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GENERAL MEETING, 13TH OCTOBER, 1881.

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At the General Meeting held at the William Salt Library, Stafford, on the 13th October, 1881, the Right Honorable The Lord Lieutenant, in the chair; the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted:—

“That this Meeting desires to place upon record the regret with which they have received the intelligence of the death of the Rev. R. W. Eyton, and their profound sense of the great loss which the Society has sustained, in being deprived of the assistance and counsel of so eminent an antiquary.”

The following report of the Editorial Committee was read to the Meeting by Major-General Wrottesley:—

The Committee, in continuation of their former statement of December, 1880, have to report that the first volume of the Collections for a History of Staffordshire was completed, and issued to the subscribers in the early part of this year—the printing of Vol. II. is well advanced, and it is expected that it will be in the hands of the subscribers before the end of the current year. Its contents will consist of the Pipe Rolls of Richard I. and King John, edited by the late Rev. R. W. Eyton, and about thirty early Staffordshire Charters, which have been annotated by the same author. These comprise Part I. of the second volume. It has been deemed advisable to divide the new volume and those which follow, into two parts, to be bound up together, but with a distinct pagination and with separate Indexes—the first part to consist of the early Records, which will be printed as nearly as possible in chronological order, and the second part to comprise miscellaneous papers of a date subsequent to the feudal era, which may be said to terminate with the accession of the Tudor sovereigns. This arrangement will give much greater flexibility and scope to the contents of each volume, will probably attract a larger number of contributors, and be more acceptable to the general reader.

Part II. of Volume II. will contain—

1. The names of the Gentry of Staffordshire who made composition for not receiving the order of Knighthood, in the sixth and seventh years of Charles I., and the amount of their fines, edited by Mr. H. S. Grazebrook.
2. A copy of the Arms taken at the visitation of the County of Stafford, made in the years 1663 and 1664, by William Dugdale, Esq., Norroy King of Arms, and a list of those who disclaimed at the same date. This paper is likewise edited by Mr. Grazebrook.
3. The concluding portion of the History of the Parish of Plymhill, by the Rev. and Hon. George Bridgeman.

It is proposed in Volume III. to complete the records of the reigns of Richard I. and John, by printing the Plea Rolls and Final Concords of those reigns, and to continue the series of Staffordshire Charters. It is not considered advisable at present to print the Pipe Rolls of later date than the reign of King John, as with the accession of Henry III., records of more value for local history become available.

The Editorial Committee cannot conclude their report without alluding to the loss the Society has sustained, by the death of the Rev. R. W. Eytan. It hardly lies within their province to pass an eulogy upon one who occupied so distinguished a position as an antiquarian writer, but they wish to bear testimony to the irreparable loss caused by his death, so far as the proceedings of this Society are concerned. It will always, however, be a subject of congratulation, that the William Salt Archæological Society has been the means of laying before a large circle of readers, the latest fruit of an extent of antiquarian research to which few men have attained, and which will probably be unexampled for many generations to come.

It was announced to the Meeting, that the Council proposed to offer to the Hon. and Rev. George Bridgeman, the seat on the Editorial Committee vacated by the death of the Rev. R. W. Eytan.

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MAGNUS ROTULUS PIPÆ

DE ANNO

SECUNDO REGIS RICARDI PRIMI (1189-90),

STAFFORDSCIRA.

Tomas de Cressewella reddit comptum de dimidio anno. In thesauro xxxix.li. blanc.

Et in liberationibus constitutis iii.s. et iii.d. numero de dimidio anno Canonicis de Laentoni.

Et in terris datis quæ infra annotantur viii.li. et vi.d. blanc. de dimidio anno.

Et in Trentham xv.li. blanc. de dimidio anno de quibus idem Tomas reddit comptum infra.

Et in operatione Bretschæ et Pontis et Palitii Castelli super Limam xxv.s et ii.d. per breve Regis.

Et item in terris datis et liberationibus constitutis in Manerio de Trentham viii.li. et vii.s. et iii.d. et obolum de dimidio anno, numero.

Et in custodia Castelli de Tamewurda vi.li. per breve Regis.

Et debet vii.li. et xix.s. et v.d. blanc. Idem reddit comptum de eodem debito In thesauro liberavit et quietus est.

Hugo Bardulf reddit comptum de firma ejusdem comitatûs de dimidio anno. In thesauro xiiii.s. et vi.d. blanc. Et in elemosinis constituti Militibus de Templo i. marc. de anno integro.

Et in liberationibus constitutis Canonicis de Laentoni iii.s. et iii.d. de dimidio anno ad custodiam Domorum Regis de Cnot.

Et in terris datis Monachis de Bordeslega c.s. blanc. in Terdebigga de dimidio anno.

Et Willelmo de Herovilla xxx.s. blanc. in Wodnesberia de dimidio anno.

Et Hugoni Coventrensi Episcopo xxx.s. et vi.d. blanc in Cnot et in Ruggelega de dimidio anno.

Et in liberationibus servientium qui retenti fuerunt ad Utlagatos capiendos per diversa loca xxx.li. et xii.s. et ii.d. per breve Regis.

Et in operatione et reparatione Novi Castelli xvii.li. xviii.s. et iii.d. per breve Regis et per Visum Gilberti prepositi et Buerni.

Et ad custodiam Castellorum Novi Castri et Tamewurde xxv.li. de dimidio anno per breve Regis.

Et item in terris datis de Trentham Militibus de Templo xxi.s. et ix.d. et obolum blanc. de dimidio anno in Kiel. Et Johanni Capellano l.s. Et item in liberationibus constitutis x. servientibus iiii.li. et xi.s. et iiii.d. de dimidio anno. Et in pasturâ quam Rex concepit Johanni Extraneo iiii.s. et iiii.d. de dimidio anno. Et quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes reddit comptum de xxxiii.s. et iiii.d. de firmâ de Brom. Et de i. marc. de firmâ de Roelega. In thesauro nihil. Et in operatione septem Breteschiarum et emendatione Pontis Novi Castri xxxiii.s. et iiii.d. per manum Tomæ de Cressewella per breve Regis. Et in operatione prædictâ xxiii.s. et iiii.d. per idem breve et per Hugonem Bardulf. Et quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes reddit comptum de lx.s. de Cremento Novi Fori de Trentham.

Et de xxi.d. de domo Walteri Prepositi in Cymiterio de Stafford. In thesauro nihil.

Et pro fossato prædicti Castri emendando et Domibus et Palatio reparandis lx.s. et ix.d. per idem breve. Scilicet per Hugonem Bardulf xxxi.s. et ix.d. et xxx.s. per Tomam (de Cressewella). Et quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes reddit comptum de iiii.s. de Exitu molendini de Cradeleâ. In prædictâ operatione iiii.s. per prædictum breve. Et quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes. (*sic*).

Robertus de Broc reddit comptum de vi.li. et xiii.s. et iiii.d. de censu forestæ de Cnot. In dono per breve Regis ipsi Roberto viii. et i. marc. ad retinendos servientes in servitiô Regis in foresta de Cnot. Et quietus est.

Willielmus filius Widonis debet ii. dextrarios de misericordiâ Regis pro Forestâ.

Idem Vicecomes debet xxi.s. de Wastis et Essartis et Propresturis et Placitis Forestæ de Staffordscira per Tomam filium Bernardi.

Ærnaldus Presbyter debet i. marc. pro stulto dicto.

Ricardus miles, Forestarius, debet dimid marc. pro defaultâ.

Robertus de Belmes debet dimidiam marcâ pro Bosco vendito in Forestâ.

Alina de Durlavestonâ debet ii. marc. pro recto in Curia Regis de terrâ de Olneâ versus Walterum de Chavereswella.

Johannes Marescallus debet xlii.s. de veteri firmâ de Kenefarâ quos cognovit se recepisse sicut annotatur in Rotulo præcedente.

Idem Vicecomes r.c. de viii.d. de Clent hundred pro murdro. Et de xvii. de Pyrhelle hundred pro murdro. Et de x.s. de Tedinga Willielmi Meredith. In thesauro liberavit in iii. talliis. E. Q. E.

Ailmerus de Mere debet dimid. marc. pro falso clamore. Willielmus filius Estivæ debet dimid. marc. pro plegio Gerardi Gansell.

Willielmus de Len debet dimid. marc. pro falso clamore.

Robertus filius Suein debet dimid. marc. pro plegio Estivæ.

Willielmus filius Alani x. marc. pro plegio nepotis sui.

Herbertus Juvenis de Lantoni debet xls. pro habendo iudicio suo de loquelâ inter ipsum et Willielmum de Hou.

Walterus de Witefeld r.c. de vii. marc. pro habendâ Evâ de Langeford cum terra sua. In thesauro v. marc. Et debet ii. marc.

Willielmus de Ferraris filius Comitum de Ferrariis li.li. pro fine terræ suæ.

Hugo Bardulf c. and x.s. de Scutagio quos Hugo de Chaucumb Ballivus suus recognovit se recepisse.

Petrus Blundus x.s. de eodem Scutagio Walia. Gervasius Painell r.c. de xxii.s. et vii.d. de eodem Scutagio.

*Nova Placi a et Novæ Conventiones per Hugonem et Willielmum Coventrensem et Herefordensem Episcopos et Socios suos.*

Idem Vicecomes r.c. de i. marc. de Codulveston hundred pro murdro. In thesauro dimid. marc. et debet dimid. marc.

Tedinga Bernardi filii Letwini r.c. de i. marc. pro fuga Reginaldi. In thesauro dimid. marc. Et debet dimid. marc.

*De His qui totum reddiderunt.*

Idem Vicecomes r.c. de iiiii. marc. et dimid. de minutis misericordiis hominum quorum nomina et dobita et causæ debitorum annotantur in Rotulo prædictorum quem liberaverunt in thesauro. In thesauro liberavit in ix. tabliis. E. Q. E.

Tedinga Radulphi de Arlea debet dimid. marc. pro fuga Radulphi filii Radulphi.

Nicholas de Buregeston debet dimid. marc. pro novâ disseisinâ.

Hugo Presbiter debet dimid. marc. pro eodem.

Ailricus de Witegrave debet dimid. marc. pro supersisâ.

Gilbertus de Witegrave debet dimid. marc. pro eodem.

*De Novis Oblatis per Walterum Rothomagensem Archiepiscopum et alios Justiciarios.*

Ranulphus de Peritonâ r.c. de ii. marc. pro relevio suo. In thes-

occasional correspondence with the English Government. The Sheriff of Staffordshire was ordered to make out for Queen Emma an annual revenue of lands to the amount of £22 6s. 8d., that is £17 6s. 8d. in lieu of Hales and £5 in addition (*de cremento*). The Sheriff charged £19 17s. of this revenue on the King's manors of Alcester, Tettenhall, King-Swinford, and Clent, all of which were in the *Firma Comitatus*. He charged £2 6s. 8d. on the farms of Bromley and Rowley Regis, and three shillings on the issues of Cradley Mill, all of which revenues were the King's, and were receivable by the Sheriff, but not as Fermor of the County. If we look at the several parts of this Pipe-Roll, we shall find that one half of each item of Queen Emma's rent-charge was paid to her within the first six months of its endurance, and that the Sheriff took corresponding credits with the Treasury. The grant was not absolute, but "*quamdiu Regi placuit*"—a novel expression, on the Staffordshire Pipe-Rolls at least.

Page 25. Geoffrey fitz Piers, who, two years back, had received the Census of Cannock Forest from Robert de Broch, so received it as Justice of the Forest.

§ The Justiciars who had visited Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, and other counties during the fiscal year now ended were Hugh de Novant, Bishop of Coventry, William de Vere, Bishop of Hereford, William Marshall, Richard de Pecke (Pecco), and Master Robert of Shrewsbury.

THE NOVA OBLATA, by Walter, Archbishop of Rouen, and other Justices, indicate no provincial Eyre. The two Fines which follow had been negotiated by the Curia Regis, and in London. The Archbishop, then in alliance with Comte John, and supported by King Richard's instructions, had deposed the Viceroy, Longchamp, from the Chief Justiceship two years before (Oct. 9th, 1191). Since then the Archbishop of Rouen seems to have been Chief Justice. When, about this time (Sept. 1193), the Queen-mother and the Archbishop of Canterbury (Hubert) visited the captive King in Germany, the King appointed Hubert to the Chief Justiceship.

Ranulf de Perton's Fine was in succession to his deceased father, late tenant-in-capite of the Staffordshire Manor of Perton.

Hervey Bagot's Fine assures us of the death of another Crusader, Robert de Stafford, who, as we have seen, went in 1190. He died at a place and time unknown. He was the last Baron of the elder line. His sole heir was his sister Milicent, already the wife of Hervey Bagot. The marriage had probably been consummated at

## MAG. ROT. PIP., 6 RIC. I. (1193-1194).

Hugo Episcopus Coventrensis. (*sic.*) Hugo de Chaucumba r.c. de firmâ de Staffordscirâ de dimidio anno.

In thesauro xxxvii.li. et xvi.s. et vi. bl.

Et in Elemosinis constitutis Militibus de Templo i. marc. de anno integro. Et in liberatione constitutâ Canonicis de Laentoni iii.s. et iii.d. ad custodiam Domorum Regis de Cnot de dimidio anno. Et x. servientibus peditibus iii.li. et xi.s. et iii.d. ad custodiam patriæ pro malefactoribus. Et in terris datis Monachis de Bordeslega c.s. bl. in Terdebiga de dimidio anno.

Et Willielmo de Herovillâ xxx.s. bl. in Wodnesberia.

Et Militibus de Templo xx.s. et xx.d. bl. in Kiel de dimidio anno. Et in pasturâ quam Rex concessit Johanni Extraneo iii.s. et iii.d. de dimidio anno. Et in Wasto Forestæ de Schethelle iii.s. et vi.d. de dimidio anno.

Et Philippo de Stapleton ii. marc. ad robam emendam quia duxit servientes apud Salopesberiam ad eundem in Walam ad servitium Regis per breve Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis. Et Elie de Ætingeham ii. marc. ad robam emendam quia duxit servientes de Salopescirâ apud Salopesberiam in servitio Regis in Walam per breve Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis. Et in reparatione stagni vivarii de Novo Castro sub Limâ iii.li. et xvii.s. per breve Regis et per visum Gilberti et Ormi. Et in emendatione Domorum Regis in Novo Castro xxxiii.s. et iii.d. per idem breve et per visum predictorum.

