

GENEALOGICAL MEMOIRS
OF THE
BROWNE FAMILY

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BENTLEY HALL, CO. DERBY; GREENFORD, CO. MIDDLESEX;
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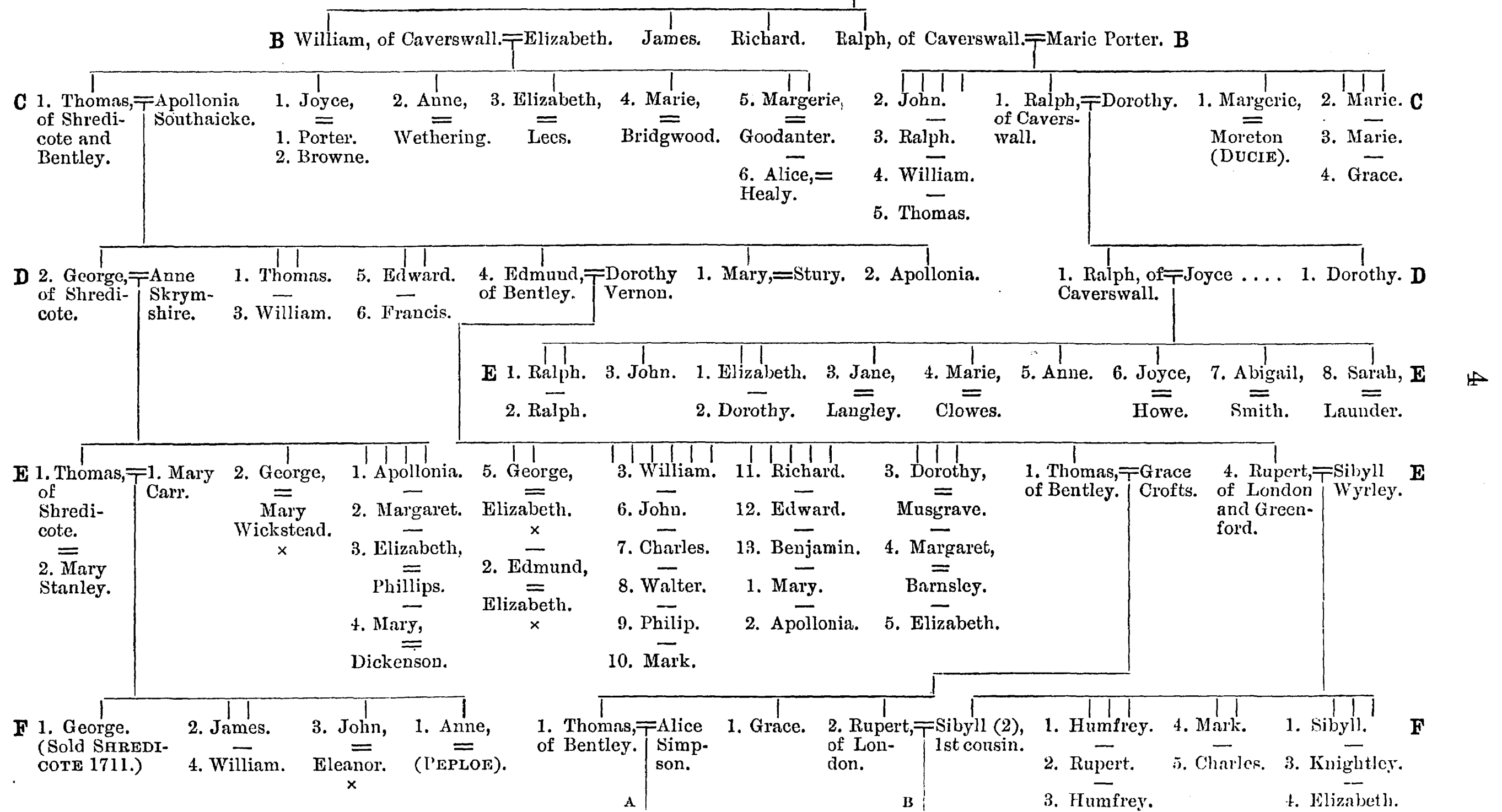
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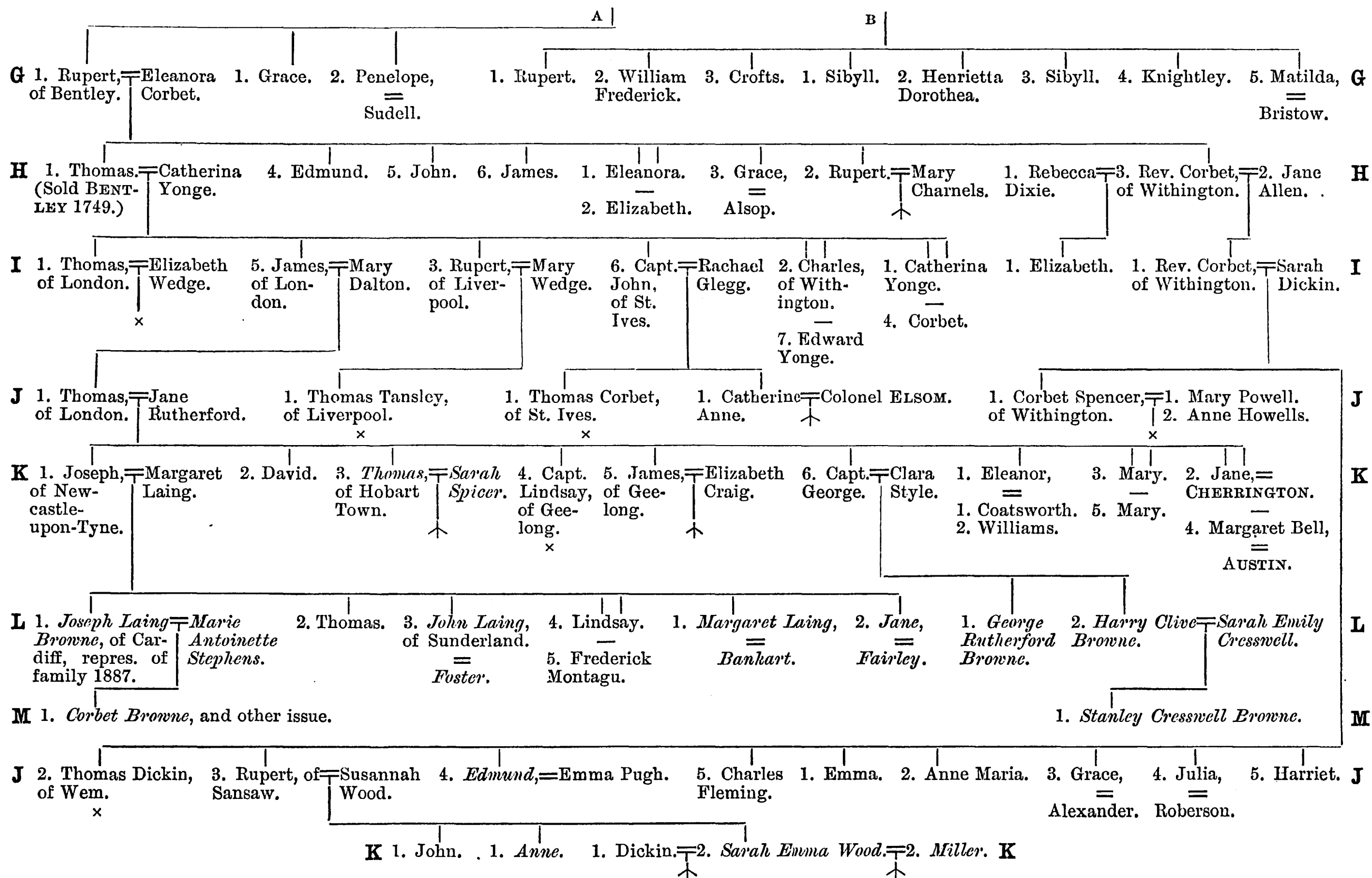
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Key Pedigree of Browne Genealogy.

A Thomas Browne of Caverswall, co. Stafford. — Margery . . . **A**





(Names printed in italics denote those who are now living.)

* * The alphabetical letters at sides of pedigree refer to the generation in the detailed genealogy.

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OF THE

BROWNE FAMILY.

- A.** **Thomas Browne** of Caverswall, co. Stafford (bur. [in Caverswall Church, M.I.] 7 Feb. 1562-3), mar. Margery . . . (bur. [in Caverswall Church, M.I.] 31 Jan. 1559-60). Issue :—
- B.** 1. William Browne. (*Vide infra*)
 2. James Browne (d. . . .), legatee under his brother William's will 1602, who bequeathed him "yf he survive or overlyve me xls. in money."
 3. Richard Browne (dead 1602), mentioned in his brother William's will 1602 as having bequeathed legacies to his niece Joyce Browne.
 4. Ralph Browne of Caverswall* (bur. [in Caverswall Church, M.I.] 9 May 1598), mar. ([at Caverswall] 10 Feb. 1562-3) Marie Porter† (bur. [in Caverswall Church, M.I.] 7 April 1615). Issue :—
- C.** 1. Ralph Browne of the Meere, parish of Caverswall‡ (bapt. there 1 Jan. 1562-3; bur. there, M.I., 26 April 1642). Held a "knight's fee" in Caverswall. Compounded for refusing knighthood, and paid a fine of £10, *temp.* Chas. I. Ex'or under his uncle William Browne's will 1602, mar. Dorothy . . . (bur. [in Caverswall Church, M.I.] 17 Aug. 1618). Issue :—
- D.** 1. Ralph Browne of the Meere and Cookshill,§ parish of Caverswall (bapt. there 14 July 1598; bur. there, M.I., 14 April 1670. Will dated 9 Oct. 1669; codicil 7 April 1670; pr. [at Lichfield] by nephew John Clowes, sole ex'or, 13 May 1670. Bequeathed xxxs. yearly for ever to the poor of Caverswall, and a "present" of xs. yearly for ever to the Vicar of Caverswall, in addition to legacies bequeathed by his son John Browne). Mentioned in William Browne's will 1602 as "godson Rauffe Browne my cozen|| Rauffe Browne's little

* Neither will nor letters of administration are recorded at Lichfield or Somerset House.

† A note (*in MS.*) at the foot of p. 79, vol. i., of a copy of Shaw's 'Staffordshire,' in the British Museum, gives the following pedigree of Ralph Browne's wife, but which I have been unable to corroborate:

"William Whitehall—Mary, d. and coh. of John Hardwick
 of Bloxwich. | of Lindley (d. 1565).

1st, Robert Porter of Stallington.—Mary Whitehall.—2nd, Radulphus Browne of Caverswall.

William Browne de Shredicote."

‡ No wills at Lichfield for 1642-3.

§ "*Ralph Browne*" was a tenant of certain lands in Dilhorne, near Caverswall, belonging to Richard Egerton, which were confiscated by the Commonwealth for "treason" 4 May 1654.—'Royalist Composition Papers' (1st Series, vol. xxiii., p. 673).

|| As now designated, the relationship between William Browne and "Rauffe" Browne would be nephew, not cousin. See also will of Apollonia Browne, in which she calls her brother's child her *cousin*, instead of *nephew*. Shakespeare, in 'Romeo and Juliet,' makes Lady Capulet, on seeing the corpse of Tybalt, exclaim :—

"Tybalt, my *cousin*! oh! my brother's child!"

boye," who bequeathed him "one ewe and a lambe." Mar. Joyce (bur. [in Caverswall Church, M.I.] 5 Feb. 1632-3). Issue :—

- E.** 1. Ralph Browne (bapt. [at Caverswall] 21 Feb. 1623; bur. there, M.I., 29 March 1625).
2. Ralph Browne (bapt. [at Caverswall] 8 April 1625; dead 1665; bur. there, M.I.), mar. . . . Issue :—

- F.** 1. Ralph Browne (under the age of 21 in 1669), legatee under his uncle John Browne's will 1665, who bequeathed him £50; and legatee under his grandfather's will 1669, who bequeathed him "one silver watch, one silver boule, one silver gilded salt, six silver spoones, one clocke, one jacke."
3. John Browne of Cookshill, parish of Caverswall (bapt. there 11 May 1626; d. unm.; bur. in Church there, M.I., 13 Dec. 1665, æt. 39. Will dated 24 Nov. 1665; pr. [at Lichfield] 31 May 1666 by his father and Alexander How the ex'ors). Bequeathed £3 to the poor of Caverswall yearly for ever, and xls. yearly to the vicar for preaching two sermons, one upon the anniversary of his burial (13 Dec.), and one upon St. John the Baptist's Day.

- E.** 1. Elizabeth (bapt. [at Caverswall] 27 Sept. 1618; dead 1665?).
2. Dorothy (bapt. [at Caverswall] 29 June 1619; d. . . .).
3. Jane (bapt. [at Caverswall] 29 July 1621; living 1669), legatee under her father's will 1669, who bequeathed her £60, mar. (*ante* 1669) the Rev. William Langley, Clerk in Holy Orders, of Hartwell, co. Stafford; legatee under Ralph Browne's will 1669, who bequeathed him *vs.*
4. Marie (bapt. [at Caverswall] 9 Dec. 1622; living 1669), mar. (*ante* 1669) Clowes* (dead 1669). Legatee under her father's will 1669, who bequeathed her *one shilling*. Issue :—

- F.** 1. John Clowes (living 1670), legatee and sole ex'or under his grandfather Ralph Browne's will 1669, which he pr. in 1670, who bequeathed him the residue of personal estate, and "that he take care that the severall sumes of money and legacies given by my deceased sonne John Browne, which are secured to bee paid by a lease made to me for one thousand yeares of Hartwell Farme be truly paid."
2. Marie Clowes (living 1669), legatee under her grandfather Ralph Browne's will 1669, who bequeathed her £30.
3. Sarah Clowes (living 1669), legatee under her grandfather Ralph Browne's will 1669, who bequeathed her £30.
5. Anne (bapt. [at Caverswall] 14 May 1627; dead 1669?).
6. Joyce (bapt. [at Caverswall] 15 June 1628; dead 1665?), mar. Alexander Howe† (dead 1669), ex'or under John Browne's will 1665. Issue :—

* The present owner of Bentley Hall is S. W. Clowes, Esq.

† Probably a son of the Rev. Alexander Howe, B.A., who was Vicar of Caverswall in 1620.

- F. 1. Alexander Howe, } legatees under their grandfather
 2. Joyce Howe, } Ralph Browne's will 1669, who be-
 3. Ellin Howe, } queathed £20 to be equally divided
 4. Sarah Howe, } between them.

7. Abigail (bapt. [at Caverswall] 18 Oct. 1629; living 1665), legatee under her brother John Browne's will 1665, who bequeathed her an annuity of £5 for life, and the sum of £100; legatee under her father's will 1669, who bequeathed her £10, mar. (*ante* 1669) Henry Smith, legatee under Ralph Browne's will 1669, who bequeathed him vs.

8. Sarah (bapt. [at Caverswall]?; living 1669), legatee under her father's will 1669, who bequeathed her £60, mar. (*ante* 1669) Thomas Launder, legatee under Ralph Browne's will 1669, who bequeathed him vs.

D. 1. Dorothy (bapt. [at Caverswall] 10 Sept. 1599; d. . . .).

C. 2. John Browne (bapt. [at Caverswall] 8 Oct. 1565; d. . . .).

3. Ralph Browne (bapt. [at Caverswall] 17 Nov. 1566; d. . . .).

4. William Browne* (bapt. [at Caverswall] 5 May 1574; d. . . .).

5. Thomas Browne (bapt. [at Caverswall] 14 Sept. 1576; d. . . .).

1. Margerie (bapt. [at Caverswall] 22 June 1563; d. 1633), mar. ([in Caverswall Church] 15 June 1584) Edward Moreton, Esq., of Ingleton, co. Stafford (b. 1552; d. 1630), son of Matthew Moreton (*vide* Visitations of Staffordshire, 1582 and 1614, College of Arms), from whom the present Right. Hon. Henry John Moreton, third Earl of Ducie, is directly descended. Arms: *Quarterly*—1, *Argent, a chevron gules between three square buckles tongues downwards sable* (for MORETON); 2, *Quarterly*, i. and iv., *Ermine*; ii. and iii., *Paly of six or and gules within a border azure, a crescent for difference* (for KNIGHTLEY); 3, *Azure, a buck's head cabossed or* (for COLOVER); 4, *Argent, on a saltire sable five swans of the field* (for BURGH).

2. Marie (bapt. [at Caverswall] 15 March 1568-9; bur. there between 25 and 31 March 1569-70).

3. Marie (bapt. [at Caverswall] 5 March 1569-70; d. . . .).

4. Grace (bapt. [at Caverswall] 8 April 1570, bur. there 30 July 1570).

B. **William Browne** of Cookshill, parish of Caverswall, "yeoman," son of Thomas Browne of Caverswall (bur. there 30 May 1603. Will dated 30 Dec. 1602; inventory 10 June; pr. [at Lichfield] 18 July 1603 by son-in-law John Bridgwood and cousin Ralph Browne), mar. Elizabeth (bur. [at Caverswall] 9 April 1591). Issue:—

C. 1. Thomas Browne, ancestor of the Brownes of Shredicote and Bentley Hall, etc. (*Vide infra*.)

1. Joyce (bapt. [at Caverswall] 25 April 1563; d. . . .), legatee and sole executrix of her second husband's will 1631, who bequeathed her a messuage, etc., in Marston, co. Derby, and personal estate for life; legatee under her brother Thomas Browne's will 1630, who bequeathed her and her children xls. apiece. Mar., first,† Porter (d. *ante* 1602). Issue:—

D. 1. William Porter (d. . . .), legatee under his stepfather's will 1630, who bequeathed him an annuity of £12 for life, land, etc., at

* Probably identical with the William Browne who married, at Caverswall 14 Oct. 1594, Marie "Bobyne." His wife was probably the same "Mary" who was buried there 21 Jan. 1600.

† Probably "Robert" or "William."

Woodhouses, near Marston, and a "bedstead and fether bedd, boulder, and other necessary furniture thereto belonging, which he now lies on."

1. Margery Porter (d.), legatee under her father Porter's will, who bequeathed her 100 marks as a marriage portion, as mentioned in her stepfather's will 1630.
2. Elizabeth Porter (d.), legatee under her stepfather's will 1630, who bequeathed her xs., two silver spoons, and "all goods, household ymplements, and wainscote in the house she dwelleth in." Mar. Alcocke (d.).
3. Izabell (d.), legatee under her stepfather's will, who bequeathed her xs. and two silver spoons. Mar. Parkes (d.).

C. Mar., secondly, William Browne of Marston, co. Derby, Attorney-at-Law(?) (d. Will dated 12 Jan. 1630; pr. [at Lichfield] 31 March 1631 by Joyce his wife and sole executrix. His brothers James and Thurstan, together with his wife, to have debts owing to him for "law causes," and desires that "Thurstan who must have the managing of those bisnessess deale not rigorously with any whoe can bringe p'bable p'o'ses [promises] of the paym^t of such debts eyther to me or any that were my clarkes"), son of Henry Browne of Marston-Montgomery, co. Derby,* who d. 1606. Legatee under his father-in-law William Browne's will 1602, who bequeathed him "xls. for and in full payment and satisfac'on of all such legacies w^{ch} he might have or clayme from me w^{ch} weare given unto his wife by my brother Richard Browne." Issue:—

- D. 1. Anne (d.), legatee under her father's will 1630, who bequeathed her "the second ffether bedd, bolster, blanketts, and sheets to furnishe it, and the orange tawney Rugge after my death, and best silver salt after wife's death, but would have her have the lesser deepe silver goblett to be delivered her p'sently." Mar. Francis Fitzherbert, Esq., of Somersal-Herbert, co. Derby (bapt. [at Somersal] 27 Feb. 1631; d. intestate June 1643. Adm'on granted by P.C.C. 11 Feb. 1645). Legatee under his father-in-law's will 1630, who bequeathed him the close called Hollyhurst with timber, etc., and all lands at Woodhouses after his wife Joyce Browne's death, on condition that he forego a balance of £200 remaining unpaid of his dau. Anne's marriage portion of £500 as covenanted with his father, and pay the £100 owing to Margery Porter, etc. Arms (*Vide* Coll. of Arms, MS. C 34, fo. 47): *Quarterly—1 and 4, Gules, three lions rampant or; 2, Argent, in chief a fess vair or and gules, over all a bend sable; 3, Or, on a bend sable three butterflies argent.* Issue three sons and four dau's.

C. 2. Anne (bapt. [at Caverswall] 4 Feb. 1564-5; d.), legatee under her father's will 1602, who bequeathed her xl.; legatee under her brother Thomas Browne's will 1630, who bequeathed her xls. Mar., first, ([in Caverswall Church] 4 June 1588) Edmund Wethering; dead 1630. Issue:—

- D. 1. Joyce Wethering (living 1602-1630), legatee under her grandfather's will 1602, and under her uncle Thomas Browne's will 1630, who bequeathed her xls.
2. Mary Wethering (living 1602-1630), legatee under her grandfather's will 1602, and under her uncle Thomas Browne's will 1630, who bequeathed her xls.

Mar., secondly (*ante* 1629), Thomas Beech (d.). Issue:—

1. "Their child" (bapt. [at Caverswall] 11 March 1629).

* See summary of will.

- C. 3. Elizabeth (bapt. [at Caverswall] 26 Jan. 1567-8; dead 1602?), mar. ([in Caverswall Church] 4 Aug. 1588) William Lees (d.). Mentioned in William Browne's will 1602, who bequeathed his two dau's xij^d apiece. Daughters also legatees with their cousins (dau's of George Healey "being four in all") under Thomas Browne's will 1630, who bequeathed them xls. apiece.
4. Marie (bapt. [at Caverswall] 5 March 1569-70; living 1630), legatee under her brother Thomas Browne's will 1630, who bequeathed her xls.; mar. ([in Caverswall Church] 20 Nov. 1594) John Bridgwood, ex'or of William Browne's will 1602. Issue:—
- D. 1. Thomas Bridgwood (bapt. [at Caverswall] 17 Nov., bur. there 17 Dec. 1598).
2. John Bridgwood (bapt. [at Caverswall] 11 March 1599; bur. there 17 April 1626).
3. George Bridgwood (bapt. [at Caverswall] 28 Oct., bur. there 29 Nov. 1602).
1. Marie Bridgwood (bapt. [at Caverswall] 28 Oct. 1597; d.); mar. ([in Caverswall Church] 1 Feb. 1619-20?) John Reade (d.).
- C. 5. Margerie (bapt. [at Caverswall] 26 Jan. 1571-2; d.), legatee under her father's will 1602, who bequeathed her ijs. vjd.; legatee under her brother's will 1630, who bequeathed her and each of her children xls.; mar. Thomas Goodanter of Caverswall, witnessed the codicil of his brother-in-law Thomas Browne's will in 1632. Issue:—
- D. 1. Henry Goodanter (bapt. [at Caverswall] 17 Oct. 1605; d.). Witness to codicil of his uncle Thomas Browne's will 1630.
1. Dorothe Goodanter (bapt. [at Caverswall] 22 May 1603; d.).
2. Anna Goodanter (bapt. [at Caverswall] 10 Aug. 1604; d.).
3. Maria Goodanter (bapt. [at Caverswall] 1 July 1607; d.).
- C. 6. Alice (bapt. [at Caverswall] 1 Jan. 1573-4; dead 1602?), mar. Thomas Healy (or Hely), legatee with two children under his father-in-law's will 1602, and two children legatees under their uncle Thomas Browne's will 1630, who bequeathed them xls. apiece.
- C. **Thomas Browne** of Shredicote, parish of Bradeley, co. Stafford, only son of William Browne of Caverswall (bapt. [at Caverswall] 22 May 1561; d. 5 April, bur. [in Bradeley Church, M.I.] 8 April 1633. Will dated 27 Oct. 1631; codicil 14 Feb. 1632; pr. P.C.C. by Apollonia his wife and sole executrix 28 May 1633), a Proctor-General* of the Arches Court of Canterbury, and co-Governor of the Hospital of King James I. in Charterhouse, London, nominated by the Founder, Thomas Sutton. Owned the manor of Shredicote, co. Stafford, freehold lands in Marston and Scropton, co. Derby, Upper Tame, co. Stafford, etc. The Manor of Hungry-Bentley, co. Derby (purchased from Thomas, sixth Baron Windsor, K.G., by deed, dated 20 April 1613, for £2600), lands in Alkinton and Middleton Park, co. Derby (purchased from "Lord Stanhoppe" by deed, dated 1 July 1621). Legatee under the will of his father-in-law George Southaicke 1604, who bequeathed him "one ringe of golde of the valeue of fortie shillings and tenne pounds in money for a gentle remembrance and a token of the loue and good will which I have ever borne vnto him having received the like good will

* A Proctor was one who undertook another man's business in any Court of Civil or Ecclesiastical Law. Previous to 1858 he practised in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, the Diocesan Courts of the Bishops, the High Court of Admiralty, the Faculty Court, and the Arches Court of Canterbury. It is only since 1858 that these Courts have been thrown open to the Bar, whereas, previously, they had to instruct a Proctor to act for them, as only Doctors in Civil Law who were styled "Advocates" could plead in such courts. (See Sir R. Phillimore's 'Ecclesiastical Law'.)

and kindness in his love and paines taken ever for me much more then I am able to requite for lacke of abilitie." Arms, etc.—Crest: *Out of a mural coronet gules a stork's head issuing erased ermines, beaked azure.* Arms: *Ermine, on a fess embattled counter-embattled sable three escallops argent*, for BROWNE (confirmed to Thomas Browne by Sir William Camden, Clarencieux, in May 1614); *impaling* (as emblazoned on shield in Bradeley Church), *Argent, on a fess dancettée gules an annulet or, from the sinister chief an arm issuing from clouds proper, vested gules, touching in the chief point a heart of the last between two spear-heads sable pointing inwards*, for SOUTHAICKE. Mar. Apollonia, dau. of George Southaicke, citizen and grocer of London (member of the Grocers' Company, and a Governor of the Hospital of Bridewell), and relict of William ffayrefax, citizen and goldsmith of London. Legatee under her father's will 1604, who bequeathed her £20; legatee and sole executrix under her first husband's will, dated 2 Dec. 1595, which she pr. P.C.C. 8 Dec. 1595, who bequeathed her £500 and half of residue of real and personal estate; legatee and sole executrix under her second husband's will 1633, who bequeathed her freehold lands in Upper Tame, co. Stafford, the rents, etc., of Hungry-Bentley estate for seven years, and of all other estates for her life (bur. with her second husband [in Bradeley Church, M.I.] 25 May 1653. Will dated 1 April 1653; pr. P.C.C. by her dau. Apollonia, sole executrix, 24 Aug. 1653). Issue:—

- D. 1. Thomas Browne (living 1604; dead 1631), presented with a "greate gilte spoone"* at his christening which his mother bequeathed in 1653 to her grandson Thomas Browne. Legatee under the will of George Southaicke 1604, who bequeathed him a "ringe with a deathes head in gold."
2. George Browne of Shredicote, co. Stafford. (*Vide infra, Genealogy of Browne of Shredicote.*)
3. William Browne of Gray's Inn,† London (b. 1605?; æt. 57 at Visitation of Derbyshire by Sir William Dugdale 11 Aug. 1662, and co-signee of pedigree entered; d. . . .), Barrister-at-Law. Legatee under his father's will 1630, who bequeathed him an annuity of £50 out of Hungry-Bentley estate, and entailed upon him the manor, etc., of Hungry-Bentley in default of issue of his brother Edmund, and other estates in default of issue of his brothers George and Edward. Living at Shredicote and legatee under his mother's will 1653, who bequeathed him her "roane mare" and "the bed hee usually lyeth upon, boulder, pillow, bed cloathes, one paire of sheetes, one pillow beere, and table cloth, and one dozen of flaxen napkins." Legatee under the will of his sister Apollonia 1659, who bequeathed him £20 and the "mare called by the name of Starr Mare, and the curteyns and valense belonging to y^e bed called the Blewbed, one chest wth Drawyers, one chayre, and two stooles suitable therevnto in the Dyneing Room."
4. Edmund Browne of Hungry-Bentley or Bentley Hall, co. Derby. (*Vide infra.*)
5. Edward Browne (bapt. [at Bradeley, co. Stafford] 20 July 1614; d. intestate and unmar. at Bentley Hall. Letters of Administration granted by Consistory Court of Lichfield to his brother Edmund 15 Jan. 1678-9) of Waldley, co. Derby, in pedigree 1662. Legatee under his father's will, who bequeathed him an annuity of £50 out of the Hungry-Bentley Estate, entailed upon him the manor, etc., of Hungry-Bentley in default of issue of his brothers Edmund and William, and other estates in default of issue of his brother George. Living at Shredicote and legatee under his mother's will 1653, who

* Probably an "Apostle's spoon," silver gilt.

