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# The William Salt Archaeological Society.

ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1913.

THE 35th Annual Meeting of members and friends of the William Salt Archaeological Society was held in the William Salt Library, Stafford, on November 11th, 1913. The Earl of Dartmouth presided at the outset, but on his Lordship leaving to attend another engagement Sir Reginald Hardy, Bart., took the chair. There were also present Lord Hatherton, Lord Charnwood, Sir Arthur Nicholson, Captain the Hon. G. A. Anson, General W. N. Congreve, V.C., C.B., Mr. J. C. Wedgwood, M.P. (Hon. Secretary), the Revds. G. T. Royds, F. A. Homer, L. Lambert, F. A. Wrottesley, F. Parker, and S. Hutchinson, Colonel Twemlow, Colonel F. D. Mort, and Messrs. Ralph Thicknesse, W. N. Landor, A. Scrivener, W. Wells Bladen, A. Neitbach, W. R. Holland, W. Morton Phillips, W. H. Duignan, F. T. Beck, and P. W. L. Adams.

At the outset, the CHAIRMAN expressed his satisfaction at the fact that the circular letter which had been sent out had resulted in fifty-four new members being added to the roll of the Society (Applause.) He felt that the Archaeological Society and the work it was doing needed only to be known for those officially connected with it to be relieved of any anxiety as to its future. He wished to thank Mr. Wedgwood for his splendid work on behalf of the Society.

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The HON. SECRETARY presented the Report of the Editorial Committee, which ran as follows:—

The volume for 1913 has only just been issued to subscribers. The reason for the delay has been twofold. In the first place, there are in it a number of coloured plates, reproductions of *Early Rolls of Arms*, the production of which was a very lengthy process. In the second place, the great increase of members necessitated printing additional copies of the volume, 250 instead of 225, and this had to

be done after the other copies were printed off. The volume includes the Inquisitions *post-mortem* and *ad quod damnum*, 1327-57, papers by Mr. C. G. O. Bridgeman, the Rev. Charles Swynnerton, and *A Study of Staffordshire Heraldry from the Seals of the British Museum and from the 13th and 14th Century Rolls of Arms*, together with the usual reviews by the Hon. Secretary. The volume for 1914 will complete Mr. Parker's edition of *Chetwynd's History of Pirehill Hundred*, which was half-finished in our Volume XII, new series. The Committee desire to express their great indebtedness to Mr. J. T. Homer and Mr. W. N. Landor for the trouble they took in drafting and sending out circulars to every resident in Staffordshire, urging them to join the Society. This effort has been wonderfully successful, and has added fifty-four new members to the Society.

Mr. WEDGWOOD went on to mention that Mrs. Fortescue had recently written a *History of Calwich Priory and the neighbouring Manors*. It was a history unlike any others, because it began at the year 1600 and went on to 1800. He was anxious that the book should be printed under the auspices of the Archaeological Society, but at the same time the work was of hardly sufficient interest archæologically for the Society to undertake the printing of it. He suggested that the Society should take over from the printers of Mrs. Fortescue's book one copy for every member of the Society, and issue it either as a separate volume or in a volume containing other histories.

#### A CHURCH HISTORY OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

Since that proposal, however, he had received an admirable manuscript from Mr. Landor, which he would like the Society to bring out. This volume was of even greater interest to the Society than Mrs. Fortescue's, being a complete ecclesiastical history of Staffordshire from 1530 to 1680 or 1690. It contained a list of all the Church Ornaments, a statement as to what monastery each parish was under, a complete list of the incumbents, the reasons the incumbents changed during critical periods of Church history, and notes on the qualifications of the different parsons when they were examined by Puritan divines or rural inspectors. It covered a period from the Reformation to the Commonwealth, and the Ejections of 1662. As Mr. Landor pointed out, such a history was of value, not only to Staffordshire, but also to the country generally, as it provided sound material as to happenings in Staffordshire, from which historians might be able to calculate what happened simultaneously in other places. (Hear, hear.) There was

any amount of controversy as to what ministers were displaced and how the Puritan wave affected the parsons in the different parishes about 1604 or earlier in Elizabethan times. From every point of view, Mr. Landor's book would be an extremely useful compilation for members of the Society to have.

Mr. WEDGWOOD went on to say that he had now got all the *Tudor Court Rolls* translated. All the members, however, seemed to want the *Rolls* to go through in order to find out something about a family in which they were interested, and he suggested, therefore, that the *Rolls* be deposited at the Salt Library. As the records were really the archives of Stoke, he had written to the Town Clerk suggesting that the Library Committee of the County Borough Council should contribute to the cost of printing.

#### A LEAF TO THE COUNTRY.

Mr. WEDGWOOD said that he also wanted to have the Chancery Proceedings between 1520 and 1600 printed. At present, the record was neither printed nor indexed, and was therefore a closed book to everybody. He suggested that a list of the Staffordshire entries in the *Chancery Rolls* be printed and provided with an index and an approximate date. No other county had compiled such a record, and it was therefore open to Staffordshire to give a lead to the country. With regard to the *Heraldic Rolls*, Mr. Wedgwood asked whether the Society wished future publications of this description to be illustrated in colour or not.

Mr. HOLLAND, in seconding the adoption of the Report proposed by Mr. Wedgwood, moved that future publications appertaining to *Rolls* be illustrated with coloured plates. The Report was adopted and the motion carried.

Mr. LANDOR followed with a short description of his book on *The Ecclesiastical History of Staffordshire in Tudor Times*. What he thought was of particular interest were the clergy in the county in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Philip and Mary, and the earlier years of Elizabeth. The book included also a return, dated 1563, which showed the number of householders in each parish, and contained notes on the population. To these he had added sundry notes as to the salaries paid to incumbents and on the characters of clergymen as given by the Bishop and by the Puritans. (Laughter.) Much of the material for his book he had got from the British



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FOR A

HISTORY OF PIREHILL  
HUNDRED.

BY

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A.D. 1679.

*(Continued from VOL. XII, p. 273.)*

COLLECTIONS FOR A HISTORY OF  
PIREHILL HUNDRED.

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SWINERTON.

TEARNE, having given its name to Tyrley Castle and manor, hasteth into Shropshire, where we will leave it, and return to ye river Sow, which, being past St. Joleford bridge, enters ye manor and parish of Swinerton, and ye small hamlets of Earnfield, Beech, Acton, Hatto and Shelton, all which were anciently possess'd by ye lords of Swinerton, and are now ye inheritance of Basil Fitz-Herbert, Esqre. At ye time of ye general survey Aslen held it of Rob. de Stafford, it being then certified to contain 8 carucates of land, 10 acres of meadow, with woods two miles in length and one in breadth, ye whole valued at 40s. This Aslen is ye reputed ancestor of ye Swinertons, who taking

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SWYNNERTON.

The principal authority on the Swynnertons is the late Honble. and Rev'd Canon Bridgeman's account of the family (Vol. VII, *Staff. Hist. Colls.*, Part II, pp. 1-189) followed by the additions, and careful researches, of the Rev. C. Swynnerton upon the "Eccleshall" branches; together with his notes on the first two generations (see Vol. III, N.S., pp. 71-120; and Vol. XII, N.S., pp. 262-71). Mr. Charles O. Bridgeman's "Notes on Walton and Stone" have contributed some further corrections, and a valuable pedigree.

Swynnerton itself, spelt Sulverton in Domesday, belonged to "Broder" previous to the Conquest; it was estimated at 2 hides, with arable land for 8 p. teams, 6 of these being worked by 10 villeins and 5 bordars—while the demesne occupied 1 more team. The eighth being identified with Beech, and belonging to the fee of Tittensor. The woodland was about 1440 acres.

their name from ye place, became afterward men of great esteem in this county, and continued here till ye last age.

