice of their Care and Respect to this House, in not publishing anything that concerned the Passages of this House, without the Privy and Directions of this House, and gave them Thanks therefore. Ordered that Sir Ro. Pye do pay five Pounds to Peter Lord and John James, from this House, to defray their charges in this Journey: And this to be paid out of the Poll money here at Westminster.

“Die Lunæ 28^o Martii 1642.

“Sir Ch. Yelverton, Mr. Hollis, Sir Jo. Evelyn are appointed to examine the High Sheriff of the County of Northampton who is a Delinquent, under the restraint of this House; but by reason of great Weakness, at * * * *

“Die Jovis 7^o Aprilis 1642.

“The Sheriff of Northamptonshire, being called in, kneeled at the Bar; and afterwards standing up said, That he had given his Answer in Writing to the Information given against him, to which he did refer himself. Resolved, upon the Question that Sir W^m Willmer Knight, the High Sheriff of the County of Northampton, hath broken the Privilege of Parliament; and hath endeavoured to disturb the Peace of the Kingdom, by seditious words and actions. Ordered That this

Charge against the High Sheriff of the County of Northampton, shall be transmitted to the Lords by Word of Mouth, and that the Person of the said Sheriff shall be transmitted with the Cause ; And Sir Jo. Evelyn is appointed to carry up this charge, And that the Serjeant in whose Custody he now is, shall deliver him over to the Custody of the officer of the Lords' house. Ordered that Sir Jo. Evelyn, when he carries up the charge against the High Sheriff of the County of Northampton do move the Lords to give Directions speedily to put the ordinance concerning the Militia in Execution." [*Journals of the House of Commons.*]

"Die Jovis, 7^o die Aprilis, post meridiem, A^o 1642.

"A Message was brought from the House of Commons, by Sir John Evelyn Kt. who said he was commanded by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, of the House of Commons, to impeach and did in their name impeach Sir William Willmore, Knight, now High Sheriff of the County of North'ton, of High Crimes and Misdemeanours for breaking the Privileges of Parliament, and for endeavouring to disturb the Peace of the Kingdom, by seditious words and actions : that the said Sir W^m Willmore, being now in the custody of the Sergeant of the House of Commons, they do transmit both him and the cause, together with the examinations, unto this house, desiring that such punishment may be inflicted upon him as their Lordships in Justice shall think fit. 2. The House of Commons desires that their Lordships would put the ordinance for the Militia into execution. Next were read the Informations & Examinations concerning Sir William Willmore: videlicet, The Information given by Peter Lord upon oath ; that upon Saturday the 12th of March last, being Constable of the town of Wilbie in Northamptonshire, the High Sheriff of the County, Sir William Willmore, sent unto this Informant's House, a printed book, intituled *The several Petitions and Messages of Parliament concerning the Militia of the Kingdom, with his Majesty's answers thereunto* : which, together with a copy of the King's warrant, and withall a Warrant of his own, requiring and demanding this Informant to publish the book to the Inhabitants in the Town. Whereupon the Monday after, being the 14th, he repaired unto the High Sheriff, desiring his direction what he would have done with the Book ; to whom the Sheriff answered, That it was to be published ; and, understanding that the Informant had not done it, he said unto him, That he would send him to the Gaol ; and, the Informant desiring still to be directed by him what was to be done in it, replied still, You will to the gaol ; and said further, Have you not the printed book. Have you not a copy of the King's Warrant.

(William Willmore, High Sheriff) my own hand to it? You might have given it Mr. Pentlow, in the Church, And this informant, desiring to know for what end it should be read, the Sheriff answered, It is to hinder the Militia, that is the end; and added, The King is to be obeyed for all the Parliament, and said besides to this informant, pressing him still for further direction, You Wilbymen go a contrary way to all the world; are you wiser than all men?

“Peter Lord.”

“The Information of John James, Constable of the Town of Earl’s Barton, in the same County, Saith, that he went in company with Peter Lord, to the High Sheriff, and heard the Sheriff threaten Lord, to send him to the Gaol, because he had not published that book; and that he told Lord, that the end of publishing that Book was, to hinder the Militia; and that the King must be obeyed for all the Parliament; and that Wilbymen would go contrary to all men; and further referred himself to the examination of Peter Lord.

“John James.”

“March 18th 1641.—The Examination of Sir William Willmore, Knight, High Sheriff of the County of North’ton. This Examinant saith, That the Copy shewed him was the Copy of the King’s Warrant, and the direction under it was his own handwriting, That he had no other directions nor instructions than that Warrant from the King, whereof this was a true Copy. That one who called himself the Constable of Wilby, did, after the receipt of his warrant, repair to him, but did not, as he remembers, desire any directions from him what to do; but this examinant told him, he was to do according to the King’s warrant. That, understanding he had not done it, he asked him, if he longed to lie by the heels. That he told him, they had but the copy of the King’s warrant, subscribed by his own hand. That he only asked where Mr. Pentlowe was; but did not say they might have given it him in the Church. That they never asked him to what intent it should be read or published; nor did he say it was to hinder the Militia, nor any Thing to that purpose. That he said, The King must be obeyed, but not said, that it must be obeyed for all the Parliament. That he never said the Wilbymen went contrary to all the World, nor any Thing to that Purpose.