† There is no record of his admission in the registers of Gray's Inn. He is so denominated in the Visitation pedigree, 1666.

bequeathed him her "browne bay mare, the feather bedd, boulder, pillow usually lying upon a truckle bedstead in the parlour chamber, one yellow rugge, a paire blanketts, one paire of sheetes, one pillow beere, and one dozen of flaxen napkins." Legatee under his sister Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him £20 and "a colt and one chest wth Drawyers in the kitchen chamber and the feather bed w^{ch} my sister Leuinge hath of mine and ye greene curtyns belonging to the same in which I used to lye and one mare called by the name of Button."

6. Francis Browne (bapt. [at Bradeley] 17 Nov. 1616; dead 1630?).
1. Mary (d. . . .), legatee under her father's will 1630, who bequeathed her £10; legatee under her mother's will 1653, who bequeathed her the "bedtoppe and vallence she desired of mee, one duzen of napkins layd worke marked with the letter 'A,' and one paire of Aundirons with brasse tops;" legatee under her sister Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed her "one twenty shilling peece of gold and the pin pillow w^{ch} her Daughter wrought wth the Effigies of the King and Queene thereon." Mar. (*ante* 1623) Carew Stury, Esq., of Rosshall, parish of St. Chad, Shrewsbury (b. 1601?; æt. 22 at Visitation of Salop 1623* [Harl. MS. 1396, fos. 370-1], dead 1653?), son of Walter Stury, Esq., of Rosshall (living 1623), by his wife Lowry, dau. of John Griffith of the Grange, co. Stafford. Legatee under his father-in-law's will 1630, who bequeathed him £5. Arms: *Argent, a lion rampant double-queued purple* (for STURY); *impaling BROWNE*. Issue:—

- E. 1. Elizabeth Stury (bapt. [at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury] 1 May 1623; d. . . .), legatee under her grandfather's will 1630, who bequeathed her £10, and under her grandmother's will, which she witnessed in 1653, who bequeathed her xxs. to buy a ring.
2. Apollonia Stury (bapt. [at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury] 11 Nov. 1624; d. . . .), legatee under her grandfather's will 1630, who bequeathed her £40.
3. Rachell Stury (b. after 1630?), legatee under her grandmother's will 1630, who bequeathed her xxs. to buy a ring.
2. Apollonia of "the Rule," parish of Bradeley, co. Stafford (d. unmar. [at London]; bur. in the Gunter vault [St. Michael's, Cornhill, London] 9 March 1658-9. Will dated 2 March 1658-9; pr. P.C.C. by her brother Edmund, sole ex'or, 18 April 1659), legatee under her father's will 1630, who bequeathed her "£500 to be paid at day of marriage and if she marry with the consent of her mother and brother to be made up to £800," and "my ringe sett with five litle diamonds." Legatee and sole executrix under her mother's will 1653, who bequeathed her the residue of personal estate.

- D. **Edmund Browne** (fourth son) of Hungry-Bentley,† parish of Alkmonton, co. Derby (b. 1611? [æt. 51 in 1662]; d. 27 June, bur. [in the chancel of Longford Church, co. Derby, M.I. evident in 1819] 29 June 1684, æt. 73), legatee under his father's will 1630, who entailed upon him the manor, etc., of Hungry-Bentley, also the reversion of lands, etc., in Shredicote, Bradeley,

* For Pedigree of Stury see Harl. MSS. 1982, fo. 85^b, and 615, fo. 263.

† Extract from the 'Mercurius Politicus,' a news sheet of January 1654: "Last week a new conspiracy was detected against his Highness [Oliver Cromwell] and the present Government. Five chests and two trunks of arms were discovered in one place in London which were to be conveyed into the country. Divers persons are apprehended and in custody in the Tower. . . . Divers arms were conveyed out of London into Derbyshire to the house of one Mr. Edward Vernon, second son of Sir Edward Vernon, who is brought up and committed also, and with him was brought up his uncle Mr. Vernon of Stockley Park, and one Mr. Brown of Hungry-Bentley in the county of Derby." Until recent years Hungry-Bentley or Bentley Hall was in the parish of Longford, co. Derby.

and Barton, in default of issue of his brothers George, Edward, and William; legatee under his mother's will 1653, who bequeathed him her black mare; legatee and sole ex'or under his sister Apollonia's will, which he proved 1659, who bequeathed him "one feather bed whereon I vused to lye and two payre of sheets; co-signee of pedigree entered at the Visitation of Derbyshire by Sir William Dugdale 10 Aug. 1662; administered his brother Edward's estate 1679. Arms: BROWNE, *impaling, Argent, a fret sable* (for VERNON). Mar. Dorothy, second dau. of Sir Edward Vernon, Knight, of Houndhill, parish of Marchington, co. Stafford, and of Sudbury Hall, co. Derby (bapt. [at Marchington, co. Stafford*] 29 Sept. 1613; bur. [at Longford, co. Derby] 16 Jan. 1659-60), legatee under Apollonia Browne's will 1653, who bequeathed her xxs. to buy a ring. Issue:—

- E. 1. Thomas Browne (eldest son and heir). (*Vide infra*.)
2. Edmund Browne of the parish of St. Stephen's, co. Hertford (bapt. [at Longford] 14 June 1638; d. s.p. 27 July 1716; bur. with his wife in the chancel of St. Stephen's Church, co. Hertford, M.I. Will [unsigned] dated 20 Aug. 1712. Attestatory affidavit made 5 Sept., pr. P.C.C. 6 Sept. 1716 by his sister Dorothy Musgrave, niece Sibyll Browne, and nephew Thomas Townley). Arms (as on tombstone): BROWNE, *impaling, a fess between three talbots' heads erased* (for?). Mar. Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. Jarman Burton mentioned in her husband's will as her kinsman (d. s.p. 20 May 1711; bur. in the chancel of St. Stephen's Church, M.I.).
3. William Browne (bapt. [at Longford] 24 Oct. 1639; living unmar. 1662; mar. 1687; dead 1712?), legatee under his aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him £40. Mar.
4. Rupert Browne of Lyon's Inn 1667, of the parish of St. Gregory-by-St. Paul's, London, and of Greenford Magna,† co. Middlesex (bapt. [at Longford] 16 July 1644 [father's name incorrectly entered in Longford Register as "Edward"]; æt. 43 in 1687; d. intestate‡ 29 May 1711; bur. [with his wife at the right of the communion table in Greenford Magna Church, M.I.], and affidavit made as to burial in woollen§ 6 June 1711. Letters of administration granted by P.C.C. to his dau. Sibyll, wife of his nephew Rupert Browne, 13 June 1711), Barrister-at-Law and Clerk in the Prerogative Court, London. Entered his pedigree at the Visitation of London by Sir Henry St. George, Clarencieux King of Arms, 30 June 1687, and signee of pedigree entered. Arms: BROWNE, *with a martlet for difference; impaling, Argent, three bugle-horns sable stringed vert* (for WYRLEY). Mar.|| (Marriage Allegation filed at Vicar-General's Office 20 Jan. 1667) Sibyll, eldest dau. of Humfrey Wyrley of Hamstead Hall, parish of Handsworth, co. Stafford (of St. Clement Danes, London, at time of marriage), a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, by Sibyll

* "1613. Dorothis Vernon filia Edwardi Vernon bapt. fuit xxix d. Sept^s."—Register of Marchington.

† "The other part [of the parish of Greenford Magna], containing 447 acres, was leased, a^o 1640, to Sir Charles Gerrard, Bart. The lease came afterwards successively to Rupert Browne and John Bridger; the latter made it over to Mr. Way, who conveyed it to Richard Lateward, Esq.; John Lateward, Esq., is the present lessee."—'Environs of London,' Rev. Daniel Lyssons, Lond., 1795, pp. 438-9. This property is now (1885) in the possession of Thomas Dix Parker, Esq., of Greenford Green, Harrow.

‡ "Rupert Browne, gent., one of the Clerks of the Prerogative Office, died May 29, 1711; buried June 2 at Gaynsford [*sic*] in Middlesex."—'Le Neve's Obituary,' 1711 (p. 213).

§ For particulars of this custom see Water's 'History of Parish Registers,' etc.

|| In Shaw's 'Hist. of Staffordshire,' vol. ii., p. 116, a large engraving is given of the picturesque old home of the Wyrleys, called "Hamstead Hall;" also a very long and accurate pedigree of the family. "1667, 20 Jan. Rupert Browne of Lyon's Inn, Gent., Bach^r, about 23, and M^{rs} Sybell Wyrley of S^t Clement Danes, Sp^r, ab^t 17; her father's consent; at S^t Bartholomew the Great or Less."—Harl. Soc., vol. xxiii., 144.

his wife, dau. of Christopher Masters, Esq., of Westminster and Kent (d. 21 Dec., bur. [at the right of the Communion table, Greenford Magna Church, M.I.] 26 Dec., affidavit made as to burial in woollen 30 Dec. 1710). Issue:—

- F.** 1. Humfrey Browne (dead 1687).
 2. Rupert Browne (bur. [at St. Gregory-by-St. Paul's] 28 Oct. 1678).
 3. Humfrey Browne (bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 31 July 1675; bur. there 2 June 1679).
 4. Mark Browne (bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 5 Jan. 1677; bur. there 4 June 1681).
 5. Charles Browne (b. 27 March, bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 30 March 1687; living 30 June 1687; dead 1711).
1. Sibyll (bur. [at St. Gregory's] 18 July 1674).
 2. Sibyll (b. 30 May, bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 31 May 1685; desires to be buried at Perrivale [*alias* Little Greenford], co. Middlesex, in her unattested will, dated 5 July, attested codicil 9 Dec. 1752; affidavit as to attestation of will 9 Sept. 1767; pr. P.C.C. by Sibyll, eldest dau. and sole executrix), mar. her first-cousin Rupert Browne, Esq. **E.** (*Vide infra.*)
 3. Knightley (b. 30 Nov., bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 5 Dec. 1680; bur. there 19 Dec. 1683).
 4. Elizabeth (bur. [at St. Gregory's] 21 March 1679).
- E.** 5. George Browne of London (bapt. [at Longford] 2 Oct. 1645; living 1712), mar. Elizabeth (d. . . .). Both legatees under his brother Edmund's will 1712, who bequeathed them £10. Issue:—
- F.** 1. Dorothy (bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 23 Aug. 1674; d. . . .), legatee under her uncle Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £10 and a "silver tea or coffee pot."
 2. Anne (bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 18 Aug. 1680; d. . . .).
 3. Elizabeth (d. . . .), legatee under her uncle Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £50.
6. John Browne (living 1662; d. . . .), mar. (before 1687) Mary Both legatees under his brother Edmund's will 1712, who bequeathed them £10 apiece.
 7. Charles Browne (living 1659; dead unmar. 1687), legatee under his aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him £10.
 8. Walter Browne (living 1659; bur. [at Longford] 19 April 1723), legatee under his aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him £10; legatee under his brother Thomas's will, 1708, who bequeathed him an annuity of £10 out of the Hungry-Bentley estate; legatee under his brother Edmund's will 1712, who bequeathed him £10.
 9. Philip Browne (bapt. [at Longford] 27 May 1652; living 1662; dead 1687), legatee under his aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him £30.
10. Mark Browne (living unmar. 1662–87; dead 1712?).
 11. Richard Browne (bapt. [at Longford] 12 May, bur. there 7 Sept. 1656).
 12. Edward Browne (dead 1662).
 13. Benjamin Browne (dead 1662).
 1. Mary (bapt. [at Longford] 23 May 1637; living 1687), residing at Shredicote and legatee under Apollonia Browne's will 1653, who bequeathed her "the bedd shee usually lyeth upon with the boulder, pillow, the bed cloathes thereunto belonging, one pair of course sheetes and pillow beere, and one duzzen of course napkins." Legatee under her aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed her "one bed and blankets in her chamber, and one payre of flaxen sheets, two pillow beers, twelve napkyne, and all my best wearing clothes w^{ch} I have here in London," £2 and a life annuity of £6.

2. Apollonia (bapt. [at Longford] 19 Nov. 1640 ; living 1687).
3. Dorothy (bapt. [at Longford] 23 Dec. 1641 ; d.), legatee under her aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed her £10 ; legatee and executrix under her uncle Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £30. Mar. (by licence [in St. Gregory-by-St. Paul's, London] 24 May 1664) George Musgrave,* Esq., of (d.).
4. Margaret (living 1652-1715), legatee under her aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed her £10, and legatee under her brother Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £20 ; sole executrix of and proved her son Rupert Barnsley's will 1715. Mar. Peter Barnsley, Esq., of London and Alkington, parish of Longford, co. Derby (living 1715), third son of Charles Barnsley of Alkington (Captain of a troop of horse *temp.* Chas. I. Certified pedigree at Visitation of Derbyshire, 5 Aug. 1662), by his second wife Anne, dau. of William Langford, Esq., of Longford, co. Derby (*vide* also College of Arms, Vincent MS., C 34, fo. 5^a ; Harl. MSS., 1596, fo. 172, 1147, fo. 170, and 6104, fo. 6^b). Arms: *Sable, a cross between four roses barbed vert and seeded or, with mullet for difference, BARNSELEY ; impaling BROWNE.* Issue :—

F. 1. Rupert Barnsley of London, a Proctor of the Arches Court of Canterbury (bur. [at St. Gregory-by-St. Paul's] 19 April 1715. Unattested will dated 10 Dec. 1711 ; affidavit made as to attestation in P.C.C. by James Pinfold and William White ; pr. by his mother Margaret Browne [uxoris Petri Barnsley], sole executrix, 22 April 1718). Bequeathed £5 to William Knight, and £5 to Mr. John Windham and his wife "where I now lodge" in recognition of kindness received. Legatee under Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £10.

1. Isabell Barnsley (d.), legatee under Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed him £20.

2. Sarah Barnsley (bapt. [at Longford] 21 Dec. 1678 ; dead 1712 ?).

E. 5. Elizabeth (living 1659-1712), legatee under her aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed her £10 ; legatee under her brother Thomas Browne's will 1708, who bequeathed her a farm, etc., in Alkington, co. Derby, for life ; and legatee under her brother Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £10.

E. **Thomas Browne** (eldest son) of Hungry-Bentley, co. Derby (bur. [at Longford] 17 July 1708. Will dated 22 May 1708 ; pr. ?).† Entered as a student at Gray's Inn,‡ London, 23 May 1653. Legatee under his grandmother Apollonia Browne's will 1653, who bequeathed him "my great cheste in his father's custody and one greate gilte spoone that was given my sonne Thomas Browne deceased at his Christeninge ;" legatee under his aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him £20. Mar. ([in Brampton Church, co. Derby] 20 Oct. 1663) Grace, dau. and coh. of Anthony Crofts, Esq. (by his wife Eliza, who was bur. at Longford 19 April 1673), of Brampton, near Chesterfield, co. Derby (bur. [at Longford] 6 July 1690).

F. 1. Thomas Browne, eldest son. (*Vide infra.*)

* Extract from the Index to Wills, etc., at Somerset House :

"1662. Letters of Administration of—

Musgrove	} George Middlesex."
oth'w'se	
Musgrave	

All further records of administration for that year are missing.

† A copy of this will was discovered with the title-deeds of the Bentley estate. It does not appear, after careful search, to have been proved at either Lichfield or London.

‡ "Thomas Browne, eldest son of Edmund B. of Hungry-Bentley, co. Derby, gen., 23 May 1653."—Register of Gray's Inn (fol. 1083).

2. Rupert Browne of the parish of St. Gregory-by-St. Paul's, London, and of Greenford Magna, co. Middlesex (bapt. [at Longford] 9 Jan. 1671; bur. [at Greenford Magna] 24 Jan. 1739-40. Will dated* 30 May 1711; pr. P.C.C. 20 March 1739-40 by Sibyll his wife, only person named and sole executrix). J.P. co. Middlesex 1716. Legatee under his father's will 1708, who entailed upon him the estate of Brampton, co. Derby, on payment of £500 to the ex'ors; legatee under his uncle Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed him £20. Arms: BROWNE, and upon a shield of pretence, BROWNE, *with a martlet for difference*. Mar. Sibyll (first-cousin) only surviving dau. and heir of his uncle Rupert Browne, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, of St. Gregory-by-St. Paul's, and of Greenford Magna, co. Middlesex (b. 30 May, bapt. [at St. Gregory's] 31 May 1685; died 1767? Desired to be buried at Perrivale† [*alias* Little Greenford], co. Middlesex, in her unattested will. Will dated 2 July 1751; attested codicil 9 Dec. 1752; attestatory affidavit made 9 Sept. 1767; pr. P.C.C. by Sibyll, eldest dau. and sole executrix). Administered her father's estate in 1711. Legatee and co-executrix under her uncle Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £120; sole executrix under her husband's will, which she proved 1740, and afterwards resided in the parish of St. Marylebone, London. Issue:—

- G. 1. Rupert Browne (bapt. [at Greenford Magna] 18 March 1713; dead 1751?).
 2. William Frederick Browne (bapt. [at Greenford Magna] 20 May 1715; dead 1751?).
 3. Crofts Browne (bapt. [at Greenford Magna] 25 May 1752; d. . . .), eldest surviving son and legatee under his mother's will 1751, who bequeathed him £20. Arms: *Quarterly*: 1 and 4, BROWNE; 2 and 3, BROWNE, *with a martlet for difference*.
 1. Sibyll (bapt. [at Greenford Magna] 21 March 1711; bur. there 30 April, and affidavit made as to burial in woollen 6 May 1713), legatee under Edmund Browne's will 1712, who bequeathed her £100.
 2. Henrietta Dorothea (bapt. [at Greenford Magna] 27 March 1713; bur. there 4 June, and affidavit made as to burial in woollen 10 June 1713).
 3. Sibyll (d. . . .), legatee and sole executrix under her mother's will, which she pr. P.C.C. 1767, who bequeathed her the residue of personal estate.
 4. Knightley (bapt. [at Greenford Magna] 28 Jan. 1720; d. . . .), legatee under her mother's will 1751, who bequeathed her £20.
 5. Matilda (d. . . .), legatee under her mother's will 1751, who bequeathed her £20. Mar. . . . Bristow (dead 1752?). Issue:—
 H. 1. Henry Bristow (d. . . .), legatee under Sibyll Browne's will 1751, who bequeathed him £20.

- F. 1. Grace (bur. [at Longford] 15 April 1684).

- F. **Thomas Browne** (eldest son) of Hungry-Bentley, co. Derby (d. 18 Sept., bur. [at Longford] 21 Sept. 1717. Will dated 12 Sept. 1717 and mislaid; affidavit made as to execution thereof; pr. at Lichfield and copy filed 28 March 1718). Legatee under his father's will 1708, who bequeathed him £250, and entailed upon him the manor of Bentley and lands in Rocester, Middleton Park, Marston-Montgomery, etc. Mar. Alice, dau. of Richard Simpson, Esq., of Barton Hall, co. Derby (by Elizabeth his wife,

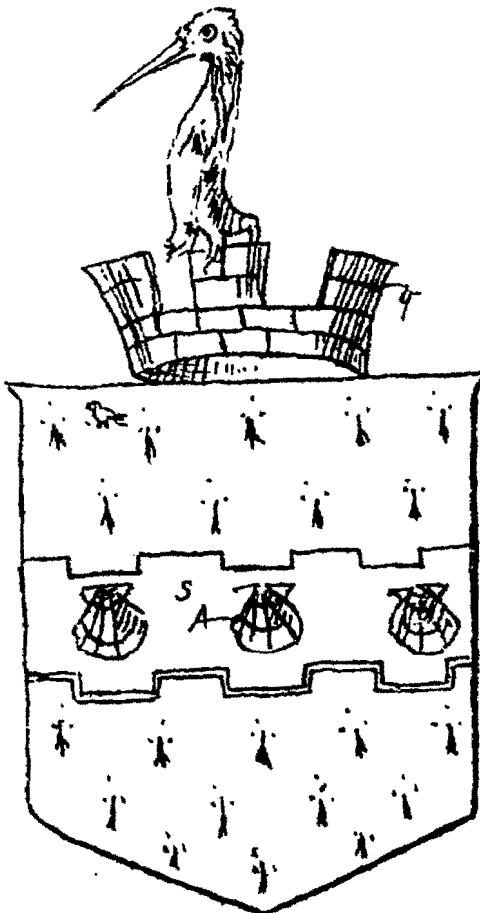
* This will, made about the time of his marriage, contains only a few lines.

† This register has been carefully searched, but no record of her burial occurs.

BROWNE PEDIGREE FROM THE VISITATION OF LONDON, 1687.

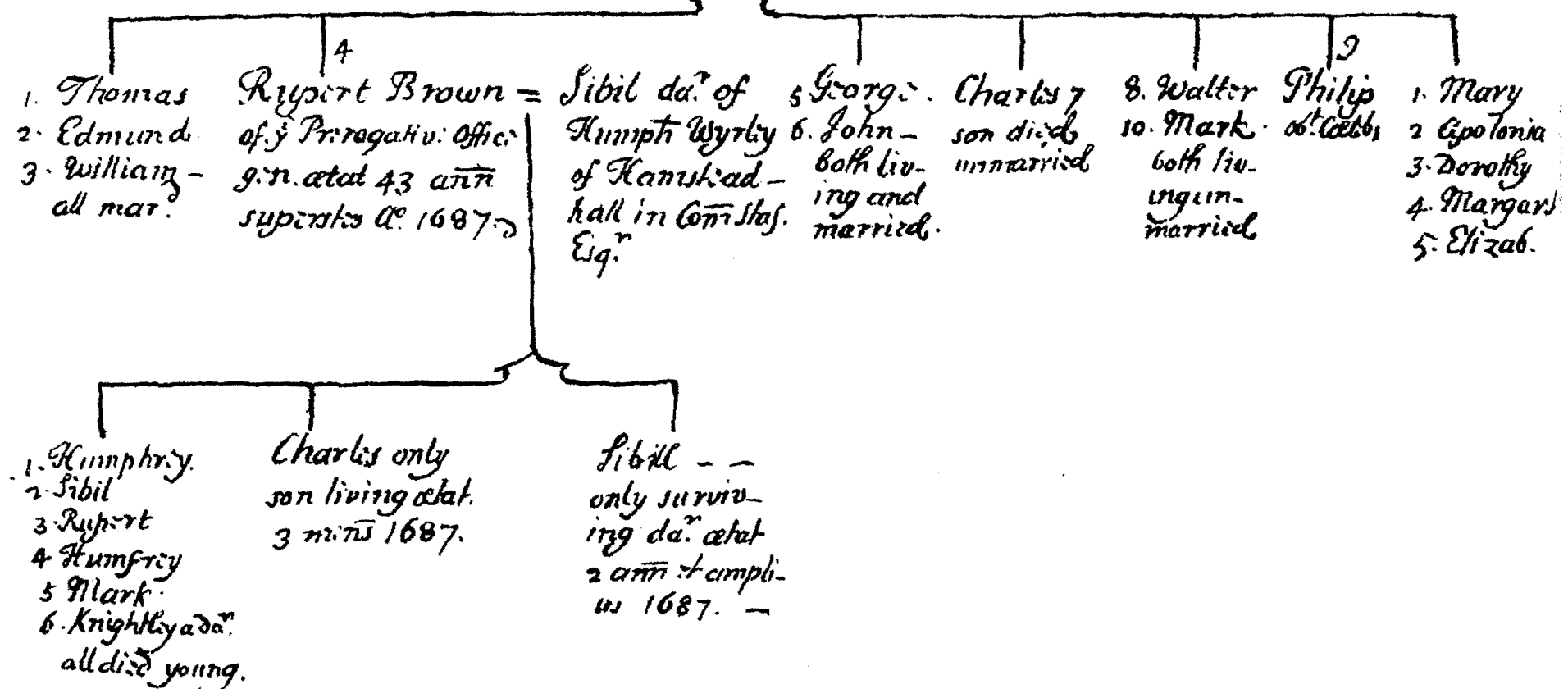
St Gregory's South Precinct
Castle Baynard Ward. -

College of arms Thursday
30th Junij A^o 1687. -



Vide Vis. of Derbyshire and
Nottingham, marked C. 94.
p. 43. for the Pedegree, and
H. 2. p. 3. for the Arms.

Edmund Brown = Dorothy 2^d da^r
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Rupert Browne:

sister and coh. of John Merry, Esq., of Barton). Legatee and sole executrix under her husband's will 1717, who bequeathed her an annuity of £60 out of lands devised to dau's; household goods, furniture, plate, jewels, and coach with four mares and harness, etc. (bur. [at Longford] 24 Jan. 1731-2). Issue:—

- G. 1. Rupert Browne, eldest son and heir. (*Vide infra.*)
 1. Grace (bapt. [at Longford] 15 March 1695; d. . . .), legatee under her grandfather's will 1708, who bequeathed her £1000, and under her father's will 1717, who bequeathed her lands, etc.
 2. Penelope (bapt. [at Longford] 9 June 1701; d. . . .), legatee under her grandfather's will 1708, who bequeathed her £1000, and under her father's will 1717. Mar. Charles Sudell, Esq., of Lichfield (d. . . .).