In 45 H. III. Sir Robert de Swinerton kt., son of Roger, held a kts. fee here of ye Barony of Stafford, he had issue Sir Roger de Swinerton kt., who 34 E. I. obtained a charter of Free warron for all his demesne lands within ye manor of Swinerton, as also for keeping a market there every week upon ye wednes-

Aelen, or Aelen, probably a Breton, the Domesday owner of North Rauceby (Lincolnshire), and Swynnerton, *may* have married one of the Tittensor family and so acquired Beech; his eldest son Aelen seems to have taken to wife Elyna, d. of Enisan de Walton (another Breton?), but dying *s.p. c.* 1221, left Robert fitz Aelen, his brother, Lord of Swynnerton 1122-1155 A.D.; who witnessed Nicholas de Stafford's grant to Kenilworth, and is called Lord of Swynnerton (Vol. III, *Staff. Hist. Colls.*, p. 185). Though judging by the date 1156-9, this Robert may have been a grandson of Aelen of Domesday (the first of the name) and identical with the Robert fitz Aelen of 1166 A.D. (*L. Niger*) holding  $\frac{1}{2}$  kts. fees of the Stafford barony *i.e.* Swynnerton and part of North Rauceby (Lincoln)(Roxebi). The Hundred roll of that county (2 Ed. I.) confirms this; stating "that the Kts. Hospitallers held  $\frac{1}{2}$  fee in Rauceby of the gift of Robert de Silvereston (*i.e.* Swynnerton) 100 years before (*c.* 1175)." The Close roll of 1 H. III. directs the Sheriff of that county to restore the lands of Rob. de Swynnerton; who, having sided with the Barons against King John, had now returned to his allegiance. This Robert de S. died *c.* 1284, leaving Mabel his widow, who sues Robert her son (1225) for dower. Three years later (Vol. IV, p. 43) Robert de Swynnerton surrenders four vergates in Marston to Wm. S. of Stephen de Hatton, to hold of him by homage and service "because Wm. is poor." The direct male descent of Swynnerton ended with this Robert; Margery de Swynnerton, his heiress, and sister probably, carrying the property to John, called de Swynnerton *c.* 1248-51; who is identified (*v. pedigrees*) (and Vol. III, N.S., p. 76) with the owner of Little Sugnall and Peshall. The advowson of Swynnerton was restored by Wm. Prior of Kenilworth in 1218 to Robert de S. by payment yearly of 2 silver marks to Stone. The living had been held by two incumbents,<sup>2</sup> 40 H. III. Roger de Swynnerton, s. and h. of Margery, had 15 librates of land in Staffs, and was not then knighted; he died *s.p.* in 1276, leaving a widow Alice and a brother and heir John de Swynnerton; whose widow Muriel was suing for dower in 1284 A.D. Swynnerton then passed to Roger s. of Stephen Swynnerton of Isewall (Uselwall), lord here in 1286, and a kt. in 1290, who survived till 1298: by Joan his wife, d. of Sir Robert de Hastang of Chebsey, he had a numerous family of five, or six, sons, the well-known Sir Roger de Swynnerton being his heir.

<sup>1</sup> Then given to the Kts. Templars (?) from whom it passed to the Kts. of St. John. (*V.* Vol. XIII, N.S.)

<sup>2</sup> *V.*, Vol. III, p. 285.



that) reckoned a part of ye manor of Eccleshall. Ye parish of Adbaston contains Adbaston, Bps. Offley, Tunstall, Flashbrook, Knighton Grange, Knighton already mentioned and Elarton Grange. In ye time of H. IV. it was ye seat of ye Bradocks, and continued so till this present age, who are by some thought to be descended from ye Lostocks (of Lostock in Cheshire), their names having so near a resemblance, Lostock bearing, "Argent a greyhound passant—sable and Bradock ye same within a bordure engrailed."

marcas argenti. Test. Ric. de Flotesbroke, Willmō de Edbaldeston, Hugone de Knichton, etc. (47 H. II.) 1263.

Hamundus, dñs de Adbaldeston dedi Willō filio meo primogenito terras quas habui in Adbaldeston de Willō patre meo. Test.<sup>1</sup> Robto de Halughton, Rogero de Puylesdon, et aliis.

Alicia que fuit uxor Hugonis filii Hamundo de Adbaston—test' Henrico dño de Knichton, Tho fratre eius, Willō filii Hamundi de Adbaston.

Hamundus, Dñs de Adbaston, relaxavit fratri suo sectam curiæ suæ pro tenementis quod habuit in Adbaldeston. Test. Hugone de Puylesdon, Hugone de Knyttton, Henrico filio ejus, Hugone m. Willmi, dom. de Adbaston, Willmo filio Hamundi domini eadem tempore, etc.

When the Whitworths acquired their Adbaston property is not in evidence—save that it must have been before 1680 A.D.: because the Whitworth deeds were submitted to W. Cheryard; and from the son and heir John having been baptized here in that year. Harwood's notes to Lideswick (MS., p. 142, S. Library) describe Adbaston as "Mr. Whitworth's seat, who holds it of the Bishop" (1693 A.D.). Of this family descended Sir Charles Whitworth, Kt., who resided in Kent, and became an ambassador, and whose son, a second Charles Whitworth, born in 1754, was the representative of England at Paris, and the ambassador whose self-restraint and ability foiled the violence of the first consul Buonaparte (*v.* Bourienne's memoirs<sup>1</sup>). He was raised to the peerage as "Earl Whitworth and Baron Whitworth of Adbaston," and died in 1825 A.D. Batchingacre Hall was his seat.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> (Bourienne's account, pp. 531-2, Vol. I.) Bonaparte's voice and attitude, before all the foreign ambassadors, were so violent that Lord Whitworth, expecting a blow, calmly laid his hand on his sword, but merely bowed in reply. (See "Savary's description of this extraordinary scene," 1803 A.D.)

<sup>2</sup> A fuller account of his career may be found in *The Gentleman's Magazine*, 1825 A.D.

## FLASSENBROKE.

This place took its name from that shallow flashy brook that passeth by it; and was rated at 2 carucates of land, by ye Conqueror's survey; which then lay waste, but belonged to ye Bp, as part of Eccleshall. About ye time of K. John one Hugo was lord of it, he had issue Richard de Flotesbroke, who was certified to hold it of ye Bp. by ye 4th part of a Kts. Fee, and was alive 42 H. III. About ye time he passed it away in Fee Farm (reserving ye annual rent of 9 marks) to Jordan de

## FLOTESBROOK.

The "Survey" rendering of the place is "Fleetsbroc"; and "Fleet" being a common name to any stream (Fleet-ditch (London) and the brook at Rugeley), is possibly the "nearer" derivation (like Hurstwood). This place is unnoticed in *Liber Niger*, although in "Testa de Nevil" it occurs as  $\frac{1}{4}$  knight's fee, held of the Bishop by Richard de Flokebroc (1243 A.D.), as in Kirby's quest of 1274 by Rose de Peulesdon. The Ronton Chartulary (Vol. IV, pp. 283-89, supplies the earliest notice of Hugh de Flotesbroc granting land he had from Bp. de Cornhull (1215-23) to the Priory: together with a further grant for the soul of Cecily his wife: his son Richard de Flottesbrok confirms these, receiving a place in their "martyrology," and 40s. towards the redemption, under the "dictum de Kenilworth," of his lands, forfeited by adherence to Simon de Montfort and the barons; but he seems to have been impoverished by this recovery, for in 1275 he had conveyed Flotesbrok to Jordan de Puyesdon; reserving only a yearly rent of 9 marcs—Vol. XI, pp. 223 and 233, confirms Chetwynd's later account of this place (6 H. IV. and 19 H. VI.) and of  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the manor, supplying the name of William Bucknale's wife Margaret. A further fine of 21 H. VI. entails on John Barbour, Joan, and Joan's children Flotesbook manor, with that of Weston Jones, and about 200 acres in Rodyngton (Salop). The Barbour pedigree is given in Vol. V, Part II, p. 29, proving that they continued to retain Flashbrook, and intermarried with families of good standing in Staffs.