Et in custamento ducendi xxvii. prisonas a Stafford ad Lichefeld. Et pro Judiciis et Justiciis faciendis xxiii.s. de dimidio anno. Et in emendatione Gaiolæ de Stafford x.s. per breve Regis. Et debet viii.li. et xiiii.s. et ii.d. bl. Idem r.c. de eodem debito. In thesauro lxxiii.s. et ii.d. et debet c.s. bl.

• *De Propresturis et Exactis.*

Idem Vicecomes r.c. de xxxiii.s. et iii.d. (*corrected in orig.*, xvi.s. et viii.d.) de firmâ de Brom. Et de dimidiâ marca de firmâ de Roelegâ de dimidio anno. In thesauro liberavit in ii. talliis. E. q. e.

Idem Vicecomes c. marc. pro habendo comitatu ad antiquam firmam quamdiu Regi placuerit.

Hugo Episcopus Coventrensis debet xvi.s. et viii.d. de firmâ de Brom. Et dimid. marc. de Roelegâ de dimidio anno. In th'ro lib. in ii. talliis. E. q. e. Idem Vicecomes r.c. de xxx.s. de Cremento Novi Fori de Trentham. Et de xviii.d. de exitu Molendini de Cradelegâ de dimidio anno. In thesauro liberavit in ii. talliis.

*Nova Placita et Novæ Conventiones per Willielmum Hereford Episcopum et Willelmum de Braiosa et socios suos.*

[Villata] de Brumeshel r.c. de dimid. marc. pro receptione Nicholai filii Walteri sine Tedinga. In th'ro v.s. et viii.d. Et debet xii.d.

[Willielmus] Franceis r.c. de dimid. marc. pro vino vendito contra assisam. In th'ro iii.s. et vii.d. Et debet i.s. et i.d.

[Idem Vicecomes] r.c. de xx.s. de Pirehul hundred pro murdro. In th'ro vi.s. et ix.d. Et debet xvi.s. et iii.d.

[Tedinga] Magistri de Bromwiz r.c. de dimid. marc. pro fuga Asculfi. In th'ro xviii.d. Et debet v.s. et ii.d.

[Tedinga] Nicholai de Langedon r.c. de dimid. marc. pro fuga ipsius Nicholai. In th'ro xii.d. Et debet v.s. et viii.d.

[Roscelinus filius Alaredi] r.c. de dimid. marc. quia non est persecutus. In th'ro xviii.d. Et debet v.s. et ii.d.

[Editha], de Edmundeston r.c. dimid. marc. pro dissaisina. In th'ro vi.d. Et debet vi.s. et vii.d.

[Tedinga] Gilberti de Vado r.c. de dimid. marc. pro fuga Rogeri de Linde. In th'ro i.s. Et debet iii.s. et viii.d.

[. . . . .] r.c. de dimid. marc. pro vino vendito contra assisam. In th'ro lib. F. Q. E.

[Tedinga Edrici Bulstar] debet dimid. marc. pro fuga Roberti filii Ernaldi.

[Tedinga Petri filii Brungiva] debet dimid. marc. pro fuga Roberti fratris sui. Lefridus filius Walteri debet dimid. marc. quia non habuit quem plegiavit. Walterus filius Godwini debet dimid. marc. pro eodem. [Ailwinus filius Leurici] debet dimid. marc. pro eodem. Philippus filius Ailwini debet dimid. marc. pro eodem. Robertus de la Le debet dimid. marc. pro eodem. Gilbertus de Odgreve debet dimid. marc. quia non persecutus est. Juliana de Parles debet dimid. marc. pro falso clamore.

*Taillagium Villarum Regis in Staffordscira.*

[Idem Vicecomes r.c.] de xx.s. de taillagio de Swineford. In th'ro iii.s. et iii.d. [Et debet] xvi.s. et viii.d. [Idem Vicecomes r.c.] de i. marc. de Clent et de Ruelega de eodem taillagio. In th'ro i.s. [Et debet xi.s.] et iii.d. [Idem Vicecomes r.c. de] xx.s. de Taillagio de Wulfrunehanton. In th'ro i.s. [Et debet xviii.s.] [Idem Vicecomes r.c. de xiii.s. et iii.d.] de Taillagio de Tettenhale. In th'ro xvi.d. [Et debet xii. solidos.] [Idem Vicecomes r.c. de] unâ marcâ de Ruggelea et Canoc. In th'ro xvi.d. Et debet xii.s. Idem Vicecomes r.c. de ii. marc. de Pencriz. In th'ro i.s. Et debet xxiii.s. et viii.d. [Idem Vicecomes r.c. de] ii. marc. de Alrewas. In th'ro xii.d. Et

eodem termino. In th'ro ix.li. et iii.s. et iii.d. et Willielmo Turketill xvi.s. et viii.d. in prebendâ quam habet in ecclesiâ Coventriæ de quartâ parte anni. Et Archidiacono Roffensi l.s. qui ei aretro sunt de prebendâ suâ de Coventre per breve H. Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi et habet de superplus l.s. qui computantur ei infra in compoto de Wichford.

Idem Willelmus r.c. de xiii.li. et xvi.s. et ix.d. de firmâ de Herdewich de dimidio anno. In th'ro xiiii.li. et habet superplus iii.s. et iii.d. de quibus iii.s. computantur ei in proximo compoto et habet de superplus iii.d.

Idem Willelmus r.c. de xv.li. de scutagio Episcopi Coventrensis. In th'ro xi.li. et xvii.s. et in suo superplus quod habet in compoto de Herdewich iii.s. et debet lx.s. de quibus xl.s. remanent super Willielmum Brun qui manet in Cestrescirâ et xx.s. super Hugonem Pantulf et Willielmum de Bameis sicut ipse dicit.

Idem Willelmus r.c. de xv.li. de firmâ de Wichford. In th'ro xii.li. et x.s. et in suo superplus quod habet in compoto de manerio de Coventre l.s. E. q. E.

Idem Willelmus r.c. de ix.li. et viii.s. et iii.d. de firmâ medietatis de Alencestre et de Brome quæ fuerunt Henrici de Penne. In th'ro liberavit in ii talliis. E. q. E.

*From the Pipe-roll of Lincolnshire, of Richard I.*

*De Secundo Scutagio exercitus Normannia.*

Herveius Bagot debet scutagium de x. militibus sed respondet de scutagio totius Baroniæ suæ in Staffordescirâ.

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NOTES ON THE PIPE-ROLL OF 8 RICHARD I. (MICHAELMAS, 1196).

Hugh de Chaucumbe continues to be Sheriff, but now acts through a Deputy—the active, sagacious, and eventually successful Thomas de Erdington.

One thing to be observed in the *Corpus Comitatus* is that Rugeley and Cannock, purchased by Hugh de Novant previous to the Crusade, and since forfeited, had ere this been restored to that Prelate by order of the Viceroy Hubert.

This account affords curious information as to the scale of pay and wages current at the period. The pay of a Knight, probably engaged for foreign service, was one shilling per day; that of a Serjeant-at-arms (Servientis) was sixpence per day, but this necessitated the keeping of one horse by every nine such Servientes. The pay of an ordinary foot soldier was twopence per day, but over every nineteen of such soldiers there presided a "master foot-

shire. The Honour of Newport Pagnell was in the latter county.

Stephen de Beauchamp's Fine is for a "writ of right" to determine who was the rightful Seigneur over Roger de Somerville, in regard to his tenure of two Knight's Fees in Wichnor and Syerscote. The various documents which bear upon this interesting question of feudal law and hereditary descent cannot be introduced with any propriety in a Pipe-Roll note. But the date, here supplied by the Pipe Roll, will be of much importance in any future attempt to tell the whole story.

§ Geoffrey le Savage (having recently entered upon his inheritance) compounds for his assessment to the last scutage of Normandy, of which no less than three had been ordained within the thirty months which had followed on King Richard's release. The first Scutage of Normandy was ordained in A.D. 1194, the year of King Richard's return. It does not appear to have been assessed on any of the Baronies of Staffordshire or Shropshire. The second Scutage of Normandy, assessed in 1195, was put in course of collection in 1196. It was at the rate of £1 per fee. In the list before us (p. 58) the Bishop of Coventry, Ralph de Sumeri, Thomas de Verdon, and Hervey Bagot were each assessed under Staffordshire for the whole of their respective Baronies wherever situated. Hugh Pantulf and Henry de Oilli were each assessed only on such portions of the Barony of each as were in the County. The Earl Ferrers and William de Braiose were not assessed under Staffordshire, but their assessments elsewhere included all that they had or may have had in Staffordshire. Ralph de Sumeri's Scutage was wholly released by the Viceroy Hubert.

§ Among the securities which escheated to the Crown on the death (A.D. 1189) of Aaron, "the Jew of Lincoln," were three cartels establishing the indebtedness of William Basset to the usurers's estate, in sums amounting to £15 13s. 4d. This debt reverted to the Crown, but hitherto had failed to be recovered by the Sheriff of Leicestershire. It is now put in charge in Staffordshire. William Bassett, the original borrower, was of Sapcote (Leicestershire), and of Cheadle, Staffordshire. He had suffered some escheat in 1194.

§ The third Scutage of Normandy was assessed and partly collected in the fiscal year ending Michaelmas, 1196. The Bishop of Chester (meaning Coventry) is said in the Staffordshire Roll to account thereof in Leicestershire and Warwickshire. The rate was again £1 per fee. The Schedule of Staffordshire assessments is

nearly as that for the second Scutage. The Viceroy Hubert has again excused Ralph de Sumeri's quota, but this time he has been directed to do so by King Richard's "Writ-de-ultra-mare." Probably De Sumeri was serving personally and with some of his knights in the Army of France.

§ Thomas Asfen's Fine of five merks has been paid by the equivalent 60s. 8d. to Geoffrey fitz Piers, whose account is of Forest matters. The Fine is here represented as *ut posset replegiari*, viz., that he (Asfen) might be admitted to bail in regard to his reappearance, if called upon to take his trial.

§ Peter de Broca seems had not paid the outstanding instalment (£5) due from him as before stated. So Fitz Piers had sold his working cattle (*averia*) and his stock of hides.

Of Fitz Piers' various receipts and dues, £1 13s. 4d. had been paid into the Treasury, and he had expended £24 18s. 9d. on the erection of a fortified *hall* or lodge in Kinver Forest, with a Chamber (for the King's use), a Kitchen, a Gaol, and other offices and utensils.

BERKSHIRE ROLL.—Hervey de Dokeswurda (Denchworth) was a Tenant in the fief of Stamford, and probably identical with Hervey de Wilbrighton of the Liber Niger. (See Staff. Collec., I., 169.)

OXFORDSHIRE ROLL.—Scutage on a knight's fee in Chiselhampton is charged against Ralph de Sumeri as the heir, not as the Tenant of Gervase Paynell. It was an arrear on one of his knights.

Richard de Stratton was a Tenant of the Barons Stafford.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND WARWICKSHIRE ROLL.—Eudo Martel completes his Fine of £119 3s. 4d. (Supra. pp. 29.)

"IDEM WILLELMUS, MAGISTER ABSALON PRO EO."—This account is by William de St-Mary-Church, the King's Escheator. It is an account of the Escheator's receipts and out-goings during six months' seizin of the Temporalities of the See of Coventry. The Estates named in the Schedule were Episcopal estates, in the several counties of Salop, Stafford, Derby, and Warwick. It would seem that neither a Viceroy's Writ nor an Escheator's arm could touch any thing or person in the Palatine County of Chester; but there also the Bishop had a temporal estate. The arrangement which caused Pantulf and La Zouche (Belmeis) to be amenable, in a matter of Scutage, to the See of Coventry, has escaped my enquiry. Its date will have been later than the Liber Niger.

This Escheator's Roll was evidently attached to the Pipe Roll by contemporary Clerks of the Exchequer. If attached to the right

relations between the Sheriff, the Justices in Eyre, and the Offices of the Treasury and the Exchequer.

The Fines and Amercements were divided into two classes by the Justices themselves. Those of lesser value, averaging, say, a merk or a pound each, were scheduled. One copy of the Schedule was handed to the Sheriff for the purpose of collecting the items; another copy was lodged by the Justiciars in the King's Treasury, where it furnished the Officers with a cheque or test of the Sheriff's accuracy in collection. The collection completed, the Sheriff transmitted the results to the Exchequer, stating the gross number of contributors and the gross sum of contributions. This statement, having been verified by, or compared with, the document in the Treasury, was engrossed on the Pipe-Roll, but no names, no items of payments, no causes of amercement, were added. I think these Amercements were technically known as *Amerciamenta per summonicionem*.

The greater Fines and Amercements (ranging from two to forty merks in the Assize Roll before us) were also scheduled by the Justices, and the Schedule, specifying every particular of offence, offender, and penalty, was handed to the Sheriff for execution. He, in due course, handed the same into the Exchequer, with his own notes as to full or partial collection, and the whole were engrossed on the Pipe-Roll. These Amercements were called, I think, *Amerciamenta per Rotulum*, I suppose because, constituting a necessarily recurrent account, they must needs be enrolled for future reference.

A TALLAGE, assessed by the same Justices, was a usual business of Assize. This Tallage may be taken as a correlative of the seventh scutage of King John.—

§ Robert, son of Wulviva, assessed at £5, will have represented some Crown estate, of which he was perhaps Bailiff.

Bromley-Regis, held in capite by Cecilia de Hadley, was talliated in the present instance perhaps because at the period of assessment her estates were *in manu Regis*.

*Nova Oblata.*

§ In Hugh de Okeover's Fine, for "Reginaldum Purcel" we should read "Rogerum Putrell," and for "Swelvestona," we should read "Snellestona." (*Vide* p. 137.) Snelston was in Derbyshire, in the parish of Norbury.

§ Lapley Priory, being a dependency of a French Abbey (St. Remigius' at Rheims), was probably at this time, when King John was at war with France, seized by the Crown. The Priorate would

Henricus de Piri debet i. marc. ut ipse et alii homines habeant Hawisam matrem suam et Agnetem filiam suam in custodia usque ad adventum Justiciorum.

Tomas filius Rogeri debet dimid. marc. pro habendo Ricardo Wardebois sub plevina.

Henricus de Brumlega debet dimid. marc. pro esse sub plevina.

Aufridus Hunte debet dimid. marc. pro eodem.

Rayns de Pirie debet i. marc. ut sit in Warda.

*From the Pipe-Roll of Warwickshire and Leicestershire, of 9 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Roheisia de Verdun r.c. de vi. marc. pro licencia concordandi. In th'ro lib. et quieta est.