G. **Rupert Browne** (eldest son) of Bentley Hall,* co. Derby (bapt. [at Longford] 5 Dec. 1698; bur. there 29 May 1733. Will dated 3 April 1733; pr. at Lichfield 20 Oct. 1742 by Richard Fitzherbert, co-ex'or). Legatee and sole ex'or under his grandfather's will 1708, who entailed upon him the manor of Bentley, etc. Arms: BROWNE; *impaling, Or, two ravens proper within a bordure of the field*, for CORBET. Mar. Eleanora, dau. of Roger Corbet, Esq., of Leigh, Shrewsbury, and sister of Andrew Corbet, Esq., of Sundorne Castle, co. Salop (bapt. [at Battlefield, co. Salop] 30 Aug. 1705; bur. [at Longford] 2 Sept. 1766. Will dated 25 June 1766; pr. [at Lichfield] by her son Rev. Corbet Browne, M.A., sole ex'or, 24 Oct. 1766). Legatee under her husband's will 1733, who bequeathed her an annuity of £100 out of tenement "known by the name of Bentley Old Hall;" mentioned in her son Thomas Browne's will 1764, who bequeathed £2000 on trust to secure the payment of an annuity of £90. Issue:—

- H. 1. Thomas Browne, eldest son. (*Vide infra.*)
 2. Rupert Browne (b. 1727?; d. 10 May 1785), mar. Mary, dau. of Thomas Charnels, Esq., of Little Eaton, co. Derby (d. 7 July 1787). Ancestor of the Brownes of Chesterfield, co. Derby, now represented by the Rev. Rupert Montagu Browne, Rector of Rushock, co. Worcester, who has issue.
 3. Corbet Browne of Withington, co. Salop (b. 1728?; bur. [in Withington Church, M.I.] 6 Nov. 1807, æt. 80. Will dated 23 Jan. 1806; pr. [at Lichfield] by Jane Browne his wife and sole executrix 28 April 1808). Entered as a sizar of Queen's College, Cambridge, 9 April 1747 (tutor Mr. Morris); graduated in Arts—B.A. 12 Jan. 1751-2, and M.A. 2 July 1754; admitted to Holy Orders; instituted to the Rectory of Upton Magna *cum* Withington, co. Salop, 29 Sept. 1752, which he held until his death. Estate of Bentley, etc., entailed upon him in default of issue of his elder brothers Thomas and Rupert; co-ex'or under his eldest brother's will, which he proved in 1764; sole ex'or and proved his mother's will 1766. Mar., first, Rebecca, dau. of the Rev. J. . . . Dixie, in Holy Orders, of . . . (bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 3 March 1769). Issue:—
 I. 1. Elizabeth (b. 1769?; bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 14 Jan. 1788, æt. 19).
 Mar., secondly, by licence [in Upton Magna Church] 6 Nov. 1773, Jane, dau. of . . . Gregory, and relict of . . . Allen of Withington (b. 1733?; d. 13 Oct., bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 18 Oct. 1822, æt. 89. Will dated 4 July 1821; pr. [at Lichfield] 24 April 1823 by

* According to a letter written by Thomas Browne of Chesterfield in 1828, this Rupert Browne restored Bentley Hall and added the later portion. From this period it is described as "Bentley Hall" or "Bentley Old Hall."

her sons, Rev. Corbet Browne, B.A., and John Allen the ex'ors).
Issue:—

- I.** 1. Corbet Browne (only son and heir) of Withington (b. 1777 ?;* d. 17 April, bur. [in Withington Church, M.I.] 22 April 1854, æt. 77. Will dated 16 Oct. 1849; pr. [at Lichfield] 26 April 1855 by son Thomas Dickin Browne, sole ex'or). Entered St. John's College, Cambridge, 16 May 1794 (previously educated at Shrewsbury School); graduated in Arts—B.A. 19 Jan. 1798; admitted to Holy Orders. Succeeded his father in the Rectory of Upton Magna *cum* Withington, and instituted thereto 28 April 1808, which he held until his death. Legatee and co-ex'or under his mother's will 1823, who bequeathed him £400. Mar. ([at Wem, co. Salop] 29 July 1799) Sarah, eldest dau. of Thomas Dickin, Esq., of Loppington House, Wem, co. Salop, High Sheriff of Salop 1799 (bapt. [at Wem] 19 Aug. 1777; d. 9 Oct. 1831; bur. [in Withington Church, M.I.], æt. 53). Issue:—
- J.** 1. Corbet Spencer Browne of Withington (bapt. [at Uffington, co. Salop] 15 Nov. 1800; received into Withington Church 15 April 1803; d. s.p. 1 March, bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 5 March 1869). Legatee under his mother's will 1831, who bequeathed him £100. Mar., first (at Barrow?), Mary Powell of Charlton, Barrow (d. s.p. . . .), and, secondly, Anne, dau. of John Howells, Esq., of the Marsh Farm, Barrow, co. Salop (b. 1797 ?; d. s.p. 2 Oct., bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 6 Oct. 1874, æt. 77).
2. Thomas Dickin Browne† of Wem, co. Salop, (bapt. [at Uffington] 30 Sept. 1802; received into Withington Church 15 April 1803; d. unmar. and bur. [at Wem] 30 Jan. 1871, æt. 70). Attorney-at-Law and Lieut. in North Shropshire Yeomanry.
3. Rupert Browne of Sansaw Heath, co. Salop (bapt. [at Withington] 17 Feb. 1805; died 15 June, bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 17 June 1869). Mar. ([at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury] 2 Feb. 1836) Susannah, dau. of John Wood, Esq., of Onslow, parish of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (b. 1804 ?; d. and bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 27 Jan. 1854, æt. 50). Issue:—
- K.** 1. John Browne (bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 3 Jan. 1837, æt. 2 months).
1. Anne (living unmar. 1886).
2. Sarah Emma Wood (living 1886), mar., first ([at Oxon Church in parish St. Chad, co. Salop], 1 Nov. 1860) William Atcherley Dickin, Esq. (b. 3 June 1834; d. 9 Aug. 1867; bur. at Farnworth, Lanc.), fourth son of Roger Spencer Dickin, Esq., of The Hall, Wem. Issue:—
- L.** 1. Sarah Annie Jane Dickin (b. 4 May, bapt. [at The Birches, parish of Wem] 9 May 1865; living 1886). Mar. secondly ([at Loppington, co. Salop] 28 Feb. 1879)

* The earlier register of Withington has been mislaid, and, at the time of my visit to Withington in 1885, was not forthcoming.

† Upon the bookplate of Thomas Dickin Browne his arms are erroneously displayed as follows: *Ermine, on a fess embattled (should be counter-embattled) three escallops argent*; and upon a shield of pretence, *Vair-en-point argent and gules, on a pale or three trefoils slipped vert* (for TURNER of Swanwick). Mr. Browne lived and died a bachelor, while displaying to the present and future generations of the (heraldic) world his marriage with an heiress upon his bookplate! This mistake arose from copying the coat of arms given in Glover's 'History of Derbyshire,' which recorded the marriage of Thomas Browne of Chesterfield with an heiress of the Turner family. A copy of this curious bookplate is in the possession of Mrs. Miller of Hamilton Square, Birkenhead.

Hugh Miller, Esq., M.D., of Hamilton Square, Birkenhead (b. 23 Sept. 1846 ; living 1886). Issue :—

- L.** 1. Mary Grace Miller (b. 13 Aug. 1880 ; d. 14 July 1883 ; bapt. at St. Mary's, Birkenhead) ; bur. at cemetery there.
2. Dorothy Beatrice Miller (b. 28 June 1882 ; d. 28 Dec. 1883 ; bapt. at St. Mary's, Birkenhead) ; bur. at cemetery there.

- J.** 4. Edmund Browne of Withington (b. 1811 ; living 1886), mar. (at Upton Magna) Emma, dau. of Pugh and relict of John Humphreys, Esq., of Upton Magna (d. s.p., bur. [at Upton Magna] 1862 ?).

5. Charles Flemyng Browne (bapt. [at Withington] 14 Oct. 1815 ; d. unmar. [at Shrewsbury] 1 Oct., bur. [at Withington, M.I.] 6 Oct. 1860).

1. Emma (d. unmar. March (?) 1860, bur. at Kensal Green Cemetery).

2. Jane Maria (bapt. [at Withington] 14 June 1812 ; d. unmar. Sept. 1872 ; bur. in Lichfield Cathedral).

3. Grace (bapt. [at Withington] 23 Feb. 1814 ; d. s.p., bur. [at St. John's, Windsor] 1873 ?). Mar. Richard Alexander, Esq., of Windsor (d. s.p., bur. [at St. John's, Windsor] 1870 ?).

4. Julia (bapt. [at Withington] 8 May 1818 ; d. s.p., bur. there 2 Feb. 1870). Mar. ([at Withington] 7 Jan. 1850) the Rev. Sidney Philip Roberson, B.A. (his second wife), of Castle Terrace, Shrewsbury (d. 1876), Vicar of Rowton, co. Salop. Entered Worcester College, Oxford ; graduated in Arts—B.A. 1836 ; admitted to Holy Orders 1839. Resigned the living of Rowton in 1876.

5. Harriet (bapt. [at Withington] 24 July 1819 ; d. unmar. Jan. 1871 ; bur. at St. John's, Windsor).

- H.** 4. Edmund Browne (bapt. [at Longford] 7 Oct. 1729 ; living 1733 ; d.).

5. John Browne (bapt. [at Longford] 7 Feb. 1730 ; dead 1733 ?).

6. James Browne (bapt. [at Longford] 11 May 1733 ; bur. there 30 Sept. 1737).

1. Eleanora (bapt. [at Longford] 23 Feb. 1724 ; d.).

2. Elizabeth (bapt. [at Longford] 9 March 1731 ; d.).

3. Grace (d.), mar., first, William Alsop, Esq., of Ashbourne, co. Derby, Barrister-at-Law ; and, second, the Rev. Trench, in Holy Orders, of Kate's Cabin, Hunts (d.). Both legatees under her mother's will 1766. Issue :—

1. Eleanora Trench, } living 1766.
2. Mary Trench, }

- H. Thomas Browne** of Bentley Hall, co. Derby* (bapt. [at Longford] 16 Dec. 1723 ; bur. [at Battlefield, co. Salop] 1 July 1764. Will dated 5 June 1764 ; pr. P.C.C. 9 Aug. 1764 by his wife Catherina, his brother Rev. Corbet Browne, and Roger Kynaston, Esq., the ex'ors). Inherited Bentley Estate under his father's will 1733. Sold the whole of the estates by deed dated 21 Feb. 1749 for £12,000 to Edward Wilmot, Esq., M.D., of London. Afterwards resided in the parish of St. Julian Friars, Shrewsbury. Mar. ([in St. Julian's Church] 9 Feb. 1748 ; pre-nuptial settlement dated 15 Jan.

* Miniature in possession of Dr. Elsom, in brooch, about 2 by 1½ inches, representing Thomas Browne in a white toupée dress-wig with side curls, scarlet coat and waistcoat laced with gold, lace neckerchief, very refined looking face, fair complexion, and hazel eyes.

1748) Catherina, dau. of Charles Yonge of St. Julian's, Merchant, and Lowry his wife (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 23 April 1721; bur. [at Battlefield, co. Salop] 13 Aug. 1766). Legatee and executrix under her husband's will 1764. Issue:—

- I.** 1. Thomas Browne of Gate Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 2 Oct. 1750; died s.p.; bur. at St. Giles in the Fields). Legatee under his father's will 1764, and under his brother Charles's will 1797. Mar. ([at St. Clement Danes, Strand?] . . .) Elizabeth Wedge, who survived him, and bur. at St. Giles in the Fields.
2. Charles Browne (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 13 April 1752; d. unmar. [at Withington Rectory]; bur. there 6 April 1797. Will dated 7 Jan. 1797; pr. P.C.C. 12 July 1797 by his brother John Browne). Legatee under his father's will 1764.
3. Rupert Browne of H.M. Customs, Liverpool (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 9 Nov. 1753; bur. [at St. John's, Liverpool] 1 Nov. 1815). Legatee under his brother Charles's will 1797. Mar. ([in St. Saviour's Church, Southwark] 3 Feb. 1795) Mary Wedge (? sister of Elizabeth Wedge, who mar. his eldest brother) of the parish of St. Saviour's, Southwark, who survived him (d. . . .). Issue:—
- J.** 1. Thomas Tansley Browne (bapt. [at St. Peter's, Liverpool] 10 Oct. 1813; d. unmar. . . .?).
4. Corbet Browne (bapt. [at St. Julian's], 22 Nov. 1755; bur. there 27 May 1763).
5. James Browne (of whom again).
6. John Browne* (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 30 June 1758; d. [at Allscott, co. Salop] 4 April, bur. [at Withington] 8 April 1826. Will dated 16 March 1811; pr. P.C.C. 10 May 1826 by his son Thomas Corbet Browne). Lieutenant in Huntingdon Militia at time of marriage. Mar. ([in St. Ives Church, Hunts], 11 May 1783) Rachael, dau. of John Glegg, Esq., of Langum, co. Pembroke (by his wife Ann, dau. of Cæsar Mathias, Esq., of Hook, Langum, co. Pembroke), (bapt. [at Langum] 14 Aug. 1753; bur. [at St. Giles in the Fields, London] 19 Dec. 1805). Issue:—
- J.** 1. Thomas Corbet Browne† of Shrewsbury (b. 10 April, bapt. [at St. Ives, Hunts] 16 April 1788; d. unmar. 1854. Will dated 18 Nov. 1854; pr. P.C.C. 4 Dec. 1854 by his niece Frances Lovie Elsom). Lieutenant in Huntingdon Militia by Commission dated 3 March 1808. Legatee under his uncle Charles's will 1797.
1. Catherine Anne‡ (b. 12 Jan., bapt. [at Twickenham, co. Middlesex]

* Two miniatures of John Browne in possession of Dr. Elsom, one, on ivory, size 3 by 2 inches, in scarlet uniform of the Hunts Militia, high black stock, epaulettes, white shoulder belt; hair cut very short probably for wig; handsome face, fair complexion, hazel eyes, and brown hair. The other miniature, in a ring, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, by Cipriani, in toupée or tie wig, white lace neckerchief, dull red coat, lavender embroidered waistcoat.

† Miniature in possession of Dr. Elsom, size 3 by 2 inches, in scarlet uniform of Hunts Militia, high black stock, epaulettes, white shoulder belt; fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair arranged in curls at sides of forehead. In the possession of R. S. Boddington, Esq., are two letters from John Browne to Mrs. Isaac Hawkins Browne of Badger, dated 1 and 29 July 1818, and one from Thomas Corbet Browne, dated 30 July 1818, all relating to the legacy, £50 apiece, bequeathed to them by Isaac Hawkins Browne, and written from Godmanchester.

“In the year 1808 I had the offer of a Lieutenancy in the 7th Fusiliers without purchase, which would have been as good to me (had I accepted it) as five hundred and fifty pounds . . . I had another of a Commission in the 14th Regt . . . after that I had the offer of a Lieutenancy in the 5th Regt . . .”—Thomas Corbet Browne's letter, 1818.

‡ Two miniatures in possession of Dr. Elsom, one, at an early age, by Sir W. Beechey, on ivory, size $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches: fair complexion, dark blue eyes, light brown hair with fringe cut straight over forehead; low-bodied dress of pale blue and red ceinture. The other, also on ivory, size 3 by 2 inches, taken about 22 years of age: dark hair dressed high and disposed in light curls, shading a very good-looking face; blue eyes; dressed in a round evening full-bosomed gown plaited at the breast.

23 Jan. 1786 ; d. 22 Feb. 1851). Legatee under her uncle Charles's will 1797. Mar. ([at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch] 9 Oct. 1806) Colonel George Elsom* of Holloway, London (b. 5 March 1789 ; d. and bur. at Angostura, S. America, 13 Sept. 1819. M.I. Highgate Cemetery). Commissary General to the Columbian Army under Bolivar. Issue :—

- K.** 1. George Elsom (b. 1 Aug. 1808 ; d. 15 Jan. 1861 ; bur. Tower Hamlets Cemetery). Mar. ([at St. John's, Hoxton] 22 Aug. 1836) Rebecca Lydia, dau. of John Grace, Esq., of Prince's Risborough, Bucks (d. 2 Nov. 1885 ; bur. at Lower Norwood Cemetery). Issue :—

- L.** 1. George Frederick Elsom of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (b. 15 Sept. 1837 ; living unmar. 1887).
2. Henry Claudius Elsom of Sundorne House, Pinner (b. 30 Dec. 1838 ; living 1887). Mar. ([at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London] 22 May 1869) Caroline Harriet, eldest dau. of Thomas James Williams of Milton next Gravesend, Kent (living 1887). Issue :—

- M.** 1. Corbet Elsom (b. 22 June 1871),
2. Thomas Elsom (b. 21 Nov. 1874),
3. Harry Williams Elsom (b. 25 Feb. 1877),
1. Carrie Claudine (b. 19 Feb. 1870),
2. Lilian (b. 3 Dec. 1872),
3. Grace Williams (b. 22 Nov. 1878),
4. Elsie Williams (b. 15 Dec. 1881),
5. Dorothy Williams (b. 15 Oct. 1884), } living 1887.

- L.** 3. Albert Leander Elsom (b. 30 Sept. 1842 ; d. 30 April 1845 ; bur. at St. Paul's, Shadwell).
4. Alfred Howard Elsom (b. 18 Nov. 1847 ; living 1887) of Garfield, Sydenham, Kent.

1. Adelaide Rebecca, } living unmar. 1887.
2. Alice Elizabeth, }

- K.** 2. Henry Elsom of London (b. 3 March 1810 ; d. unmar. 22 July 1850).

3. Frederick Joseph Elsom of Limehouse, London (b. 10 July 1812 ; d. 16 March 1880 ; bur. at Tower Hamlets), M.R.C.S.E. Mar. (4 April 1842) Mary, dau. of Richard and Mary Livett, and relict of John Lander, F.R.G.S. (an African Explorer and Discoverer, to whom is public monument in Truro, Cornwall), (b. 2 Sept. 1812 ; living 1887). Issue :—

1. Frederic Joseph Elsom of Whitwell, Chesterfield (b. 13 June 1845 ; living unmar. 1887), Physician and Surgeon.
2. George Nicholas Elsom of London (b. 21 Jan. 1850 ; living 1887).

3. Alfred Elsom of Stretford, Essex (b. 10 May 1855 ; living 1887), mar. Martha Spiers.

1. Josephine (b. 4 Nov. 1843 ; living 1887), mar. J. J. Udale, Esq., Physician and Surgeon.

2. Catherine Isabella (b. 12 Feb. 1847 ; d. 31 Dec. 1877).

1. Frances Lovie (b. 25 Dec. 1814 ; d. unmar. 16 Aug. 1883).

- I.** 7. Edward Yonge Browne (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 17 Aug. 1759 ; bur. there 31 Dec. 1775).

1. Catherina Yonge (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 10 Aug. 1749 ; bur. there 20 May 1752).

* A copy of a portrait (with Dr. Elsom) in full regimentals, coat richly laced with gold, etc. ; also miniature (3½ by 2½ inches) in possession of H. C. Elsom.

- I. James Browne**, fifth son of Thomas Browne of Bentley (bapt. [at St. Julian's] 27 April 1757. To Jamaica and died on board the "Hero" of Liverpool 1791). Mentioned as deceased in his brother Charles's will 1797, and as having left a son Thomas Browne, then under age. Mar. ([by licence dated 17 Dec. 1778 at St. Peter's, Cornhill, London] 19 Dec. 1778) Mary, dau. of Thomas Dalton, Esq., of London. Left England for Jamaica with two children and never returned. (Her sister Sarah Dalton mar., first, Waters of London, and, secondly, Rev. Dr. James Lindsay of Grovehall, Stratford-le-Bow, whose will, dated 25 April 1820, with codicil 6 Feb. 1821, was pr. P.C.C. 30 May 1821.) Issue:—
- J. 1. Thomas Browne.**
- J. Thomas Browne**, as above, only surviving son of James/Browne (b. 6 July, bapt. [at Aldgate] 29 July 1781; died 15 April, bur. [at Guernsey, St. Peter's Port] 19 April 1850). Legatee under his uncle Charles Browne's (of Withington) will 1797. Educated by his maternal uncle the Rev. James Lindsay, D.D. Mar. ([at St. Mary's Woolnoth, Lombard Street, London] 25 March 1804) Jean, dau. of the Rev. James Rutherford (Presbyterian Church) of Hounam, Kelso, N.B. (b. 23 Nov., bapt. [at Hounam] 7 Dec. 1780; d. [at Guernsey]; bur. there May 1850). Issue:—
- K. 1. Joseph Browne** (eldest son).
 2. David Browne (b. 5 Dec. 1813; bapt. [at Stepney] 8 Feb. 1824; abroad 1830; d. . . . ?).
 3. Thomas Browne, C.E. (b. 10 March 1816; bapt. [at Stepney] 8 Feb. 1824; d. [at Hobart Town, Tasmania] 23 Dec. 1870), City Surveyor of Hobart Town. Mar. [at Launceston, Van Diemen's Land] Sarah, dau. of Spicer, and sister of Mrs. Shepard Ransom of Ipswich (living 1884). Issue (twelve children, names, etc., unknown).
 4. Lindsay Browne (b. 8 Jan. 1818; bapt. [at Stepney] 8 Feb. 1824; d. unmar. [at Geelong] 1849 ?), Captain in the Merchant Service.
 5. James Browne (b. 26 May 1821; bapt. [at Stepney] 8 Feb. 1824; d. [at Gisborne, N.Z.] 1885). To Geelong, Australia. Editor of "Standard," "Herald," etc., there. Mar., first, Elizabeth Craig of Geelong (b. 8 Feb. 1824; d. [at Auckland] 3 July 1873). Issue:—
- L. 1. Montague Browne.**
 2. Marshall Browne.
 3. James Browne.
 4. Thomas Browne.
 5. George Browne.
 6. Harry Browne.
 1. Eleanora.
 2. Mary.
 3. Jane.
 6. George Browne (b. 16 May 1823; bapt. [at Stepney] 8 Feb. 1824; d. 31 May 1872; bur. at Epping), Captain P. and O.'s "Haddington." Mar. ([at St. Botolph's, Aldgate] 9 March 1848) Clara, dau. of Thomas Style, Esq., of Houndsditch (b. 8 Dec. 1828; d. 21 Oct. 1882; bur. at Southampton). Issue:—
- L. 1. George Rutherford Browne** (b. 8 Oct. 1852; bapt. [at St. Philip's, Sydney] 6 July 1853; abroad; living 1887 ?).
 2. Harry Clive Browne (b. 3 Sept. 1854; bapt. [at All Souls, Marylebone]), mar. ([at Parish Church, Marylebone] 22 July 1882) Sarah Emily, dau. of Charles Christopher Cresswell, Esq., of Epping (living 1887). Issue:—
- M. 1. Stanley Cresswell Browne** (b. 11 May 1883; bapt. [at St. Luke's, Southampton] 28 Sept. 1883; living 1887).
 1. Eleanor (b. 3 April 1805; privately bapt. June 1805; d. 15 June, bur.

- [at Highgate Cemetery] June 1884), mar., first ([in All Souls' Church, Marylebone] 19 June 1834), Henry Coatsworth, Esq., of St. Ives, Hunts (b. Aug. 1812; d. 22 June 1838, aged 26). Issue:—
- L.** 1. Henry Coatsworth (b. 4 Feb. 1836; bapt. [at All Souls, Marylebone]; d. 22 June 1838).
2. Eleanor (b. 4 Sept. 1837; bapt. [at All Souls]; d. May 1838). Mar., secondly ([in St. James's Church, Westminster] 25 April 1840), Evan Williams, Esq., of Pentre-felyn, co. Carnarvon (bapt. [at Ynyscyuhaiarn, co. Carnarvon] 16 July 1803; d. 13 Dec. 1867).
2. Jane (b. 4 Nov. 1806; privately bapt. 9 April 1807; d. s.p. 8 Oct. 1855), mar. ([at Islington] 28 Dec. 1831) Charles Cherrington, Esq. (d. 25 July 1842). Issue:—(with others)
- L.** 1. Jane Cherrington (living 1887).
3. Mary (b. 5 Feb., privately bapt. 19 April 1810; d. 23 Jan. 1816).
4. Margaret Bell (b. 9 Jan. 1812; d. 14 Feb. 1853), mar. (18 Oct. 1830) John William Austin, Esq., of Bank of England (d. 1849). Issue (six children).
5. Mary (b. 17 Sept.; d. 23 Oct. 1819).

K. Joseph Browne, eldest son of Thomas Browne (b. 14 March 1808; d. 16 Dec. 1847; bur. at Jesmond Old Cemetery, Newcastle-on-Tyne). Mar. ([at Tynemouth] 5 July 1838) Margaret, dau. of John Laing, Esq., of Preston, North Shields (b. 30 Oct. 1808; d. 13 May 1886; bur. at Jesmond Old Cemetery). Issue:—

- L.** 1. Joseph Laing Browne (eldest son).
2. Thomas Browne (b. 31 May 1841; bapt. [St. Andrew's, Newcastle-on-Tyne]; d. [at Gateshead] 16 April 1884; bur. at Jesmond Old Cemetery). Mar. ([Christ Church, Byculla, Bombay] 24 Feb. 1869) Sarah Brown, dau. of Francis Clough, Esq., of Bombay (b. [at Bombay] 2 Nov. 1852; living 1888). Issue:—

- M.** 1. Percival Lindsay Lewis Browne (b. 20 April 1871; living 1888).
2. Thomas Montagu Browne (b. 16 Aug. 1875; d. 21 July 1876).
3. Thomas Frederick Montagu Browne (b. 18 July 1877; living 1888).
4. Albert Joseph Laing Browne (b. 9 Dec. 1878; living 1888).
5. Joseph Browne (b. 3 Oct. 1882; d. 31 Jan. 1883).

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| 1. Ethel Margaret, | } living 1888. |
| 2. Florence Maud Bankart, | |
| 3. Celinda Sarah Clough, | |
| 4. Mary Adrene, | |
| 5. Margaret Browne [<i>sic</i>], | |
| 6. Amy, | |

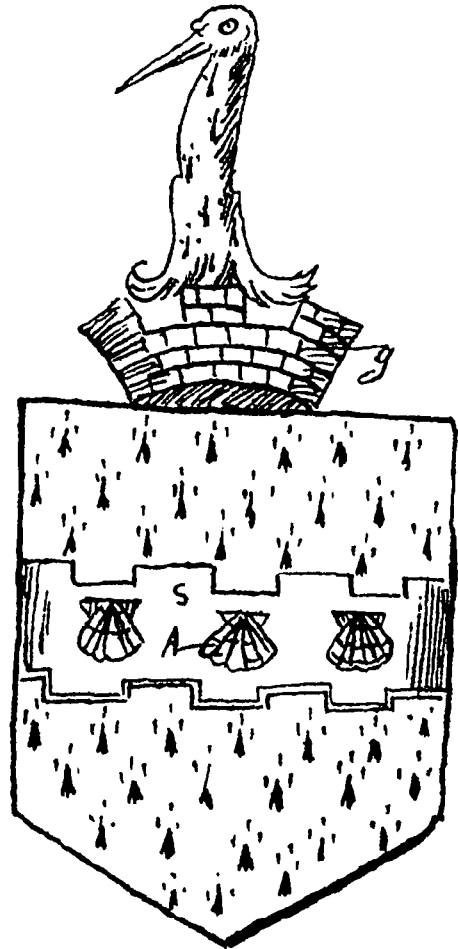
3. John Laing Browne of Sunderland (b. 26 Sept. 1842; bapt. at St. Andrew's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; living 1888). Mar. ([Bishopwearmouth Church] 13 March 1873) Elizabeth, second dau. of Joseph Foster, Esq., of Sunderland, and Elizabeth Taylor his wife, dau. of Emmanuel Taylor, Esq., of N. Shields (b. 15 Nov. 1846; living 1888). Issue:—

- M.** 1. Harold Montagu Browne (b. 15 Sept. 1877),
2. Arthur Laing Browne (b. 9 July 1881),
3. Lindsay Foster Browne (b. 29 May 1883),
4. John Corbet Browne (b. 17 Feb. 1885),
5. Leonard Southaicke Browne (b. 22 May 1887),
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| 1. Lucy Foster, | } living 1888. |
| 2. Jessie Foster, | |
4. Lindsay Browne (b. 24 Oct. 1845; d. unmar. 1 May 1858).
5. Frederick Montagu Browne (b. 21 June; d. 8 Oct. 1848).

1. Margaret Laing (living 1887), mar. ([St. Thomas Church, Sunderland] 8 July 1869) Hubert Bankart, Esq., of King's Langley, co. Herts (b. 23 March 1835; living 1887). Issue:—
 - M.** 1. Hubert Stanley Montague Bankart (b. 26 Nov. 1872; living 1888).
1. Margaret Evelyn Elizabeth Mary [Eva] (b. 26 March 1871; living 1888).
 2. Jane (living 1888), mar. ([in Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, London] 4 Sept. 1866) William Clark Fairley, Esq., of Sunderland, co. Durham (b. 20 Aug. 1832; living 1888). Issue:—
 - M.** 1. William Fairley (b. 22 Feb. 1875; living 1888).
1. Margaret Edith (b. 11 July 1867; living 1888).
2. Gertrude Eleanor (b. 4 Sept. 1868; d. unmar. 28 Dec. 1885).
3. Constance Bankart (b. 15 Feb. 1870; living 1888).
 - L. Joseph Laing Browne** of Cardiff (living 1888), mar. ([at Christ Church, N. Shields] 3 Feb. 1863) Mary Antoinette, dau. of Charles Rutherford Stephens and his wife Antoinette Ardenghi (living 1888), and has issue:—

1. Corbet Browne (b. 15 Jan. 1869),	} living 1888.
2. Lindsay Charles Browne (b. 1 Oct. 1870),	
3. Anthony Browne (b. 26 June 1875),	
4. Daniel Edward Stephens Browne (b. 17 March 1877),	
5. Joseph Browne (b. 22 March 1879),	
1. Marie Josephine,	
2. Anna Elizabeth,	
3. Margaret Mabel,	
4. Eleanor Gladys,	
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BROWNE PEDIGREE FROM THE VISITATION OF DERBYSHIRE, 1662.