Vol. IX, N.S., contains several Chancery suits of John Barbour of Flossbrook—one shewing that in 6 Eliz. he had built a mansion house here, half-timbered, which the mason had failed to complete as agreed: another of Walter Barbour, his son by Margery, who had divided out his house between himself, Dorothy, and Joan his sisters; but on Dorothy's death, Thomas Batley, Joan's husband, had locked him out of the hall, so that he had no access to the buttery, kitchen, and large store room [an illustration of the common division of large houses, among different members of a family; and of the difficulties the custom sometimes caused.]

Puylesdon, lord of Puylesdon (a small town adjoining to Flassebroke, but in Shropshire), which Jordan gave it to Jordan his 2nd son, who was lord of it 31 H. III. and by ye daughter of Adam de Chetwynd (of Chetwynd, co. Salop) had issue Roger, who gave Puylesdon Arms (viz., sable 3 Mulletts of 6 points arg.) within a bordure engrailed ermine in allusion to his profession, being a lawyer.

To this Roger Philip ye son of Sir Philip de Chetwynd, Kt., by his deed bearing date at Ingestre (33 E. I.) granted an annuity of 40s. for his life, with 2 robes (as they are there called) lined with Furr really, one at ye feast of All Saints, ye other at Pentecost, for which ye said Roger was to assist him with his counsell, help, and personal service (at ye charges of ye said Philip) in all places within ye 4 seas, when he should be thereto required. Roger had issue Jordan (9 E. II.), father to Thomas, to whom (13 E. III.) Sir Edward Boteler of Norbury, Kt., gave ye manor of Lastres, co. Heref., to hold by fealty and 40s. per annum, in exchange for certain lands lying in Upper and Lower Oldingtons (or Oulom). To him succeeded another Thomas (35 E. III.), who had issue two daughters, of which Agnes, ye

#### FLASHPROOK.

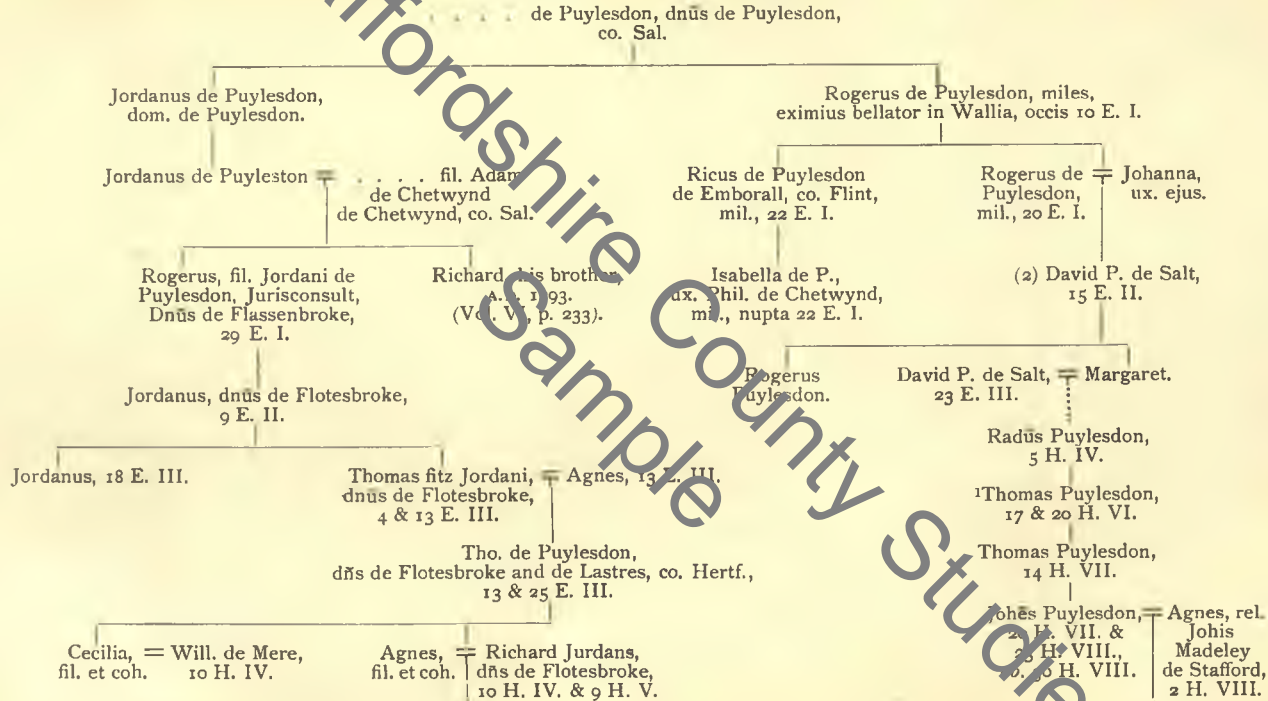
John Barbour, 1570 A.D., petitions, "That Robert, his father, died in full possession of Weston Jones manor 36 years ago; now 4 years past the old deeds had been taken by William Astley, who had expelled and disinherited your orator."

#### MR. BARBOUR'S DEEDS.

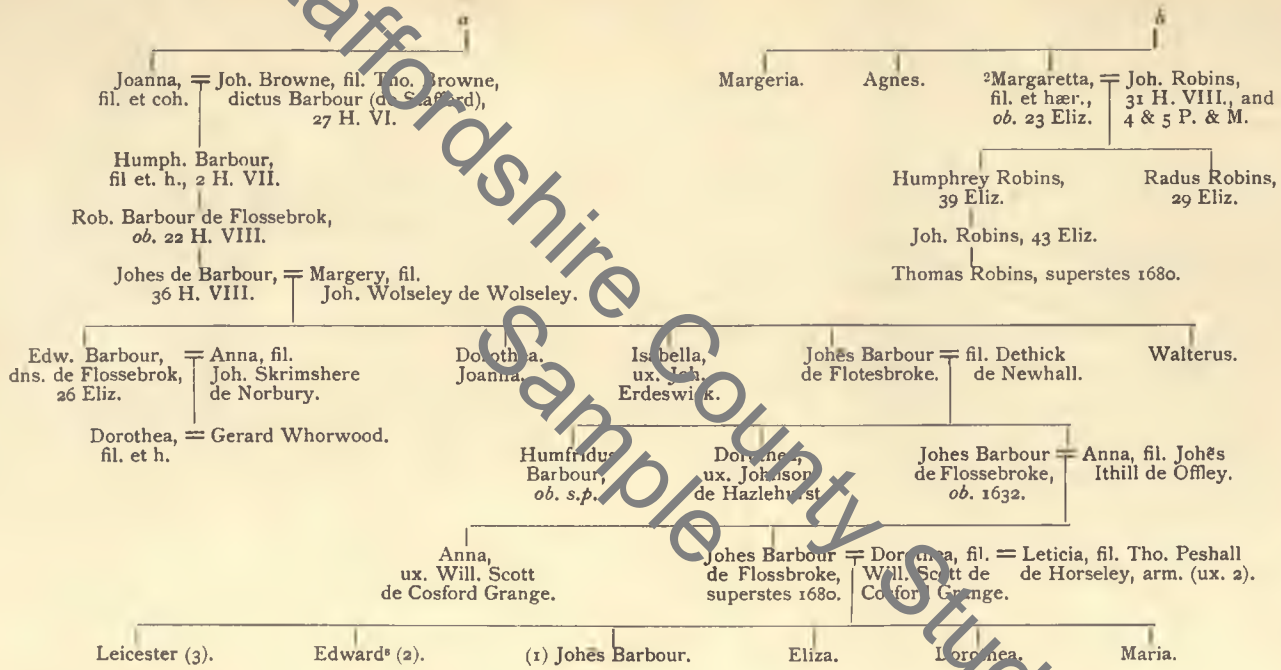
10 H. IV. Indentura inter W<sup>m</sup> de Mere et Ceciliam ux. ejus, Will<sup>m</sup> de Bukkenhall, ex unâ parte, et Ric<sup>o</sup> Jurdan ex alterâ testatur "quod Will<sup>m</sup> et Cecilia, et Will<sup>m</sup> de Bukkenhall deder<sup>t</sup> præfato Ricardo totam purpartem manerii dni. de Flosbroke cum pertîn, que descendit p<sup>r</sup>fato Cecilie post mortem Tho' Pullesdon, ut uni hæredum p<sup>r</sup>dicti Thome; tenend<sup>l</sup> ad terma—vitæ dictorum Willi, Cecilia et Will<sup>m</sup> Buckenhal.