*From the Pipe-Roll of Salop, 9 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Tomas de Blanco Monasterio r.c. de c. marc. et ii. palefredis pro habenda in uxorem Margaretā Extranea quæ fuit uxor Tome Noel cum hereditate suâ et maritagio suo et rationabili dote suâ. Inde invenit plegios Tomam de Muleton de xx. marc. Reginaldum de Blanco Monasterio de xx. marc. In thesauro x. marc. et debet quatuor xx. et x. marc. et ii. palefridos.

*From the Pipe-Roll of Oxfordshire, 9 John.*

Walterus de Tiwe r.c. de cccc. marc. et iii. palefridis pro habenda in uxorem Avelina quæ fuit uxor Osberti de Longocampo. In th'ro nihil et in perdonis ipsi Waltero cccc. marc. et iii. palefridi per breve Regis et quietus est.

*From the Pipe-Roll of Essex and Hertfordshire, 9 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Henricus Archidiaconus Stafford debet l. marc. et ii. palefridos, set requirendus est in Staffordscira pro habenda custodia terre et heredis Oliveri filii Nigelli et pro habendo maritagio eorundem (*sic*) heredum et pro maritanda Ancie quæ fuit uxor ipsius Oliveri.

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NOTES ON THE PIPE-ROLL OF 9 JOHN (MICHAELMAS, 1207).

The new grants of Crown-lands indicated by this Roll were as follows:—Four Librates of land in Tettenhall given to William de Gamages;—the grant to take date in the Sheriff's accounts from Christmas, 1205. Ten Librates of land in Penkridge, given to Hugh Hose;—the grant to date from Midsummer, 1207.

PROFICUUM COMITATUUM.—The balance against himself (£229 14s. 10d.) here recorded by Erdington, is a precise resumption of the account stated at length under the 8th year, except that this balance does not include Robert de Hauterive's responsibility for £24 4s.

falta prædicti Instauramenti quod eodem modo retinuit. Et lv.li. et iiii.s. et iiii.d. pro pretio illius Instauri.

*From the Buckinghamshire Pipe-Roll, 10 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Radulphus de Sumeri r.c. de c li. et ii. palefredis pro habenda saisina villæ de Neweport quam mater sua tenuit et unde ipse se demisit tempore Regis Ricardi et unde ipse Rex homagium suum recepit. In th'ro xxxv.li. et vi.s. et viii.d. et debet lxxiii.li. et i. marc. et ii. palefredos.

*From the Warwickshire and Leicestershire Pipe-Roll, 10 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Rohesia de Verdun r.c. de vi. marc. pro licentiâ concordandi. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

*From the Warwickshire and Leicestershire Pipe-Roll, 11 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Avisa uxor Eutropi Hasteng debet ii. marc. pro habendo quodam precipe versus Umfridum Hasteng.

*From the Salop Pipe-Roll, 11 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Willelmus de Brai r.c. de ii. marcis pro licentiâ concordandi.

Henricus le Not. r.c. de i. marc. pro quodam pone. In th'ro lib. E. q. E.

NOTES ON THE PIPE-ROLL OF 10 & 11 JOHN  
(MICHAELMAS, 1207--MICHAELMAS, 1209).

The Pipe-Roll of 10 John contains no full or detailed account of Erdington's two Shrievalties during the year ending Michaelmas, 1208; but there is an Index of all the English Shrievalties, and a synopsis of what sums each Sheriff paid or left due at the half-yearly audit of Easter, 1208. The document is headed in the form following:—

*Visus Compoti Vicecomitum totius Angliæ de termino Pasce Anni  
Regni Regis Johannis Decimi.*

(Here it should be explained that Easter, 1208, was not in the tenth regnal year of King John, but was in his tenth fiscal year.)

The entries in this Index which concern Erdington's two Shrievalties are as follows:—

STAFFORDSCIRA. SALOPSCIRA.

Tomas de Erdinton de firmâ de Salop'. In thesauro nil. Et debet £16 16s. 4d. Idem de firmâ de Staffords'. In thesauro £33 3s. blanc. Et debet 33s. 11d. blanc.

Eighteen months later, viz., at Michaelmas, 1209, Erdington's

account, now before us, as well as his account for Shropshire, embraces the transaction of two previous fiscal years.

It will be observed accordingly that each item of *Elemosinæ Constitutæ*, *Liberationes Constitutæ*, and *Terræ Data*, given in the *Corpus Comitatus* is just double the ordinary amount; while the *blanche ferm* of Staffordshire, ordinarily £140, is here £280.

§ Erdington's credit balance on the *Corpus Comitatus* was 56s. 3d. *blanche*; that is, he had paid so much more than his receipts. It is implied that credit had already been given him for such a sum in the account entitled *Debita Tomæ de Blanco Monasterio*. (But such an account is not to be found on any Staffordshire or Shropshire Pipe-Roll.)

It is further intimate that the sum for which such credit had been given was 56s. 3d. *blanche*, commuted into 57s. 10d. *numero*. It was a liberal rate of commutation, to the accountant at least.

PROFICUUM COMITATUUM.—This item had been reduced from £200 in the King's ninth year to 250 merks (£166 13s. 4d.) per annum in his tenth and eleventh years. But in this part of the Roll the Proficuum-account is of £30 left in arrear in the ninth year (see p. 145), and of twenty merks, part of £130 left in arrear in the seventh year (see p. 129.)

Of these twenty merks, the Officer of the Exchequer said something to the following effect, viz., that "the twenty merks ought not to be exacted from the Sheriff, for as a matter of fact, though not a matter of account, he had paid them at the Exchequer of Exchange. He had paid them in this way: having to make up a *proficuum* (in the year 1205) of 480 merks, he did it in good and stout coin; whereas the coin which he had received was poor." Erdington, it seems then, had enacted a process of *dealbation* on his own account; but the sum he sacrificed, we may state, was not quite the usual five per cent., nor is the account of 1205, as left on its Roll, susceptible of any exact solution like that here (apparently) offered.

§ Robert de Hauterive's debt is again entered on this Roll. It had been recorded in the Roll of 9 John (Supra p. 148).

§ Thomas fitz Eustace, charged with an arrear of Thomas Noel's scutage, had married one of his daughters.

§ Hugh Hose's Fine for Penkridge had been made returnable to the Justices of Ireland, where he probably was residing. The *Aurum Reginæ* was an increment of ten per cent. on every Fine made with the King. The Queen Consort was entitled to the same, whether the Fine itself expressed this condition or not.

Idem Vicecomes r.c. de x.li. de firmâ de Pencriz. In th'ro lib. E. Q. E.

*De Finibus pro Passagio Hiberniæ.*

Idem Vicecomes r.c. de xv. marc. de Ricardo de Rushale. Et de xv. marc. de Henrico de Verdun. Et de iii. marc. de Ranulpho de Bayll. Et de ii. marc. de Willielmo de Huleia. In th'ro lib. E. Q. E. Willielmus de Parles r.c. de i. palefredo pro habendis Militibus Comitatus in assisâ suâ. In th'ro iii. marc. Et debet i. marc.

Philippus filius Hologod L. marc. pro Rogero Gernet sicut continetur in Lancastrascirâ qui requirebatur ibidem.

*From the Warwickshire and Leicestershire Pipe-Roll, 12 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Ricardus de Bereford r.c. de xv. marc. pro habendâ Cecilîâ quæ fuit uxor Thomæ Camerarii. In th'ro c.s. et debet xii. marc. et dimid.

*De amerciamentis.* Philippus de Wasteneis r.c. de xx.s. In th'ro dim. marc. et debet i. marc.

*From the Berkshire Pipe-Roll, 12 John.*

*Nova Oblata.* Margareta quæ fuit uxor Radulphi de Sumeri r.c. de ccc. marc. pro habendâ rationabili dote suâ de terrâ quæ fuit predicti Radulphi viri sui Termini ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptist' anni xii. c. et l. marc. ad festum Sancti Michaelis c. et l. marc. per plegium Willelmi Marescalli. In th'ro xi.li. et i. marc. et debet cc. et quater xx. et ii. marc. et dimid. Eadem r.c. de eodem debito. In th'ro c. et lx.li. per Willelmum de Cardino et debet xxviii.li. et dimid. marc. Eadem r.c. de eodem debito. In th'ro c.s. et viii.d. per predictum Willelmum et debet xxii. i. et vi.s. Eadem r.c. de eodem debito. In th'ro xiiii.li. et vi.s. per Vicecomitem Oxoniensem de plegio Willelmi Marescalli et debet xlii. et x.s. Eadem r.c. de eodem debito. In th'ro lib. E. Q. E.

*De Auxilio assiso per scutagium in passagio Yberniciæ.*

Herveus Bagot r.c. de xx.s. de feodo dimid. militis de feodo suo. In th'ro lib. E. Q. E.

*From the Warwickshire and Leicestershire Pipe-Roll, 13 John.*

Willielmus de Aldithel' miles et Lucas de Alditleg armiger . . . . xxx.li. et ii. puleros equos ut deliberentur a prisonâ.

Ricardus Basset D. marc. reddendas infra v. annos scilicet c. marc. per annum quod Rex reddat ei custodiam terræ et heredis Radulphi Basset quæ tota est de feodo suo cum custodiâ heredis cum Catallis quæ ad commodum Regis non devenerunt, de quibus D. marc. Ricardus de Marisco debet respondere ad predictos terminos per finem inter ipsum et Ricardum Basset factum.

*From the Notts. and Derbyshire Pipe-Roll, 14 John.*

*De Placitis Forestæ per Philippum de Ulecote et socios suos.*

Johannes de Ipestan debet dimid. marc.

*From the Warwickshire and Leicestershire Pipe-Roll, 14 John.*

Willelmus de Aldithel' et Lucas r.c. de xxv.li. et ii. pulcris equis ut deliberentur a prisona. In th'ro nihil. Et in perdonis ipsius W. et L. x.li. per breve Regis et debent xx.li. et (*sic.*) Idem r.c. de eodem debent. In thro xiii.li. et in superplus' quod Vicecomes Salopescire habet in Salopescira in compoto de foresta vii.li. et ipsi Regi ii. pulcros equos per breve Regis et quieti sunt.

*From the Shropshire Pipe-Roll, 12, 13, & 14 John.*

Idem (Thomas de Erdinton) r.c. de £466 13s. 4d. de proficuo Comitatum de iij. annis. In th'ro £243 15s. 6d. Et in suo superplus quod habet supra £222 17s. 10d. E. Q. E.

Idem r.c. de £80 4s. de remanenti proficuo de anno decimo. In th'ro xx.li. Et in operatione Castri-super-Limam et emendatione Jaiolæ xx.li. Et debet xl.li. de quibus Custodes Episcopatus Cestriæ debent eum quietare de exitibus mercati de Lichefeld.

#### NOTES ON THE PIPE-ROLL OF 12, 13 & 14 JOHN.

(MICHAELMAS, 1209. TO MICHAELMAS, 1212).

Thomas de Erdington's account now extends to three years for both the Counties of his custody. Accordingly, all constant annual receipts and outgoings are trebled, and the ferm of Staffordshire stands at (£140 × 3 =) £420 blanche.

It will be curious once more to observe how the Sheriff's account, though composed of four items reckoned in blanche money and eleven items reckoned in ordinary currency, resolves itself into a clear blanche ferm of £140 per annum. For the blanche items amounting to £278. 18s. + the items of common currency amounting to £148 10s. 6d. — £7 8s. 6d. (or five cent. deducted from the latter items to reduce them to a blanche form) = £420 blanche. And £420 blanche for three years is £120 blanche for each of the three years in question.

In the Corpus Comitatus, we observe that ten Librates of land, given in 1209 to Hugh Hose, have been withdrawn, and three years accumulations are passed in account to Hugh de Nevill, but only as to a Trustee or Bailiff, for he is accountable for the same to the Crown.

Page 154. Robert de Hauterive's old debt is again repeated.

two Charters to Kenilworth, one of which passed in March, 1163, the following items are expressed and sanctioned. (Mon., VI, 223, VII. and 232, VI.)—

“Ecclesiam de Stanis, &c. cum omnibus pertinentiis, &c.

“Ex feodo et dono Roberti de Stafford terram quod fuit Curtesii in Linsbo (*aliter* Piesho, *but rrad* Tiesho) et terram quæ fuit Ailrici in Branchota et molendinum de W'ttona proximum ecclesiæ, et ex dono Wm Giffard et Rogeri fratris ejus terram quam habent in Herdewic . . . et ecclesiam de Wlwarda (*aliter* Wlfharda); et ecclesiam de Tiesho cum virgulto et molendino ecclesiæ proximo; et incrementis que Matildis de Stafford assensu Roberti de Stafford adjecit.”

So then it appears that neither King nor Bishop had as yet endorsed Robert de Stafford's design of making Stone independent of Kenilworth.

## THE STAFFORDSHIRE CHARTULARY.

### SERIES II. NUMBER XI.

ANNO DOMINI INTER 1138 AND 1171, OR 3-12 STEPHEN.

NICHOLAS DE MILWICH TO ROGER, BISHOP OF COVENTRY, CERTIFYING HIS GRANT OF MILWICH CHURCH TO STONE PRIORY.

(*Cotton MS. Vespasian E. XXIV., fo. 12.*)

Rogero Episcopo Coventrensi et universis Sanctæ dei Ecclesiæ fidelibus Nicolaus de Mulewys salutem. Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego pro salute animæ meæ et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum dedi et concessi et hac presenti cartâ meâ confirmavi deo et ecclesiæ Sancti Wlfani de Stanis et canonicis regularibus ibidem deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam de Mulewys cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in mansuris et terris et decimis et pratis et pascuis et aliis quibuscunque libertatibus in bosco et plano in aquis et viis et semitis et in omnibus aisimentis. Si autem aliquis heredum meorum hanc meam donationem et elemosinam in aliquo minuere vel perturbare temptaverit maledictionem dei omnipotentis et omnium Sanctorum et meam in perpetuum habeat nisi ad emendationem venerit. Si autem eam manutenuerit benedictionem dei et omnium Sanctorum et meam in perpetuum possideat. Hiis testibus Roberto de Stafford domino meo. Heleberto de Tene et Roberto et Willelmo fratribus ejus, Ernaldo de Waleton, R. de Eston, Ernaldo de Hildulveston et aliis.

## NOTES.

The attestation of Robert de Stafford and the address to Bishop Roger (de Clinton) suffice to prove the date of this Deed as between 1138 and 1147.