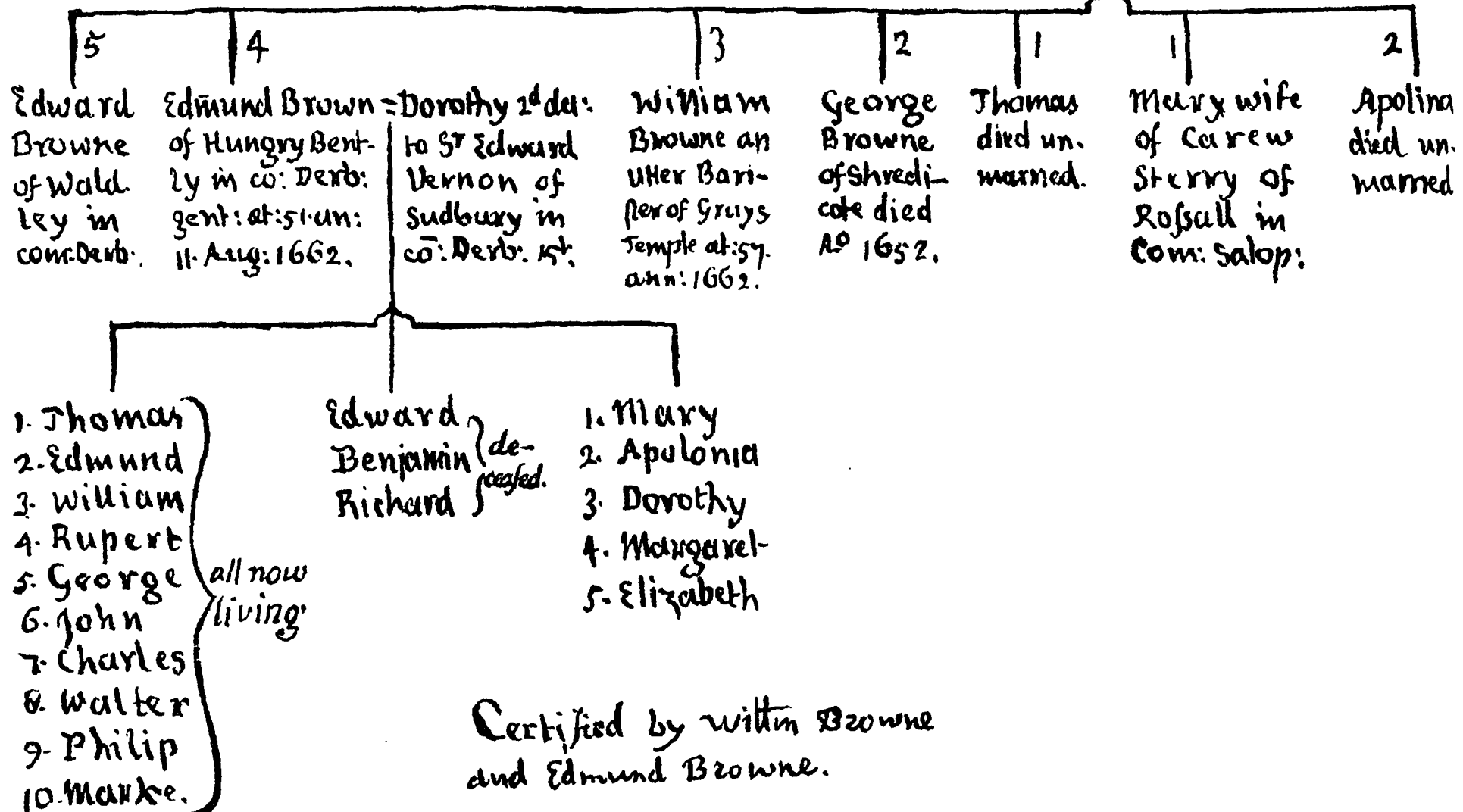
Browne of Hungry-Bentley.

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But vide M. 2. f. 3. in Coll. Arms.

Thomas Browne = Apolina da: to George of Shreddicote in the parish of Brudley in com. Staff: gent: died a^o 1633. Southwike merchant of London widow of William Fairfax a Goldsmith in London.



Certified by William Browne and Edmund Browne.

Genealogy of Browne

OF SHREDICOTE, PARISH OF BRADELEY, CO. STAFFORD.

(Now represented by PEPLOE of Garnstone Castle, co. Hereford.)

- D. George Browne** (eldest surviving son of Thomas Browne **C** and his wife Apollonia, of Shredicote, co Stafford, and Hungry Bentley, co. Derby) (b. at London?; d. intestate; bur. [in Bradeley Church,* co. Stafford] 22 April 1651-2. Letters of Administration granted to his widow Anne Browne, P.C.C., 6 May 1652). Inherited Shredicote under his father's will 1630. Arms: BROWNE *impaling* SKRYMSHIRE. *Quarterly*—1 and 4, *Gules, a lion rampant or within a bordure vaire*, for SKRYMSHIRE (granted 13 April 1584); 2 and 3, *Azure, a chevron between three flies argent*, for MUSCHAMP. Mar. Anne, dau. of Sir Thomas Skrymshire, Knight, of Aqualate, parish of Forton, High Sheriff of Stafford 1619 (bapt. [at Forton] 1 Sept. 1605; bur. [in Bradeley Ch.] 28 Jan. 1690-1). Bequeathed† the yearly interest of £5 for ever to poor of Bradeley. Administered her husband's estate 1652. Legatee under Apollonia Browne's will 1653, who bequeathed her xxs. to buy a ring. Issue:—
- E.** 1. Thomas Browne of Shredicote, eldest son. (*Vide infra*.)
 2. George Browne (bapt. [at Bradeley] 4 Aug. 1646; d.). Legatee under his aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him "two ewes and two lambs" and £50. Legatee under his sister Apollonia's will, who bequeathed him £10. Mar. (25 Oct. 1680) Mary Wickstead‡ (dead 1690?). Issue:—
- F.** 1. George Browne (d.). Legatee under Apollonia Browne's will 1690, who bequeathed him £20.
 1. Anne (d.). Legatee under Apollonia's will 1690, who bequeathed her £20.
- E.** 1. Apollonia (bapt. [at Bradeley] 29 Nov. 1636; d. unmar.; bur. there 28 Jan. 1690-1; nuncupative will dated 22 Jan. 1690-1; pr. [at Lichfield] 3 July 1691. Bequeathed the yearly interest of £10 to poor of Bradeley for ever). Legatee under her aunt Apollonia's will, who bequeathed her "one feather bed w^{ch} is in chamber com'only called Joannes chamber" and £50.
 2. Margaret (bapt. [at Bradeley] 30 Jan. 1637-8; d.).
 3. Elizabeth (bapt. [at Bradeley] 12 Aug. 1641; d.). Legatee under her aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed her "two ewes and lambs" and £50. Legatee and co-executrix under her sister Apollonia's will 1690, who bequeathed her £5. Mar. John Phillips (d.). Legatee under Apollonia's will 1690, who bequeathed him £5. Issue:—
- F.** 1. Anne Phillips (d.). Legatee under Apollonia Browne's will 1690, who bequeathed her £40.

* "1651. Received by me Thos. Bird of M^{rs} Browne for breaking up the Church floor for M^r Geo. Browne 0 l. : 3 : 4 d."—Parish Register of Bradeley.

† No will recorded at Somerset House or at Lichfield.

‡ Probably of the Wickstead family of Nantwich, co. Chester. Only the date of the marriage is recorded in the Bradeley Register, where a space is left probably for the insertion of the name of the church at which the ceremony took place.

2. Mary Phillips (d. . . .). Legatee under Apollonia Browne's will 1690, who bequeathed her £20.
4. Mary (bapt. [at Bradeley] 15 Aug. 1644; d. . . .). Legatee under her aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed her £250 and "a dyamond ring, one chynah dish, halfe of my weareing lynnenn, one tye, a lockett, and a payre of pearle band strings." Legatee and co-executrix under her sister Apollonia's will 1690, who bequeathed her 20 guineas. Mar. ([in Bradeley Ch.] 26 Dec. 1678) Lewis Dickenson "of Acton Trussel, Gent." (d. . . .).

E. Thomas Browne (eldest son) of Shredicote (bapt. [at Bradeley] 23 March 1642-3; bur. there 10 Aug. 1728; will dated 31 Jan. 1722; pr. [at Lichfield] 16 June 1729 by John Stanley). Legatee under his aunt Apollonia's will 1659, who bequeathed him "one peper mill wth all y^e implem^{ts} belonging thereto w^{ch} were formerly fixed to y^e house att Shredicoat," and £50. Legatee under his sister Apollonia's will 1691, who bequeathed him £5. Legatee under his son George Browne's will 1711, who bequeathed him the personal estate. Mar. 1st ([at Forton, co. Stafford] 27 Aug. 1668; Marr. Licence by Bishop of Lichfield dated 13 July 1668) Mary Carr of Aqualate, parish of Forton (b. 1646; æt. 22 at marriage; bur. [at Bradeley] 19 Dec. 1689); mar. 2nd (Marr. Licence at Lichfield dated 1707) Mary, dau. of and relict of Stanley (bur. [at Bradeley] 13 Aug. 1728; will dated 8 Dec. 1727; pr. [at Lichfield] by son John Stanley 16 June 1729). Issue (by first marriage only):—

- F.** 1. George Browne of Shredicote (bapt. [at Bradeley] 29 Dec. 1670; d. unm.; bur. there 7 June 1711; will dated 31 May 1711; pr. [at Lichfield] 15 June 1711 by the Rev. Walter Jennings and Thomas Pickstock the ex'ors). Devised the Shredicote estate to be sold to his brother-in-law the Rev. Samuel Peploe, M.A., and of the proceeds of the sale £200 to be given to each of the four children of the Rev. Samuel Peploe, and the remainder to be equally divided between the children of the testator's brothers James and John Browne.
2. James Browne* (bapt. [at Bradeley] 27 March 1672; dead 1711); mar. . . . , and issue living 1711, legatees under their father's will, and under their uncle George Browne's will 1711.
 3. John Browne (bapt. [at Bradeley] 28 Aug. 1673; living 1711); mar. Eleanor (d. . . .). Issue:—

- G.** 1. William Browne (bapt. 7 Aug. 1708; d. . . .).
 2. Thomas Browne (bapt. 10 March 1712-13; d. . . .).
 3. Edward Browne (bapt. 15 March 1715-16; d. . . .).
 4. Joseph Browne (bapt. 26 Nov. 1717; d. . . .).
 5. Walter Browne (bapt. 22 Oct. 1719; d. . . .).
 6. Peter Browne (bapt. 20 July 1721; d. . . .).
 1. Elizabeth (bapt. 7 Sept. 1714; d. . . .).
 2. Anna† (bapt. 11 July 1723; d. . . .).
- } All bapt.
at Bradeley,
and legatees
under their
uncle George
Browne's will
1711.

- F.** 4. William Browne (bapt. [at Bradeley] 11 Feb. 1674-5; bur. there 10 May 1675).

1. Ann (bapt. [at Bradeley] 7 Oct. 1669; bur. [in Chester Cathedral] 20 Jan. 1758); mar. the Rev. Samuel Peploe‡ (b. 1668?; d. 21 Feb.; bur. [in Chester Cathedral, M.I.] 28 Feb. 1752; will dated 24 April 1749; pr. [at York] 7 May 1752). Entered as a Battler of Jesus Coll., Oxford, 12 May 1687; graduated in Arts, B.A. 12 March 1690;

* There is a will of James Browne, dated 27 April 1701, pr. at Lichfield by Margaret Phillips 24 May 1701, which might be identical with above.

† Query married (in Bradeley Church) 24 May 1743 Thomas Ellits.

‡ In the matriculation register of Oxford he is described as aged 18, son of Palmore Peploe of Dawley Parva, co. Salop. No further information could be obtained regarding his ancestry.

M.A. 19 Oct. 1693 ; in Divinity, B.D. (Lambeth)* 10 March 1718. Admitted to Holy Orders. Instituted to the Rectory of Kedleston, co. Derby, 3 May 1695, which he resigned in 1700. Presented to the living of Preston, co. Lanc., 6 May 1700, which he held until 1727. While at Preston in 1715, during the rebellion in favour of the Old Pretender, he marched out against the rebels and distinguished himself by a loyal attachment to the cause of King George I. His Majesty thereupon appointed him to the Wardenship of the Collegiate Church of Manchester, to which he was presented 16 Feb. 1715. He was nominated to the Bishopric of Chester 4 April 1726, and consecrated in St. Margaret's, Westminster, Lord Bishop of Chester,† 12 April 1726, which see he held until his decease. Arms: *Gules, three mitres labelled or* (Diocese of Chester); *impaling, Azure, a chevron raguled counter-raguled between three bugle-horns or* (for PEPLOE); and PEPLOE *impaling* BROWNE. He was author‡ of:—(1) 'A sermon [on 2 Samuel xv. 4] preached at the Assizes held at Lancaster,' Lond., 1710, 8vo; (2) 'God's peculiar care in the preservation of our religion and liberties: a sermon [on 1 Samuel xii. 7] preached at Lancaster Assizes, etc.,' Lond., 1716, 8vo; (3) 'A sermon [on Matthew xxv. 40] preached at the anniversary meeting of the children educated in the Charity Schools of London,' Lond., 1730, 4to; (4) 'A collection of curious papers containing First a new method of reasoning,' 1730 (?), 4to; (5) 'A sermon [on Matthew x. 34] preached before the Lords Jan. 30, 1732,' Lond., 1732, 4to; 2nd edit., Lond., 1733, 4to; (6) 'Popish Idolatry: a strong reason why all Protestants should zealously oppose the present Rebellion: a sermon [on 1 Corinthians x. 14], ' Lond., 1745, 8vo. Issue:—

1. Samuel Peploe (only son and heir).

1. Mary (living 1711), mar. Francis Jadrell, Esq., of Yeardsley.

* The Rev. Dr. Gastrell, as Bishop of Chester, "conceived it his duty to refuse to admit the Rev. Samuel Peploe to the Wardenship of Manchester, to which he had been nominated by the Crown, and for which, on the recommendation of the Primate, he had qualified himself by the Lambeth degree of B.D., instead of proceeding regularly at his University, as he himself had originally intended. It was not probable that Mr. Peploe could have experienced any difficulty in obtaining his degree at Oxford, and the Bishop of Chester, at the same time that he insisted on qualification by the regular degree, offered his interest to obtain it, if any unforeseen difficulty should occur. The matter was, however, carried to the King's Bench and a decision given against the Bishop, who thereupon published 'The Bishop of Chester's case, with regard to the Wardenship of Manchester, in which it is shewn that no other degrees but what are taken in the University can be deemed legal qualification for any Ecclesiastical preferment in England.' After the publication of this at Oxford, the University decreed, in full convocation, 22 March 1720, that solemn thanks should be returned to the Bishop for having so fully asserted the rights, privileges, and dignities belonging to the University degrees in this book."—Ormerod's 'Hist. of Chester,' p. 80.

The cause was first tried at the Lancaster Assizes 13 Aug. 1722. The argument in favour of the Archbishop's right to grant the degree (which dates from 25 Hen. VIII., 1534) was, it is said, conducted with "much learning and research." The notes for the instruction of Counsel are with Bishop Chandler's papers in the British Museum (Add. MS. 6489). The hearing occupied fifteen hours (Lambeth MS. 1133). The case was then carried by appeal before the King's Bench, where it was decided in favour of the Archbishop 22 May 1725. By a curious coincidence the Rev. Samuel Peploe succeeded his adversary (Dr. Gastrell) in the Bishopric of Chester.

† In a 'Peerage Directory,' 1727 (reprinted in the 'Genealogist,' 1884, vol. i., p. 49), Dr. Peploe, Bishop of Chester, is mentioned as living in Queen Street, London. There is a portrait of Bishop Peploe at Garnstone Castle, co. Hereford.

‡ The publications here given are in the British Museum. They doubtless form only a small portion of his Lordship's works. The late Very Rev. J. S. Howson, D.D., Dean of Chester, informed me that Mr. Peploe's Sermons were much admired at the time by the Duke of Cumberland, who, upon hearing Mr. Peploe preach before he had obtained preferment, was graciously pleased to declare that he who was now "peep-low" should be made to "peep-high;" an exhibition of His Grace's wit of such intense brilliancy and captivating delicacy that we cannot wonder at its being so long and faithfully remembered.

2. Anne (living 1711), mar. James Bayley, Esq. (d. 1769?). Constituted Registrar of Chester 9 Aug. 1745, which he held until 1769.
3. Elizabeth (living 1711), mar. John Bradshaw, Esq., of Manchester.

Samuel Peploe (b. 1699 ? ; d. 22 Oct. ; bur. [in Chester Cathedral, M.I.] 30 Oct. 1781, æt. 82 ; will dated 1 Sept. 1781, pr. [at Chester] 23 March 1782). Entered Wadham Coll., Oxford, 29 April 1723. Graduated* in Civil Law, B.C.L. 29 Oct. 1726, and D.C.L. (as a grand compounder) 2 July 1763. Admitted to Holy Orders ; installed Prebendary of Chester Cathedral (6th stall) 4 July 1727. Succeeded his father in the living of Preston 10 July 1727. Presented to the living of Northenden, co. Chester, 13 Nov. 1727. Collated Archdeacon of Richmond 4 June 1729. Succeeded his father in the Wardenship of Manchester, and presented thereto 30 March 1738. Rector of Tattenhall, co. Chester, 16 April 1743, which living he held until his decease. Created Chancellor of Chester by patent from his father 5 Aug. 1748. Bequeathed £200 upon trust for the poor of Tattenhall, of which £10 10s. 10d. is distributed every Christmas in clothing ; also £200 to the poor of Northenden, of which £10 10s. 8d. is given away at Easter in clothing. Arms : *Azure, on a chevron raguled counter-raguled between three bugle-horns stringed or, a mitre with labels of the field ; on a canton ermine a crosier or and a sword gules in saltire, the former surmounted by the latter.* Crest : *On a wreath of the colours a ducal coronet or, therein a reindeer's head gules antlered gold, charged on the neck with a human eye shedding drops of tears proper ;* granted and confirmed by R. warrant from the Earl Marshall, dated 21 Feb. 1753. Mar. 1st, Anne, dau. of the Rev. Thomas Birch, M.A., Rector of Hampton Bishop, co. Hereford, and Vicar of Preston, co. Lancaster (younger brother of John Birch, Esq., M.P., Colonel in Parliamentary Army, and 3rd son of Samuel Birch, Esq., of Ardwick, Manchester, descended from Birch of Birch, co. Lancaster). Issue :—

1. John Peploe. (See *infra*.)
Mar. 2nd (10 Oct. 1774), Rebecca, dau. of Edward Roberts, Esq., Deputy Registrar of Chester (born 1720 ? ; d. s.p. 29 Oct. ; bur. in Chester Cathedral 2 Nov. 1779, æt. 59. Will dated 13 Aug. 1779, pr. 22 June 1782, P.C.C. [309 Gostling]).

John Peploe (son and heir) (b. 1742 ? ; d. 26 Jan. 1805, æt. 63 ; bur. at Weobley, co. Hereford, M.I. Will dated 20 July 1803, codicil 17 Dec. 1804, pr. P.C.C. 28 Feb. 1805). Succeeded, on the death of his uncle, Samuel Birch, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, in 1752 to Garnstone estate, co. Hereford. Assumed the additional surname and arms of BIRCH by Act of Parliament ; High Sheriff, co. Hereford, 1768. Mar. (Oct. 1764) Anne, d. and h. of William Clowes, Esq., of Hunt's Bank, Lancashire (b. 1744 ? ; d. [at Cheltenham] 6 May 1820, æt. 76 ; bur. at Weobley, M.I.). Issue :—

1. Samuel Peploe (only son).
1. Anne (bapt. [at Garnstone] 18 Aug. 1765 ; d. 1846, æt. 83 ; bur. at Weobley, M.I.). Mar. ([at St. George's, Hanover Square] 2 June 1790) Daniel Webb, Esq., of Audley Square, London (b. . . . ; d. [at Tunbridge Wells] 3 April ; bur. [at Horsemonden, Kent] 7 April 1828). Issue :—
 1. Daniel Peploe Webb (eldest son).
 2. John Birch Webb. (See *infra*.)
 3. George Samuel Webb of Wexford, Ireland (b. 1 Dec. 1805 ; bapt. [at Lovell Hill, near Windsor] 1 Jan. 1806 ; d. 8 Jan., bur. [at Wexford] 8 Jan. 1841). Mar. Anna, dau. of Henry de Rinzy, Secretary to the Grand Jury, co. Wexford (d. . . .). Issue :—

* The degrees of B.C.L. and D.C.L. are the only ones I can find officially recorded by the University of Oxford. In the grant of arms in 1753 he is described as B.D., and in his monumental inscription in Chester Cathedral as LL.D.

1. Mary Ann (bapt. [at Baltinglass, co. Wexford] 30 June 1839; d. . . .); mar. William Croker Harvey, Esq. (b. . . .; d. . . .), Treasurer of co. Wexford.
1. Anne (d. unm. 1875; bur. in Cheltenham Cemetery).
2. Mary Ann (living 1888); mar. ([at Broadwater, Sussex] 8 Nov. 1823) John Mapes Ensor, Esq., of Rollesby Hall, co. Norfolk (b. 1796; d. 1852). Issue:—
 1. John Mapes Webb Ensor, of Rollesby Hall (d. 1855).
 2. Charles Peploe Smith Ensor, now of Rollesby Hall (living 1888. *Vide* Burke's 'Landed Gentry').
3. Mary Ann.
3. Elizabeth (b. 1800; d. unmar. 1880; bur. at Cheltenham).
4. Caroline (d. . . .); mar. (1837) John Jordaine Dennett, Esq., of Southampton Town (d. s.p. Nov. 1842).
2. Mary (b. 1769?; d. unm. 1830, æt. 61; bur. [at Hunt's Bank]. M.I. Weobley Church).

Samuel Peploe of Garnstone Castle, co. Hereford (b. [at Hunt's Bank] 1 July 1774; d. 24 April 1845, æt. 71 years; bur. Weobley; M.I. Will dated 22 July 1831); mar. (15 March 1796) Katherine Frances, eldest dau. of Sir George Cornwall, 2nd Bart., of Moccass Court, co. Hereford (b. 1772?; d. s.p. 21 March 1831, æt. 59; bur. [at Weobley. M.I.]). Succeeded by his nephew:—

Daniel Peploe Webb (b. 21 Feb. 1794; d. unm. April 1866; bur. Weobley; M.I.). Assumed the surname and arms of PEPLÖE (to quarter Peploe, in 1st quarter, with Webb) by Royal Licence 17 May 1845, on succeeding to Garnstone. High Sheriff, co. Hereford, 1845. Succeeded by his brother:—

John Birch Webb (b. 9 Sept. 1801; bapt. [at Court Lodge, co. Kent]; d. 26 Jan. 1869; bur. [at Weobley]; M.I.). Graduated at Oxford. Admitted to Holy Orders. Instituted to living of Weobley 1825. Assumed the surname and arms of PEPLÖE by Royal Licence 26 June 1866, on succeeding to Garnstone. Mar. ([at Ludlow, co. Salop] 3 Jan. 1828) Annie,* 2nd dau. of John Molyneux, Esq., R.N. (brother of Sir Thomas Molyneux, Bart., of Castle Dillon, co. Armagh) (b. 1805; d. 1880; bur. at Brompton Cemetery). Issue:—

1. Daniel Peploe Webb Peploe of Garnstone. (See *infra*.)
2. Augustus Henry Webb† of Chadnor Villa, Cheltenham (b. 1 July, bapt. [at Weobley] 12 Sept. 1834; d. [at Cheltenham] 25 Sept. 1886. Late Captain R.N. Entered the Royal Navy 1846. Served in the Burmese War of 1852-3; in the Baltic and Crimea 1854-5; for which services he had four medals and three clasps; retired 1874. Mar. ([at St. Mary's, Tenby] 28 Nov. 1867) Frances Capel, dau. of Colonel J. G. William Curtis (H.E.I.C.S.), C.B., of Tenby (living 1888). Issue:—
 1. John Curtis Webb (b. 29 Oct. 1868; bapt. at St. Mary's, Tenby; living 1888).
 2. Daniel Cecil Webb (b. 10 March 1874; bapt. SS. Philip and James, Leckhampton; living 1888).

* Mrs. John Birch Webb was authoress of the following works:—'Naomi' (1841); 'A Tale of the Vaudois' (1842); 'The Beloved Disciple' (1848); 'Julamerk' (1849); 'The Martyrs of Carthage' (1850); 'Idaline' (1854); 'Marco Griffi' (1859); 'Blind Ursula' (1860); 'My Life in the Prairie' (1860); 'Helen Mordaunt' (1860); 'Loyal Charlie Bentham' (1861); 'Arthur Merton' (1863); 'Alypius of Tagaste' (1865); 'Ishmael the Yezidee' (1865); 'The Lawgiver, etc.' (1865); 'Benaiah' (1865); 'The Stitch in Time' (1866); 'Pomponia' (1867); 'The Five Pound Note, etc.' (1874); 'The Pilgrims of New England' (1874); 'The Lovells' (1874); 'I Know' (1879), etc.

† Captain Webb has not taken the name of Peploe.

3. Roger Cunliffe Hastings Webb (b. 10 Dec. 1876; bapt. St. Mary's, Tenby; d. Jan. 1877).
4. Edmund Melville Webb (b. 17 Aug. 1878; bapt. St. Mary's, Tenby; living 1888).
1. Dorothy Emily (b. 28 Dec. 1875; bapt. St. Mary's, Tenby; d. Jan. 1877).
2. Millicent Grace (bapt. St. Mary's, Tenby; living 1888).
3. Ellen Eugenia (b. 24 Oct. 1881; bapt. Christ Ch., Cheltenham; d. May 1882).
3. Hammer William Webb-Peploe (b. 1 Oct., bapt. [at Weobley] 15 Nov. 1835; living 1888); of King's Pyon House, co. Hereford, and Vicar of St. Paul's, Onslow Square, London. Entered Pembroke College, Cambridge, Oct. 1856. Graduated in Arts, B.A. June 1859, and M.A. 1877. Admitted to Holy Orders 1863. Presented to the Vicarage of St. Paul's, Onslow Square, Oct. 1876, and instituted thereto Dec. 1876. Mar. ([in St. Paul's, Avenue Road, London] 11 April 1863) Frances Emily, eldest dau. of the Right Hon. Lord Justice Lush of London (living 1888). Issue:—
 1. John Harold Webb-Peploe (b. 9 March 1864; bapt. at Weobley, co. Hereford; living 1888).
 2. Robert Murray Watkin Webb-Peploe (b. 13 Nov. 1865; bapt. at Weobley; living 1886).
 3. Francis Hammer Webb-Peploe (b. 1 May 1867; bapt. at Weobley; living 1888).
 4. Henry Guy Webb-Peploe (b. 4 Nov. 1868; bapt. at King's Pyon; d. Dec. 1876).
 5. Howard Melville Webb-Peploe (b. 12 Feb. 1870; bapt. at King's Pyon; living 1888).
 6. Edward Alec Webb-Peploe (b. April 1874; bapt. at King's Pyon; d. Sept. 1874).
 1. Elizabeth Maud (bapt. at King's Pyon; living 1888).
 2. Constance Annie (bapt. at King's Pyon; d. Feb. 1887).
1. Charlotte Anne (b. 14 May; bapt. [at Weobley] 8 June 1831; d. 31 Jan.; bur. 3. Feb. 1842).
2. Gertrude Elizabeth (bapt. at Weobley; living 1888). Mar. ([at King's Pyon] 19 Nov. 1861) the Rev. John Hearn Poppelwell (b. 21 Feb. 1829; living 1888). Entered University College, Durham, 1847. Graduated in Arts, B.A. 1851, M.A. 185—. Admitted to Holy Orders. Presented to the living of St. Martin's, Haverfordwest, Nov. 1879. Issue:—
 1. Henry Frank Webb Poppelwell (b. 24 July 1863; living 1888).
 2. Charlie Thomas Digby Webb Poppelwell (b. 3 Jan. 1865; living 1888).
 3. Herbert George Stuart Webb Poppelwell (b. 8 July 1866; d. 31 March 1867).
3. Eleanora Maria (bapt. at Weobley; living 1888). Mar. ([at King's Pyon] 28 May 1857) Thomas Myers Croome, Esq., of Cainscross House, Stroud, co. Gloucester (b. 24 April 1834; d. 15 Jan., bur. at Cainscross 20 Jan. 1883). Issue:—
 1. Arthur Capel Molyneux Croome (b. [at Northfield House] 21 Feb., bapt. [at the Slad] 17 April 1866; living 1888).
 1. Alice Nora (b. [at Greenhouse Court] 19 May 1858; bapt. at the Slad; d. 15 April 1864).
 2. Ethel Nora (b. at Northfield; bapt. at the Slad; living 1888).
 3. Ella Mabel (b. and d. [at Northfield] 15 Sept. 1869; bapt. and bur. at the Slad; d. 19 Jan. 1870).
 4. Geraldine Maud (b. at Northfield; bapt. at the Slad; d. 12 Oct. 1887).
4. Ella Mary Ann (bapt. at Weobley; living 1888). Mar. ([at Berne, Switzerland] 7 June 1870) the Rev. William Henry Hutchinson (b. 2 Nov. 1836; living 1888). Entered Pembroke College, Cambridge, Oct. 1857. Graduated in

Arts, B.A. 1860, M.A. 1862. Admitted to Holy Orders 1860. Curate of Leckhampton 1860-62. Curate of St. Mark's, Gloucester, 1862-64. Presented to the living of SS. Philip and James, Leckhampton, co. Gloucester, Aug. 1864, and instituted thereto Oct. same year. Surrogate and Rural Dean of Cheltenham 1884. Issue:—

1. Ernest Hammer Peploe Hutchinson (b. 17 July ; bapt. 11 Aug. 1871 ; living 1888).
1. Stella Mabel Hutchinson (living 1888).
2. Florence Ella Molyneux Hutchinson (living 1888).