9 H. V. Ric<sup>o</sup> Jordan, dom<sup>o</sup>. de Flosbroke, Will<sup>o</sup> perpetuo vicario de Offeley maneria mea de Flosbroke co. Staff., de Rodynton co., Salop, et de Lastres co. Hereford—Test<sup>r</sup>, Reg<sup>o</sup> Brodoke arm<sup>o</sup>: de Adbaston, Rob<sup>o</sup> Jordan de Northbury, Tho. Knyghton de Knyghton, Rob<sup>o</sup> de Congreve, Tho. Morton de Puylesdon.

<sup>1</sup> Vol. XIII (pp. 84 and 85), 45 Ed. III.







OF PREHILL HUNDRED.

<sup>1</sup> This man was ward to Sir Ph. Chetwynd, and attended him in ye French Wars, and at the Siege of Harfleur.  
<sup>2</sup> Margaret died seized of  $\frac{1}{4}$  kts. fee in Salt, held of ye lords of Ingestre by kts. services.

elder, was married to Ric. Jurdan, and Cecilie to Will. de Mere ; which Will. and Cecilie 10 H. IV. first passed away their part of this manor to Ric. Jordan and Agnes his wife for their lives, and after sold them ye reversion, so that 9 H. V. ye said Ric. Jurdan was lord of this place, being then also seized of ye manors of Lastres before mentioned and Rodyngton (co. Salop), which came to Joan, his daughter and heir, who married John Barbour, of Stafford, son to Tho. Browne, alias Barbour, so called from his being barber to Humphrey, E. of Stafford (afterward Duke of Bucks), and tho' several of ye lands belonging to this family have since passed in marriage (with Dorothy, daughter and heir of Ed. Barbour) to Gerard Whorwood, of Stourton Castle, Here., yet this manor hath remained to ye heir male, and is now in ye hands of John Barbour, gent.

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31 Ed. I. Jordanus de Fossbroc remisit Rogero, fil., Jordani de Puylesdon, et hæc suis, unam marcam argenti de 9 marcis annui redd<sup>t</sup> in quibus dictus Rog et hæc. mihi solebant reddere pro manerio de Fossbroc. prout continetur in carta Ric<sup>i</sup> poatris he<sup>i</sup>. Fest. Dn<sup>o</sup> Wm<sup>o</sup> de Stafford, Robto de Standon, Hugone de Weston, Ric<sup>o</sup> de Harleze, tunc vicecomite Staffs., Will<sup>o</sup> de Mere, Ric<sup>o</sup> de Puylesdon, et Rob<sup>o</sup> de Bromley, militibus.

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#### HIGH OFFLEY.

At ye general survey Urfere held Offley of Rob. de Stadford, there being then an hide of land, containing 4 cartages, 8 acres of meadow, and woods a mile in length and half a mile in breadth, valued at 40s., all which had been ye freehold of Ulfric before ye Conquest. About ye time of K. John it was ye inheritance of one Leticia, who gave certain lands here to ye

#### HIGH OFFELIE.

The Survey returns Offeley, formerly the Freeman Uluric's, now held (in 1086) under Robt. de Stafford, by Urfer, for one hide, as having arable for 4 p. teams—Two teams being in demesne with one serf, and 4 villeins and 4 bordars with 2 teams besides 8 acres of meadow there were c. 720 acres of wood, the whole being rated at £2. (Genl. Wrottesley's *L. Niger*, the assize rolls of *Staff. Hist. Colls.*, the Ronton Chartulary, Vol. IV, and Mr. Eyton's *Salop*, Vol. III, p. 25, and VIII, p. 76, should be consulted for this place.)

of 5s., with woods 2 miles in length, and one in breadth valued at 40s.; all which belonged to ye church of St. Chadde in ye time of King Edward ye Confessor. The succeeding Bishops were lords thereof till ye time of K. Ed. VI., when Richard Sampson passed it in exchange (together with Shutborough) to Will. Lord Pagett, whose great grandson, Will. Lord Pagett, hath now ye royalty and certain Copyhold tenants there.

In this part of Haywood be ye farms of Swaynesmore and Coley, formerly belonging to ye Bishop, and after to Wm., Lord Paget, which falling to ye (Crown) by ye attainder of Wm., Lord Page (his son), were by Queen Eliz. leased out for 3 lives (together with ye site of Shutborough Manor, as is there declared) to Tho. Whitbey, gent. The Reversion whereof was after purchased 18<sup>th</sup> ac. by John his son, whose grandson, Tho. Whitbey of Haywood, gent., is now owner of them (1680). The other half of Haywood (lying within ye parish of Stow and Manor of Chartley) is now yn inheritance of Walter, Lord Aston, being purchased of Rob. de Ferrers, Earl of Derby, by Roger (ye son of Ralph) de Aston, who had his seat here, and was ye first of his family that had anything to do in this county. This Roger, and Roger de Napton (of whom I have spoken in Broughton), were ye particular favourites of Roger de Molend, Bp. of Coventr. and Lichf. were both advanced by him, and probably had their names from him: ye latter being his nephew, but how ye other was related to him I have not seen. In

King Edward II. (in 1309 A.D.) visited, July 4th, Heywood from Chester. Having passed through on June 25, *i.e.*, 9 days previously, when on his road to Coventry.

(Itineraries of K. Ed. I. and II.)

King Ric. II. was here Feb. 21, 1399 A.D., and signed letters. (Vol. 1910, p. 309.)

Shugbro' was a much larger place than Colwich as the muster rolls of H. VIII. prove, having double the population. Several houses had been removed, the late Lord Lichfield told me.

The feud between Sir Walter Devereux, Lord Ferrers, and *Edward Aston*, Esqre. (1533 A.D.), carried before the "Star Chamber." (The latter being master of the game in Cannock Forest proved a constant subject of difference.)

14 E. I. this Roger was by ye said Bp. made constable of his castle at Eccleshall; and in 17 Ed. I. he granted to him and his heirs several lands and tenements in Haywood and Bishton, to be held of him and his successors by ye service of ye 8th part of a Kts. Fee, and 8s. of yearly rent. In 19 E. I. and ye 34th year of his consecration by another grant (wherein he—R. de A. is styled "Dilectus Valettus suus") he gave him ye inheritance of all those lands which sometime belonged to Philip Noel in Longdon, ye chief guardianship of all his parks and Hays, within his Free chace of Canock, ye custody of all his woods belonging to his Baronies of Lichfield and Haywood, with Pannage for 30 swine, and common of pasture for all his beasts in all ye aforesaid woods (except ye parks and assarts), together with 4 oaks yearly for fire, and one for timber for ye repairing his houses (all which grants were then ratified by ye Prior and Convent of Coventry, and Dean and Chapter of Lichfield). He married Sybil d. of James de la Lawnde, Kt., of Mershton (co. Warw.), and having also purchased divers other lands (besides these before mentioned) in Haywood, Hixon Longdon, Brocton, Hands-acre, and King's Bromley, died 20 E. II., leaving Sir John de Aston, K., his son and heir, whose descendants (set down in ye following genealogy) very much enlarged their possessions by their marriages; for by Eliz., sister and co-heir of Reginald de Legh, they had ye manor of Park-

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The situation of Shugbro' was very strong, surrounded on two sides by the river, and on the remaining sides by pools and marshy ground, not forming a large moat round the Bishop's great manor house. These pools and marshes have been drained and filled in, thereby considerably reducing the length of the original bridge, much improvement of this kind having been effected in the late Earl's time, when frequent traces of very solid foundations of the old buildings were uncovered.