It seems probable that NICHOLAS DE MILWICH, the Grantor in this Deed, was a Priest. Possibly he was the *Nicholaus Clericus* who, *circa* 1122-5, attested Nicholas de Stafford's Charter to Kenilworth (*Sura* p. 195). Clearly he was that Nicholas de Mulewich who, *circa* 1155-1159, with other Clerks and Priests, attested a Charter of Bishop Durdent.

A Confirmation, by Robert de Stafford (II.) to Stone Priory, certainly later than this Grant of Nicholas de Milwich, does not include it, neither does Henry II.'s Confirmation to Kenilworth (*circa* 1163) mention it. But Robert de Stafford's Confirmation secures to Stone Priory—*terram de Frodeswella quæ est de feodo meo, sicut Nicolaus de Mulewic qui de me eam tenebat in elemosina, assensu meo ei (viz., Ecclesia de Stones) donavit.* (Infra, Series II., Number XV.)

Here, then, is some further proof that Nicholas de Milwich—holding thus in almoign—was a Priest. And as to Milwich Church being effectually given to the Canons of Stone, it was appropriated to them before A.D. 1291, the date of Pope Nicholas' Taxation, and it remained with them till the Dissolution.

§ Of the witnesses and other persons named in this Deed, it should be noted that Roger, Bishop of Coventry, Helebert de Tene, Robert, his brother, and Ernald de Walton were all deceased before A.D. 1166 (the date of the Liber Niger), while Robert de Stafford and William de Tene survived.

Of Helebert de Tene, it is probable that he held a lay fee in Milwich under Robert de Stafford. The genealogical interest, which attaches to him, his brethren, his ancestors, and his heirs can hardly be set forth in illustration of this Charter. The Charter rather constitutes an important evidence in relation to the Genealogy. (See Collections, Volume I., pp. 160-162.)

## THE STAFFORDSHIRE CHARTULARY.

## SERIES II. NUMBER XII.

ANNO DOMINI, CIRCA 1140-1150, OR 5-15 STEPHEN.

CERTIFICATE BY AGED PERSONS AS TO THE FEOFFMENTS OF NOEL, AND OF HIS SON, ROBERT FITZ NOEL, BY NICHOLAS DE STAFFORD, AND BY ROBERT DE STAFFORD, SON AND SUCCESSOR OF NICHOLAS.

(A fragment from the *Huntbach MSS. at Wrottesley, fo. 166.*)

Quia in omnibus inter majores natu et minores, et inter potentes et impotentes conventionibus testimonia ad lites dissolvendas necessaria inventa sunt, ideo tam majoribus quam minoribus totius Staffordiæ honoris notum sit et memorialiter preluceat, quod Nicholaus de Stafford, adhuc juvenis, Noello, more hereditario, similiter et postea Roberto filio suo terram Kintoniæ et Cokesloniæ in feodo, et per servitium dimidii manerii, et dimidii militis et ad servitium proprii Clypei domini Nicolai et ab omni custodia et operatione castelli cum illi liberam concessit &c. Postquam autem dominus Robertus paternalis hereditatis successor ad honorem Staffordiæ hereditario jure gratiâ Dei aspiravit, hanc eandem summâ dilectione conventionem quam pater suus Noello concessit Roberto Noelli filio quod notum sit omnibus suâ gratiâ concedit et concessit. Sed quia ipse Dominus Robertus post obitum patris sui scilicet Roberto Noelli filio quandam terram quæ est juxta Gnowshale dedit &c. Testibus Nicholao Nigelli filio; Radulfo filio Bueni &c.

## NOTES.

This memorandum was perhaps occasioned by some dispute between the Noels and their Suzerains, the Barons Stafford. The earlier transaction alluded to—the feoffment of Noel, by Nicholas de Stafford, “when a youth”—will have belonged to the æra of William Rufus (1087-1100); the latter transaction—the feoffment of Robert Fitz Noel by Robert de Stafford—belonged to the æra of Stephen (1135-1154).

We learn then, incidentally from this memorandum, that Nicholas de Stafford survived Noel.

Of the two witnesses, the first was probably the Grandson of a Domesday Baron, Nigel de Stafford, the second was with equal probability the son of a Domesday father, and if so of an age, venerable indeed at the date of this manifesto. Both witnesses were deceased before 1166, the date of the *Liber Niger*.

The document contains valuable hints for the construction of the Genealogies of De Stafford, Fitz Noel, De Longford, and De Standon.

Ranton and Cooksland still represent *Rontonia* and *Cokeslonia*. The estate near Gnosall, alluded to in the memorandum, was afterwards known as "Burgh."

The indication that the terms "Manor" and "Knight's-Fee" were ordinarily, and at a particular period used as convertible terms; the further indication that the oldest military feoffments implied personal service in the field by side of the Suzerain, but might also require the Feoffee's assistance in the building or maintenance of some definite Castle or Garrison;—these are indications of feudal custom and usage, such as we see modified, but hardly reproduced, in evidences of a later period. The Conqueror's policy was to found Castles himself, and to promote their foundation by his Barons. Henry of Anjou was jealous of the latter system, and did much to reverse it. The "service of the shield," the covenant of older feoffments, left an analogous idea in the later term "scutage," but the essence of scutage was that the "service of the shield" might no longer be inexorable.

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## THE STAFFORDSHIRE CHARTULARY.

### SERIES II. NUMBER XIII.

CIRCA MARCA, A.D. 1153, 18 STEPHEN.

TREATY OF DEVIZES, WHEREAT HENRY, DUKE OF NORMANDY, GRANTS, INTER ALIA, TO RANULF, EARL OF CHESTER, THE EARLDOM OF STAFFORD, AND THE FEES (OR FEALTIES) OF ROBERT DE STAFFORD AND NORMAN DE VERDUN.

(*Cotton Charter*, XVII., 2.)

(This Charter is also transcribed by Rymer, who preserves a few readings, no longer decipherable in the original. Rymer's date, viz., 17 Stephen, A.D., 1152, is no part of the Original, and is probably erroneous by a year.)

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Henricus dux Normannorum et Comes Andegavorum omnibus Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Comitibus, Baronibus Vicecomitibus et omnibus amicis et fidelibus suis Normanniæ et Angliæ, salutem Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Ranulpho Comiti Cestriæ omnem hereditatem suam Normanniæ et Angliæ sicut unquam aliquis antecessorum suorum eam melius et liberius tenuit, et nominatim castellum de Vira et Barbiffuvium cum tali libertate quod per totam banleugam possit capere forisfactum suum et Brullium de Fossis, et Alebec, et hoc unde erat Vicecomes in Albrincis et in Sancto Jacobo de hoc feci cum Comitem, et quicquid habui in Abrinchein ei dedi preter episcopatum et Abbatiam de Monte

nected with the territorial and hereditary problems which we have been exploring.—

Before the Battle of Lincoln, Stephen had entrusted the "Bailiwick of Tickhill, with all the outlying lands" (the Honour of Blythe in short), to Henry, Comte of Ewe, whom we afterwards find to have had a claim of inheritance thereto. The Comte fought at Lincoln on the side of Stephen, and was taken prisoner. The Castle of Tickhill, meanwhile had not been committed to the Comte. William de Clerfei had had custody of the Castle as Constable thereof, on behalf of Stephen, and it was in his hands, as Constable, when Stephen was taken prisoner. Afterwards, so we are told, Comte Henry recovered the lands of the Honour, but he never recovered the Castle.

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THE STAFFORDSHIRE CHARTULARY.  
SERIES II. NUMBER XIV.

11TH JANUARY, ANNO DOMINI 1155. ANNO 1 HENRY II.

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD MADE BY ROBERT DE STAFFORD (II.) AND HIS ASSESSORS  
AS TO DISPUTES BETWEEN THE CANONS OF STONE AND ERNALD, SON OF  
ENISAN DE WALTON.

(*Harleian Charters, X II., 6. British Museum.*)

Robertus de Staford omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Noverint universi tam posteri quam presentes quod ego R. filius Nicholai de Staford fui apud Stane propter quandam controversiam que orta fuit inter Ernaldum de Walton filium Enisani et canonicos de Stane de quibus questus erat idem Ernaldus quod quædam ad suum jus pertinentia occupaverant et in suo usus redigerant. Et quia possessio de qua agebatur ecclesiastica erat, affuerunt ex parte domini Walteri Episcopi Cestriæ Willelmus Archidiaconus Cestriæ et Radulfus Archidiaconus de Staford et Willelmus (Archidiaconus de) Lundo qui eandem causam diligenter audirent et ecclesiastico iudicio, loco Episcopi, terminarent. Nobis itaque presentibus canonici cartas suas et munimenta protulerunt quibus continebatur quod quæcunque adversus eos Ernaldus clamabat juste et canonice possidebant sicut ea quæ isdem Ernaldus et Enisanus pater ejus concessione et confirmatione patris mei et meæ ad opus ecclesie de Stanes vendiderant et quæ Rogerus Cestrie Episcopus petitione ejusdem Ernaldi et Enisani speciali auctoritate confirmaverat. Perpendimus etiam ex eisdem cartis litem aliquam de eadem possessione fuisse inter predictos canonicos et Hugonem

Vigilem qui tunc tempore ex dono Enisani et concessu Regis Henrici Waleton possidebat, et eandem litem apud Beccheham quod est in Canciâ in curiâ et presentîâ ipsius Regis terminatam et possessionem ipsam de qua agebatur Ecclesiæ de Stane adjudicatam et in perpetuam elemosinam ejusdem Regis cartâ confirmatam. Privilegium etiam domini Eugenii Papæ protenderunt in quo prefatos canonicos in protectione beati Petri et suâ susceperat et totas eorundem possessiones apostolicâ auctoritate confirmaverat pervasores vero et perturbatores ipsius ecclesiæ distincto anathemate feriebat. Cognoscentes igitur causam suam et possessionem canonicorum tot munimentis roboratam tot auctoritatibus confirmatam, paci prætereo providentes, predictam controversiam comuni consilio tam clericorum quam laicorum hæc compositione terminavimus, videlicet quod predictus Ernaldus totam columpniam suam quam contra canonicos hæbebat in presentîâ omnium nostrum omnino et absque ullâ retractione remisit et perpetuo quietum eis clamavit quicquid eâ die in Stanes et in Waleton possidebant, in bosco in plano, in pratis, et pasturis et exitibus viarum et exartis, in terris et decimis, in aquis et aliis quibuscunque rebus. Canonici verocroftam unam in Waleton de eis tenendam in feodo et hereditate Ernaldo concesserunt quæ erat proxima et contigua curti sui et pro quâdem warâ quam in eadem Waleton Stephanus et Radulphus de canonicis eâ die tenebant alteram waram in Estona quam Manius de Ernaldo eâ die tenebat ab eodem Ernaldo in escambium receperunt eâ conditione quod Ernaldus et heredes ipsius adquietabunt waram illam de Estona de omni calupniâ et de omni servitio et consuetudine ad me sive heredes meos pertinentem et ita liberam et quietam eam facient sicut erat wara de Waleton quando fuerat in manu canonicorum. Ego ergo Robertus de Staford petitione ipsius Ernaldi et assensu canonicorum hoc escambium inter eos concessi et waram illam de Estona ex toto quietam erga me et heredes meos ecclesie de Stanes in perpetuum confirmavi. Et Ernaldus ejusque heredes de warâ de Waleton restituent mihi ex integro servitium quod debebant mihi pro wara de Estona. Hæc autem compositio inter canonicos et Ernaldum facta est anno ab incarnatione domini m<sup>o</sup> c<sup>o</sup> . . . , iij. idus Januarii, Feriâ iij. in ecclesiâ de Stanes, et Ernaldus ibidem tacto sacrosancto altari pacem et fidem eidem Ecclesiæ sese conservaturum firmavit. Et ego Robertus ut frater et advocatus ipsius ecclesiæ hoc idem super altare confirmavi. Hujus compositionis testes sunt Willelmus Archidiaconus Cestriæ, Radulfus Archidiaconus Staford, Willelmus Archi-

1156." In 1159 he occurs as Abbot of "Stanle" (Stoneleigh) and in that year, on 13th December, he died.

ROGER ARCHDEACON, was of Salop. He held that office from 1130 to at least 1175, and so under three Bishops. He probably resigned office some years before his death. A Prebend of Penkridge, held by him, appears to have fallen vacant after the death of Bishop Peche (6th October, 1182).

ROGER ARCHDEACON (of Derby) was a Norman, and in favour with Henry II., who appointed him his Almoner. Accordingly he occurs no earlier than 1155. In 1159 he was appointed Bishop of Seez. "While yet Archdeacon of Derby he transmitted to the Abbey of Mortimer en Lions a copy of the Old Testament in two volumes."

"ALVERED" MONACHUS attests a Charter of Bishop Durdent, circa 1155 (Mon. VIII., 1244, 1249, VIII., XXIII).

HAMO and BOSO are prominent witnesses in a Charter of Bishop Peche, Durdent's successor.

WILLIAM DE MONTGOMERY.—A Church dignitary, elsewhere appearing in attendance on Bishop Durdent.

ROBERT, a Bishop's Chaplain, and ASSULF, a Rural Dean, conclude the series of Clerical witnesses. Then follow the Knights and Dependents (clientes) of Robert de Stafford.

HERVEY BAGOD (of Bramshall) and JOHN BAGOT (of Blymhill) belong to the period (1155-1159).

HUGH FITZ FULGERI appears elsewhere as a witness.

OSBERT, UNFRID, INGELRANN, and RICHARD. Probably Retainers of the Baron.

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† One or two readings of this Charter are uncertain, but not so as to affect the general sense.

## THE STAFFORDSHIRE CHARTULARY.

### SERIES II. NUMBER XVII.

ANNO DOMINI, CIRCA, 1157-1160. ANNO, CIRCA 3-6 HENRY II.

ROBERT DE STAFFORD GIVES TO WILLIAM DE RIDWARE, IN FEE, THE STAFFORD FEE IN RIDWARE.

(From the Rydeware Chartulary, transcribed Nichol's Leicestershire Vol. III., Part 2, p. 999.)

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Robertus de Stapford omnibus hominibus suis et amicis necnon et fidelibus salutem. Notifico vobis me dedisse Willelmo de

“John the Constable’s” attestation which, if we were quite sure that we identified him rightly, would give us a safe limit of date in the other direction.—

In July, 1157, when Eustace fitz John, Constable of Chester, in right of his wife, fell at Counsylth, his heir in that high office was his grandson, John, afterwards known as “John de Lacy,” but at first known as “John the Constable,” and as “John fitz Richard, grandson of the Lady Agnes fitz Nigel” (who was, of course, Eustace fitz John’s widow).