Daniel Peploe Webb Peploe (eldest son) of Garnstone Castle, co. Hereford (b. 15 Feb., bapt. [at Weobley] 4 July 1829 ; d. [at Florence, Italy] 4 Nov. 1887, bur. at Weobley). Late Major 4th Dragoon Guards ; J.P. and D.L., co. Hereford. Served throughout the Crimea. Returned M.P. for co. Hereford 3 Feb. 1874–1880. Mar. (22 June 1860) Eliza Debonnaire Theophila, youngest dau. of Sir Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe, 4th Bart., of Fern Hill, Berkshire (living 1888). Issue:—

1. Daniel Henry Theophilus Peploe (eldest son) of Garnstone Castle.
2. Fitzgerald Cornewall Peploe (b. 5 Sept. 1862 ; living 1888).
3. Hugh Metcalfe Scott Peploe (b. 22 Sept. 1863 ; d. 7 July 1869).
1. Evelyn Theophila (d. 22 May 1873).
2. Winifred Theodora Debonnaire (living 1888).

Daniel Henry Theophilus Peploe (eldest son) of Garnstone Castle, co. Hereford (b. 24 April 1861 ; living unm. 1888).

The arms assigned to the Peploe family as emblazoned in the Heralds' College are :—

ARMS.—*Quarterly* : 1 and 4, *Azure, on a chevron raguled counter-raguled or, between three bugle-horns or, and stringed or, a mitre with labels of the field ; on a canton ermine a crozier or and sword in saltire gules, the former surmounted by the latter, for PEPLOE* ; 2 and 3, *Or, a cross paly sable and azure, in the first and fourth an eagle displayed sable, for WEBB*.

CRESTS.—*A ducal coronet or, issuant therefrom a reindeer's head gules, attired gold, charged on the neck with a human eye shedding drops of tears proper, PEPLOE. An eagle displayed sable semée de fleurs-de-lis or, and in the mouth a trefoil vert, WEBB*.

[From subsequent information we find that Rupert Browne of the Inner Temple, son of Rupert Browne of Greenford, Esq., entered at New College, Oxford, 6 July 1731, aged 18. See p. 16.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO THE VEN. SAMUEL PEPLOE, B.D.,
ARCHDEACON OF RICHMOND, 23 FEB. 1753.*



To All and Singular to whom these Presents shall come, John Anstis Esquire Garter Principal King of Arms, and Charles Townley Esquire Norroy King of Arms of the North parts of England from the River Trent Northwards send Greeting. Whereas the Reverend Samuel Peploe, B.D., Chancellor of the Diocese of Chester and Warden of Manchester College in the County Palatine of Lancaster, hath represented unto the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Effingham Deputy (with the Royal Approbation) to the Most Noble Edward Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, That his Father the late Right Reverend Doctor Samuel Peploe Lord Bishop of Chester did bear and use for his Arms—Azure a Chevron Counter Embattled between three Bugle Horns Or, and for the Crest, Out of a Ducal Coronet Or, a Rein Deer's Head Gules, Antler'd Or, as his Ancestors heretofore had done, but being desirous to have some Additional bearing thereunto to perpetuate the singular Loyalty of his Father to his late most Sacred Majesty King George the First at the Battle of Preston in Lancashire in the year 1715 and also his advancement in the Church on that Account, did therefore request his Lordships Warrant for our devising Granting and Assigning unto him and his Descendants and to the other Descendants of

his said Father such Arms and Crest accordingly and that the same may be registred in the College of Arms, as a perpetual Memorial thereof. And for as much as his Lordship duly considering the Premises did by Warrant under His Hand and Seal bearing date the twenty first day of February instant, Order and Direct us to Devise Grant and Assign unto the said Samuel Peploe and the Descendants before mentioned such Arms and Crest as may be lawfully born by him and them, Know Ye that We the said Garter and Norroy in pursuance of the Consent of the said Earl of Effingham and by Virtue of the Letters Patent of Our several offices to each of us respectively Granted under the Great Seal of Great Britain have devised and Do by these Presents Grant and Assign to the said Samuel Peploe, the Arms following, Viz^t, Azure on a Chevron Embattled Counter Embattled, between three Bugle Horns Stringed Or a Mitre with Labels of the Field, On a Canton Ermine a Crosier Or and a Sword Gules in Saltire, the Former Surmounted by the Latter, And for the Crest, On a Wreath of the Colours a Ducal Coronet Or, therein a Rein Deer's Head Gules Antler'd Gold, Charged on the Neck with an Human Eye

* The engraving is a *facsimile* of the sketch of arms from the copy of the grant as entered in the books of the College.

shedding Drops of Tears proper, as the same are in the Margin hereof more plainly depicted. To be born and used for ever here-after by him the said Samuel Peploe and his lawfull Descendants and also by the Lawfull Descendants of his said Father the late Right Reverend Doctor Samuel Peploe, Lord Bishop of Chester, deceased, with due and proper differences, according to the ancient Usage and Custom of Arms, without the Lett or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Norroy Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed our Names and affixed the Seals of Our several offices the twenty third day of February in the twenty sixth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of Our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and fifty three.

JOHN ANSTIS, Garter
Principal King of Arms.

CHARLES TOWNLEY, Norroy
King of Arms.

Examined by JAS. LANE, Richmond, Reg^r.

Monumental Inscriptions.

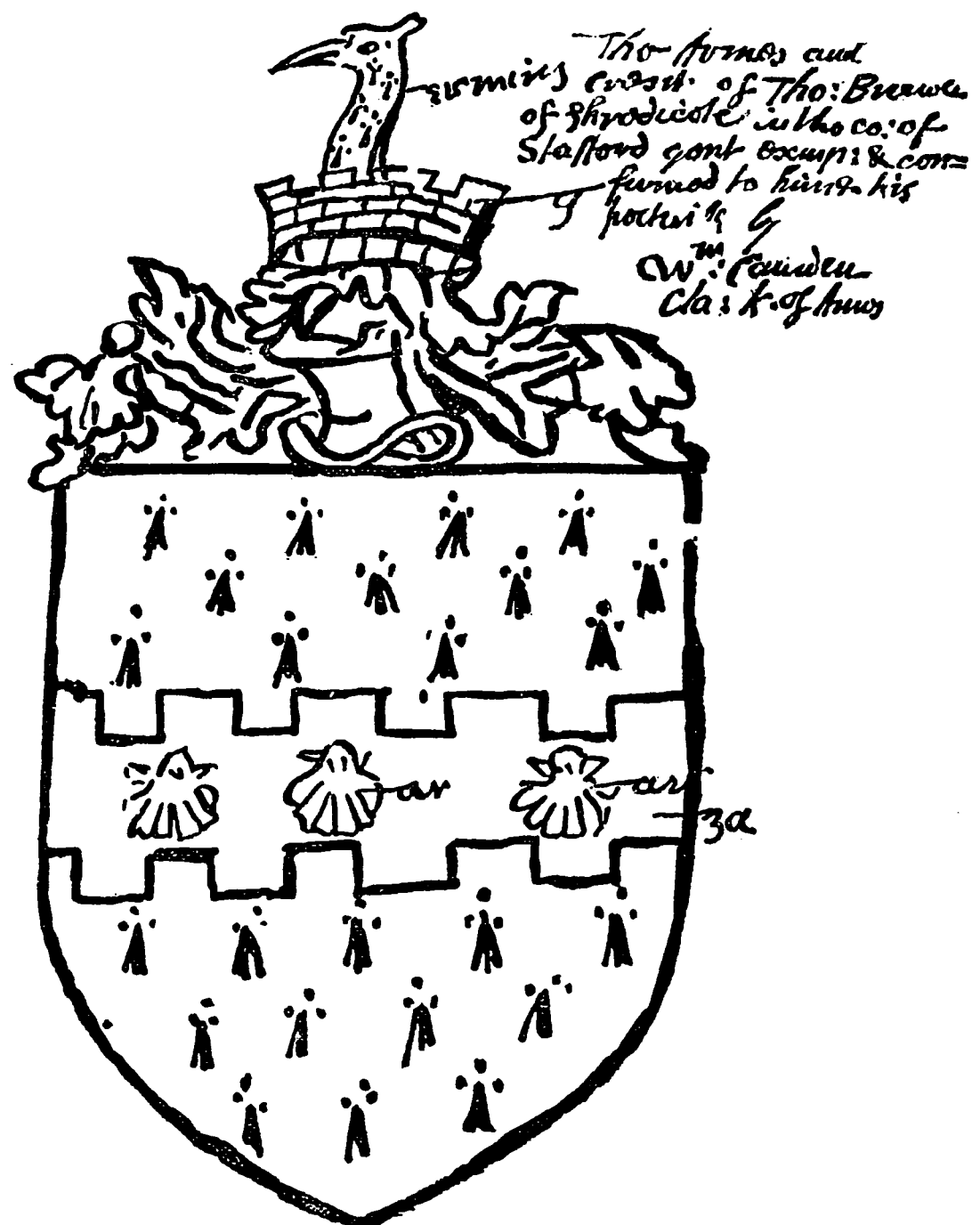
The following inscriptions are upon monuments in the nave of Chester Cathedral, behind the nearest pillar to the choir in the south range :—

1. Monument to Bishop Peploe, of Derbyshire marble, decorated with cherubim and foliage. Above the inscription are the arms of the diocese, impaling Peploe : Gules, three mitres proper ; impaling, Azure, a chevron raguled between three bugles strung or.

Juxta dormit,
beatam expectans resurrectionem,
reverendus admodum in Christo Pater
Samuel Peploe, S.T.P.
olim ecclesiæ Kedlestoniæ prope Derbiam rector,
tum vicarius Prestonensis in agro Lancastriæ,
mox optimo favente principe,
Collegii Mancinensis guardianus
reliquos deinde, quos plurimos produxit, annos,
Episcopus Cestriensis.
Ampliora adeo non cupide expetivit, ut
ultro oblatis carere mallet.
Qualis erat, supremus dies indicabit
Obiit 21^{mo} die Februarii,
Anno salutis humanæ
MDCCLII,
ætatis suæ
LXXXIV.

2. A pyramidal marble monument by Nollekens. Above the inscription a boy weeping over an urn. Arms : Azure, on a chevron raguled or a mitre sable, on a canton ermine a sword and crosier in saltire or. Crest : A reindeer's head gules, attired or, issuing from a ducal coronet.

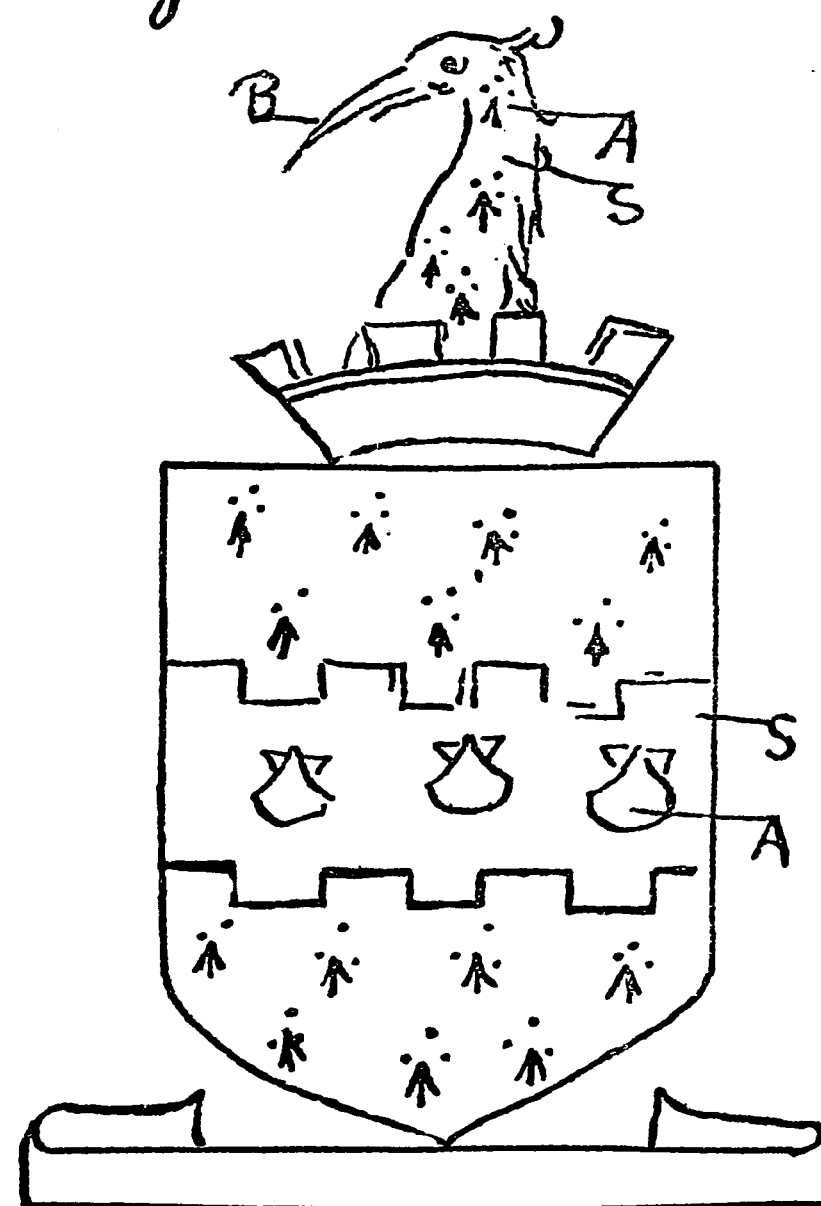
Sacred
to the memory of Samuel Peploe, LL.D.,
Chancellor of the Diocese of Chester, and Warden
of the Collegiate Church in Manchester.
He died Oct. 22, 1781.
Aged 82 years.



BROWNE ARMS.

Fig. 1.

Browne of Wm Cooke
 Clarinc: May 1614
 Confirmed.



BROWNE ARMS.

Fig. 2.

Extract from a Manuscript* containing "Church Notes in co. Stafford, 1679-80," recording an inscription upon a slab in Bradeley Church to the memory of Thomas Browne, Esq., of Shredicote. The slab has since disappeared.

"In Bradeley Church

"A monument fixt to the upper end of the body of the Church next the Chancell, on the north side of y^e Navis Ecclesiæ over ag'st the Pulpit. The Effigies of a man and woman kneeling with these arms for him,† and upon a prostrate gravestone this Inscription :—

Hic jacet humatum corpus Thomæ Browne, dum vixit nuper de Shredicot, Almæ Curia Cantuariensis de Arcubus‡ London, procuratorum generalium unius; nec non Cœnobi D'ni Regis Jacobi in Charterhouse London fundati, Gubernatorum unius per ipsum fundatorem nominati, qui fatis cessit, 5 die Aprilis 1633, ætatis suæ 71, et post se reliquit Apolinam conjugem mœtissimam sexo§ proles viz^t 4 filios ac duas filias."||

This Thomas Browne is further commemorated in the following graceful decasyllabic lines in incised letters upon a large plate above the kneeling effigies of Thomas Browne and his wife. The plate is still evident.

P. M. S.

PEACE TO THY BETTER PARTE, ALL THAT DID KNOWE
THEE LIVINGE SHARE AS LIBERALLIE THEIR WOE,
AS THE POORE DID THY ALMES, THE RICH THY GRACE,
DISCOVERSE, AND CONVERSE, WHO NOW FILLS THY PLACE?
ORACVLOVS BROWNE! THY COVNTREY DOTH NOT CALL
VPON THEE BY ONE VERTVOVS STILE, BVT ALL +
RELIGION MOVRNES, AND HOSPITALITIE
(IN THY DEATH MADE AN ORPHAN) WEEPEES FOR THEE
THY CALLING IVSTLIE MERITED THE NAME
OF CIVILL, THOV DIDST LIVE, AND DIE THE SAME +
THE GENERALL VOICE PROCLAIMES ITT + EACH MANS CAUSE
IN THEE STOOD SAFE + THOV PILLAR OF THE LAWES +.

Browne Coat Armour.

The earliest record of the Brownes of Caverswall, and afterwards of Shredicote and Hungry Bentley, being entitled to bear "coat armour" is a confirmation of arms and crest by Sir William Camden, Clarencieux King of Arms, in May 1614, to Thomas Browne of Shredicote, co. Stafford, of which a facsimile is given (Fig. 1, p. 34) from the records of the College of Arms. (M. 2, fo. 3.)

And there is another tricking (Fig. 2, p. 34) in the same records (Ed. N. 5670, B.) which states, erroneously, that the grant was made by "Sir W^m Cooke, Clarenc^x"; no one of that name having held the office of Clarencieux.

But Sir William Camden's *original* record of the grant or confirmation is in the Harleian MSS. at the British Museum, where, in MS. No. 6095, fol. 31, is the following sketch by Sir William Camden (Fig. 3, p. 36). The volume is endorsed "Grants of Arms," and the written title-page is as follows:—

* The following is the reference to this MS. in the William Salt Library at Stafford: "147. Dugdale, Sir William. A Memorandum Book in his hand containing account of various work done. Diary of his Proceedings, Church Notes, in the co. of Stafford, &c., 1679-1680." The Librarian states that the MS. is not in the handwriting of Sir William Dugdale, but of his clerk, Gregory King, who afterwards became Rouge Dragon Pursuivant.

† A tricking of the Browne arms is here given.

‡ *Sic*, should be *Arctubus*.

§ *Sic*, should be *sexto*.

|| The translation: "Here lies buried the body of Thomas Browne, during his lifetime of Shredicot, one of the Proctors of the Canterbury Court of Arches in London; also one of the Governors of the Monastery of Charter House of our Lord King James, founded in London, nominated by the Founder himself. He died the 5th day of April 1633 in the 71st year of his age, leaving behind him his most disconsolate widow Apolina, and six children; namely four sons and two daughters."

Browne

"Hereafter Followeth
Guiftes and
Confirmations of
Coates & Crests."

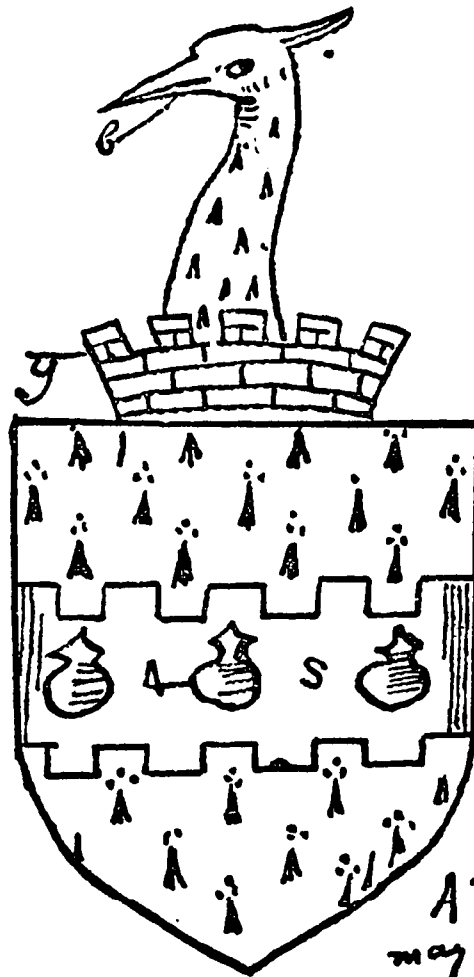


Fig. 3.

In this manuscript the grants are distinguished from the confirmations by having the word "patten" (patent) written above them.

At the Visitation of Derbyshire made by Sir William Dugdale in 1663, Edmund Browne and William Browne, sons of Thomas Browne above, certified the pedigree entered (Vincent C. 34, Coll. Arms). This pedigree is endorsed: "Respite taken for prooffe of these Armes: but no prooffe made." And then, in a later hand: "But vide M. 2 fo. 3 in Coll. Arms," referring to Camden's grant (Fig. 1, p. 34).

Also in the same MS., folio 90, is the following:—

"The names of such persons residing in the County of Derby as had
respite given them to make prooffe of the Armes they pretend to.

Wirksworth } EDM. BROWNE of
Hundred } Hungry Bentley."

Adding that "no prooffe was made within the time Limited."

At the Visitation of London made by Sir Henry St. George (Coll. Arms, K.G. 75) 30 June 1687, Rupert Browne of London certified the pedigree and arms entered, from his father the last-mentioned Edmund Browne.

No instance has been met with of the Brownes of Caverswall, the ancestors of the Shredicot and Hungry Bentley families, having made use of coat armour, as in the sealing of wills and so forth; and it is very probable that when Thomas Browne came to London to study the law he adopted the coat of arms which was afterwards confirmed to him by Sir W. Camden as above. Had his family borne coat armour before him, he would have been able to make proof of it, and there would not have been any necessity for having the coat of arms confirmed to him anew.

The correct description and blazonry of the crest and arms as granted to Thomas Browne can only be obtained from Sir W. Camden's original sketch (Fig. 3). In nearly all of the subsequent "trickings" the arms and crest have, through negligence or ignorance, been incorrectly delineated. They are:—THE CREST: *Out of a mural coronet (of five battlements) gules, a stork's head issuing ermines beaked azure.*

[In Camden's original sketch (Fig. 3) five battlements are given and should be retained. In Figures 1 and 2 only four are given; and in the *official* Visitations of 1663 and 1687 three only are shewn. It should also be observed that the stork's head is ermines (white spots upon black ground), and not ermine (black spots upon white ground) as the shield. In Camden's original tricking no mention is made of the blazonry of the stork's head, but as it is registered ermines in the College of Arms, such proof may suffice.]

THE ARMS: *Ermine, on a fess embattled counter-embattled (five battlements above) sable three escallop shells argent.*

The arms of Thomas Browne are thus emblazoned (1633) above his tomb in Bradeley Church, co. Stafford, impaling the arms of Southaicke in right of his wife.

Evidences.

CAVERSWALL.

CAVERSWALL REGISTERS.

- 1559 Margerie Browne was buryd the last day of January ann. 1559.
- 1561 Thomas Browne ye sonne of Will'm Browne was bapt. the xxijth day of Maie an'o p'dicto.
- 1561 Browne ye daughter of John Browne and his wife was bapt. xxj day of June 1561.
- 1562 Raffe Browne ye sonne of Raffe Browne and his wife was bapt. ye first day of Januarie in a'o 1562.
- 1562 Thomas Browne was buryed ye vijth day of Februarie a'o 1562.
- 1562 Raffe Browne and Marie Porter were marryed the xth daye of Februarie a'o p'd'cto 1562.
- 1563 Jois [Joyce] Browne the daughter of Will. Browne was bapt. ye xxvth day of Aprill in a'o p'd'to.
- 1563 Margerie Browne the daughter of Raffe Browne was bapt. ye xxij daye of June in a'o p'd'cto.
- 1564-5 Anne Browne the daughter of [William Browne ?] was bapt. ye fourth day of [February ?] anno p'dicto.
- 1565 John Browne ye sonne of Raffe [Browne ?] was bapt. ye viij day of October in an'o 1565.
- 1566 Raffe Browne the sonne of Raffe Browne was bapt. the xvijth day of November ut supra. [Appended to this entry is a note in a later hand] pater R. Br., de Meere, gen.
- 1567-8 Elizabethe Browne the daughter of Will'm Browne was bapt. the xxvjth daye of Januarie a'o p'd'cto.
- 1568-9 Marie Browne the daughter of Raffe Browne was bapt. ye xvth daye of March anno 1568.
- 1569-70 Marie Browne was buryed ye day of Marche an'o p'd'cto.
- 1569-70 Marie Browne the daughter of Will'm Browne was bapt. the vth daye of Marche a'o p'd'cto.
- 1570 Grace Browne the daughter of Raffe Browne was bapt. ye viijth daye of Aprill a'o 1570.
- 1570 Grace was buryed ye xxxth daye of Julie a'o 1570.
- 1571 Margerie Browne the daughter of Will'm Browne was bapt. the xxvjth daye of Januarie a'o 1571.
- 1573-4 Alice Browne the daughter of Will'm Browne was bapt. the first daye of Januare ut sup^r.
- 1573-4 Will'm Browne the sonne of Raffe Browne was bapt. the vth daye of Maie ut sup^r.
- 1576 Thomas Browne the sonne of Raffe Browne and Maria his wife was bapt. the xiiijth daye of September a'o p'd'cto.
- 1584 Edward Morton and Margerie Browne were married the xvth day of June in a'o p'd'cto 1584.
- 1588 Edmu'de Wethering and Anne Browne were married the iiijth daye of June a'o p'd'cto.
- 1588 Will'm Lees and Elizabeth Browne were maryed the iiijth daye of August A'o D'ni 1588.
- 1591 Elizabeth Browne ye wife of Will'm Browne was buryed ye vxth [ix] daye of Aprill a'o p'd'cto.
- 1594 Will'm Browne and Marie [? Bobyne] were married the xiiijth daye of Octobe in A'o D'ni 1594.
- 1594 [? Ralph] Bridgwood and Marie Browne were married the xxth daye of Noveber in a'o p'd'cto.
- 1598 Raulp Browne was buryed ye vxth [ix] daye of Maie a'o p'd'cto.
- 1598 Raupf the sonne of Raupf Browne and Dorotheie his wife was bapt. ye xiiijth daye of Julij an'o p'd'cto.
- 1599 Dorotheie Browne the daughter of Ralph Browne and Dorotheie his wife was bapt. the xth daye of September anno p'd'cto.
- 1599-1600 Marie Browne the wife of Will'm Browne was buried the xxjth daye of Januarie a'o 1599.
- 1603 Will'm Browne was buryed the xxxth daye of Maie a'o 1603.
- [Register deficient 1607—1613.]
- 1614 Thom^s Browne filius Thom^s Browne gent. et Clara uxor eius sepult fuit 8 die Sept'er 1614.
- 1615 Maria Browne vidua sepult fuit 7^o die Aprilis a'o p'cto.
- 1615 Thoma^s Browne filius Thoma Browne et Clara uxor eius baptizat fuit 10^o die Sept. an'o p'd'o.
- 1617 Katherina Browne filia Thomæ Browne gent. et Clara uxor eius bapt. fuit 26^o die Oct^r a'o p'd'o.
- 1618 Dorothea Browne uxor Radulphi Browne gener. sepulta fuit decimo septimo die Augustij anno p'd'cto.
- 1618 Elizabetha Browne filia Radulphi et Joisae uxor eius baptizata fuit vicesimo septimo die September anno p'd'cto 1618.
- 1618-19 Maria Browne filia Thome Browne et Clara uxor eius baptizata fuit 15^o die March ut sup^r.