Vol. VIII, N.S., p. 135 (A.D. 1378). The Bishop (Robert de Stretton) sitting as a tribunal in the chapel of his manor of Heywode (Shugbro').

Wm. Thicknes, aged 70, stated that he had married, when 12 years old, Elizabeth Coyne, aged 8; afterwards, she being yet living, he had when 20 years of age privately married Katherine Swynnerton, and had 9 children by her (a boy or girl yet living), he had again publicly espoused Margery de Audley, and had other children by her, to whom he prays what is just may be done.



## FRODESWELL.

This was also a member of Haywood, and lies within ye parish of Colwich, tho' it is some miles distant from it. At ye General Survey, Alhelme held it of ye Bp., there being then 5 carucates of land, with woods half a mile long, and a quarter broad, 120 acres, all which had been rated at 3<sup>s</sup> in ye time of King Edw. ye Confessor, but were then valued at 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>. Ye next mention I find of it is in that grant of King H. II., wherein he confirms to ye Priory of Stone ye land that Nic. de Mulewich gave them in Frodeswall. The Meveralls of Throwley were lords of this place in ye time of K. John as, I think, continued so till ye last age, for Tho. Meverall of Throwley, Esqre., was certified to be seized of this manor 18 H. VII., as George his son also did, 18 H. VIII.; but *temp.* H. III. the

## FRODESWELL.

Alhelm holds Frodeswell of the Bishop. There is land for five p. teams, and three villeins and two bordars have two teams here, with 120 acres of wood, and one acre of meadow, the whole, formerly rated at 3 shillings, is now assessed at 13s. 4d.—1086. In *Liber Niger*, 1166, William de Timmor holds 1 Kts. fee immediately of the Bp.—comprising Timmor, Freeford and Fradswell—the two first being held by a certain Ralph—but from Robert de Stafford's deed of confirmation to Stone Priory, 1138-1147 A.D., securing them "land in Frodeswell, which is of my fee, as Nicholas de Marewich gave it them, who held it in free alms (frank almoign)" as a priest. There was clearly some division of the manor, while a grant of Prior Roger of Stone retaining this at 1/4th part of Frodeswell, which is of the fee of Robert de Stafford, explains this more fully, conveying it to Henry de Ley (Lega) and his heirs—Vol. VI, p. 27—for 4s. rent, and one kid yearly. In 1168 A.D. Simon le Sage, al<sup>l</sup> le clerk, of Lichfield, fined 10 marcs for a writ of right (Vol. I, p. 54) against William de Tymmor and Arnald de Dokesay, tenants in possession, his sureties being Simon and Walter de Grai, brothers; for Simon le Sage was not a tenant by Kt. service, and is therefore (Mr. Eyton points out) unnoticed in *Liber Niger*. This Simon died (c.) 1184 A.D., and his daughter and heiress, Petronilla le Sage—*v.* St. Thomas Chartulary—married Godard de Tymmor, by whom she had a son and heir, William de Tymmor (whose son, Hugh de Tymmor, was dead in 1293); with Petronilla's consent, Godard de T. conveyed to St. Thomas 1/2 the vill of Frodeswell, held by Walter de Grai, for the service of 1/10th of a Kts. fee, receiving from the Priory two silver marcs for himself, and a gold ring for his wife. Wm. de Tymmor, Hugh's father, was still living in 1263 A.D. (Vol. IV, p. 156). Petronel survived her husband; a fine of 1206 shews her granting to Oliver

Priory of St. Thomas had a great share of lands here by ye grants of Tho. Meverall, Rob. de Hintes, Walter Grey, and Rob. le Hore; which long since had ye reputation of a manor, and after their dissolution was by that name (31 H. VIII.) granted *inter alia* to Rowland Lee, Bp. of Cov. and Lichf., who ye some year settled it on Will. Fowler, his nephew, and his heirs male of his body lawfully begotten: which William sold it to Sampson Meverell of Throwley, Esqre., whose grandchild, Eliz., sole daughter and heir to Rob. Meverell, brought it in marriage to Tho. Lord. Cromwell, who, having built a fair house here, and often made it ye place of (his) residence, left it to his son Wingfield, Earl of Ardglass, who about ye year 1661 passed it away to Theophilus Bidulph (a silk mercer in London, and younger son to Michael Bidulph of Elmehurst) who hath

Meverell, and his heirs, a carucate of land here by payment of 20<sup>s</sup> rent yearly, and guaranteeing to discharge the tithes service due for  $\frac{1}{16}$ th of a fee (Vol. III, p. 171). In 1221 Roger de Grai remits to Prior Philip of St. Thomas all claim to a carucate and 4 virgates in Frodeswell, receiving 30<sup>s</sup>. Previously (5 King John) the verdict of 12 Knights who decided the dispute between Oliver Meverell and Wm Paunton, about 1 virgate here, is not recorded: probably Oliver established his claim. Hugh de Timmor, son of Wm., occurs in 1263 (Vol. IV, p. 159) in the Pleas of 56 H. III. and in Kirby's quest of 1284 as the Bishop's tenant here; he had served as a Coroner, and is so returned in 1293, for whom his son and heir, William, now answers. Apparently Alice, widow of John Meverell of Frodeswell, was his sister-in-law (?), while Thomas Meverell (son of the Thomas M. of 1263) was cousin of that other Thomas, s. of John, executed for the death of John, s. of Ric. le Hore of Frodeswell (7 Ed. II.) In 34 Ed. I. the widow of Thomas Meverell, now remarried to Adam de Mucleston, sued for dower in Frodeswell—the particulars are given Vol. VII, p. 146. A Fine of 33 Ed. III. settled on Sir Nicholas de Stafford, Kt., and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Thomas Meverel, and her heirs, the manors of Throwley and Frodeswell, with a moiety of Tideswell Manor, Derbyshire, the bailiwick of High Peak, etc. Sir Nicholas was the son of Richard de Stafford the elder (see Pedigree, p. 166, Vol. I of Pirehill). The Subsidy Roll of 1327 and other pleas contain the names of Nicholas le Hore, Ric. his son, Henry le Hore, Wm. son of Nich. le Hore, and Nich., son of Richard. Evidently theirs was an important yeoman family here—it is observable that at the inquest on the body of John Meverel the elder, lord of Frodeswell and Throwley (1 H. IV.) Nicholas le Hore was foreman of the Jury (p. 82, Vol. XVI). In 12 R. II. Sir Nicholas de Stafford was suing a Saiton man for injuring his close and trees here. Sir Sampson Meverell, son of John, was born at Stone in 1388, and

since been raised to ye degree of a Bart., and is now lord thereof. In ye time of K. H. II., Simon Clerke de Lichfield was seized of half Frodeswall, he had a daughter and heir named Petronill, who was married to Godard de Tinmore, and from them descended Hugh de Tinmore, who (1 H. III.) gave all his lands here, with ye homage and service and 20<sup>s</sup> rent due to him from Tho. Meverell, to ye Priory of St. Thomas.

married Isabel, d. of Sir Roger Leche, was perhaps the most distinguished of his line. He served under Thomas Montagu, Earl of Salisbury, the best general of his day, and under John Duke of Bedford, who knighted him at St. Luce, and between 1429 and 1431 was in eleven battles. Dying in 1462, he was buried at Tideswell, where his stone speaks "of his enduring in great worship," and prays the passer-by to "Devoutly say a 'paternoster' with an 'ave' for all Xtian souls, and especially the soul whose bones rest under this stone" (Coxe's *Derbyshire Chirologes*, Vol. II). A fine of 28 Eliz., Vol. XVI, estimating this Frodeswell manor at 20 mess., 2 cotts., 300 acres of arable, 100 meadow, 200 pasture, 100 wood, 300 heath, and 40<sup>s</sup> rent, is interesting. A second fine (39 Eliz.) by Francis Meverell, Esqre., and Robert, is of less importance.