This John was under age in 1157; his ordinary Suzerain, the Earl of Chester, was under age also. Both wards fell, therefore, in turn to the custody of King Henry II.

Whether the King gave or sold the wardship of John de Lacy to Robert de Stafford, or whether young Lacy’s presumed tenure of the Staffordshire Manor of Caudon under Robert de Stafford gave that Baron any share in the youth’s wardship, or whether they were otherwise related, I do not care to discuss. Suffice it that I have given some ground for my theory that John de Lacy was the “Constable” who at one time was in the suit of Robert de Stafford, and that, if so, the date of this Charter was *c.* A.D. 1157-1166.

Let me remind the lovers of Charter-lore that in the first Deed of this Series (Supra pp. 195-6), William, Constable of Chester, was leading witness of Nicholas de Stafford’s Charter to Kenilworth, and that as Nicholas de Stafford was father of Robert de Stafford, so was William fitz Nigel, of Halton (the Constable in question), great-grandfather of John de Lacy.

Having stated my conception of the date of this Deed, it will be well to show by independent evidence how William de Ridware was, previously to his feoffment by Robert de Stafford, seized of an estate in Ridware which he held in capite of King Henry II.

“H. Rex Angliæ et Dux Normannie et Aquitanie et Comes Andegevie vicecomiti Stafford et ministriis suis, salutem. Precipio quod Willelmus de Rydeware teneat terram suam de Rydeware bene et in pace et quiete et juste et prohibeo ne super hoc injuste ponatur inde in placitum nec novæ consuetudines inde de eo injuste exigantur. T. Manasser Biset, Dapifer, apud Rademoram.”

The writer of these notes, thinking nothing at that time of William de Ridware, was enabled, by a cognate Charter to Fairwell Nunnery, to fix the date of King Henry II.’s visit to Radmore as in February, 1155 (Itinerary of Henry II., p. 6).

And now by a further process of reasoning and elimination, we

her beloved son, William? No! She called him "William fitz Hervey."

Sampson Erdeswick—I name him with reverence—was proud of his descent, and knew himself to be descended from William de Stafford, of Bramshall. Perhaps some sycophantic friend assured Sampson that William de Stafford was a son of Milisent de Stafford; so Sampson, much liking to be descended from the older Barons of the Toni race, believed himself to be so.

## THE STAFFORDSHIRE CHARTULARY.

SERIES II. NUMBER XXXI.

ANNO DOMINI, INTER 1217-1237, OR 1-21 HENRY III.

HERVEY DE STAFFORD'S GENERAL CONFIRMATION TO STONE PRIORY.

(*Cotton MS., Vespasian E. 24, folio 1.*)

Universis Sanctæ Matris ecclesiæ fidelibus presens scriptum inspecturis, Herveus de Stafford salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me pro salute animæ meæ et Petronillæ uxoris meæ et pro animâ patris mei Hervei et Milisante matris meæ et animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse et hac presenti cartâ nostrâ confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ et Sancti Wulphadi de Stanes et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus ecclesiam de Stanes cum capellis et pertinentiis et libertatibus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam in perpetuum de omni servitio et consuetudine et exactione seculari ad nos et ad heredes nostros pertinente. Preterea concedimus et eadem libertate dictis canonicis confirmavimus ecclesiam Sanctæ Mariæ Staffordiæ cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis et ecclesiam Sancti Leonardi de Madeleh cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis, ecclesiam de Dulverne cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis que est de feodo meo quam habent de dono Roaldi de Dulverne assensu et confirmatione Roberti de Stafford avi mei. Ecclesiam quoque de Mulewich cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis quæ est de feodo meo quam habent de dono Nicolai de Mulewich. Ecclesiam etiam de Tisho cum capellis et pertinentiis et libertatibus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Ecclesiam de Wulward cum capellis et pertinentiis suis et libertatibus. Preterea concedimus et simili libertate dictis canonicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam confirmavimus totam terram de Stanes et de Waleton cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis quam habent de dono Ernaldi et Enisani de Waleton et heredum eorum et medietatem totius villæ de Stoke in puram et perpetuam elemosinam et medietatem nemoris

cum communis et libertatibus ad eandem villam pertinentibus quam habent de dono Nicolai de Titneshovere, et dimidiam virgatam terræ cum pertinentiis in villa de Aston quam habent de dono Winifridi Boye et totam terram ad pedes Castelli nostri de Stafford cum una hyda terræ et virgultis in Tisho cum pertinentiis et libertatibus in illius terræ quam habent de dono Roberti Bagot filii Rogeri dapiferi. Et totam tenuram Walteri filii Judithæ infra Burgum de Stafford et extra, quam habent de dono Roberti Bagot et totam terram Balat filii Cadyhou cum prato adjacente et mora Prioris extra Burgum meum de Stafford et totam terram cum pertinentiis quæ fuit Gerardi inter Hydum et Holedale, et pratum quod ad illam terram pertinet supra ripam aquæ de Stafford quam habent de dono Helyæ de Coppenhale et redditum duorum solidorum de terra de Butrehale quem habent de dono Roberti filii Galfridi de Coppenhale et duas virgatas terræ cum pertinentiis in villa de Coppenhale quas habent de dono Helyæ de Coppenhale excepto foraneo (*sic*) servitio quod ad illas virgatas terræ pertinet. Et terram illam in Ricardescote quæ vocatur Wurnhescroft cum medietate prati de Fulsiche quam habent de dono Rogeri Vigilis. Molendinum quoque de Wotton proximum ecclesiæ cum dimidia virgata terræ et pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad dictum molendinum pertinentibus quod habent de dono Roberti de Stafford avi mei, et terram de Wulenhale cum mansura et essartis sicut Hortselewelle quæ fuerunt Godwini de Wulenhale filii Ernici carpentarii sicut cartæ Roberti de Stafford avi mei testantur. Concedo etiam dictis canonicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram quam tenent in Tisho de feodo meo tam de vilenagio quam de libero tenemento, et de dominico meo, molendinum ecclesiæ proximam et pratum de Kynesmor cum comunis et libertatibus in pratis et in pasturis et aliis quibuslibet locis sicut cartæ antecessorum meorum testantur. Terram etiam quæ fuit Aelrici de Bramcote quam habent in escambio pro Horselawe. Præter hoc decimam totius venacionis meæ. Volo igitur et firmiter statuo pro me et heredibus ut predicti canonici hæc omnia supradictas ecclesias, terras, redditus, comunes et libertates bene et honorifice in puram et perpetuam elemosinam habeant et teneant et sint liberi et quieti ab omni servitio et exactione seculari ad me et ad heredes meos pertinente in perpetuum. Preterea quicumque de feodo nostro aliquid beneficium sive in decimis sive in aliis quibuslibet rebus, prefatæ ecclesiæ de Stanes per nos conferre voluerit, concedimus et eadem libertate confirmamus. Precipimus itaque super forisfacturam

nostram ne aliquis ex nostris de supra-concessis seu concedendis sive in bosco sive in plano sive in pratis sive in pasturis seu in aquis seu in quolibet alio quidquam detrahat vel diminuât vel inquietet sed omnia sua perpetuâ pace habeant et absolute, libere et inmote firmiter teneant. Concedo etiam meipsum ut fratrem et patronum ecclesiæ de Stanes ita ut ubicunque infra Angliæ regionem obiero, ibidem cum patre meo sepulto et Petronillâ uxore meâ et ipse sepeliar. Ut autem hæc mea concessio et confirmatio rata et stabilis permaneat presentem paginam sigilli mei munimine roboratam dictis canonicis fratribus nostris confecimus et manu propria super magnum altare de Stanes optulimus. Hiis testibus Domino H. de Aldithel', Domino Willelmo Panton, Domino Willelmo de Stafford, Radulpho de Dulverne, Nicolas Urso, Galfrido Griffin, Rogero de Mulewych, Ricardo de Titneshoure, Thoma de Stokes, Radulpho de Sancto Edmundo, Johanne de Tisho, Silvestro decano de Bramsall, Willelmo de Wilbrieton, Ivone de Aston, Roberto de Swinnerton, Ivone de Waleton, Symone de Verney, et aliis.

## NOTES.

The Grantor in this case is Hervey de Stafford, the eldest son and heir of Milisent de Stafford by Hervey Bagot, deceased. This Hervey appears to have had such seizure of his Barony as was consistent with his mother's survivorship in A.D. 1217. He died A.D. 1237, leaving issue, Hervey (ib. 1241, s. 2.) and Robert, who held the Barony forty-one years.

It is not necessary to fix any exacter date for this Charter than the æra of the Grantor, viz., A.D. 1217-37. The Charter is inserted in this Series because it gives a synoptical account of the earlier Barons Stafford as Benefactors and Patrons of Stone Priory.

Most of the Deeds confirmed by this Charter have already been dealt with in detail, and as revealing their respective quotas of personal, chronological, or topographical fact. But the Confirmation further contains notices of a few grants which have not been mentioned in any of the detailed Charters. These, in their time and place, will probably meet with due notice from the Editors of these Collections.

One specially remarkable feature in this Charter is that the Grantor apparently believed that his Grandfather's gift of St. Mary's, Stafford, to Stone Priory was a valid gift, and so he endorsed it. The incident belongs to a wider subject and question already alluded to (p. 213). We bequeath such subjects to future students.

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\*.\* In the following Index, Domesday, or other abnormal spellings are usually rendered in italic type.

The letter T, or the syllable Ten., followed by the name of any person in the possessive case, signifies "Tenant of," or "Tenants of."

T. R. E. signifies Tempore Regis Edwardi, viz., A.D. 1041-1066.

T. R. W. signifies Tempore Regis Willielmi, viz., A.D. 1066-1087.

The abbreviation *al.* stands for *alias*; *c.* for *circa*; *def.* for *defunctus*; *n.* or *n.* for "note" or *note*; *ob.* for *obit*; *occ.* for "occurs" or "occurring;" *v.* *vide*; *fz.* for *fitz*, or son of.

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The history of feudal and obligatory knighthood has been so ably and so exhaustively discussed by Mr. F. M. Nichols, in a paper contributed to the "Archæologia,"\* that it is only necessary for me, in introducing the ensuing Lists, to refer the reader to that paper.

At the same time it seems proper that I should give, by way of preface, just so much of the history of compulsory knighthood as will serve to explain the nature of the proceedings instituted *temp.* Charles the First against those who made default, and who, as these lists will show, were heavily fined for their non-appearance.

It will be sufficient, then, for my present purpose to note that under the feudal system it was compulsory upon every one who held a knight's fee and was of full age, to be received into the order of knighthood, or in default to pay a fine to the King; and it was customary—especially on any important or solemn occasion, such as a coronation or a royal marriage—for proclamation to be made, calling upon every layman of full age, and holding one or more knights' fees, and not being a knight, to cause himself to be dubbed knight.

For non-compliance with such a command, the large possessions of Roger de Somerie, Baron of Dudley, were, in 1234, seized by the Sheriff of Worcestershire, on behalf of the King, and were only restored on his paying a large fine as a peace offering.

These proclamations continued to be made at intervals during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, the holders of soccage lands being eventually included in the summonses; and there are

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numerous cases on record of the honour being declined and a fine exacted.

Blackstone informs us that compulsory knighthood was "expressly recognized in Parliament by the statute *de Militibus*."

This so-called statute—for there is strong evidence to shew that it was merely a Royal ordinance—is declared by the Record Commissioners to be of "uncertain date," but it is usually assigned to the first of Edward II. There is little doubt, however, that its true date is the sixth of Edward I. It fixes the annual income of "those who ought to be knights" at £20, and sets forth who may be excused and on what grounds.

The knightly census here fixed at £20, was in the reign of Henry VI. raised to £40 at which it remained until the abolition of compulsory knighthood.

It was under this *Statutum de Militibus* that fines were exacted from the £40 freeholders, at the several coronations of Edward VI., Mary, Elizabeth, and Charles I. As will be seen hereafter, the last-named monarch in his proclamations constantly appealed to the law, the "statute in that case made and provided," &c., in support of his exactions. A list of those who compounded in 1st and 2nd Mary will be found in the fifth volume of "The Herald and Genealogist," p. 18; and among the State Papers, *temp.* Elizabeth and Edward VI., will be found lists of those "who have not compounded for their fines for knighthood." It is perfectly clear then that the principal object of the summonses on these occasions was the obtaining money from defaulters.

How many of those summoned on these several occasions really appeared and received their knighthood, I am unable to say, but I dare hazard a guess that they might almost be counted on one's fingers.

There appears to be no trace of knighthood money being exacted by James I., though the usual proclamations were issued before his coronation. It was this monarch, however, who brought the "honour" of knighthood into disrepute by so lavishly bestowing it. At the death of Queen Elizabeth there were scarcely three hundred knights in all England, for she was very sparing of such honours. But her successor is said, during his tenure of the throne, to have knighted more than two thousand three hundred gentlemen. "On his journey from Scotland," says Mr. Nichols, "he had already dubbed 230 knights before he arrived in London; and two days before his coronation he bestowed the honour upon the almost incredible number of 400 gentlemen!"

FURTHER LIST OF STAFFORDSHIRE COMPOUNDERS; EXTRACTED  
FROM THE "BOOK OF COMPOSITIONS" IN THE RECORD OFFICE.