- 1619 Dorothea ye daughter of Rauffe Browne gener. and Joyce his wyfe was baptized the xxvijth of June a'o ut supra. [The name "Dorothea" is in different handwriting, and appears to be a later insertion.]
- 1621 Jane Browne the daughter of Mr Ralph Browne & Joyce his wife was baptized July 29.
- 1621-2 Thomas Browne the sonne of John Browne & Bridget his wife baptized ye 5th die of February.
- 1622 Mary Browne the daughter of Ralph Browne and Joyce his wife baptized Decemb. 9.
- 1623-4 Raulfe Browne ye son of Raulfe Browne and Joyce his wife was baptized ffebrua. 21.
- 1625 Ellen Browne the daughter of Thomas Browne & Anne his wyfe was baptized the 27th of March.
- 1625 Raphe Browne the sonne of Raphe Browne was buried the 29th of March.
- 1625 Raphe Browne the sonne of Raphe Browne aforesaid and Joyce his wife was baptized the 8th day of Aprill.
- 1625 Ellen Browne ye daughter of Thomas Browne and Anne his wyfe was buried the i day of Julii an'o p'dicto.
- 1626 John the son of John Browne & Bridgett his wife was baptized Martii 25.
- 1626 John Browne the sonne of John Browne and Bridgett his wyfe was buried the 28th day of March.
- 1626 John Browne ye sonne of Raphe Browne and Joyce his wife was baptized May 11th.
- 1626-7 Anne Browne the daughter of Raph Browne & of Joyce his wife was bap^{td} 14 Maij.
- 1626-7 Ellin Browne the daughter of John Browne & Bridgett his wife was bapt. 5 August.
- 1628 Joyce Browne the daughter of Ra. Browne & Joyce his wife was bapt. 15 Junij 1628.
- 1629 Abigall ye daughter of Raph Browne & his wife was baptized ye 18th of October.
- 1630 Bridget Browne was buried May xxij.
- 1631 John Browne and Anne Woode were married Nov^r 10.
- 1632-3 Joice Browne was buried Feb. 5th.
- 1633 daughter of John Browne & his wife was bapt. Maii the 9th.
- 1634 John Browne & Anne Sergeant were marryed August the 2^d.
- 1634 Mary daughter of John Broome [Browne] & Anne his wife was baptized the 30 August 1634.
- 1636 wife of Francis Browne was buried April 22, 1636.
- 1638 Raph the sonne of John Browne & Anne his wife was baptized the 30th December.
- 1640 Hugh Browne & Anne Till both of the parish of Carswall were marryed 12th Aprilis 1640.
- 1640 Thomas the son of Hugh Browne & Anne his wife was bapt. the 15th day of July Anno Domini 1640.
- 1641 Anne the daughter of Hugh Browne & of Anne his wife was baptized 24th of October a'o 1641.
- 1642 Raph Browne of the Meere gent. was buried 26th Aprilis An'o Do'ni 1642.
- [Registers deficient 1643—1662 and 1665—1672.]
- 1693 November 9. Brigitta filia Thomæ Brown et Prudentia uxoris ejus baptizata fuit, de Mear.
- 1695 Nov. 7. Thomas filius Thomæ Browne & Prudentia uxoris natus fuit 7 Nov., bapt. 5 Dec., de Meare.
- 1704 Martii 20. Abigal filia Thomæ Brown & Prudentia ejus uxoris baptizata fuit.
- 1705 Maii 13. Elizabetha filia Johannis Brown & Sarah ejus uxoris baptizata fuit.
- 1722 Thomas son of Thomas Browne & Hanna de Mear bapt. 25 Nov. 1722.
- 1743-4 Ralph Browne of Caughley, parish of Broseley, buried 20 March.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

THOMAS ASHBURIE }
 GEORGE TOOTH } Churchwardens 1626.

Ashburie served for Mr. Raph Browne.

Benjamin Warrilow churchwarden 1691, for Mr. Browne's house w^{ch} he liveth in.

William the sonne of Thomas Heath, for the house he lives in, and }
 Thomas Browne, for that house he lives in at Meare belonginge } Churchwardens for the
 to Mr. Browne. } yeare 1695.

William Warrilow, for Mr. Browne's living in ye Mear held by Thomas Browne, 1720.

Mr. Littlehale, for Mr. Brown's old house pull'd down at Cookshill, 1723.

Copy of a Document recording the composition made by Ralph Browne of Caverswall, co. Stafford, and others, for not receiving Knighthood,* *temp.* Charles I.

To the Right Ho'ble Richard Lord Weston Lord Treasurer of England; S'r Frauncis Cottington, Knt., Chancellor of his Ma'ties Court of Exchequer; S'r Humfrey Davenport, Knight, Lord Chiefe Baron of the said Court; and to the rest of the Barons there.

May it please yo'r Lo'pps:—

By vertue of his Ma'ties Com'ission, and the Instruc'ons thereunto annexed, and whereunto these P'sents are affixed, we have made composic'on for the Order of Knighthood and for issues lost w'th the p'ties hereafter named; who for these causes have agreed to pay, and have paid to the Right Ho'ble Walter Aston, his Ma'ties Collector, the sev'rall sum'es of money hereafter menc'o'ed; that is to say:—

Ralph Browne, of Carswall, Gent.	£10	0	0
Mathew Moreton, of Engleton, Esq.	£17	10	0
etc., etc.			

Copy of an inscription upon a small copper plate at the head of a large slab,† let into the wall of the Chancel of Caverswall Church, co. Stafford:—

NEARE TO THIS PLACE LIETH THE
BODIES OF IOHN BROWNE LATE OF HART-
WALL GEN. WHO GAVE TO THE CHVRCH
AND PORE OF THIS PARISH FIVE POVND
YEARLEY FOR EVER HE DEPARTED THIS
LIFE IN THE XXXIX YEARE OF HIS AGE
AND WAS BVRIED DECEMBER THE XIIJ
ANNO 1665 AND OF RALPH BROWNE
LATE OF MEERE AND COOKSHILL HIS
FATHER GEN. WHO GAVE TO THE CHVRCH
AND PORE OF THIS PARISH THIRTY SHIL-
LINGS YEARELEY FOR EVER HE DEPARTED
THIS LIFE IN THE 72 YEARE OF HIS AGE
AND WAS BVRIED APRIL THE 14 ANNO 1670.

RES PATER ET NATO NATUS PATRIQ: ET EGEIUS
ATQ: DEA GENITOR NATUSQ: BENIGNE DEDERVNT
DIGNA LEGI SCRIBI DIGNA HÆC DIGNISSIMA DICI
CONFVNDVNT LACHRYMIS SED SE MEA VERBA VALET
HÆC POSUI LIB VICAR. DE. CARS.

Translation.‡

Father (? God) and Son (? Christ) [gave] wealth to the son and father. And father and son gave liberally to the poor and to God. This is worthy to be written, and most worthy to be related. But my words mix themselves with tears. I placed it [here] by the permission of the Vicar of Caverswall.

And lower down on the said plate, in large incised letters:—

AN'O D'M'I 1670.

BLEST HERE AND NEAR
IN PEACE DOE REST
ALL THEY OF THESE
THAT ARE DECEAST.

THO. BROWNE AND MARGERIE
RALPH BROWNE AND MARY
RALPH BROWNE AND DOROTHY
RALPH BROWNE AND IOYCE.

* 'Collections for a History of Staffordshire,' vol. ii., p. 13. The original document is in the Public Record Office.

† The small copper plate measures 12 by 9½ inches. The slab to which the plate is fixed measures 6 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 6 inches. The whole of the inscription is now almost entirely hidden from view by a large monument by Sir Francis Chantrey to the late Lady St. Vincent, which has been erected in front of it. It is understood that the family burialplace was in the churchyard, outside the chancel, and immediately behind the inscription.

‡ This is the only sensible rendering which can be made of these very poor hexameters.

RALPH BROWNE }
RALPH BROWNE }
JOHN BROWNE }

THE TWO FIRST BROWNES
OF CARSWALL WERE
BVT ALL THE REST WERE
OF THE MEERE
THE 4TH MADE THIS IN MEMORY
OF PARENTS POSTERITY.*

CHARITIES OF JOHN BROWNE AND RALPH BROWNE, 1666.

Copy of the tablet in the Vestry of Caverswall Church.

“Benefactions to the poor of this parish.

“John Browne late of Caverswall Gent. and Ralph Browne his Father, late of the Mear and Cookshill Gent. Left to the Poor of this Parish, for ever fourteen Acres of Land, called the Stevenstiches, in the Parish of Dilhorn, now let at the yearly Rent of Thirty Pounds, out of which two Pounds ten Shillings is to be paid Yearly for ever to the Minister for two Sermons, one upon th’ 24th of June, and the other upon th’ 13th of December.”

The above tablet probably replaced an older one about 1832.

The Charity is composed of a gift of following lands :—

	A.	R.	P.
Rowley Hill	1	3	30
Upper Stephen Stiches	5	0	11
Middle „	2	1	25
Lower „	2	2	5
Rowley Hill	2	0	26
Total	14 A.	0 R.	17 P.

A long report of this charity will be found in the ‘Further Report of the Commissioners for Inquiring Concerning Charities,’ 1825, Report xiii., pp. 356-7. The last Deed of Appointment of Trustees is dated 2 Sept. 1875. The total income now derived from the gift is £45 per annum : of which £42 10s. is distributed amongst the poor, and the remaining £2 10s. is paid to the Vicar of the parish, according to the donor’s wishes, for preaching two sermons, the one upon 13 Dec., and the other upon St. John the Baptist’s Day. There are about 100 donees, who at each half-yearly distribution receive sums varying from 1s. to 9s. They are carefully selected from the deserving poor of the parish, which contains over five thousand inhabitants.

Extract from Harl. MS. 1990, fol. 46-7 : Erdeswicke’s ‘View of Staffordshire’ [1593—1603].

CAVERSWALL.

“Of Caverswall was Lord (as I take it) in R[ichard] 1st tyme one Thomas de Caverswall, Kn^t, who had issue S^r Richard de Caverswall, K^t, who had issue Will^m de Caverswall, which builded there a goodly Castle and Pools, the dam^{es} [dams] beinge of masonarye worke, and all his houses of office likewise, he had issue Rich[’] [de] Caverswall, who [lived] 19^o E[dward] 3^d [1435].

“ffrom the Caverswalls it came by descent to the Montgomeries, and from them to Gifford, from Gifford to Porte, and from Porte to my Lord of Huntingdon now owner thereof in the right of the Countesse his wife. The Castle† was lately in reasonable good repaire, but now is almost quite decayed by one Browne ffarmer of the demeanes which I think he p[ro]cured (if a man might guesse att the cause), lest the Lord should take a conceipt to lyve and soe take the demeanes from him.”

* This word is almost defaced, and will probably soon become quite illegible.

† The Castle was rebuilt 1627—1630; it is said from a design by Inigo Jones. The present owner is Sir Joseph Percival Pickford Radclyffe, Bart., of Rudding Hall, York.

BRADELEY.

BRADELEY REGISTERS.

Baptisms.

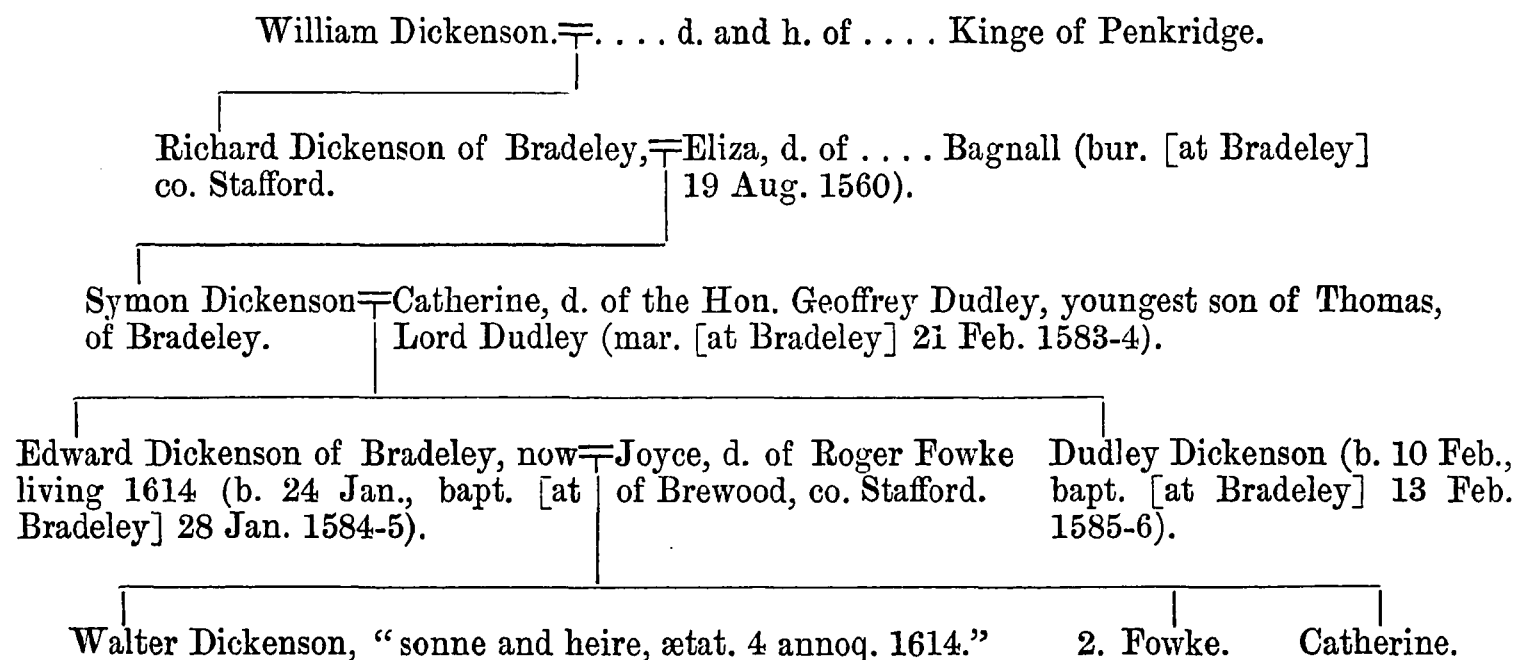
- 1614 Julij 21^s. Edwardus Browne filius Tho'æ Browne de Shradicott com. Staff^d gent. et Appoloniæ uxoris ejus baptazatus fuit vicessimo primo die mensis Julij an'o s'p'icto.
- 1616 ffanciscus filius Thomæ Browne et Apolloniæ uxoris ejus baptazatus fuit 17^o Novembris 1616.
- 1636 George Browne of Shredicote gent. and Anne his wife had a child baptized named Appolina the 29th of November.
- 1637-8 George Browne of Shredicott gent. & Anne his wife had a child baptized named Margaret the 30th day of Januarye.
- 1641 George Browne and his wife of Shredicott had a child baptized named Elizabeth the 12th daye of August.
- 1642-3 M^r George Browne of Shredicoate and Anne his wife had a child named Thomas [baptized] the 23rd of March.
- 1644 George Browne gent. and Anne his wife had a child baptized named Marye the 15th daie of August.
- 1646 George Browne the sonne of George Browne of Shredicote gent. and Anne his wife gent. was baptized the 4th of August 1646.
- 1669 Anne Browne the daughter of Thomas Browne gent. and Mary his wife gent. was baptized the seventh day of October ann' s'p'dict.
- 1670 George Browne the sonne of Thomas Browne gent. and Mary his wife gent. was baptized December the 29 anno s'p'dict.
- 1672 James Browne the son of Thomas Browne of Shredicote gent. and Mary his wife was baptized the 27th of March anno s'p'dict.
- 1673 John Browne the sonn of Thomas Browne gent. and Mary his wife gen. of Shradacote was baptized the 28th of August anno s'p'dict. test.* Sam B. John P. et m. Job.
- 1674-5 William son of Thomas Browne of Shreddicote gent. and Mary his wife gent. baptized february the 11th.
- 1708 Gulielmus filius Johan'is Brown et Eleanoræ uxo^{is} bap^{tus} fuit 7^{mo} die Augusti.
- 1712-3 Thomas filius Johan'is Browne et Eleanoræ uxo^{is} bap^{tus} fuit decimo die Martij.
- 1714 Elizabetha filia Johannis Browne et Eleanoræ uxo^{is} bap^{ta} fuit 7^{mo} die 8bris [October].
- 1715-6 Eduardus filius Johan'is Browne et Elean^{ræ} uxo^{is} bap^{tus} fuit decimo quinto die Martij.
- 1717 Josephus filius Johan'is Browne et Elean^{ræ} uxo^{is} bap^{tus} fuit vicessimo sexto die 9bris [November].
- 1719 Gualterus filius Johan'is Browne et Elean^{ræ} uxo^{is} bap^{tus} fuit vigessimo 2^{ndo} die 8bris [October].
- 1721 Petrus filius Johan'is Browne et Eleanoræ uxo^{is} bap^{tus} fuit vigessimo die Julij.
- 1723 Anna filia Johan'is Browne et Eleanoræ uxo^{is} bap^{ts} fuit undecimo die Julij.

Marriages.

1678. Ludovie Dickenson† de Acton Trussell gent. et Maria Brown De Shradacote gen. nupti fuerunt Novembris vigessimo sexto die.
- 1680 George Browne gent. and M^{rs} Mary Wickstead were married at [blank] October 25th 1680.
- 1743 Thomas Ellits and Ann Brown May the twenty-fourth.

* *Testes*—God-parents or witnesses.

† The following pedigree of Dickenson of Bradeley, co. Stafford, is compiled from Harl. MSS. 1173, fol. 100, and 1439, fol. 26, and from the Bradeley Register. The family bore as arms: Azure, a fess erminois between two lions passant of the last. Crest: A demi-lion rampant per pale erminois and azure.



Burials.

- 1633 Thomas Browne de Shredicote Esquier was buried ann. supra d'cit.
 1652 George Browne of Shredicoat gent. was buried Aprill 22th.
 1653 Appolina Browne gent. vid. of Shredicoat was buried the 25 of May the year above written.
 1675 William son of Thomas Brown of Shreddicote gent. and Mary gent. was buried Thursday May y^e 10th.
 1689 Maria uxor Thomæ Brown de Shredicott generosi sepulta decimo nono die Decemb^{is}.
 1690-1 Domina An'a Brown et Domina Appalina Brown de Shredicott sepult vicessimo octavo die Jan.
 1711 Georgius Browne gen^{rus} sepultus fuit 7^{mo} die Junij.
 1728 Thomas Brown gen^{rus} sepultus fuit decimo die Augusti.
 1728 Maria Brown vidua sepulta fuit decimo tertio die Augusti.
 1729-30 Elisabetha Brown vidua sepulta fuit vigesimo tertio die Januarie.

LICENCE TO EAT FLESH ON FISH DAYS.

(Parish Register of Bradeley, p. 82.)

20 Feb. 1619. To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come, I Thomas ffletcher [*sic*] Clarke Bachelour of Arts and vicar of the parish of Bradeley in the County of Stafford send greeting in our Lord God everlasting, whereas Thomas Browne of Shreddicote in the County aforesaid gent., being aged about fifty and eight yeares, for and during these three yeares last and more, hath had and still hath of my certaine knowledge, A greefe and infirmitie in his ioyns and knees soe that hee hath been and is weake in body and vnable to walke or goe any farther then About his owne house, And hath been Advised by his physitians to obserue such kind of moderate diet of fleshmeat as they haue vnder their hands præscribed him, and perceiving further, By the opinions of the said physitians vnder their hands, And alsoe, by the state of his Body which I weekly behold, that hee shall be enforced for the recovery Off his health and strength, to eate flesh for the time of his sickness and Infirmitie, Therefore know that I Thomas ffletcher [*sic*] Vicar for the causes Above menc'oned At the Earnest request of the said Thomas Browne (who hath paid toe the poor mens Box where hee dwelleth for these six yeares and more and now still dwelleth in the parish of Bradeley on the ffeasts of the Lady Mary last past bearing the date herof the sume of viij shillings Eight pence) Haue given granted and bye these presents doe give and grant Accordinge to the tenure of the act in that case provided soe far forth license (As in me lyeth) to eate all manner of fleshmeat fit and wholesome for the recovery of his strength and health duringe all the time of the Continuance Of the said sickness and infirmity and noe longer vpon dajes usually observed By the lawes of this realme as fish dajes (exceptinge as in the statute is excepted) In Witness whereof I the said Thomas ffletcher have putt my hand & seale the twentieth day of february 1619 in the yeare of our seu'agn [Sovereign] Lord Iames by the grace of God of England, ffrance and Ireland the seauenteenth (And of Scotland fifty-third).

Vera Copia p'r
 [a true copy by]
 me GULIEL. ROYSTON.

Sealed and deliv'd
 THOMAS FFLETCHER*
 Vic.

"Bibles distributed to the Poor Inhabitants of the parish of Bradley 1772. The gift of the Reverend Dr. Peploe, Chancellor of Chester.

The great Importance of a religious Life.

To
 Thomas Baker.
 Robert Merrick.
 Joseph Leek.
 Abel Benton.
 etc.

To
 Richard Tirer.
 Edward Stoker.
 Edward Winter.
 John Tomlinson."
 etc.

The gift is also mentioned in the years 1755 and 1763. The following note is appended to the former date after the distribution of the Bibles and Prayer-books: "Which were left by the Right Reverend Dr. Peploe, Lord Bishop of Chester."

* A Thomas Fletcher was instituted to the Rectory of Haughton, near Bradeley, co. Stafford, 11 March 1619.

Copy of a Certificate (dated 1624) of exemption from payment of the second subsidy, granted to Thomas Browne, Esq., of Shredicote, co. Stafford, etc. (Harleian* MS. 6704, fol. 206.)

To the Right Honourable the Lord Heigh Treasurer of England and Barons of His Maties Exchequer and to all others to whome itt appertayneth. Whereas Thomas Browne of Shridicote in the County of Stafford gent. hath informed me that he is taxed and assessed in the Cunstablewick of Hungrie Bentley being wthin the p^{ish} of Lanford and hundred of Apletree in the County of Derby for towards the payment of the second subsidie granted to ou^r Seueragne Lord King James by the Temporalty by acte of p^{li}ament in the xxjth yeare of his heighnes Raigne: And that he is alsoe taxed and assessed for & towards the saide payment of the second subsidie aforesaid in the County of Stafford wheare his dwelling is, and hath lived many years: and hath prayed ou^r Certificate for his Discharge from doble payment towards the said subsidie accordinge to the statute in that behalfe: Knowe ye theifore that wee whose names are hearunder subscribed towe of the King's Mat^s Comissioners in the saide County of Stafford authorized & appoynted for the taxinge & assessinge of the saide payment of the saide second subsidie granted to his Mat^{ie} as aforesaide Doe certefy hearby that the said Tho. Browne was & is taxed & assessed in the saide County of Stafford fo^r & towards the payment of the saide second subsidie in the p^{ishe} of Bradley wthin the hundred of Cutleston, where he & his ffamilie att & before the tyme of the assesmt^t of the saide second subsidie haue lived manye years togeather resid^{nt} dwellinge & abyding and so are att this p^{re}sent. In witness whearof wee haue hearunto subscribed ou^r names and sett ou^r seales this fyfte daye of October 1624 and in the xxijth yeare of his mat^s Raigne of England, ffraunce & Ireland, & of Scotland the fyfte & Eyghte.

WALTER CHETWOOD.
W.† BOWYER.

CHARITIES OF ANNE BROWNE AND APPOLINA BROWNE, 1690.

Copy of the tablet in Bradeley Church:—

“ANNO 1705.

Moneys given for y^e use of y^e Poor of the Parish of Bradley.

M ^{rs} Ann Brown of Shreddicott wid. gave five pounds.....	£5	0	0
M ^{rs} Appaline Brown spinster gave ten pounds.....	£10	0	0
[Then follow other gifts.]			

Extract from the Report of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1824.
Report xiv., pp. 529–30.

BRADLEY.

POOR'S LAND—CHARITIES OF ANN BROWN, APPALINE BROWN, AND JOHN ALSOP.

By indentures of lease and release of 24th and 25th of March 1785, Major Dain, in consideration of £30 paid by the Rev. Sampson Wright, vicar, and Edward Brindley and John Turner, churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Bradley, being money by them received from sundry well-disposed persons, to be laid out in a purchase for the poor of the said parish, conveyed to the said Sampson Wright, Edward Brindley, and John Turner, and their heirs, three gardens, at Coton Clanford, the parish of Seighford, in the county of Stafford, in trust, that they and the survivors or survivor of them, and his heirs, should apply the rents and profits thereof, in bread or otherwise, to and amongst such of the poor of the parish of Bradley, as they the trustees, whilst any of them should be living, should think fit, and afterwards as the vicar and churchwardens of the parish of Bradley for the time being should direct and appoint.

At the beginning of an overseer's book for this parish is a list of gifts to the poor, in which it is mentioned that 16s., the interest of £20 in the Rev. Mr. Wright's hands, is distributed yearly, on the Sunday after Candlemas. From a note at the bottom of this page, and a subsequent entry in the book, it appears that this money, part of £30, was laid out in the above-mentioned purchase. In the list of parish charities, made by Mr. Wright, in 1787 the £20 appears to be made up of the following benefactions:—

Ann Browne 1690.....	£5	0	0
Appaline Browne 1690.....	£10	0	0
John Alsop 1783	£5	0	0

And the rent being then £2 3s. 6d. is apportioned among them, as the produce of those benefactions. From whence the additional £10 of the purchase-money was derived does not appear.

* The book is endorsed “Entry book of the Wigley Family.” The document there given is a copy of the original certificate which was probably given to the grantee.

† “Roger” erased.

The land consists of three small gardens, let to Thomas Wetton, as yearly tenant, at the high rent of £3 per annum. He took them at this rent, wishing to have them in his possession, as they adjoin other land which he holds; but he has intimated that he shall give them up, if the rent is not lowered.

The rent is given away upon New Year's Day to the settled poor, indiscriminately, whether they receive parish pay or not.

The land in 1885 was in the tenancy of Ephraim Owen at a yearly rent of £2. A portion of the rent is given away in money (£1) on New Year's Day; 10s. 6d. in bread on Candlemas Day; and 10s. 6d. in bread on Easter Sunday, to the poor indiscriminately.

COPY OF MARRIAGE BOND BETWEEN THOMAS BROWNE OF SHREDICOTE AND MARY CARR OF AQUALATE, CO. STAFFORD.

Extracted from the Diocesan Registry of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

Lichfield, July 13^o, 1668^o.

fiat Licentia matrimonialis inter Thomam Browne de Shreddicoate Parochiæ de Bradley in comitatu Staffordiæ ætatis 27^o Annorum et Mariam Carr de aqualet Parochiæ de fforton in comitatu Staffordiæ prædicto ætatis 22^o Annorum

Ministro de fforton

ob. dictus Thomas Browne de Shreddicoate prædicto generosus.

Jurat dictus Thomas Browne coram nobis

WA. LITTLETON.

Noverint universi per præsentem me Thomam Browne de Shreddicoate parochiæ Bradeley in comitatu Staffordiæ Generosum teneri et firmiter obligari Gualtero Littleton militi et Legum Doctori vicario in Spiritualibus generali Reverendi in Christo Patris et domini domini Johannis Providentia' Divina' Lichfeldensis et Coventrensis Episcopi in centum Libris bene et legalis Monete Angliæ solvendum eidem Gualtero Littleton aut suo certo Attornato executori administratori vel assignis suis ad quam quidem solutionem bene et fideliter faciendum obligo me heredes executores et administratores meos formiter per præsentem sigillo meo sigillatum datum decimo tertio die Julij anno Regni Regis Domini nostri Caroli Secundi Dei Gratia' Angliæ, etc., xx^o Annoque Domini 1668^o.