The Lordship of the manor was until recently in the hands of Earl Ferrars, and is now in those of Brigdr. Genrl. Congreve, V.C. & C.B.—the owner of Chartley.

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#### COLTON

Trent having left Wolseley and Bishton passeth by Colton, and so takes its farewell of Pyrehill Hundred. In 28 Conq. Goisfridus held Colton of Robt. de Stadford, there being then one hide of land containing 6 carucates, 16 acres of meadow

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#### COLTON.

Walter Chetwynd, following Erdswick, failed to notice that Colton is entered *twice* in the Staffs. D. Survey; for while Geoffrey, the Wasteneys' ancestor, held one manor here under Robert de Stafford, the other and more important was held by Azeline (or Ansell) de Mavesyn from Earl Roger de Montgomery; of which the small estate of "Little Hay" formed a separate part—where it extended beyond the limits of Colton Parish into Mavesyn Ridware. It is observable that each of these three manors can still be easily traced—the boundaries of "Little Hay" by the perambulation of 1815 A.D. The de Colton, or church estate (known subsequently as the "Mareshall and Griffin" manor), through paying tithes to the church; by the gift of the Saxon Founder, either Almond, or his predecessors—while the remainder, rather

and a mill, with woods a mile long and  $\frac{3}{4}$  broad, all which were then valued at 50<sup>s</sup>, and had been ye possessions of Odo and Ulfric before ye Conquest. In ye next age Hardulph de Gastenois (or Wastneys) was lord of it, from whom it came by descent to Sir Tho. de Wastneys, Kt., whose daughter and heir, Thomasine, brought it in marriage (*temp.* R. II.) to Sir Nich. de Groseley of Drakelow, Kt. of ye Bath, but after (*temp.* Jac. I.) Lord Aston of Forfar in Scotland, whose son Walter, Lord Aston, A.D. 1658, sold ye site of ye manor house and a great part of ye tenemes to Will. Chetwynd of Rugeley, Esqre., most of ye tenements to ye several occupants, and ye rest, with ye royalty and advowson, to his brother, Herbert Aston, Esqre.,

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more than  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of Colton, was the "Untitheable Wasteneys' property." Some portion of each of the two manors or of their waste, came subsequently into the possession of St. Thomas' Priory, and is now represented by the Boughey Hall and Lount farms, belonging to the Whitgreaves.

How the overlordship of Montgomery was forfeited by Robert de Belesme, to pass to the Fitzalans', and how William Fitzalan inserted a mesne tenure in this manor for Walter Hose, inherited by his son Ralph and grandson John, and how William de Mareschal, of the great Pembroke family, succeeded first in inserting a second sub-tenure, and then in getting rid of the mesne tenure of John Hose, is shewn in the printed account of Colton," pp. 8, 9 and 10. While the suit of 1203 A.D. there given, explains the feudal position (*v.* Eyton) of Ralph Hose and Nicholas Mavesyn, of the Little Hay Manor; the descent of the actual possessors of the church manor, from Thomas de Colton, *c.* 1175, through Hugh, Henry, Robert, and Wm. 1331 A.D., in direct succession, is entered at p. 44; and that of Wm. Clifton, who acquired the other half by marrying Alice, d. of Gerald de Colton, the brother of Thomas de C., from *c.* 1160 to 1396 A.D., at p. 46. The de Colton's share passed to the Mareschals. Then by the marriage of Avice, d. of Wm. (and sister and h. of John) le Mareschal, Marshal of Ireland, to Sir Robt. de Morley, a distinguished soldier of Ed. III.'s time, whose son, another Wm. de M., left by Cecily his wife, a s. and h., Sir Thomas de Mosley, who confirmed to Sir John Gresley, and Joan his wife, the rights over this manor, which John Luttrell had acquired for life only from Sir Wm. de Mosley. These with the advowson, and a windmill, in 1382 A.D., were merged in the property which the Gresleys had inherited from the Wasteneys. Meanwhile the Little Hay Manor had descended through Ralph Mavesyn of Colton, *c.* 1145, and his son Nicholas (*ob.* 1204) to Wm., son of Nicholas (*c.* 1204-1227 A.D.), then to Wm., son of William, s. and h. (*c.* 1227-1269 A.D.), and to his son Wm. le Jovene, styled Lord of Colton (*c.* 1270-1318 A.D.), whose son Robert (*c.* 1287-1339) sold "Little Hay" to his cousin Richard de Blythfield (Dionysia, sister of James de Blythfield, having married Wm. le Jovene, Robert's father).



who had also certain other lands here by his Father's gift, on which he built, and resided, giving his house ye name of Bellamour, in regard it was furnished by ye benevolence and assistance of his friends.

The Priory of St. Thomas had several messuages here by ye grant of Will. de Wastneys and others, which after its dissolution came to Rowland Lee, Bp. of Cov. and Lichf., who (31 H. VIII.) settled them on Rowland Fowler, his nephew, whose son—George Fowler—sold ye same to Sampson Boghay, gent., father to George Boghay, who had issue Sampson, who died 1658, leaving 5 daughters and coheirs, most of which are now living.

There is also another small manor in Colton, called Little Hay, which, being purchased by Ric. de Blythfield (16 Ed. II.)

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The marriage of Elizabeth, grand daughter of Richard de Blythfield, with Sir Ralph Bagot carried Little Hay into the Bagot family, whose property it has since remained.

The Wasteneys' Pedigree is given in the account of Colton, p. 78 ; on the death of Sir Thomas de W. his widow Joan Toly married Sir John Gresley. An account roll of their Colton property in 1307-3 will be found on pp. 79-84. In 1364, a lease of Sir John's and dame Joan his wife to Nicholas de Gresley, son of the said John, to hold to Nicholas and Theziasine (de Wasteneys) his wife begotten of the said Joan, establishes the marriage, which conveyed the Wasteneys' manor to the Gresley—a fine of 1392 A.D., entailed the Marshal and Griffin Manor, with the advowson of the church, on Sir John and Joan his wife, remainder to Thomas Gresley and Margare, his wife, and their issue. Joan Toly died c. 1393 A.D. Colton continued in the Gresley line until 1610, when Sir Walter Aston of Tixall, Kt., bought it of Sir Tho. Gresley, Kt., and Mary his wife, and of George Gresley and Susan his wife—Sir Walter Aston was much about the Court, and in favour with James I., who sent him as ambassador to Spain ; he was afterwards raised to the Scots peerage as Lord Aston of Forfar—his eldest son Walter, 2nd Lord, in 1658, sold Colton to Wm. Chetwynd of Hagley, except the Bellamour land, given by his father to Herbert Aston, the next son, and that part of the Newlands' which fell to John (?) the 3rd brother.