	£	s.	d.
Sir John Peshall, Barronett . . . . .	50	0	0
*Sir Edward Sebright, of Prestwood, Knt. and Bar't .	30	0	0
Sir Robert Woolsley, of Woolsley, Baron't . . . . .	25	0	0
Walter Gifford, of Chillington, Esq. . . . .	30	0	0
Thomas Broughton, of Broughton, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
Thomas Astley, of Patsley, Esq. . . . .	20	0	0
Walter Fowler, of Penford, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
Jonas Grosvenor, of Bushberry, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
John Brooke, of Buckland, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
John Wharwood, of Dunsley, Esq. . . . .	20	0	0
Richard Ealde, of Seighford, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
Raph Thicknis, of Barterley, Esq. . . . .	12	10	0
Andrew Vize, of Staundon, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
William Ferne, of Crakemarsh, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Nicholas Hurt, of Castorne, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
John Fowke, of Guns on, Esq. . . . .	12	10	0
John Leigh, of the p'ish of Envile, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
John Dickins, of Leghton, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Henry Gough, of Woolverhampton, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Francis Harcourt, of Ronton, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
John Berrington, of Rowley, neere Stafford, Esq.	10	0	0
William Cotton, of Crakemarsh, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
John Cotes, of the p'ish of Kingston, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Raphe Flyer, of Hints, Esq. . . . .	15	0	0
Richard Pyott, of Streety, Gent. . . . .	12	10	0
John Wells, of Whorecross, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
Edward Williams, of Handberrye, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
William Stamford, of Perry Barr, Esq. . . . .	20	0	0
Richard Adderley, of Coton, Esq. . . . .	12	10	0
William Hunt, of Smethwick, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Richard Biddulph, of Biddulph, Esq. . . . .	16	13	4
Michael Lowe, of Pipe Ridwarr, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Walter Brooke, of Lapley, Esq. . . . .	20	0	0
Thomas Cowp', of Pipe Ridwarr, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Symon Biddulphe, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0

\* He was knighted *since* the coronation, viz., on 30th April, 1627, at Whitehall. See lists of knights made by Charles I., in Harl. MS., 983.

	£	s.	d.
Richard Dyott, Esq. . . . .	10	0	0
Samson Boughey, of Colton, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Thomas Chetwind, of Ridgley, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Thomas Spratt, of Ashenbrocke, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
William Aston, of Parkhall, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0
Sir Harvy Baghott, of Feilde, Baronett . . . . .	25	0	0
Henry Covenye, of Croxton Abbey, Gent. . . . .	10	0	0

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A COPPY OF THE ARMES

TAKEN IN THE VISITATION OF YE

COUNTY OF STAFFORD, MADE

IN ANNO 1663 ET 1664,

BY

WILLIAM DUGDALE, ESQ<sup>r</sup> NORROY K. OF ARMES.

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*Transcribed from the Landsdowne Manuscript, No. 857, in  
the British Museum, and annotated by*

HENRY SYDNEY GRAZEBROOK.

## P R E F A C E.

On 30th March, 1663, (writes Dugdale in his *Diary*\*) "I went to Litchfield upon my Visitation of Staffordshire."

He was accompanied by Elias Ashmole, the future husband of his daughter Elizabeth, and by his "little clerk," Gregory King (then only in his fifteenth year), who tricked the arms in this and other of Sir William's Visitations. Dugdale remained at Lichfield till 1st April, when he paid a visit to Sir E. Bagot at Blichfeld, and on the following day he sat at Cheadle.

On the 3rd he was at Stafford, and on the evening of the 4th he proceeded to Incestre on a visit to Mr. Chetwynd, where he spent a day, returning to Stafford on the sixth. Next day he was at Stone; on the 8th he visited Mr. Noel† at Hilcote, and on the 9th he was the guest of Sir Walter Wrottesley, at Wrottesley. On the 10th he held his court at Wolverhampton, and on the following day he dined with Sir John Wyrley at Hampstead, returning home to Blythe Hall the same evening.

On the 3rd of August he attended the Assizes at Stafford, and shortly afterwards commenced his Visitation of Shropshire.

On 21st September, we find him at Weston, the guest of Sir Thomas Wilbraham; and on the 23rd he made a passing call on Mr. Giffard at Chillington on his way to Pashull, the seat of Sir Richard Astley, where he remained until the 25th.

In the spring of the following year (1664) he continued his Staffordshire Visitation. He sat at Lichfield, for the Hundreds of Offlow and Seisdon, on April 25th; at Stafford, for Prehill and Cuddleston Hundreds, on the 27th; and at Cheadle, for Tetranslow Hundred, on the 29th. Finally, on 31st May, 1666, he delivered his Visitation into the Office of Arms "fairly bound in russet Lether with Claspes."

There the volume still remains, in the official custody of Garter King of Arms and his colleagues.

No *entire* copy of this Visitation is believed to exist in the British Museum or any other library. There is, however, a quarto volume in the Harleian collection (No. 6104) which *purports* to contain "The Visitation of Staffordshire, taken in the year of our

\* *Life, Diary, and Correspondence of Sir William Dugdale*, by William Hamper, 4to., 1827.

† It is rather remarkable that neither Chetwynd nor Noel entered their descents at this Visitation. Other families "conspicuous by their absence," are Lane, Okeover, Littleton, Paget, &c.

Lord 1663, by Wm. Dugdale, Esq., Norroy King of Arms; reviewed in 1664." But this manuscript is certainly not what it pretends to be, viz., "The" Visitation. The pedigrees are lineal only, without collaterals or younger sons; and the names of the wives of the various personages named in the descents are very frequently omitted.\* It contains a few pedigrees which do not appear to be in the original, viz., *Ashmole*, † of Lichfield, *Astley*, ‡ of Wood-Eaton, *Smith*, § of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and *Yardley*; ¶ but on the other hand there are at least sixty pedigrees omitted.

In the absence, then, of the complete Visitation, the following exact transcript of Dugdale's "copy of the armes" recorded by him must needs be of much interest.

The manuscript from which it is transcribed is No. 857 of the Lansdowne collection in the British Museum. It is a small quarto of fourteen closely and hastily-written pages, and is asserted by Sir Harris Nicolas, in his *Catalogue of Herald's Visitations*, 1825, to be in Dugdale's own hand.

The arms are in "trick" and for the most part so rudely drawn that in many instances I have had considerable difficulty in deciphering them; but where any doubt existed I have been able, in most cases, to ascertain the correct blazon from other sources; and I believe the descriptions here given will be found to be accurate.

\* The late Sir Thomas Phillipps printed privately at Middle Hill, in 1854, a foolscap-folio volume, entitled, "The Visitation of Staffordshire, 1663-4," but through purporting to be "Ex. MSS., Phillipps" it is identical with the Harl. MS. above named.

† See a pedigree of Ashmole, said to be drawn by Elias Ashmole, and "taken from a Visitation Book of Staffordshire" in Harwood's *Erdeswick* (Preface, p. xlix.). It agrees with that in *Harl. MS.*, 6104, but is more full. Elias Ashmole is there stated to have been "*et. 45 an.*, 30 Martii, 1663." He bore "Quarterly or et sa., a [flower] de-luse in ye 1st quar. of ye 2<sup>d</sup>." The Crest was A greyhound courant sable, but Ashmole seems to have adopted for Crest a device allusive to his astrological pursuits, viz., On a mount vert a Mercury, with the celestial sign *Gemini* sitting at his feet.

‡ This is a pedigree of nine generations, commencing with "Richard Astley, de Astley, in Com. Salop," and ending with Jonas Astley, who by "Ann fil. Walt. Fowler, de Penford," had issue a son, "Jonat. *et. 3*, 1663." No Arms are given. These Astleys were "disclaimed" in 1583 and 1614.

§ Arms, "B. 2 bars wavy erm., on a cheife or a Lyon yssaunt sa., a mullet dif." John Smith "de Novo Casto" had issue Thomas, who married "Dorothy fil. Will. Yonge," and was father of Thomas, who by "Eliz. fil. Richard Gregson," had a son John. See the pedigree at length in Ward's *History of Stoke-upon-Trent*.

¶ Christopher Yardley, by a daughter of Edward Aston, of Tixall, was father of Edward, whose son Christopher married "Catherine fil. Petri Minshull," and had issue, Christopher, "*et. 7*, 1664." No Arms are given.

Sr. Alexander Caron, standard bearer to Alexand', the first of that name, K. of Scotland; which worthy gentleman being sent in the year 1100 by the King, his master, against a seditious crew of rebels that had long disturbed the quiet of the realme, made toward them with all possible expedition. How bee it the enemy, that was backt w<sup>th</sup> sundry great barons and peeres of the realme, had assembled so huge an armie that the King's party in comparison of them was but a few; yet, nevertheless, Sr. Alex., being no whit daunted w<sup>th</sup> their multitude, gave so corragious and valiant an onset as he not only put y<sup>em</sup> to flight, but tooke many of them in y<sup>e</sup> chase and deprived y<sup>em</sup> of life as y<sup>e</sup> had deserved; in so much as after this . . . the realme continued in peace for many years. Wherefore he was highly rewarded at the King's hands, and at that time named *Skrimgeour*, that is to say, a hardy fighter, which name is vulgarly written *Skrymshire*, and the coate of armes of the said Alexander, which is still continued to posterity, viz., Gules, a Lyon ramp. or, within a bordure vary ar. and b., he had then added to it for his crest A Lyon ramp. holding a crooked sword, which being in use in those days was the fashion of y<sup>e</sup> sword Sr Alex. fought with all in that memorable victory nere the river of Spane. The first of the name that planted himselfe in England was Patrick Skrymgeour, or Shrymshire, a younger brother of the famyly, who attended David 2<sup>d</sup>, son of Edgar,\* K. of Scotts at such time as he made his abode in the English Court w<sup>th</sup> Maude his sister, wife of Henry the 1<sup>st</sup>. K. of England; which David espoused for wife the daughter of Waldofe, Earle of North' and Huntingdon, and in her right was Earle of North' and Huntingdon, and had issue Henry, by whome the Earldome was annexed to the Crowne of Scotland. The above-named Patrick Skrymshire, being highly in grace w<sup>th</sup> David, obtained by his meanes many large possessions in the north partes of this realme.

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\* Edgar, King of Scotland, died without issue, David was his *brother*; and they (as well as Alexander I. and Maud, or Matilda, wife of King Henry I.) were children of Malcolm III., King of Scotland.

THE NAMES OF THE PARTICULAR PERSONS RESIDING WITHIN IN YE SEVERALL HUNDREDS IN STAFFORDSH., AS WERE DISCLAYMED AT YE PUBLIQUE ASSIZES HELDE AT STAFFORD, ULT. AUG., 1664.

## PIREHILL HUNDRED.

## THE NORTH-EASTERN PART.

Audley . . .	Tho. Kelsall	Little Chell . .	W <sup>m</sup> . Bourne
Acton-Trussell	Fran. Dovy	Longton . . .	Rich. Foley †
Amerton . . .	J <sup>n</sup> . Swan	Marston, <i>juxta</i>	} Thomas Palmer
Baddiley . . .	J <sup>n</sup> . Cookes	Stafford . . .	
Barlaston . . .	{ Tho. Purton	Mayford . . .	Tho. Daintrey
	{ Tho. Precter		J <sup>n</sup> . Biddulph
Balterley . . .	Rich. Kelsall	Milwich . . .	W <sup>m</sup> . Hurlbutt
Burslem . . .	Balthazar Bell*	Mayre . . . .	Rob. Picken
Clayton . . .	Rich. Lovett	Newcastle-	Randle Lovett
Cotwalton . . .	Tho. Cotton	under-Line	Rich. Bradshaw
Chatwall . . .	W <sup>m</sup> . Adams	Oulton . . . .	Tho. Shelley
Darlaston . . .	Cooknidge ( <i>sic</i> )	Sareley Greene	Robt. Porter
Fenton-Cul-	{ Tho. Fenton	Shelton . . .	J <sup>n</sup> . Lovet
vert . . . .	{ Rich. Nichols	Shelton in	} W <sup>m</sup> . Lovet
	{ Tho. Browne	Penkhal . . .	
Forton . . . .	Rich. Lowe	Stone . . . .	Raph Smith
Fenton-Vivian	Robt. Bagnall	Rowley, <i>al's</i>	Tho. Challoner
Hardwick . . .	James Launder	Tunhurst . .	W <sup>m</sup> . Rowley
	Tho. Launder		
Hondford . . .	{ Tho. Bere . . .		
	{ Tho. Corbet		

\* "The family of Bell," says Mr. Ward, in his *History of Stoke-upon-Trent* (p. 411), "attained some consideration in the middle of the seventeenth century; the then head of it was *Balthazar Bell*, gentleman, who was one of the overseers of the poor of Stoke in 1648, and was summoned at the Heralds' Visitation at Stafford in 1664, to show by what right he claimed the distinction of bearing a coat of arms; *an honour he chose rather to disclaim than to incur the risk or expense of maintaining.*" On what authority Mr. Ward asserts that Mr. Bell *voluntarily* disclaimed "the distinction of bearing a coat of arms" does not appear.

† This Richard Foley was the eldest son of Richard Foley, of Stourbridge, who was disclaimed at the Visitation of Worcestershire in 1634. The latter is generally stated to have been a native of Stourbridge, and the son of one Edward Foley of that place. But that is not the fact. He was the son of Richard Foley, of *Dudley*, where he was born, in 1580, and where he resided till about the year 1630, when he removed to Stourbridge. Notwithstanding his "disclaimer," Richard Foley, sen., sealed a deed (*pens me*) dated 1646, with the following arms: Argent, a fesse engrailed between three cinquefoils sable, a plain bordure of the last; impaling (in right of his second wife, Alice, sister of George Brindley, of the *Hyde*, Kinver), Per pale or and sable, a chevron

## THE SOUTH-WEST PART.

Bishton . . . .	Rich. Baker		{ George Fowler
Bromley-Hurst	Wm: Alport		{ Simon Fowler
Chartley. . . .	Wm. Henworth		{ Tho. Palmer
Eccleshall. . . .	Rob. Boswell *	Stafford . . . .	{ John Wilson
	Wm. Martin		{ Edw. Wilson
High Offley. . .	Rob. Ithell †		{ James Greene
	Dutton Hill		{ Tho. Davenport
Haywood . . . .	Edw. Cooke	Sugnell . . . .	{ Char. Bradock
Paget's Brom-	{ Tho. (Howard ?)	Weston <i>sup</i> '	{ Rich. Squire
ley. . . . .		Trent . . . .	
Salt . . . . .	Wm. Fox †	Whitgreve. . .	{ Rich. Wolrich
	Wm. Robin		

## SEISDON HUNDRED.

Amblecott. . .	George Gibbons		{ Tho. Groves §
Bilston. . . . .	John Tomcys	Rowley. . . . .	{ Rich. Russell
	John Perry		{ Henry Haddon ¶
Codsall . . . .	Rich. Sheldon		{ Edw. Jordan
Penne . . . . .	Wm. Bahe	Kinver. . . . .	{ George Brindley**
			{ John Parrot

between three escallops counterchanged. Richard Foley, of Longton, was baptized at Dudley, March 27th, 1608; he married Margaret Brindley, the sister of his father's second wife, and is stated to have subsequently married two other wives, but at the Worcestershire Visitation of 1682, he had no surviving male issue.