The condit'ion of this obligac'on is such that if hereafter there shall not appear nor be found any lawful let or impediment by reason of any precontract consanguinity or affinity but that Thomas Browne and Mary Carr may lawfully solemnize mar'rimony together and afterwards in the same lawfully remaine like man and wife according to the Lawes in this case made and provided. And moreover if there be not at this present any action playnte suite Querele or demand made against either of the s^d partyes for any such matter or cause before any Judge Eccli'call or temporall. And also if the said partyes doe not proceed to the solemnization of their s^d marriage without the consent of their parents or other Guv'nors nor in any other place then in the face of the Church of fforton nor at any other time then betwixt the houres of 8 & 12 of the clock in the afternoon then this obligac'on to be voide or else to stand in full force and virtue.

(Signed) THOMAS BROWNE.

Sigillat et Delibat. in præsentia' mei
MICH. EAST.

NOTES OF BROWNE MARRIAGE BONDS AT LICHFIELD.*

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| 1666 | Edward Browne, of Hillmorton, & Elizabeth Wilcox. |
| | Hugo „ of Shrewsbury, & Anne Nevill. |
| | John „ of Kingswinford, & Alice Hill. |
| | John „ of Stretton, & Miriam Plant. |
| | Richard „ of Condover, & Elizabeth Brasier. |
| | Seth „ of Hansworth, & Eleanor Lathbury. |
| 1667 | <i>Nil.</i> |
| 1668 | John Browne, of Birmingham, & Elizabeth Smyth. |
| | Thomas „ of Shredicote, & Mary Carr. |
| 1669 | William Browne, of Etwall, & Maria Jeffery. |
| 1670 | Robert Browne, of Tamworth, & Mary Albert. |
| | Samuel „ of Crich, & Mary I |

* The charge for searching these bonds is 6s. 8d. per year. The notes here given were made during an unsuccessful search in the years given.

- 1677 Francis Browne, of Loppington, & Eleanor Carter.
 1678 *Nil*.
 1679 William Browne, of Lilburne, & Priscilla Brimington.
 1680 Thomas Browne, of Manton, & Mary Taunton.
 1721 Nathaniel Browne, of Mavesyn Redwaie, & Margaret Evans.
 Thomas " of Creek, Northampton, & Mary Spence.
 Joseph " of Derby, & Hannah Maddox.
 James " of Keel, & Elizabeth Beech.
 John " of Abbots Bromley, & Mary Aston.
 Thomas " of Gaeton (?), & Grace Rankhorne.
 William " of Abbots Bromley, & Dorothy Aston.
 Matthew " of Birmingham, & Sarah Lerner.
 John " of Fazeley, & Barbara Warner.
 Thomas " of Hanbury, & Mary Bradbury.
 1722 John Browne, of Anniley, & Anne Sutton.
 John " of Coleshill, & Elizabeth Ashford.
 Anthony " of Hulland Ward, & Elizabeth Clown.
 John " of Alfreton, & Anne Gilbert.
 Richard " of Eccleshall, & Elizabeth Shaw.
 Stephen " of Compton, & Anne Page.
 1723 John Brown, of Chilvers Coton, & Alice Shilton.
 James " of Handworth, & Mary Welch.
 Hannah " of Tamworth, & John Cox of Chilvers Coton.
 William Corbet, of Shrewsbury, & Ann Cooper.

SHREDICOTE, CO. STAFFORD.

Shredicote is a hundred within the parish of Bradeley,* about three miles from the town of Stafford.

The Shredicote Estate must not be confused with another estate of a similar name, but known as the "Shredicote Hall" Estate, as the properties adjoin and both are situated in the parish of Bradeley. Shredicote Hall was never in the possession of the Browne family. For many generations it belonged to the Horton family, until it was sold by Mr. James Horton, by deed dated 3 May 1710, to the Rev. Samuel Peploe, M.A., then Vicar of Preston in Lancashire, afterwards Lord Bishop of Chester, who, as will be seen, also acquired the Shredicote Estate after his marriage with Anne, only daughter of Thomas Browne, Esq., of Shredicote.

The first of the Browne family† who resided at Shredicote, and probably acquired the estate, was Thomas Browne, a Proctor of the Arches Court of Canterbury. He was living there in 1614 with his wife Apollonia, daughter of George Southaicke of London, and widow of William Fayrefax, goldsmith, of London. He died at Shredicote and was buried at Bradeley in 1633.

* Haughton, on the L. and N.-W. Railway, is the nearest station to Bradeley.

† There can be little doubt that this Thomas Browne was the first owner of Shredicote, although the following MS. note in the handwriting of Mr. Samuel Pipe-Wolferstan, inserted at the foot of page 79 in vol. ii. of a copy of Shaw's 'Staffordshire' in the Library of the British Museum, seems to shew that Shredicote was first in the possession of Thomas Browne's cousin William, son of Ralph Browne of Caverswall:—

"By information of I[saac] H[awkins] B[rowne, Esq.] to S. P. W. [the writer] about 1791, his family was of Shredicote in Cuddleston hundred; Plott's map gives the arms of Browne of that place nearly as in the text here. Carew, son & heir appa^t of Walter Stury of Rossall, co. Salop, aged 22 at its Visitatⁿ 1623, marries Mary dau^r to Tho^s Browne of Shredicote. And in T. Brailesford's Continuatⁿ of Derby^e Visitⁿ 1569 MS. p. 110 stands 'Tho. Browne de Shredicote,' & under as if son 'Edmund' ma^d to Dor^y dau^r of Sir Edw. Vernon of Sudbury with a son Thomas & 4 dau^s. (But elsewhere, viz., in a Chetwy-Burt sheet, Edm. B. is called of Bentley, co. Derby.)

"A Whitehall pedigree found in Mr. Chetwynd's MS. Pyrehill volume from Ingestree (one of many loose sheets marked 'Burt. Coll.') has 'Williwm Browne de Shredicote son to Rad^s Browne of Caverswall by Mary Whitehall (first marr^d to Rob. Porter of Stallington) a dau^r of Will^m Wh^l [Whitehall] of Bloxwich by Mary da^r & coh^r of Jⁿ Hardwick of Lindley; which latter named Mary died 1565.

"It adds somewhat to this authority that Burton's great-grandm^r was own sister to Mary Hardwick."

It is quite certain that Ralph Browne of Caverswall married in 1563 Marie Porter, but I have been unable to obtain any further corroboration of the above statement. His fourth son William was baptized in 1574. He may have possessed Shredicote and sold it to his cousin Thomas Browne. He certainly did not reside there, as previous to the appearance of the baptisms of the children of Thomas Browne and his wife Apollonia in the Bradeley Registers no entries of the Browne family occur in those records, which date from 1538.

By his will, dated 1630, he entailed Shredicote upon his eldest-surviving son, George Browne, who resided there, and married Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Skrymshire, Kt., of Aqualate, co. Stafford. George Browne died intestate in 1652, when the estate descended to his eldest son Thomas Browne, who married first Mary Carr of Aqualate. Their eldest son George Browne, who died unmarried in the lifetime of his father, by will, dated 31 May 1711, in which his father joined, directed that the Shredicote Estate should be sold on a fair valuation to his brother-in-law the Rev. Samuel Peploe, M.A., who had married his sister Anne Browne, and who was then owner of Shredicote Hall. The proceeds of this sale were distributed in certain legacies: viz., £200 to each of the four children of the said Rev. Samuel Peploe, and the remainder was divided into equal portions between the children of James Browne (deceased) and of John Browne, brothers of George Browne.

With the Shredicote title-deeds are indentures, dated 19 and 20 March 1710, made between William Lee and Frances his wife, of the first part; Thomas Browne of "Shredicott" in the co. of Stafford, yeoman, and George Browne, son and heir-apparent of the said Thomas Browne, of the second part; and Simon Aston of the Priory in parish of Bradley, yeoman, of the third part. In consideration of £250, Thomas Browne and George Browne conveyed sixteen acres of land adjoining the Priory land unto the said Simon Aston in fee, etc.

By indentures, dated 29 and 30 Nov. 1727, the Right Rev. Samuel Peploe, B.D., Lord Bishop of Chester, settled Shredicote on the marriage of his son and heir, the Rev. Samuel Peploe, with Elizabeth Birch. They had issue a son John Peploe, who took the name of Birch, and, by will dated 20 July 1803, devised Shredicote to his son Samuel Peploe, Esq., who conveyed it, by deed dated 25 March 1807, to Thomas Blurton, Esq., of Longnor Hall, Bradeley, in consideration of the payment of the sum of £8000 by the said Thomas Blurton.

The latest transition of this property took place when Thomas Blurton, the last purchaser, by deed dated 29 Sept. 1859, conveyed the estate, consisting of the farmhouse and 208 acres of land to George Paddock, Esq., of Grove House, Hanley, co. Stafford, in whose possession it now remains.

The Shredicote Hall Estate also descended to the said Samuel Peploe, and was sold, by deed dated 24 June 1807, to John Blurton, Esq., for the sum of £8600. It was again sold in 1817, when Mr. Matthew Parkes became the owner. He died in 1848, and Shredicote Hall now belongs to his daughter, Miss M. E. Parkes of Severn Cliff, Bridgnorth, co. Stafford.

Shredicote is within a mile of Bradeley Church. The house appears to have been rebuilt and converted into a farmhouse, as, beyond an old wall of some thickness, there is nothing indicative of antiquity. It stands within a short distance of Shredicote Hall, which appears to be an ancient structure, likewise converted into a farmhouse.*

These estates being adjacent, considerable doubt has arisen regarding the identity of the property held by the Browne family. It was not until a careful search had been made through the title-deeds of the respective owners, Mr. G. Paddock, of the Shredicote Estate, and Mr. E. H. Wright, of Stafford, on behalf of Miss Parkes, of the Shredicote Hall Estate, that this could be definitely determined.

The title-deeds of the Shredicote Hall Estate plainly shew that it never was in the possession of the Browne family, while the title-deeds of the Shredicote Estate conclusively prove that Shredicote had formerly belonged to that family.†

There is no record of the purchase of this estate by Thomas Browne, nor does he allude to the manner in which it was acquired, as in the case of his other property, when bequeathing it in his will.

LONGFORD.

LONGFORD REGISTERS.

Baptisms.

- 1637 Mary dau. of Edmund Browne and Dorothy his wife christened 23th May.
- 1638 Edmund son of Edmund Browne christened the 14th June.
- 1639 William Browne son of Edmund Browne christened the 24 day October.
- 1640 Appolina Browne dau. of Edmund Browne christened y^e 19th day November.
- 1641 Dorothy Browne daughter of Edmund Browne [bapt.] the 23 of December.
- 1644 Rupert Browne son of Edward [Edmund] Browne registred y^e sixteenth July.
- 1645 George Browne son of Mr. Edmund Browne registred y^e second October.
- 1651 Elizabeth Browne dau. of Will'm Browne baptiz. June 27th.
- 1652 Phillip Browne son of Edmund Browne baptized May y^e 27th.
- 1656 Richard son of Edmund Browne gent. was baptiz. May y^e 12th.

* My grateful thanks are due to the Rev R. Lomas Lowe, M.A., Vicar of Bradeley, who walked over to Shredicote with me in August 1834, and gave much kind assistance.

† This is of course assuming that the title-deeds of the two estates were kept separate while in the possession of one owner. There cannot, I think, be any doubt that such was the case.

- 1671 Rupert the son of Tho. Browne and Grace his wife baptized January 9th.
 1695 Grace daughter of Tho. Browne Jur. and Alice his wife bapt. March 5^o.
 1698 Rupert son of Tho. Browne Jun^r and Alice his wife bapt. Dec^r 5^o.
 1701 Penelope daughter of Thomas Brown Jun. and Alice his wife of Bentley bapt. June 9th.
 1723 Thomas son of Rupert Brown Esq^{re} of Bentley baptized Dec. 16.
 1724-5 Eleanora daughter of Rup^t Browne Esq. baptized 23 Jan.
 1729 Edmund son of Rupert Browne Esq. of Bentley baptized 7 Oct.
 1730-1 John son of Rupert Browne Esq. baptized Feb. 9.
 1731-2 Elizabeth daughter of Rupert Browne Esq. baptized Mar. 9.
 1733 James son of Rupert Browne Esq. baptized privately 11 May.

Burials.

- 1656 Richard the son of Edmund Browne gent. buried Septem. 7th.
 1659 Dorothy Browne* buried January y^e 16th.
 1673 Eliza Crofts mother-in-law to Mr. Thomas Browne of Bentley buried April 19th.
 1684 Grace dau. of Thomas Browne Esq^r and Grace his wife buried April 15th.
 1684 Edmund Browne Esq^{re} of Bentley buried 29 June.
 1690 Grace the wife of Thomas Browne of Bentley Esq^{re} buried July 6th 1690.
 1691 Old M^{rs} Alice Crofts of Bentley buried June 18th.
 1708 Thomas Browne Sen^r of Bentley Esq^{re} buried July 17th.
 1717 Thomas Brown of Bentley Esq^{re} buried Sept. 21.
 1723 Mr. Walter Browne was buried Apr. 19.
 1731-2 Alice relict of Thomas Browne of Bentley Esq. buried Jan. 24.
 1733 Rupert Browne of Bentley Esq^{re} buried 29 May.
 1737 James son of y^e late Rupert Browne Esq. of Bentley buried Sept. 20.

Previous to the restoration of Longford Church in 1826, the seat belonging to Bentley Hall was on the left-hand side of the centre aisle. It was then absorbed in the choir seats, and "a large seat was neatly fitted up at the expense of the parish and appropriated to Bentley Hall," which, however, is now in the parish of Alkmonton.

Inscription upon a black marble stone at the end of the middle aisle in Longford Church, co. Derby:—

"Hic jacet corpus EDMUNDI BROWNE de Bentley Armigeri qui obiit vicessimo septimo die Junii Anno Domini MDCLXXXIV Ætatis 73."

The above tablet was visible in Longford Church about 1820, when the above copy was made by the Rector for Lieut. John Browne. It seems to have been removed at the restoration of the church in 1826, as there is no such inscription there now.

BENTLEY HALL.

The ancient residence of Bentley Hall faces the high-road from Longford to Cubley in Derbyshire, at a distance of three miles from Longford and ten from the town of Derby. The Hall stands upon the manor of Hungry Bentley, which is of considerable antiquity, being mentioned in 'Doomsday Book.' Through the kindness of its present proprietor, S. W. Clowes, Esq., enhanced by the courtesy of his Solicitors, Messrs. Taylor, Kirkman, and Colley, of Manchester, I have obtained full information from the title-deeds with respect to the acquisition and possession by the Browne family of this property.

An epitome of title with the deeds recites as follows:—"20 April 1613. By deed enrolled Lord Windsor in consideration of £2600 Grants The Manner of Hungrie Bentley etc. to Thomas Brown and his heirs."

Thomas Browne, the purchaser, was a Proctor of the Arches Court of Canterbury, and was born at Caverswall in 1561. He died at Shredicote (another and the chief family property) in 1633, and was buried in Bradeley Church, where his kneeling effigy is still to be seen. By will dated 27 Oct. 1631, he entailed the Hungry Bentley Estate upon his third-surviving son Edmund Browne, who it is known resided there, and married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Edward Vernon. Edmund was buried in Longford Church in 1684, having executed a deed, dated 25 Feb. 1663, which limited the estate as to part for 99 years to himself if he so long lived, with residue and remainder to his eldest son Thomas Browne, subject to a term vested in him the said Edmund Browne for securing the payment to him by his son of £1200 by instalments. The deed being

* This entry, with some others, is in a miscellaneous portion of Longford Register, and was only discovered after diligent search.

practically a conveyance of the estate (on sale) to his son. Thomas Browne resided at Bentley, and married Grace, daughter of Anthony Crofts, Esq. He died there in 1708, having entailed Bentley, by will dated 22 May 1708 (of which probate does not seem to have been granted), upon his eldest son, also Thomas Browne. This Thomas married Alice, daughter of Richard Simpson, Esq., and died at Bentley in 1717, having entailed the estate by will, dated 12 Sept. 1717 (which document at his death could not be found, and an affidavit and draft will were filed), upon his eldest son Rupert Browne. It is believed that this Rupert restored and enlarged Bentley Hall, adding the "Queen Anne" portion. He married Eleanora, daughter of Roger Corbet, Esq., and died at Bentley in 1733, at the age of 35. By will dated 3 April 1733, his eldest son Thomas Browne succeeded to the property. He married in 1748 Catherina, daughter of Charles Yonge of Shrewsbury, and within one year after his marriage, by deeds dated 21 Feb. 1749, and in which his mother joined, he conveyed the whole of the estate for £12,000 to Edward Wilmot, Esq., M.D., of Jermyn Street, London (created a Baronet in 1759). The property thus alienated by Thomas Browne remained in the Wilmot family for four generations, when it was conveyed by Sir Henry Sacheverel Wilmot, Bart., by deed dated 27 March 1860, to the Trustees of Lord Vernon; and it was finally conveyed by the present Lord Vernon, by deed dated 15 April 1878, to S. W. Clowes, Esq., of Norbury, Ashbourne, co. Derby, in whose possession it now remains.

In 1878 the estate consisted of 1040 acres, at a rental of about £2000 per annum.

The principal portion of the house is brick quoined with stone and stone mullioned windows. The Hall proper was built in the earlier part of the seventeenth century, most probably by the purchaser, Thomas Browne; and the "Queen Anne" addition was made to it probably by Rupert Browne in the earlier part of the eighteenth century. It is now used as a farmhouse, and at the time of my visit in August 1884 was tenanted by the late John Massey, whose grandfather and uncle had held the farm in the same way. The fireplace in the hall, partly bricked up in 1848, measures 10 feet across and 4 feet in recess. There is a very massively carved-oak staircase in the old portion of the house about 5 feet wide. The staircase in the later portion is about 8 feet in width, built of plain oak with oaken balustrade and balusters of curiously twisted wrought-iron. The entrance-door to this later hall is 12 feet high. Inside this hall there still hang several large old allegorical paintings in oil and in distemper. One of them I ascertained represented "Joan of Arc." These relics of former grandeur, in their tarnished gilt frames, have a very melancholy appearance in the old house, which is now fast going to decay. I could not learn anything of their history beyond the fact that they had "always been there."

LONDON.

REGISTERS OF ST. GREGORY BY ST. PAUL'S, LONDON.

Baptisms.

- 1674 Doroythy the daughter of George Browne and of his wife baptized 23 August.
- 1675 Humfrey the son of Rupert Browne and of Sibill his wife baptized 31 July.
- 1677-8 Mark the son of Rupert Browne and of Sibill his wife baptized 5 January.
- 1680 Anne the daughter of George Browne and of Elizabeth his wife baptized 18 August.
- 1680 Knightly the daughter of Rupart [*sic*] Browne and of Sibyll his wife borne the 30 November, baptized 5 December.
- 1685 Sibyll the daughter of Rupart Browne and of Sibyll his wife borne the 30 and baptized the 31 May.
- 1687 Charles the son of Rupart Browne and of Sibyll his wife borne the 27 and baptized 30 March.

Marriage.

- 1664 George Musgrave and Dorothy Browne by a Licence from y^e Vicar Generall marryed 24th May 1664.

Burials.

- 1674 Sebell the daughter of Rupert Browne buried 18 July.
- 1678 Rupart the son of Rupart Browne buried 28 October.
- 1679 Humphery the son of Rupart Browne buried 2 June.
- 1679-80 Elizabeth the daughter of Rupart Browne buried 21 March.
- 1681 Mark the son of Rupart Browne buried 4 Jaune [June].
- 1683 Knightley the daughter of Rupart Browne buried 19 September.
- 1686 Mary Tomkinson M^r Ruparts [*sic*] browne [*sic*] made [maid] buried 2 September.
- 1688 Margaret Knight M^r. Rupart Browne made [maid] buried 21 July.
- 1689 Katherin Sherman from Ruperte Brown buried 25 December.
- 1690 Luke Allet M^r. Rubart [*sic*] Brones [*sic*] man buried 23 July.
- 1691 Frances Stanton M^r. Rupart Browne made [maid] buried 17 May.
- 1715 Rupert Barnsley (a Proctor) buried 19 April.

VESTRY BOOKS.

At a vestrie held in the parish of St Gregories the 8th day of June Anno Dom. 1683.

It was then ordered and agreed by a full Vestrie That the parishoners of St. Gregories are purposed & doe resolve to remove the Tabernacle of the vnited parishes into St. Gregories Churchyard vntill such tyme as the parish Church shall be rebuilt and for that end that the said parishoners or such p'sons as shalbe by them chosen be hereby impowred to wait upon & [supplic H *here erased*] intercede with S^r X'opher [Christopher] Wren & such other p'sons as are therein concerned by petition or letter, or otherwise and that the concurrence of the parishoners of St. Mary Magdelens be desired for the removing of the said Tabernacle in St. Gregories Churchyard as above menc'oned.

Ordered alsoe at the same tyme that S^r W^m Dodson Kn^t Mich'o Charlton Esq. Mr. Thomas Bedford M^r Rob^t Bedingfield Capt. John Clark M^r Thomas Warren together with the two churchwardens for the tyme being be and they are hereby appointed to take and to pursue the precedent order for the [rebuild *here erased*] removing the Tabernacle in to St. Gregories Churchyard, etc.

[Then follow thirty-four signatures, of which the seventh is :—]

Rup^t Browne

At a vestry held in the Parish of St. Gregories the 13th day of December 1692 for the Choice of ward officers for to serve the year ensuing viz^t.

[Here follows list of officers.] .

Ordered the same tyme that Cussins the Translator has his Rent paid vntill Easter next not exceeding Tenn shillings or till further order.

[Then follow thirty-one signatures, of which the thirtieth is :—]

Rup^t Browne

[Vestry Book 1702—1730, p. 26.]

September 17th 1708.

At a Vestry held in the united parish Church for the choice of a Parish Clerk in the Roome or Stead of M^r Robert Potter lately deceased, and the Two Candidates being M^r Valentine Acton and M^r Matthew Beardmore and upon a first poll each of them appeared to have 76 hands, the Churchwardens M^r Territt and M^r Joseph Grimstead decided the matter by the addition of their own hands, for and in the behalfe of M^r Beardmore.

W^m Perritt }
Joseph Grinstead } Ch'wardens.

[Signed] *Rup^t Browne*

[followed by sixteen signatures].

GREENFORD.

REGISTERS OF GREENFORD MAGNA.

Baptisms.

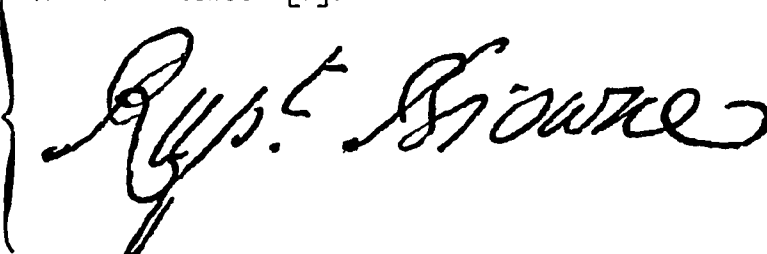
- 1711-2 Sibyll daughter of Mr. Rupert & Mrs. Sibyll Browne baptized Mar : 21.
- 1713 Henrietta Dorothea daughter of Mr. Rupert & Mrs. Sibyll Browne bapt. Mar : 27.
- 1713-4 Rupert son of Mr. Rupert & Mrs. Sibyll Browne bapt. Mar : 18.
- 1715 William Frederick son of Rupert Browne Esq^r & Mrs. Sibyll Browne bapt. May 20.
- 1720-1 Knightly daughter of Rupert Browne Esq^r & Mrs. Sibyll Browne bapt. Janu : 28.
- 1722 Crofts son of Rupert Browne Esq^r & Mrs. Sibyll Browne bapt. May 25.

Burials.

- 1710 Mrs. Sibyll Browne Decemb. 26 bur. wife of Mr. Rupert Browne was buried. Affidavit brought Dec: 30.
 1711 Mr. Rupert Browne bur. June 6. Affidavit brought June 6.
 1713 Sibyll Browne daughter of Rupert Browne Esq^r was bur. April 30. Affidavit brought May 6.
 1713 Henrietta Dorothea an infant bur. June 4. Affidavit brought June 10.
 1739-40 Browne (Rupert Esq^r) of . . . was buried Jan. 24.

12 June 1716.

The Burials* for the Two years last past were seen & allowed by us his Ma^{ties} Justices of the Peace for the s^d County of Middlesex.

[Signed] } Will: Buttreck [?].


Inscription upon a tablet to the right of the east window above the communion table in Greenford Magna Church, co. Middlesex.

HERE LYES
 THE BODY OF SIBYLL, WIFE
 OF RUPERT BROWNE OF THIS PARISH
 Esq^r; ELDEST DAUGHTER OF HUMPHRY WYRLEY
 OF HAMSTEAD-HALL IN Y^e COUNTY OF STAFFORD
 Esq^r, BY SIBYLL HIS WIFE, DAUGH^r OF . . . † MASTERS
 IN Y^e COUNTY OF KENT Esq^r, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 THE 21st OF DECEMB^r 1710. IN Y^e 59th
 YEAR OF HER AGE.

HERE ALSO LYES Y^e BODY OF RUPERT HUSBAND TO Y^e
 s^d SIBYLL, & FOURTH SON OF EDMUND BROWNE OF
 BENTLEY HALL IN Y^e COUNTY OF DERBY Esq^r, BY HIS WIFE
 DOROTHY ELDEST ‡ DAUGHTER OF S^r EDWARD VERNON OF
 SUDBURY IN Y^e s^d COUNTY WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE Y^e 29th
 MAY 1711. IN Y^e 66th YEAR OF HIS AGE.

They left behind them One only Daughter by whom this Monument was Erected thinking nothing could be more lasting to perpetuate y^e memory of them who were y^e best Husband & Wife, best Parents & best Friends, And as they Excell'd in those Quality's soe they did in Charity & Piety.

[And on a black marble gravestone :—]§

“ Underneath this Stone lie the Bodies of RUPERT BROWNE, and SIBYLL his wife, which are the same Persons mention'd in the opposite Monument.”

The tablet, which is carved in white marble of a very ornate design, is surmounted by a large marble urn, under which are carved and emblazoned in marble the Browne Arms and Crest with a martlet for difference (signifying the fourth son), impaling, Argent, three bugle-horns sable, stringed vert, for WYRLEY. The mantling, with an emblazoned gold fringe, descends from the arms in graceful folds, forming the background of the inscription. The whole is in excellent preservation.

* Referring to burials in woollen.

† The name here omitted in the inscription was “Christopher.”

‡ *Mary* was the *eldest* daughter of Sir Edward Vernon, *Dorothy* was the *second* daughter. *Vide* Visitation of Derbyshire 1661, Coll. of Arms MS. C. 34, fol. xxix, and Browne Pedigrees entered at College of Arms.

§ This inscription is given in Le Neve's ‘Monumenta Anglicana.’ The gravestone, which is at the S.E. corner of the church, is not now visible, as a (moveable) raised floor of chancel has been placed over it.

ST. STEPHEN'S, HERTFORD.

REGISTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S, CO. HERTFORD.

[*Baptisms deficient 1656—1717. Burials deficient 1691—1724.*]

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

Nou: 16, 1690. Collected for New-Alresford in Ham'psh: £0 13 8

[Then follows in Edmund Browne's handwriting.]

Rec^d x^s & xiiij^d & a Suspicious halfe Crown together xiijs. & viij 23^d febr'y 1690-1 Edm: Browne R^{gr}.1704. Collected for the Protestants of the Principality of Orange & Paid to M^r Edmund Brown Register the sum'e of three pounds nineteen shillings May 17th 1704.Collected for the widows and Orphans of the Seaman Cast away in the storm & paid to M^r Edmund Brown Register the sum'e of one pound one shilling & nine pence November 5th 1704.

Inscription upon a large blue slab of slate in pavement of the chancel of St. Stephen's Church, co. Hertford, opposite the Communion rails.