On the death of John Aston, eldest and last surviving son of Herbert Aston—without direct heirs, the original House of Bellamore, with the Newlands' land, reverted to the elder branch of the family, and having descended to James, the fifth and last Lord Aston of the main line, passed to his eldest d. and coh., the Honble. Mary Aston, wife of Sir Walter Blount of Mawley Hall and Soddington.

About the beginning of the eighteenth century Lady Blount built here the



William Offley of Stafford, Mercer, father to Sir Thomas, was more than ordinarily fortunate in his children, for of seven sons that he had by his two wives, one was Lord Mayor of London, another Sheriff, and ye 7th was Mayor of Chester, a third fined for both, three others were rich merchants and citizens. His eldest son, Sir Thomas, was first an apprentice to John Newells, merchant of ye staple, and after was his partner and brother-in-law (for ye said John took to his 2nd wife Margaret Offley, his sister, who had been his servant), and lastly he became his son-in-law and heir, by marrying Joane, his only child by his first wife, Catherine, sole daughter and heir to Sir Stephen Jennings, Lord Mayor of London, A° Dom. 1508.

Having thus gained a plentiful fortune by his marriage, and amply increased it by a long prosperity in ye course of his trade, he passed through the honourable offices of ye city, being elected Sheriff, Alderman, and lastly Lord Mayor, at which time he gave for his arms "Argent, a cross formee flory azure, charged with a lion passant guardant or betwixt 4 Cornish choughs proper."

He survived his mayoralty almost 20 years, and dying A° 1582, in ye 82nd year of his age, left half his personal estate (which was very great) to be disposed in Charitable uses, and defraying ye expenses of his funeral, and ye rest with all his lands to Henry Offley, his onely son, whose descendants are set down in ye following genealogy. John Offley, Esqre. his great grandson, who hath lately married Anne, d. and comen to John Crew, of Crew, in ye county of Chester, Esqre., being now lord of this manor, 1680.

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#### WESTON JONES.

This manor, unnamed by Erdeswick and W. Chetwynd, lies on the border of Pirehill, and being held as a part of Norbury, was connected with Culveston, or Cuddlestone, and entered anonymously in that Hundred. It was Uluric's property in Saxon times, but was held by Urfer under Robert de Stafford in 1086 A.D., when it contained two hides, but with arable sufficient only for two p. teams; there were 10 acres (a quarantine) of wood, and a mill worth 12*d.* yearly; the annual value of the whole 16*s.* Like Haughton, it was held by Urfer's descendants, the knightly race of "de Haughton." To distinguish it from Weston under Lizard, which in 1327 (p. 37, Vol. II, N.S.) is called Weston Hewes (or Hugh's), it was known as Weston John's (or Jones). The Testa de Nevil states that Robert de Halecton holds this among 2½ Kts. fees under the Stafford Barony. The

Hundred rolls (39 H. III.) record that John de Weston is lord of Weston Jones, and holds it of Robert de Haleton—Kirby's quest adding that Robert de Weston holds Weston Jones by the service of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Kts. fee of Robert de Haleton, and he of the Baron Nicholas de Stafford. General Wrottesley proves that Richard fitz Noel was probably the immediate tenant, and a younger brother of Robert fitz Noel of Ranton, a manor close to Haughton. Thomas Noel had a brother Richard certainly—*v.* The Ranton Chartulary—and that this Richard was the ancestor of the Westons of Weston Jones (p. 149, Vol. I, Wm. de Mere and Ricardus filius Noele, are named as holding between them 1 Kts. fee of the three fees, which were Roger fitz Henry's, de Haughton,  $\frac{2}{3}$  being maer, the other  $\frac{1}{3}$  Weston Jones).

Mr. Bringham (Vol. II, N.S., p. 16) shews that in 1270 this Weston Jones family, named from Weston in Norbury parish, must not be confounded with that of the Weston under Lizard family; when the John of that line took the cross with Robert de Newton, who was probably his cousin. Vol. IX records a suit brought by William de Weston Jones against Eliz. de la Sale, Wm. de Eyton, and two others for depriving him of land in Remesey, of which he is custos till the full age of Roger de la Sale, whose father, another Roger, had held the  $\frac{1}{2}$  virgate of him by military service. (Vol. VII, p. 22.) To a recognizance of 500 marcs, and 250, from Vivian de Standon to Sir Roger de Swinerton, made 15 Ed. II. Thomas de Haluton, the Chetwynes, and William de Weston Jones are parties to the indenture.

The Poll tax (1380 A.D.) under this place includes "Elizabetha Domina de Westone." What were the later fortunes of this family must remain obscure—without additional evidence—but in Tudor times we find Sir Nich. Bacon, Queen Eliz.'s Lord Keeper, was petitioned by Edward Barbour of Weston Jones, against 4 persons who had stolen some of his "evidences," which proved that his father John, and his grandfather Robert, had owned the land he claimed for the last 50 years.

Previously a fine of 15 Eliz. (Vol. XIII, p. 293) between John Barbour armiger., Edward's father, and Margery Wolseley his wife, d. of Erasmus Wolseley, had received from Erasmus W. and John Erdeswick £130 on Weston Jones manor. 15 James I. (Vol. VI, N.S., part 1) a Fine between Gerard Whorwood, and John his son, with Abigail, John's wife, conveyed for £500 to John Fowke and his heirs this manor, with 10 mess., 4 cotts., a water mill, 400 acres of land (120 pasture, 80 meadow and 100 heath, probably for a loan). By a former Fine (Vol. IV, N.S., p. 15), 9 James I., between John Fowke armiger, and Gerard Whorwood armiger, with John his son and heir, and Humfrey Barbour, the 3 latter remit to John Fowke, and his heirs, for £700, extensive lands in this place and Norbury, etc., 3,300 acres, a water mill, 6 tofts, a dovecote, 40 gardens and 40 orchards, 600 acres of wood, for raising money (?) or a recovery (?)

Weston Jones is now entered as a township two miles west of Norbury, area about 1,250 acres. S. T. H. Burne, of Loynton Hall, being a leading landowner (?)

HARCOURT OF ELLENHALL.

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## HARCOURT OF ELLENHALL.

In the year 1201 William de Harcourt, lord of Stanton Harcourt in Oxfordshire, lord of Stretton in Leicestershire, son and heir of Robert de Harcourt, lord of Bosworth and of a dozen manors in Leicester and Warwick counties, bought from King John and married, Alice, eldest daughter and coheir of Thomas Noel of Ellenhall and Ranton in Staffordshire. This was the first connection of Harcourt with Staffordshire; and Harcourts, the descendants of this William and Alice, held Ellenhall for over 400 years.

Sometimes the heads of the house lived at Ellenhall, sometimes at Bosworth, and sometimes at Stanton Harcourt. Even when the Harcourt of the day did not live at Ellenhall, his eldest son is often found residing there. So that we find this family one of the ruling families of Staffordshire—as Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Array, Sheriffs, Members of Parliament—right down to the time when they became seized with the world-fever, set off buccaneering on the Grinoco, and so had to sell their Staffordshire lands to foot the bill. The present Harcourts of Stanton Harcourt are really, of course, Vernons paternally; and as such are even more Staffordshire in ancestry than are the Harcourts of Ellenhall—being “of Harlaston” since the time of Henry II.

I do not propose here to go into the first 300 years of the Harcourts before they came to Staffordshire. It is enough to mention that they had 300 years of history before King John; and the great French History of the Harcourts of the French line tells it all—possibly more than all. Those of us who have been well brought up know that the first Harcourt lords it in Charlotte Yonge's “Little Duke.” He matched at Rouen the position and the power of the first Capet, his contemporary at Paris. This Norman house does, in fact, surpass in antiquity all the Royal Houses of Europe except that of Capet. Montmorenci “the proudest house in Christendom,” Courtenay that



wore "the purple of three emperors," even Ferrers and the first Stafford race of Toeni are juniors and new men beside the Harcourts.