\* The arms borne by *Bosvile*, of Eccleshall, as engraved in the margin of Plot's map were Argent, five lozenges in fesse gules, in chief three bear's heads erased sable muzzled of the field. "Robert Bosvile, Esq.," was a subscriber to Plot's work.

† John *Ethyll*, of High Offley, was returned as *ignobilis* at the Visitation of 1614.

‡ Walter Foxe, of Salt, was *ignobilis* in 1614.

§ The arms used by Grove, of Rowley-Regis, were: Argent, a chevron between three leaves vert, on a canton gules as many crescents of the field (*M.I.* at Aldridge).

¶ This family sealed with Argent, a human leg couped at the thigh and embowed azure. Crest: A cubit arm in armour holding an arrow. A variation of this coat has been recently granted to a descendant of the family.

|| Jorden, of Dunsley, Kinver, sealed with Sable, an eagle displayed in bend between two cottises argent, a sinister canton or. The same arms are engraved for the family in the margin of Plot's map.

\*\* George Brindley, son of William Brindley of Willenhall, was an ironmaster at the "Hyde," Kinver, and a Justice of the Peace. In the *Harl. MS.*, 2119, is a pedigree of the family, drawn up by Randle Holme in 1637, in which the descent is traced, or rather *suggested*, from the Brindleys of Wistaston, Co. Chester, who bore Per pale or and sable, a chevron between three escallops counterchanged. One of the family recorded a pedigree at the Visitation of London taken in 1633-4, but the arms were "respited." Dr. Wilkes, speaking of the *Hyde*, says: "Here was the first mill for rolling and splitting iron that was erected in England. One Brindley,

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THE MANOR & PARISH OF BLYMHILL

*(Continued from Vol. I., page 384.)*

ERRATA.

VOL. I.

- Page 292, line 83, leave out the comma at the end of the line.
- „ 293, line 1, *for* heiress *read* coheiress.
- „ the last three full lines are defective ; *for* remembrancer *read* remembrancer's ; *for* 1 *read* 19 ; and *for* Newp *read* Newport.
- „ 295, line 14, *for* 1256 *read* 1259.
- „ 298, note, last line but 15 insert inq. before 4 Edw. III.  
last line but one, before Nomina insert the reference number 6.
- „ 301, last line but 5, at the end of the line, instead of full stop *read* comma.
- „ 304, note, *for* Ormerod *read* Ormerod's.
- „ 313, line 14, *for* 1826 *read* 1256.
- „ 326, Lane Pedigree, 2nd portion line 1, *for* Margaret *read* Catherine, and in last line but 2, *for* Thos Amler *read* John Amler.
- „ 329, *instead* of lines 23, 24 *read*, His Majesty likewise acknowledged the services of her brother Colonel John Lane, of Bentley, by settling a pension of £500 *per annum* upon him for life, and further honoured his memory after his death by a grant of augmentation of &c.
- „ 334, line 35, *for* 1332 *read* 1339.
- „ 383, note, line 6, *for* 1487 *read* 1486.

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- Page 78, line 17, *for* 1680 *read* 1630.

I suppose this Eleanor to have been the second wife of Sir Thomas Harcourt, Knight, son of Sir Thomas, and grandson of Sir William Harcourt, Knights, and ancestor by his first wife of the extinct Earls Harcourt; and I suppose her to have been the daughter of Sir Roger Lewknor, Knight, the son of Joane D'Oyley (heire; of Raunton), and the sister of Sir Thomas Lewknor, who carried on the line. Her son, John Harcourt, will have inherited Raunton, and probably other Harcourt estates in Staffordshire by virtue of a fine levied by her nephew, Sir Roger Lewknor, the son of Sir Thomas, in 13 Edw. IV. (1473), whereby he settled the Manor of Raunton on (his cousin) John Harcourt, Esq.

John Harcourt, of Raunton, Co. Stafford, Esq., the son of Eleanor, who thus succeeded to Raunton, Wiverston, and, as I suppose, also a share of the manor of Blymhill, presented to the church of Blymhill, in conjunction with others, in 1485.

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By virtue of this entail the manor of Raunton will have devolved on Sir Roger Lewknor the son of Joane D'Oyley. This Roger Lewknor, who resided at Bradhurst, Co. Sussex, married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Casew, of Molesford, Co. Bucks, Knight, and died in 1401. Their eldest son, Thomas Lewknor, was then 19 years of age. They had also a younger son, John, from whom the Lewknors of Acrise, Co. Kent, were descended, and I suppose Eleanor Harcourt to have been the daughter of the same Sir Roger. Sir Thomas Lewknor, the eldest son, was in 1403, found heir, through his grandmother, Joane D'Oyley, to the extensive estates of the Tregoze family, at Goring, Co. Sussex, and elsewhere in that county, and removed his seat to Goring. He was thrice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Casew, of Beddington, Co. Surrey, by whom he had no issue; secondly to Phelippa, relict of Sir Richard Berners, and daughter and eventual heiress of Walter Dalyngrigge, son of Sir Roger Dalyngrigge, of Bodeham Castle, Co. Sussex, Knight. His last wife, Catherine, survived him, and her inquisition p.m. was held in 21 Edw. IV. Sir Thomas Lewknor left six sons, between whom his large estates were divided. The eldest son Sir Roger Lewknor, however, succeeded to Stoke D'Oyley and the principal estates, and died in 1475, leaving six sons and three daughters, of whom Thomas, the eldest son, succeeded to Stoke D'Oyley. In the meantime the manor of Raunton, after the death of John de Knightley, who held it for life, appears to have been given by Roger Lewknor (the son of Joane D'Oyley) to his kinsman, Thomas D'Oyley, heir male of the D'Oyleys, to support his dignity; and with him and his issue it remained, by favour of the Lewknors, for several years, until John D'Oyley, Esq., the son of Edward and grandson of the said Thomas D'Oyley, having inherited, through his mother, considerable estates in Suffolk and removing to that county, Sir Roger Lewknor (son of Sir Thomas), in whom the reversion was vested, determined that after John D'Oyley's death it should return to his own family. Accordingly a fine was levied of Raunton manor (Ped. Fin., 13 Edw. IV.) whereby it was arranged that after John D'Oyley's death it should pass to John Harcourt, Esq., a younger son of the house of Staunton Harcourt, and grandson maternally of (the elder) Sir Roger Lewknor (House of D'Oyley, p. 100).

He is said to have married Margaret Bracy,<sup>1</sup> by whom he had a son, Thomas. The said Thomas Harcourt, of Raunton, Esq., died Feb. 20th, 1487. He held the Vill of Raunton, the manor of Milnemeese, and lands, &c., in Worseton and Ellnall of Simon Harcourt, Esq., lands and tenements in Epanhall, Harkedon Hill, Durslow, and Eccleshall of the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, a messuage in Bussecote of Thomas Willoughby, Lord de Broke, by the service of fealty and the payment of a rent of 6s., of which the annual value is 30s., lands &c., in Horseley, of the Rector of Eccleshall, lands in Willabrig, of . . . Corbet, and divers lands and tenements in Covyn, Blymhall, and Chorleton, of Elen Brigg,<sup>2</sup> widow, by fealty and a rent of 1d., of which the annual value is 40s. John Harcourt is his son and heir, aged 23 at the date of the inquisition, which was taken on October 12th, 1487.<sup>3</sup> The said Thomas Harcourt married Isabel, daughter of Hugh Egerton, of Wrinehill, Esq., and had by her two sons, namely John, who succeeded him at Raunton, and Richard Harcourt, of Church Eaton, in the County of Stafford, whose son, Walter Harcourt, was of Tamworth in 1583, where he was buried 8th January, 1598. Walter Harcourt married Mary, daughter of Humphrey Comberford, by whom he had a son, Edward, buried at Tamworth 4th September, 1609, where this branch of the family remained in decay a little longer.<sup>4</sup>

John Harcourt, of Raunton, Esq., the elder son of Thomas, occurs as one of the joint patrons of Blymhill Church in 1544.<sup>5</sup> He married Ann (or Joan) daughter of Sir Randle Breton, of Malpas, Knight, by whom he had Robert, Simon, and several other children.

Robert Harcourt, of Raunton, Esq., the elder son, married a daughter of . . . Scryven, of Shropshire, but died without

<sup>1</sup> She is called the daughter of William Bracy, of Pembridge, Co. Hereford, in the Herald's Visitation, as also in a pedigree given by Nichols in his History of Leicestershire (Vol. IV., p. 1025) but in a note to Vol. IV., p. 519,\* he says: "By a record, given by Chetwynd, (p. 274, of Mich. 28 Hen. VI., Co. Banc. rot. 451), compared with Erdeswick (art. Gayton) this Margaret seems to have been the daughter and coheir of William Burley, of Bromscroft, Co. Salop, and relict of Bracy." <sup>2</sup> I am unable to account for the tenure of Coven and Blymhill by Elen Brigg, widow, in 1487. There is no mention of any mesne lord between the Harcourts and Staffords in the inquisition of 1560. <sup>3</sup> Inq. p.m., 3 Hen. VII., No. 114.

<sup>4</sup> Nichols' Leicestershire, Vol. IV., p. 520.\* <sup>5</sup> The Rector was admitted on the presentation of William Stanford, and Thomas Shednilton, clerk, by the concession of Edward Mytton, of Weston-under-Lyziard, John Lave, of Hyde, John Harecourt, of Raunton, and James Moreton, of Turnehill, Esquires, rightful patrons for this turn.

PEDIGREE OF HARCOURT OF RAUNTON. (TABLE I).

Arms : gules, two bars or.

Richard de Harcourt, 1278. = Margaret dau. and coheir of John Beke of Eresby.

This pedigree is principally taken from Nichols' History of Leicestershire, vol. 1, p. 519\*

John de Harcourt, of Bosworth 1298, living 1318. = Eleanor, dau. of . . . . . Zouch.

Sir William Harcourt, Knight, 1st husband ; = Joan, sister of Richard Lord Grey of Codnor, remarried to Ralph de Ferrers, whose widow she was husband of Joan 1318 (Chetwynd p. 139).  
 in 1351; dead 1371 (Chetwynd p. 134). Ralph de Ferrers, Knight, was seized of Ellenhall for life in 1377 (Chetwynd pp. 130, 140).

1. Richard Harcourt, dead 1351. = . . . . . 2. Sir Thomas Harcourt, Knight, 1376 and = Alice, dau. of John Lord Grey of Rotherfield. 1407; survived till A.D. 2, 1417 (Chetw. p. 135) nearly 99 years after his mother was married.

Katherine, unmarried 1351.

Elizabeth, unmar. 1351, wife of Thos. Asteley, Jun. 1371.

Joan, dau. of Sir Robert Francis of Foremark, co. Derby, 1407; 1st wife.

Sir Thomas Harcourt, Knight, born 1377; a Knight in 1417; died 1420.

= Eleanor, dau. of Sir Roger Lewknor, Knight, and 1st wife of Sir Thomas Lewknor, Knight.

Richard Harcourt, = Margaret, dau. of of Little Sardon : John de Lutteley, 13, 14 Ric. II.; in Ellenhall settle- ment after his four d. May 5, 1400 nephews, 1430, 1. (Chetw. pp. 133, 135).

1. Sir Robert Harcourt of Bosworth, K.G., 1441.

= Margaret, dau of Sir John Byron.

Edith, dau. and coheir of Sir Thomas St. Clere; 1st wife.

2. Sir Richard Harcourt of Witham, co. Berks, at date of Will Sept. 25, proved Oct. 25, 1486.

= Catherine, relict of Sir Miles Stapleton, last will Sept. 5, proved Jan. 23, 1488; 2nd wife.

3. John Harcourt, of Raunton, co. Staff. Esq., living Dec. 8, 1485

= Margaret Bracy.

Sir William Harcourt, Knight; in Ellenhall settle- ment after his brothers Robert and Richard 1430, 1 (Chetwynd, 129) ; testament Jan. 4, 1481; proved May 2, 1494; to be buried at Aston juxta Birmingham (Dugdale's Warwick: vol. ii. p 891).

legitimate issue. At the inquisition taken after his death, which was held 2nd January, 2 Eliz. (1560), it was found that a certain John Harecourt, Esq., father of the Robert Harecourt named in the Queen's writ, was seized (*inter alios*) of and in the manors of Besscote, Milne, and Ronton, in the County of Stafford, as also of certain lands and tenements in Blymghyll, in the same County, which last were held of the *Lord Stafford* by fealty and a rent of 1s. *per annum*, and were of the annual value of thirteen shillings and fourpence. Robert was the son and heir male of the said John Harecourt. The said Robert died at Fawesley, in the County of Northampton, 20th June, 5 Phil. and Mary (1558). Simon, son of the aforesaid John Harecourt, is brother and nearest heir of Robert, and is now thirty-four years of age and more.<sup>1</sup> The said Robert died, as has been stated without lawful issue, but he had several illegitimate children to whom he bequeathed his estates, including those at Blymhill, and Coven.

His will was disputed by his brother, Simon Harcourt, but unsuccessfully, as appears by the following record of proceedings in chancery, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, between George Vyes, plaintiff, and Cassandra Cook, executrix of the will of Robert Harcourt, defendant, for performance of agreement:—"Premises, Robert Harcourt being seized of the manors of Ronton and Freeford, and of lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Ronton, Ecclesal, Croxton, Elnall, Blymhill, Coven, Whittington, Frforde, Morvill, Longdon, and Strehaye, in the County of Stafford, and in the City of Lichfield, and of other lands, &c., in the County of Warwick, devised the same by his will, or most part thereof, to the defendant for her life, with remainder to her children, illegitimately born and begotten between them, upon which Simon Harcourt, wishing to overthrow the said will, prosecuted divers long and tedious suits against her; when she applied to the plaintiff to undertake her defence and get the will established, promising him a lease of part of the said estates. The plaintiff established the said will, and the defendant refuses to perform her agreement."<sup>2</sup>

It is stated in a Chetwynd MS., written in 1680 and now in the Salt Library at Stafford, as some excuse for this licentious life and shameful alienation of the family estates, that Robert Harcourt married his wife only in obedience to his father's commands and with great aversion, being before engaged, both by his promise

<sup>1</sup> Inq. p.m. 2 Eliz. 1. ps., No. 132. <sup>2</sup> Proceedings in Chancery, *temp.* Q. Eliz., Vol. III., p. 199.

because the said tenements were not wont to pay more than 16s. by the year until the said Edmund took them at 4s. a year more, and there are no profits there, and the said land is uncultivated and in common, and the buildings are ruinous. The same Edmund held also one messuage and half a virgate of land, with the appurtenances in Woodcote, of Master Henry de Percy, by the service of 40d. a year, the messuage being worth 12d., and the half virgate of land worth 40d. and no more, because the land is poor and sandy. John de Moreton is his son and heir, and he was 26 years of age at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist last past (June 24th);<sup>1</sup> which John did homage for his lands in Wilbrighton in the same year.<sup>2</sup>

The next of the same family I meet with is James de Moreton, who, according to a pedigree in a Hadfield MS., was Lord of Moreton and Wilbrighton, and the inquisition after whose death was taken in 1 Hen. V. (1413-14).<sup>3</sup> He left a son and heir, but I have not discovered his name nor that of his immediate successors.