“William Willmore.”

“The House taking this Message into consideration; ordered, That the Gentleman Usher, attending this House, or his deputy, shall forthwith receive into safe custody, from the Sergeant at Arms attending the House of Commons, the body of Sir William Wilmer Knight, High

Sheriff of the County of North'ton, being transmitted by the said House of Commons, unto the Lords in Parliament; and him safely to keep until the pleasure of this house be further known. The answer returned to the aforesaid message was: that their Lordships had ordered the Gentleman Usher to receive Sir William Willmer, Knight, High Sheriff of the County of North'ton, into safe custody; and they would take the Impeachment into consideration in Convenient Time. As for putting the Ordinance for the Militia into execution, divers ordinances have already been delivered to several Lords Lieutenants, and their Lordships will speedily deliver the rest.

“ Die Sabbati, videlicet, 9^o die Aprilis 18 Car. 1642.

“ Ordered that Sir William Willmer, Knight, High Sheriff of the County of North'ton, now in the custody of the Gentleman Usher, attending this House, upon a Transmission of the House of Commons, shall be freed of his present restraint or Imprisonment, upon entering recognizance of Two Thousand Pounds, unto our Sovereign Lord the King, before the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, to attend this House, de Die in Diem, upon Notice given him from this house by the Gentleman Usher, or his deputy, or left at his Lodging in Town.”
[*Journals of the House of Lords.*]

The following extract from the Royalist Composition Papers (vol. 113, fo. 301), being unindexed, was not included in the extracts given at pp. 58 to 63.

“ S^r Charles Adderley. Knt. and John Wirley Esq^r Executors of the last will and Testam^t of S^r W^m Wilmer Kn^t deceased, for and in the behalfe of themselves, and of W^m Wilmer Esq^{re} an infant, under the age of 12 yeares. The delinquency was in y^e said S^r W^m Wilmer Kn^t deceased Grandfather to ye said W^m Wilmer an infant, who Render^d in Aprill 1646. The estate in Fee in possession p Annū 152li : 13^s : 4^d In debts—320li. For which the Fine at a sixt is—500li.

APPENDIX III.

ADDITIONS TO CHAPTER VIII.

The following notes have been sent to us by Richard Savage, Esq., since chapter VIII was printed.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ALCESTER, CO. WARWICK.

1585 Ap. 25 Richard, son of Jhon Willmoore, bapt.

1586-7 Feb. 22 George, son of Jhon Willmoore, bapt.

- 1637 Dec. 26 Vnitie, dau. of francis & Israell Willmoore, bapt.
 1640 Sept. 21 Samuel, son of francis & Israell Willmoore, bapt.
 1595-6 Feb. 7 Wm. Mealinge mar. to Ann Willmoore.
 1630 Aug. 15 Oliver Spencer mar. to Elizabeth Willmore.
 1633 Oct. 7 Jhon Greene mar. to Ann Willmoore.
 1637 May 11 ffrancis Willmoore mar. to Israell Hadley.
 1585 Sept 17 Richard, son of Jhon Willmoore, bur.
 1589-90 Mar. 15 Jhon Willmoore, bur.
 1597 Mar. 25 Richard Willmoore, bur.
 1633 Ap. 28 Simon Willmoore, bur.
 1637-8 Feb. 18 Unitie, dau. of ffrancis Willmore, bur.
 1642 May 28 Samuel, son of ffrancis Willmore, bur.

PARISH REGISTERS OF ROUND ALNE, CO. WARWICK.

1746 Ap. 23 Simon Cole and Mary Wilmore, both of Stratford-on-Avon, mar. by licence.

1758. Draft of a Lease from Joseph Willmoore of Stratford-on-Avon, Dyer, and Jane his wife, to John Pearshouse of Stratford-on-Avon, Brasier, of a close called Sling in the parish of Old Stratford The said close was purchased of Jos. Haddock by Sarah Willmore, grandmother of the said Joseph Willmore. [*Stratford and Shakespearean MSS.*, no. 88.]

In a manuscript pedigree in the possession of H.-F.-J. Vaughan, Esq., it is stated that Ruth, daughter of Thomas Leigh, of Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick, by his wife, who was a daughter of Thomas and Martha Wilmer, married Edward Turner, of Sutton Coldfield; and that Henry Turner, a grandchild of this marriage, wedded Catherine Lea, sister and coheirress of Ferdinando - Dudley Lea, Lord Dudley. Catherine Lea was twice married, her other husband being Thomas Jordan; but whether she married him first or second is uncertain.



ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.

- Page 6, lines 35-6. For *Bishop of Chester* read *Bishop Stubbs*.
- „ 36, lines 29-31. The following is a correct copy of the M.I. in Staverton church, as taken from a rubbing :—
 “ Here under Resteh the body of Thomas Wylmer
 Gent’ who had to wyfe Elizabethhe Crudge & had issue
 by her six sonnes and foure daughters wch Thomas
 deceased ye 31 day of January Anno Domini 1580.”
- „ 40, line 6. For *Canarvon* read *Carnarvon*.
- „ 84, line 25. For *youugest* read *youngest*.
- „ 101, line 34. Mary Wilmer, who married John Vaux, was buried at Dunstable, 21st Feb. 1657.
- „ 130, line 27. Frances, the wife of J.-H. Gossip, was born 5th Sept. 1804.
- „ 136, line 4. Anne, the wife of Wilmer Wilmer, was born 13th Jan. 1806.
- „ 145, line 26. E.-F. Duncombe was baptized at Kilnwick Percy, 11th Nov. 1846.
- „ 147, line 14. For *Lord Bishop* read *late Lord Bishop*.
- „ 149, lines 4 and 28, and page 151, lines 17 and 19. In the square brackets, for *H* read *J*.
- „ 167-168. Note 1 should read :—The parish churches of Haseley and Hatton lie within a stone’s cast of one another, and the registers of both parishes for this period were entered in one book at Hatton. Haseley has a copy of its own register, but we were unable to refer to it.
- „ 224, line 24. The arms of Corrance are: Argent, on a chevron between three ravens sable as many leopards’ faces or.
- „ 224, 3rd line from the bottom. Miss Watts-Russell is a daughter of Mr. Watts-Russell, of Ham Hall, co. Stafford.
- „ 237, line 8. For *Susannah-Crafton* read *Susannah Crafton*.
- „ 238, line 12. For *F.M.H.* read *parish church*.
- „ 238, line 15. For *Luton* read *Leiston*.
- „ 241, line 12. It should have been mentioned that Dr. Green is the author of *An Introduction to Pathology and Morbid Anatomy*.
- „ 245, line 13 and note 2. Henry Watson, father to Mrs. Joshua Green, was the fourth son of Joshua Watson, who, it appears, never assumed the title of baronet. We are informed that Sir Anthony Watson of Huntwell, the great-grandfather of this Joshua Watson, was the last member of the family who styled himself a baronet.
- „ 246, line 29. For *Jane Dunkin* read *Jane-Dunkin*.
- „ 254, line 17. Rachel-Elizabeth Tuckett is now living.
- „ 255, line 30. John-Eeles Littleboy died at Hunton Bridge, 3rd Aug. 1888, and was buried in the F.B.G., Great Berkhamstead, 9th Aug.

ADDENDA.*

Page 170, line 12. Robert Rookes, the elder, was the captain of the trained band of the hundred of Becontree, co. Essex. He was a member of the ancient family of Rookes, of Rooke Hall, in West Ham, was twice married, and had seven children. He died 5th Oct. 1630, and was buried in West Ham church, where there is a monument to his memory, with effigies of himself, his two wives, three sons, and four daughters, in postures of devotion. It does not appear that Elizabeth Wilmer was the mother of his son, Robert Rookes, who is mentioned in the text.—[*History of the Parishes of East and West Ham*, by Katherine Fry, edited and revised by G. Pagenstecher, pp. 203, 231.]

- ., 178, line 32. Constance Wilmer was living in October 1684 (*see below*).
- ., 179, line 6. For *secondly* read *thirdly*. An entry that has just been discovered in the registers of the Society of Friends shows that John Wilmer [VIII J], married secondly, 30th Oct. 1684, at the F.M.H., Devonshire House, Phœbe Knight, late of Dover, co. Kent, daughter of Nicolas Knight, of Good Mersham, co. Kent, deceased; her mother also being deceased. John Wilmer is described as of Friday Street, Silkman, son of Nathaniel Wilmer, of London, Grocer, deceased, and it is stated that John Wilmer's mother was expected to send in a certificate of consent at the second time of asking.
- ., 360, after line 16 insert:—Sarah Willmore, daughter of John Willmore, of Hatfield Street, in the parish of St. Giles Cripplegate, London, married George Taylor, of London, at the F.M.H., Peel, St. John Street, 5th Oct. 1710.

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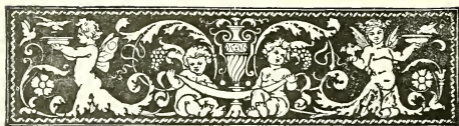
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