Who was the cadet of the family that first came to England I do not venture to say. We are told that "Errand" and Robert, the two eldest of seven brothers, fought at Hastings; and that the man with the rare and refreshing name of Errand "commanded the archer guard." He was probably mentioned in despatches also, but these have been mislaid. I, personally, do not think any Harcourt came to England with the Conqueror; if one did, then he was surely slain at Hastings. For not one inch of English land is in Harcourt hands in *Domesday*, and this family was not in the habit of concealing its identity under entries such as Robert of This or That, or Everard Paunchface.

But under Henry I the Harcourts are in Sussex, with their relations of Braose (Pipe Roll, 1130), and they are holding land in Leicestershire too; of other relations, the Beaumonts, earls of Warwick. I give the pedigree and refer to Nicholl's *History of Leicestershire* for the very fortunate set of Garendon charters (IV, ii, p. 519), and to *The Red Book of the Exchequer*. The English pedigree runs rightly down from that William or Richard or Ansketil de Harcourt who married, about 1100 A.D., an unknown daughter of William de Braose. It was their great-grandson who married the heiress of Ellenhall, and went on Crusade with Randle, earl of Chester, in 1218-20. I mention this Crusade here, because it brings up the question of the Arms of Harcourt. William could not have worn on his horse trappers the two red bars on the field of gold without the permission at least of the Norman House of Harcourt. The Norman Harcourts held land in England<sup>1</sup> too, and were on this and the preceding Crusade, and yet William, and after him his son and his widow, bore a shield with two bars over it. They would not have dared to assume it unauthorized; therefore the connection with the parent house must have been recognized when English coat armour came in, about 1200. And the very fact that the old Rolls of Arms of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries

<sup>1</sup> Rothley, Birstall and Sibley in Leicester, Ilmington in Warwick, Benson and Henley in Oxon, Sherston in Wilts, Wickham in Suffolk, and Wellingborough in Northants, and, I think, Chirbury in Kent.

and 1466-7—important years for the House of York to have the right men in power.

The Final Concord of 1473 settles Ranton. By it Sir Roger Lewknor conveys to John Harcourt for 500 marcs the reversion of the manor of Ranton which John, son of Edward Doyli, held for life (*Staff. Hist. Colls.*, XI, 239). In the previous year Harcourt is said to hold Worston and Little Bridgeford of his brother, Sir Robert. All his interests were in fact round Ellenhall. In 1475 he is sued by his brother's widow, Dame Margaret, respecting Ellenhall, being styled "of Haughton"; and the same year he is suing the exors. of Hugh Erdeswick for debt, and Ralph Boughey of Chetwath for "breaking in." Perhaps he had family troubles, for his daughters had married Erdeswicks and Bougheys. He was building at Saghford in 1478, for he sued the builders for building so negligently that it fell down. His brother, Sir William, was dead in 1483, leaving a widow Ann, then re-married to Sir John Stanley (*Staff. Hist. Colls.*, VI, N.S.). But John Harcourt was alive as late as 1495 when he was a party to a Final Concord respecting land at Horsley. He must have died soon after, succeeded by his eldest son Thomas. He left, too, five or six daughters who married into Staffordshire families; Elizabeth married Hugh Erdeswick of Sandon, Joyce married Humphrey Boughey of Whitmore, Anne married that Richard Lane of Bentley who came of age in 1494, Isabel married Walter Wrottesley.

The chronology of this family has hitherto been upset by an unfortunate mistake of Canon Bridgeman's. He quotes the *Inq. p.m.* on the death of his son, Thomas Harcourt of Ranton as "3 Hen. VII." (1487). The age of the son and heir John is there given as 23 or more. Now, as I suspected, there is no such Inquisition in 3 Hen. VII., nor is it in 3 Hen. VIII. I expect this Inquisition is 23 Hen. VII., a date which would harmonize the chronology of the Harcourts of Ranton.

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THOMAS HARCOURT OF RANTON. BORN c. 1455,  
DIED 1507. (?)

A Thomas Harcourt was escheator of Staffs. in 1509-10, so I am not confident that he died in 1507 at all. He married

Isabel, daughter of Hugh Egerton of Wrinehill, by whom he had two sons, John of Ranton and Richard of Church Eaton, as well as a daughter who married John Peashall of Horseley.

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JOHN HARCOURT OF RANTON. BORN *c.* 1484,  
DIED 1539-43.

He is said to have married Jane, daughter of Sir Randle Brereton of Malpas, but the widow who survived him was Ann. —*Star Chamber*, 1543. Robert Harcourt of Ranton and Anne his mother complain that Simon and Michael Harcourt and others, by the command of Sir John Harcourt and Dame Margaret his wife, “which bee and alwaies haue been common brekkers of yor lawes” assaulted them with “bylles, sordes, bokeless, bowys and arrows.” Anne is almost “besydesse her wyttes” and Robert with much pain “took the churchyard for the savegarde of his life” (*Staff. Hist. Colls.*, 1910).

Robert Harcourt of Ranton, his eldest son, had a large family of bastards to whom he conveyed Ranton, and they carried on the family throughout the seventeenth century. Other branches of the Ranton Harcourts flourished in a subdued way at Church Eaton and Tamworth. For all these, the pedigrees given in the 1614 and 1663 visitations are sufficiently accurate; nor did they occupy sufficient position to require a detailed account now. The Harcourt progeny was so numerous that there must be still in England numbers of the direct descendants in the male line of that Bernard the Dane who came down on Normandy from the North in the year of our Lord 912.

## CORRECTIONS.

Vol. I of Pirehill. XII., *N.S.*, *Staff. Hist. Colls.*, page 236. An excellent account of the "Twemlows of Peatswood," tracing their Cheshire descent from 1545 A.D. in an unbroken line, has been privately printed, and a copy can be consulted at the Wm. Salt Library, Stafford. The "Hatherton branch," carried only to 1728, has not been clearly connected with the main line; it was inserted in the note on page 236 upon Mr. Hadfield's authority. The present editor of W. Chetwynd's "Pirehill" was not acquainted with the "Twemlow History" when his notice was written, and apologizes sincerely for having introduced Mr. Hadfield's statement in place of the full and authorized account.

Page 113 (Vol. XII., *N.S.*), line of note, the reference should be to Vol. XI (not XII).

Page 106. The reference to Vol. VI should be to page 101.

Vol. XII, *N.S.*, page 209. The Henry de Verdon, Ld. of Biddulph, remarried to Hawise, could not have been a grandson of Theobald de V., but was more probably a younger son of Bertram de V., the founder of Croxden, who died in 1192.

There were four Henry de Verdons in succession, but the Pedigree errs, since one Henry de V., who married Avice, sister of Roger de Peulesdon (*v. Staff. Hist. Colls.*, VI, p. 92), was dead in 1272, leaving a son and heir, Henry.—(*Captn. Mainwaring's note.*)

Vol. I, page 160, "Pirehill," should give William, son of Hugh de Okeover (not Hugh, son of William).

Vol. II, "Pirehill," *Pitt's History* (1838, p. 319), shows that the Batchinacre estate, some 500 acres, lately the property and home of Richard Whitworth, had been bought by John Walford, Esqre., who had built here "Hill Hall."

Vol. 1913, *Staff. Hist. Colls.* Mr. George Bridgeman's careful paper on "Aston Manor and Walton," page 214, traces the coheirresses of Robert FitzPayne :—

"Xtina," wife of Ivo de Walton.

"Agnes," — of Robert de Marshall.

"Petronilla," — of Geoffrey de Walton.

"The connection thro Robt. FitzPayne's probable marriage with a daughter of Robt. de Swinnerton throws light on the claims of John de Whitmore and of Wm. de Alsager c. 1240-70, &c."



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