I suppose that the James Moreton who presented to Blymhill in 1485, was the then representative of the Moretons of Moreton and Wilbrighton.

Another James Moreton seems to have been the chief of the family, 28th October, 1527, when John Coles was found by inquisition to have held certain lands and rents of him in Wilbrighton, which were valued at 40s.<sup>4</sup> This last James Moreton, whom I take to have been the James Moreton of Turnehill, Esq., who presented to Blymhill as one of the joint patrons in 1544, was the eldest son and heir of Matthew Moreton, of Moreton and Wilbrighton, Esqr., (who was living in 1504), by his wife Isabel, daughter of Robert Knightley, of Engleton.<sup>5</sup> James Moreton died before 1566, leaving, by his wife Jane, daughter of . . . Doone (or Done), of

<sup>1</sup> Inq., 15 Edw. III., No. 16. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> & <sup>4</sup> Pedigree in a Hadfield's MS. <sup>5</sup> Abbey Inq., 19 Hen. VIII., No. 114 (Salt's MSS). In 1559 it was found that Richard Wilbraham, Esq., died seized (*inter alios*) of lands, rents, &c., in Wilbrighton, which he held of Francis Moreton. (Abb. Inq., p.m., 1 Eliz., No. 176.) He was probably a younger son of Matthew Moreton, of Moreton and Wilbrighton. Mr. Parkes, in a pedigree of the Moretons, which he gives in his History of Brewood, gives a second son of that name. He probably died s.p. which would account for Thomas Moreton, there called third son, being called second son in a later inquisition, which will be quoted hereafter. <sup>6</sup> Parkes' History of Brewood. I am inclined to think that it was by this marriage that the Moretons acquired the property at Engleton, and not by a marriage with an Engleton as conjectured by Shaw and others; for they did not hold the *manor* of Engleton, and part of their lands in Engleton were called Knightley's lands. This property went to Thomas, a younger son of Matthew Engleton and Isabel Knightley, whose grandson eventually succeeded to the representation of the family.

Arms: 1st and 4th gules, a lion rampant or within a bordure vair; 2nd and 3rd a chevron . . . between 3 moths or flies . . .

PEDIGREE OF SKRIMSHER OF ORSLOW.

Thomas Skrimsher, protonotary of the Common Pleas temp. Hen. VIII. =

John Skrimsher, of Aqualate and Norbury, Esq., son and heir <i>ob.</i> 12 Eliz. seized of two messuages with the appurtenances in Brieton and one messuage with the appurtenances in Blynhill.	=	Dorothy daughter of Sir John Talbot, of Grafton, Knt.
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Thomas Skrimsher, of Johnstone Hall in the parish of Eccleshall.

John Skrimsher, son and heir <i>ob.</i> 12-14 Eliz. s.p.	=	Alice, dau. of James Starkey, of Darley, co. Cest. 1st wife.	=	Thomas Skrimsher, of Aqualate, Esq., son and heir after the death of his father John. <i>ob.</i> 37 Eliz.	=	Marta, daughter of Brian Fowle, of St Thomas' Abbey, near Stafford, Esq. 2nd wife.
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James Skrimsher, of Norbury and High Otley, Esq. Richard Skrimsher

Sir Thomas Skrimsher, of Aqualate, co. Staff. Knight; a quo Skrimsher of Aqualate.	=	James Skrimsher of Gravenhanger, 2nd son; <i>ob.</i> s.p.	=	John Skrimsher, of Orslow, co. Staff. gent. 3rd son, who also had his father's lands at Blynhill, <i>ob.</i> 70 an. 6 April, 1663.	=	Jane, daughter of Walter Littleton of Bednall, co. Staff. younger brother of Sir Edward Littleton, of Pillaton, co. Staff. Knight
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Brian Skrimsher, 4th son, died unmarried.

1. Walter Skrimsher, of Orslow, gent. son and heir; <i>et.</i> 43, 6 April, 1663 (married 2ndly Mary, dau. of Thomas Fowke, Esq.) buried at Church Eaton 18 Oct. 1702.	=	Margaret, dau. of Muchell of Somerford, co. Staff. 1st wife; buried at Church Eaton 10 Dec. 1663.
2. Richard Skrimsher, of Brocton Grange, co. Staff. gent., <i>et.</i> 40, 6th April, 1663; died 20th August, 1704, aged 85; buried at Forton.	=	Elizabeth, dau. of Francis Collier, of Bradley, co. Staff.

Jane, wife of Thomas Broadhurst of Lillesford, of Bradley, co. Salop.

2. Elianor, wife of Francis Pigot, younger brother of Thos. Pigot, of Chetwynd.

charges the estates mentioned in the marriage settlement (*i.e.* the messuages, &c., in Orslow) with £1,000 for his two daughters, leaves his freehold messuages and lands in Gravenhanger and in the township of Onneley, in the Counties of Stafford and Salop, and his messuage, lands and tenements in Brockhurst, in the parish of Blymhill (which last mentioned messuage, &c., are leased to Joseph Parrock for a term of 99 years, determinable on the death of the survivor of the said Joseph Parrock and his wife, at a rent of £20), in trust for 20 years,—as to the messuages, lands, and tenements in Onneley and Gravenhanger, after the determination of the said term, to his son John Skrimsher and his heirs, and as to the messuage lands and tenements in Brockhurst, after the determination of the said term to his two daughters, Jane and Mary and their heirs; and, whereas, before his marriage with Diana his now wife, by deed of 20th November 1722, in consequence of £300 had and received by him from the said Diana, he demised to her all his freehold lands in Onneley and Gravenhanger for 99 years, if she should so long live, to secure for her the sum of £30 during her life, and the lands in Brockhurst are placed in trust for further security of the said annuity. His trustees are further to pay out of Onneley and Gravenhanger an annuity of £20 *per annum* to his sister Mary Union for life. Subject to these charges the profits arising from Onneley and Gravenhanger are to go to his son John Skrimsher, and those from Brockhurst to his daughters Jane and Mary. He gives his interest in the house in which he now lives at Shrewsbury to his wife for her life with remainder to his son, John Skrimsher.<sup>1</sup> The said John Skrimsher, of Orslow and Salop, gent., clerk of the peace for the County of Salop, died in 1737, in the 76th year of his age,<sup>2</sup> and was buried at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury. His wife, Elizabeth Fownes, who is described in a Shrewsbury pedigree as his second wife,<sup>3</sup> died in 1716, in the 31st year of her age, and was buried at St. Chad's. His last wife, Diana, survived him, but he appears to have left no children except by his wife Elizabeth Fownes. Of these the survivors in 1737 were John Skrimsher, of Startlepool, and two daughters, Jane, wife of Richard Davies, of Shrewsbury, Doctor of Physic, and Mary, afterwards married to Richard Corbet, of Shrewsbury, Esq.

<sup>1</sup> Deed *penes* Earl of Bradford. <sup>2</sup> Pedigree in the MS. of the late Mr. Joseph Morris, of Shrewsbury. There is a slight discrepancy between the age of Mr. John Skrimsher as here given and that to be gathered from Dugdale's Visitation. <sup>3</sup> Mr. Joseph Morris's MS. as before.

whether this was part of that which had been inherited from Thomas Skrymsher, of Aqualate, the protonotary, or whether it had been a later purchase from the Blakemores I am unable to determine. This portion has also since been purchased by the Earl of Bradford from the executors of the late Mr. Matthew Parkes, to whom it came in the following manner:—Having been previously purchased from Walter Skrymsher, it was sold in 1695 by Thomas Walter, of Blymhill, clerk (Rector of Blymhill from 1668 to 1706), to William Taylor, of the Ivetsey, in the parish of Blymhill, yeoman, for £400. William Taylor (of Ivetsea Farm), whose will was dated January, 1692, died seized of this estate, leaving Mary, his wife, who was afterwards married to John Yeomans, of Weston Jones, Co. Stafford, and the following issue, namely, William (who succeeded him), Francis, John, Samuel, and Sarah.

William Taylor, junior, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Barbour, of Ellerton, Co. Salop, Esq<sup>r</sup>., by deed of Sept., 1714, conveys the above estate in trust to Samuel Taylor, of Dudley, Co. Wigorn, gent., and Edward Barbour, of Blymhill, Esq<sup>r</sup>., (eldest brother of the said Elizabeth Barbour), to the use of the said William Taylor for life, with remainder to the said Elizabeth Barbour for life, with remainder to their children, and in default to his own right heirs.

On 8th August, 1746, the Rev. John Dickenson, (who held a mortgage on the estate), the said William Taylor, the elder, and William Taylor, the younger (son and heir apparent of the said William Taylor, the elder), sold their interest therein to Thomas Perkes, of High Onn, gent., his heirs and assigns for ever. By indenture of 24th, 25th September, 1754, Thomas Perkes conveyed the said lands to Robert Crocket in trust to the use of the said Thomas Perkes for life, with remainder to Mary, his wife, daughter of Robert Crocket, of Little Onn, in lieu of dower, with remainder to the heirs of the body of the said Thomas and Mary, with further remainder to the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas Perkes for ever.

On 18th January, 1803, the estate was in possession of Matthew Parkes, of High Onn, in the parish of Church Eaton, gent., eldest and only surviving son and heir of Thomas Parkes, late of the same place, deceased, by Mary, his wife, the daughter of . . . Emery, likewise deceased, which said Thomas Parkes was the eldest son and heir of Humphrey Parkes, formerly of the same place, gent., deceased, by Mary, his wife, the daughter of . . . Sansom,

likewise deceased. The Blymhill portion of the estate then consisted of two messuages, three gardens, fifteen acres of land, ten acres of meadow and fifteen acres of pasture and common of pasture for all cattle, and common of Turbary, with the appurtenances in the parish of Blymhill. In Jan. 1819, Matthew Parkes (who was also possessed of a moiety of the site of the manor of Little Onn, and of other property in that township) made his will, in which he appointed his wife, Anne, his brother-in-law, Edward Collins Wright, of Pitsford, Co. Northampton, clerk, and Walter Wright, of Badenhall Farm, Co. Stafford, gent., his executors, his son, Thomas Wright Parkes, being then a minor. The said will was proved on April 2nd, 1822, and the Blymhill property was sold in 1828 to the Earl of Bradford.

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#### BROMLEY'S SHARE.

It has been shown that Phelippa, the daughter and coheir of John Bagot and Margery his wife, was described as being 30 years of age and more, in 1259, at the inquisition taken after the death of her mother, and as having then been for ten years and more in possession of three quarters of her mother's third part of the manor of Ashley, co. Stafford. She does not appear to have inherited any portion of her mother's share of Broseley. I take Phelippa to have been the youngest of the four daughters and coheirs. She was already married in the year 1251, when her husband, Geoffrey de Bromley occurs as joint Lord of Blymhill in her right. The early history of the Bromley family has been inaccurately given by Erdeswick, Collins and others, who seem to have derived their early information from the Herald's visitations, and the whole pedigree requires further investigation. I think that Geoffrey de Bromley was not, as usually stated, the son of *Walter de Bromley*, but more probably the son of that Sir *Benedict de Bromley*, who, with *Geoffrey his son*, occurs as witness to a deed of Philip de Burwardesley (or Broseley) in Ashley.<sup>2</sup> Geoffrey de Bromley

<sup>1</sup>The age was very frequently understated at the inquisitions when the heir was of full age; so that the assertion as to the age of Phelippa de Bromley must be received with caution. <sup>2</sup>Ant. of Shropshire, Vol. II., p. 15. The early pedigrees of the Bromleys almost invariably give Geoffrey de Bromley as the son and heir of an imaginary Walter de Bromley, Lord of Bromley, and a 3rd part of Ashley and Broseley, by his wife Alice, daughter and coheir of Warin de Burwardesley, Lord of Broseley and Ashley. But this Alice de Burwardesley was the wife of John de Eyton and not of Walter de Bromley; and that 3rd part of Ashley which was afterwards held by the Bromleys came to them as heirs of Margery Bagot, the sister

PEDIGREE OF ASTLEY, OF WOOD EATON.

From Hadfield's MSS. in the William Salt Library, Stafford.

Richard Astley, of Astley juxta Haghmore, Co. Salop, temp. Henry IV. = Alice, daughter of Henry Brampton, Lord of Eaton.

William Astley, of Astley = Joane, daughter and heir of William Rocke, Lord of the Manor of Little Onne, Co. Stafford.

Richard Astley, of Astley and Wood Eaton = Ellen, daughter of . . . Banastre.

John Astley, of Astley and Wood Eaton, styled *John Astley de Wood Eaton in Com. Staff. generosus*, 25 Hen VIII. = Margaret, daughter of . . . Whitcombe, of Berwick, Co. Salop, Esqr.

Thomas Astley, of Wood Eaton and Astley = Joyce, daughter and heir of . . . Sleman, of Moreton.

John Astley, of Wood Eaton and Astley = Dorothy, daughter and heir of . . . Sellman, of Aqualate, Co. Stafford.

Thomas Astley, of Wood Eaton and Astley; sold Astley to Sir Vincent Corbet, Knight, a<sup>o</sup>. 1609. = Bridget, daughter of Thomas Whitgreve, of Great Bridgford, Co. Stafford.

John Astley, of Wood Eaton, a<sup>t</sup>. 70, a<sup>o</sup>. 1664 = Dorothy, daughter of Jonas Groves, of Bushbury, Co. Stafford.

Jonas Astley (of Wood Eaton, gent., 1682) = Anne, daughter of Walter Fowler, of Pendeford, Co. Stafford, Esqr.

John Astley, born 1660.

Visitation made at Wolverhampton 27 April, 1664; certified by Mr. John Astley. Respite for proof, &c., but no proof given.

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