Here lyes the Body of EDMOND BROWNE Gent: Third son of EDMOND BROWNE of HUNGARY BENTLEY in y^e County of Derby Esq^r by his wife Dorothy Eldest* Daughter of S^r Edward Vernon of Sudbury Hall in y^e Said County Kn^t He departed this Life July 27, 1716, Aged 78 years.

Here also lyes Interr'd Elizabeth wife of y^e Said EDMOND BROWNE who departed this Life May 20, 1711, aged 85 years.

Above the inscription are the following arms and crest:—BROWNE, impaling a fess between three talbots' heads erased for

This slab, which is very little defaced by wear, is at present entirely covered with matting.

INSCRIPTIONS AT WITHINGTON.

The following copies of inscriptions are taken from tablets now fixed upon the north and south walls of the interior of Withington Church tower, having previously stood in the chancel, from whence they were removed at the recent restoration of the church.†

[South wall, marble tablet.]

Elizabeth the Daughter of the Revnd CORBET BROWNE Rector was buried May 14th 1788 in the 19th year of her age.

The Rev^d CORBET BROWNE, Rector of Upton Magna and Withington was buried Nov. 6th 1807 in the 80th year of his age; and JANE wife of the above Rev^d CORBET BROWNE died October 18th 1822 aged 89 years. "The memory of the just is blessed"—Proverbs 10, 7.

[North wall, stone tablet.]

This Memorial is erected in affectionate remembrance of SARAH the beloved wife of the Reverend CORBET BROWNE Rector of Upton Magna cum Withington also to the above Rev^d CORBET BROWNE who departed this life April 17th 1854, aged 77 years.

[In the Churchyard. Flat stone with raised and fluted cross.]

I. In memory of SUSANNAH, wife of RUPERT BROWNE, of Onslow, (3rd Son of the Rev. CORBET BROWNE of Upton Magna cum Withington,) who died January 27th 1854, aged 50 years. Also RUPERT BROWNE, Husband of the above who died June 13th 1869 aged 64 years.

In memory of JOHN, Son of M^r RUPERT BROWNE, of Onslow who died January 3rd 1837 aged 2 months.

[Flat stone, raised cross.]

II. In memory of CORBET SPENCER BROWNE, late of Withington, Died 1st March 1869, aged 68 years. Also of ANNE, widow of CORBET SPENCER BROWNE. Died October 2nd 1874 aged 77 years.

[Upright head stone, formed at top as a cross with crown.]

III. In affectionate remembrance of CHARLES FLEMING BROWNE Son of the late Rev^d CORBET BROWNE Rector of Upton Magna cum Withington Died October 1st 1860, aged 45 years. "Thy Brother shall rise again."

* *Vide* note, p. 50.

† The earlier generations of this branch of the family are interred beneath pavement of the chancel; the later generations are buried in the churchyard.

Wills.

Copy of the Will of RALPH BROWNE of Caverswall, co. Stafford. Dated 1669 ; proved 1670.

[Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The ninth day of October in the one and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England &c. Annoq. D'm' 1669 I Raphe Browne of Cookeshill in the parish of Careswell in County of Stafford Gent : beinge weake in body but of sound and p'fecte memory (praised be God) doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge Impr'is I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God my Maker hopeinge by the onely merritts of Jesus Christ my Savio^r to obtaine life everlastinge and my bodye to the earth to be buried in the parish Church of Careswell And as to the disposinge of my worldly estate I give and devise the same as followeth viz^t : I give and bequeath unto my son in law William Langley Clearke five shillings and to my son in law Henery Smith five shillings and to my son in law Thomas Launder five shillings which I give to every of my said son in lawes in full of any childe parte or other claime they or any of them cann or may make or p'tend to my goods or personall estate. It'm I give unto my daughter Jane Langley wife of the said William Langley fifty poundes to be paid to her owne handes for her owne use and benefitt. It'm I give unto my daughter Marie Clowes one shillinge and to her two daughters Marie and Sarah the sume of fifty poundes to be equally divided betweene them. It'm I give unto my daughter Abigall Smith wife of the said Henery Smith tenn poundes to be paid to her owne handes for her owne use and benefitt. It'm I give unto my daughter Sarah Launder wife of the said Thomas Launder fifty poundes to be paid to her owne handes for her owne proper use and benefitt. It'm I give unto my grandchildren Allexander Joyce Ellin and Sarah Howe children of my son in law Allexander Howe deceased twenty poundes to be equally divided amongst them. It'm I give unto Katherin Abraham Three poundes which my will is shall be paid to her att such time or times and in such manner as to my executor shall seeme fittest. It'm I give and bequeath unto these my tenants and servants followinge (that is to saie) Marie Meare Widowe Thomas Asburys John Walker the younger Richard Swinnerton Thomas Ansell Mary Spooner Widowe Lawrance Wheywall Thomas Fallows twenty shillings apeece. It'm I give unto my loveinge friend M^r Thomas Bagnall of Newcastle fifty shillings and to my loveinge friend George Boulton of Forsbrooke fifty shillings. It'm I give and devise unto my grandchilde Raphe Browne and his heires and assignes for ever all that messuage cottage or tenem^t scituate in Meare which I lately purchased of and from one Raphe Haslam togeather with the Backsides and Garden and appurten'nces thereunto appertaineinge. It'm I give unto my said Grandchilde Raphe Browne one silver watch one silver Boule one silver gilded salt six silver spoones one clocke one Jacke and all my bedsteds and bedinge linen and wollen tables trunks formes chests coffers and arkes and allsoe all my brasse and pewter and all my cartes geares plowes loose boardes and all other my husbandry waire whatsoever which my Will is shall be delivered to him within one moneth next after hee shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares. It'm my will is that the severall legacies before herein by mee bequeathed for payment whereof no time or other order is p'ticularly appoynted shall bee paid within one yeare next after my decease and that if any of the said legateses bee not att such age that my executor upon paym^t thereof to them cannot be lawfully discharged that then my said executor shall pay the severall legacies of such of the said legateses to whom paym^t to them will not be a good discharge to him to the parent or parents guardian or guardians of such legatee or legateses which shall be a sufficient paym^t of the said legacye or legacies given to such legatee or legateses by this my last Will and the said parent or parents guardian or guardians to be accountable to the said legatee or legateses for the same. It'm my debts legacies and funerall expences being paid and discharged I give all the rest and residue of my goods cattles and chattles whatsoever to me in my owne right belonginge to my grandchilde John Clowes and I doe hereby nom^{'ate} ordaine and appoynt the said John Clowes sole Executor of this my last Will and testam^t and my Will is and charge to my said executor that he take care that the severall sumes of money and legacies given by my deceased sonne John Browne which are secured to bee paid by a lease made to mee for one thousand yeares of Hartwell Farme by my said son in law William Langley be truly paid and discharged and the trust thereby and by my said sonne in me reposed be in all thinges faithfully p'formed and executed And I doe hereby desire and appoynt the said Thomas Bagnall and George Boulton overseers of this my last Will and testam^t and give assistance to my said executor in the p'formance thereof. In witnes whereof to this my last Will and testam^t I the said Raphe Browne have putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

Ralph Browne

Sealed signed & delivered in p'sence of Thom. Porter Rob^t Austin George Boulton John Lomax.

MEM^d The Testator Ralph Browne beinge in p'fecte minde and memorye having a desire to make a Codicill or addiconall Will did on Thersday the seaventh day of Aprill last past declare

these words following or the like in effect I would have (if my executor John Clows please) my daughter Langley to have tenne poundes my daughter Launder tenne pounds and my two grandchildren Mary and Sarah Clowes tenne poundes to be equally devided betwixt them and to every other grandchilde ten shillings apiece w^{ch} words he declared in the p^{sence} & hearinge of George Boulton.

Proved 13th May 1670 by John Clowes the sole Executor. Amount of Inventory £446 19s. 7d.

Copy of the Will of JOHN BROWNE of Caverswall, co. Stafford. Dated 1665; proved 1666.

[Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The four and twentieth day of November in the seaventeenth year of the Raigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. Annoq. D^mi 1665 I John Browne of Cooks-hill in the parish of Carswall and county of Stafford Gent. being of perfect health and memory but knowing that all men must dy but the time of death being uncertain do make publish and ordaine this my last Will and testament in wryting And first I give and bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping to be saved by the onely merritts and passion of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jhesus Christ his onely begotten sonne and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named And for y^t worldly estate which God of his mercy hath bestowed upon me I give and devise the same in manner and forme following First I give and devise all y^t messuage or tenement called Hartwell Farme and all the lands tenem^{ts} and hereditam^{ts} thereunto belonging lying in the parish of Barlaston and Stone or one of them in the said county of Staff^d to be sould by my Execut^{rs} hereafter named for the paym^t of my debts and funerall expences and such legacies as are hereafter in and by this my last Will and Testam^t expressed limited and appoynted And I further devise and bequeath unto my executors hereafter named all my personall estate Bills Bonds & debts whatsoever to be imployed for the uses aforesaid And first I desire that my debts and funeralls may be satisfied and discharged and after those are satisfied I will and devise that untill the lands are sould there may be paid out of the rents and profitts thereof the sume of five pounds a year to my sister Abigail Browne and after the said lands are sould then I will and devise that out of the money which shalbe received for the same there shalbe the sume of one hundred pounds paid unto her for a legacy by me given unto her And I will and devise that Katherine Abraham al's Browne shall have paid unto her out of the profitts of the said land twenty shillings a year during her life by five shillings a quarter. Item I will and devise that forth of the issues and profits of the same lands untill itt be sould there should be five pounds a year raised whereof three pounds to be yearly paid to the poor of the said parish of Carswall to be disposed of in such manner and forme as my execut^{rs} hereafter named during their or eyther of their lives shall think fitt and after the decease of the survivor of them then as the Minister Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of Carswall for the tyme being or the greater part of them shall appoynt and that the other fourty shillings thereof shalbe yearly paid the Minister of the said parish of Carswall to preach two sermons yearly the one of them yearly upon the day that it shall please God I shalbe buried and the other yearly upon St. John's Day the Baptist and in case there be no Minister at Carswall then to be preached by the Minist^r of Dilhorn and the Legacy for that tyme given to him And that the residue of the rents and profitts of the said lands untill it shalbe sould I doe hereby give and bequeath to and amongst all my sisters children being in number nineteene share and share alike And to the intent that the said yearly some of three pounds a year to the poor of the said parish and fourty shillings a year to the Minister of the said parish may continue for ever I will and devise that upon sale of the said lands out of the money for which the said land shalbe sould there shalbe three pounds a year in lands purchased in the name of the Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of Carswall and their successors for ever to be paid yearly to the poor of the said p^{ish} of Carswall for ever And lands of the value of Fourty shillings a year shall be likewise purchased of the same money for the payment of the said fourty shillings a year to the minister of the said parish and his successors for ever And I desire that a table may be made and these legacies to the poor and minister may be written in the same and the same to be affixed in the church that the poor and minister may not in tyme to come be defrauded of the said legacies And after my debts funeralls and these other legacies to my sister Abigail the poor and minister and the twenty shillings a year secured to the said Katherine Abraham al's Browne for her life I do give and bequeath all the residue of the money that shalbe raised by sale of the said lands to and amongst all my said sisters children being in number nineteene to have every one an equal share of it And if any one of them be not at age to give a sufficient discharge Then I will and devise the same to be paid to the Father or Mother of such child and to be paid to such child when it comes to age without any allowance to be given for it And the acquittance of the said Father or mother shalbe a sufficient discharge to my Execut^r for the paym^t of it And if any of my said sisters children dy before their legacies be paid then I will and devise that his or her part shalbe equally divided between the Brothers and sisters of such child and if such child have neyther Brother nor sister then living then the same to be equally divided amongst all my said sisters children share and share alike. Item I give and devise to my nephew Ralph Browne sonne of my Brother Ralph

Browne deceased the sume of fifty pounds to be paid unto him after he shall attayn his age of one and twenty yeares if he shall so long live and if he dy before he attayn the said age of one and twenty yeares then the same to be equally divided to and amongst my said sisters children share and sharealike Provided that if any of my said sisters children shall sue molest or trouble my Execut^{rs} or eyther of them or their or eyther of their Execut^{rs} or administrators or any of them for or by reason of any legacy hereby given to them then such person and persons soe sueing molesting or troubling them shall loose their legacy and the same shall go to and amongst the rest of my said sisters children And I doe hereby nominate my dear Father Ralph Browne Gent. and my good brother in law Alexander Howe Gent. Executors of this my last Will who are to have their reasonable charges born out of my whole estate And I nominate my two brother in laws William Langley, Clarke, and Thomas Launder to be overseers of this my will. WITNESSE my hand and seale the day and year above written.

John Browne

Signed sealed and published by the said John Browne as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us John Burtinshaw Vicar de Carswall William Cookes John Lomax William Fisher.

Proved 31st May 1666 by Ralph Browne the Father and Alexander How the Executors. Personal estate £85 9s. 6d.

Copy of the Will of WILLIAM BROWNE of Caverswall, co. Stafford. Dated 1602; proved 1603.
[Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The xxxth day of December in the yeare of our Lord god a thousand sixe hundred and two I William Browne of Cookshill in the parish of Careswell wthin the countie of Stafford Yoman beinge of good and p^rfect remembrance (thanks be to God therefore) doe ordayne and make this my last Will and testament in maner and forme followinge first I bequeath my soule to Almighty God the redeemer therof and my body to be buried in the parish Church of Careswall. Item I gyve and bequeath to my welbeloved daughter Ann Whittrance and to her chिल्dren of currant English money fyve pownds to be payd to my sayde daughter Ann wthin one moneth after my decease. Item I gyve and bequeath to my sonne in law Thomas Heelie and to his two chिल्dren w^{ch} he had by my daughter Alice two shillings. Item I gyve to my brother James Browne yf he survive or overlyve me xl^s in money. Item I gyve unto ev^y godchilde I have that shalbe lyvinge at the daye of my decease iiij^d. Item I gyve unto my sonne in lawe William Browne xl^s for and in full payment & satisfacc^{'on} of all such legacies w^{ch} he might have or clayme from me w^{ch} weare gyven unto his wyfe by my brother Richard Browne. Item I gyve unto ev^y one of my sonne in lawe John Bridgwood his chिल्dren xx^s. Item I gyve to my daughter Margery ij^s vi^d. Item I gyve to my godsonne Rauffe Browne my cozen Rauffe Browne's little boye one ewe and a lambe. Item I gyve to the poore people in Careswell p^rishe x^s to be distributed amongst them. Item I gyve unto my sonne Thomas Browne xl^s. Item I gyve unto Issabell Leeke one payre of sheetes. Item I gyve unto my sayde daughter Anne Whitterins v^s w^{ch} wth the foresayde v^s before gyven maketh x^s. Item my mynde and Will is that my executors shall bringe me well and honestly home accordinge to their discretions. Item I gyve unto my sonne in lawe William Lees two daughters w^{ch} he had by my daughter Elizabeth xij^d a peece. Item I gyve unto Thomas Warner my parte of that daye worke of corne w^{ch} he sowed on my grownde to the partes. Item I gyve unto Elizabeth Rawlins daughter to William Rawlins one ewe and a lambe The residue of my goods not before gyven nor bequeathed my funerall expences dischardged and my debts and legacies first payde I gyve to my executors to be bestowed accordinge to their discretions And I doe ordayne and make my sonne in law John Bridgewood and my cozen Rauffe Browne my executors whome I desyre to see this my Will p^rformed accordinge to my intent and meaninge hearin expressed. Item I gyve unto my daughter Ann Whittrens children all my part or parts of the corne nowe growinge in my grounds called the newe close and Dodle (except my parte of that daye worke form^{'ly} gyven to Thomas Warner Also it is my wyll and meaninge that Thomas Warner shall have all my parte of the corne growinge in Dodle before gyven to my daughter Anns children payinge such reasonable price for y^t as my executors shall sett downe. Item it is my further mynde and will that yf my executors shall want or not have sufficient to p^rforme this my Will that then my executors shall have all the corne before gyven to my daughter Anns children for the better p^rformance of the same.

Signed and acknowledged in the p^rsence of Margaret Malpas Catherine Grindie.

Proved 18th July 1603 by John Bridgwood and Ralph Browne. Amount of Inventory £42 8s. 9d.

Copy of the Will of THOMAS BROWNE, Esq., of Shredicot, co. Stafford.* Dated 1631; proved 1633.
[50 Russell, P.C.C.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The seaven and twentieth daie of October Anno Domini One thousand six hundred thirty and one and in the seaventh yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith &c. I Thomas Browne one of the Procurato^{rs} of th'arches London calling to minde the ever changing course of all flesh in this world doe therefore in my health (before sicknes the messenger of death approach) make and declare this my last will and Testament in maner and forme following First I commend my Soule to the everlasting mercy of my most gracious God promised in my Redeemer Christ Jesus his onely sonne the worlds onely Saviour with assured confidence that by and through his onely meritts death and passion I have and shall have free remission and pardon of all my sinnes and be reconciled to my most glorious God and be accepted iust and righteous before him through the righteousnes of my most blessed Saviour who being most cleare from sinne was made sinne for me by imputac'on of my sinnes vnto him that I might be made righteous before God in him by imputac'on of his righteousnes vnto me being full of all sinne and corruption And I most stedfastly beleeeve that after this life my soule shall have an inheritance among them w^{ch} are sanctified by faith in Christ Jesus by the power of whose resurrec'on my bodie shalbe raised vpp at the last daie vnto the resurrection of life and both bodie and soule be revnited and enioy for ever the beatitude and glorie which noe tongue can expresse even the fruition of ioyes eternall and vnspeakable among the sonnes of God My bodie whose mother is earth I leave to be interred in its mothers bowells where it shall please God to appoint there to reste and sleepe vntill the resurrection. Touching the goods God hath lent mee First I give to the poore people in the parish of Careswall where I was borne five pounds And to the poore people of the parish of Dillorne next adioyninge forty shillings And to the poore of the parish of Bradeley where I now dwell fortie shillings And to the poore of the parish of Langford in the County of Da'by fortie shillings to be distributed respectively by the Vicars Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of each parish for the tyme being. Item I give and bequeath vnto my loving sisters Joyce Browne Anne Beech Marie Bridgwood and Margerie Goodanter unto every of them fortie shillings apeece And to every of my sister Joyce her children fortie shillings apeece and to Joyce Withering & Mary Withering my sister Beech her daughters by her first husband to either of them fortie shillings apeece And to my neece Marie Rodes forty shillings And I give and bequeath vnto every of the children of my sister Goodanter fortie shillings apeece And to every of the children of my sister Ley [? Lee] and my sister Hely deceased fortie shillings to every of them apeece being fower in all And I will that if any of my said sisters children die before they receave their said legacies being then due then the brothers and sisters of such child soe dying to have the legacie and porc'on of him and her soe dying equally to be devided among them. Item I give vnto my approved good Cosin and friend John Browne of Stafford gentleman fortie shillings And to Mr. Fletcher parson of Haughton twentie shillings and my two bookes of St Augustins workes w^{ch} I lent him And where there were and are small legacies bequeathed to divers of my children by sundry mine and their friends part of which legacies some of my children have themselves received and have given their acquittances for receipt and part thereof I have received for their vse and have given my acquitances and bonds for saveing harmlesse the Executors of the said Testaments from and against my said children Therefore I doe will that if any of my children to whom any such legacies were given which I have received shall in any sort sue molest goe about or attempt to trouble any of the said Executors or any other for any such legacies That then he she or they who shall soe attempt or goe about shall forfeite and loose the benefitt of all and every legacie gift and disposic'on given or bequeathed to him her or them in and by this my last will And for that I am perswaded my loving wife out of her motherly love and affecc'on ever shewed towards our children will out of such good meanes which (if it please God) I shall leave her augment and encrease the porc'ons and livelihood of such our children as shall stand in most neede especially them who she shall finde of best desert And also give them such educac'on and maintenance with all necessities as are and shalbe fitt for them w^{ch} that she maie be the better enabled to doe and to paie my debts and performe the legacies and disposic'ons in this my will Therefore I doe give devise and bequeath vnto my said wife Apolyne Browne (vnder the condic'ons and provisoes hereafter in this my will expressed) All and singular my lands messuages tenements rents reverc'ons services and hereditaments lying and being in Shredicote Barton and Bradeley in the Countie of Stafford together with all houses and other edifices there and also all that Parke or impaled ground comonly called or knowne by the name of Middleton Parke al's Barton old Parke which I lately purchased of the then Lord Stanhoppe and of Mr. Awdley and Mr. Willis lying in the Countie of Darby together with all rents reverc'ons and remainders therevnto belonging To have hold occupy and enioy all and singular the premises severally given to her as aforesaid with their appurten'nc' to her the said Apolyne my wife and her assignes from the daie of my death for and during the terme of her naturall life And I also give vnto my said wife Apoline Browne all my estate interest lease and terme of yeares which are yet to come in the said Parke and impaled ground by vertue of assignment made to me at the tyme of the said purchase from the said Mr.

* A copy of this Will is filed at Somerset House. A note, in Latin, states that the original document was returned to the executrix.

Audley Mr. Willis by their deed dated the first of July in the nineteenth yeare of the raigne of our late Sovereigne Lord King James Provided alwaies neverthelesse and vpon condic'on and my will and minde is that she my said wife shall at any tyme during her life grant bargaine assigne sell or make awaie her said estate interest and term of years in the said Parke or any part or parcell thereof to any person or persons but only to such person or persons to whom I shall by my deed or by my last will and Testament in writing give and devise the inheritance of the said Parke And after her decease I will give and bequeath all the said estate interest and terme of yeares of and in said Parke to such person and persons to whom I shall by my deed or last will in writing give and devise the inheritance of the said Parke Furthermore for the reasons aforesaid my minde and will is that my said wife Apoline Browne shall have take occupie and enioy the rents issues reuennues and proffitts of all and singuler my lands tenements and hereditaments lying and being in Hungrie Benteley in the said Countie of Darbie together with the mansion house messuage and tenem^t and other edifices there and of two closes and pastures therevnto adioyning the one called the Spittle Hinckle and th'other called the pale slate All which I purchased of the Lord Windsor for and during the terme and space of seaven yeares next and immediately ensuing the date of my death if she live soe longe sole and vnmarried And I will that my said wife during the said term shall not make any spoile or waste either of or in any of the timber trees Runt trees or woods or of or in any okes ashes elmes maples withies or ollers there growing or of or in any the timber trees runt trees and woods oakes ashes maples withies or ollers growinge in the said Parke or in the pale rowe of the said Parke nor shall cause to be cutt or felled any of the said tymber trees or other trees except it be for the necessarie reparac'ons of the houses and buildings vpon the premisses and for the necessary paling and railing about the said Parke and for fenceing and fewell to be spent in and about the same premisses.

Item I doe give and bequeath vnto my daughter Apoline Browne five hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid vnto her at the daie of her marriage or within one yeare next after my decease Provided allwaies and my will is that if she doe marry with the consent and good likeing of her mother and of my sonne living then my will and minde is that the said five hundred pounds shalbe made vp full eight hundred pounds to be paid vnto her within one yeare after her said marriage soe to be had and done with consent and good likeing as aforesaid and not otherwise And I will that if my said daughter Apoline Browne depart this life before she be married and before she receive her said legacie then I will and bequeath the said legacie of five hundred pounds given to her as aforesaid vnto the rest of my children viz^t vnto George Browne Mary Stury William Browne Edmond Browne and Edward Browne or to soe many of them as shalbe then living to be equallie devided among them And I give vnto my said daughter Apoline my ringe sett with five litle diamonds. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto my three sonnes George Browne William Browne and Edward Browne (over and besides the lands annuities rent charges exhibic'on and mainten'nce which I have in and by this my will severally and respectively given and appointed vnto them) to each of them fortie pounds apeece to be paid vnto every of them at the end of two yeares next after my decease with purpose that my Executrix maie see and try w^{ch} of them will best imploy the same and soe to respect them accordingly. Item I doe give vnto my loving daughter in law Mrs Elizabeth Leving five pounds and to her sonne Thomas Leving my god sonne five pounds to be paid to his father for his vse. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto my daughter Mary Stury five pounds And to Elizabeth Stury her daughter five pounds And vnto Apoline Stury her other daughter twentie pounds w^{ch} said five pounds and twentie pounds soe given to the said two daughters I will shalbe paid vnto their father Carew Stury for their vse within one yeare next after my decease soe as he become bound by himselfe in the some of fortie pounds of lawfull money of England to my Executrix and overseer herevnder named or to one of them to paie the said severall legacies to his said two daughters at their severall ages of eightene yeares or daies of marriage which first shall happen. Item I give vnto every man servant and maid servant servinge me at my decease twentie shillings apeece over and above their wages then due. All the rest and residue of all and singuler my goods chattells cattells jewells plate ready money and debts (after my debts paid and funeralls and legacies discharged) I doe wholly give and bequeath vnto my said wife Apoline Browne And doe constitute and ordaine her Executrix of this my last will and Testament and doe name and appoint my sonne in lawe Timothy Levinge Esqr. to be Overseer of the same desiring him to be aydinge and assistinge vnto my said Executrix and to my children with his best counsell and direction when they stand in neede and for his paines therein to be taken I give him five pounds. Item I will my sonne Edmond Browne shall have my written bookes of Dr Androwes his Catechisinge preface to the lawe and of his sermons made vpon the first commandem^t. Item I will that all my other bookes and papers printed and manuscripts shalbe given and bestowed by my wife to and amongst all my children as by and with the advice of my said sonne Levinge shalbe thought most fitting to their severall qualities and disposic'ons. Item I will that if all my said goods chattells cattells jewells plate household stuffe ready money and debts will not suffice to pay my debts which I shall owe the legacies w^{ch} I have given in this my will & to discharge my funerall (which I desire maie be performed without excesse) then I will that my said wife Apoline Browne out of all the rents issues and proffitts of all my said lands tenem^{ts} and other revenues given and bequeathed vnto her in this my will for life or for yeares shall well and truly satisfie and pay all and every my said debts legacies and funerall expences And if she depart this life before the same be paid then I will that the said debts legacies & funeralls then remayning vnpaid shalbe truly paid and discharged out of all such goods chattells cattells jewells plate household stuffe

ready money and debts w^{ch} shall remayne vⁿadministred by my said wife at her death and out of all the rents issues and profitts of all the lands tenem^{ts} and hereditaments hereafter in this my last will and Testament given and devised unto my son Edmond Browne And where at the tyme of my marriage with my said wife or shortly after I became bounden in one obligac^{on} vnto my wives Father George Southaike since deceased in the som^e of two thousand pounds with condic^{on} to give bequeath or suffer to come vnto the right or possession of my said wife after my decease in lands tenements ready money goods chattells cattells or debts the som^e and value of Two thousand m^{ks} [marks] as by the said obligac^{on} and condic^{on} maie appeare Now for that I hold her fullie advanced to that som^e and value and to much more when I depart this life by the severall gifts and disposic^{ons} in this my will Therefore my will and minde is that if either my said wife or any other person or persons to whom the said obligac^{on} is made belongeth or shall come or hath any right of app^{on} or title or interest to put the said bond in suite of law doe or shall endeavo^r or goe about to take any benefitt or advantage of the said bond or put the same in suite either for my wives vse or otherwise molest or trouble my heires executo^{rs} or administrato^{rs} or shall thereby hinder the true performance of this my will Or if my said wife after my decease doe clayme challenge sue for or endeavo^r to have or obtaine any dower or claime title of dower or thirds in any my said lands tenements and hereditaments over and besides the disposic^{ons} gifts and devices made given and devised vnto her in this my will Or if such person whom my said wife shall marry after my decease (if she happen to marry) doe not within one moneth next before the said marriage enter into bond and become bound with two good and sufficient suerties in the som^e of Two thousand pounds of lawfull money of England vnto the Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury for the tyme being vpon and with condic^{on} for the true and sure payment of the severall legacies and bequests given and disposed in this my will and also for the true performance of this my last will and Testament Or if my said wife doe not prove my said will and Testament and take vpon her the execuc^{on} thereof within six moneths next after my decease (there being noe lawfull impediment to hinder her to the contrary) Then my will and minde is that the severall disposic^{ons} legacies giftes and devises made and given vnto her of all or of any part of my land tenements and hereditam^{ts} or other things in this my present last will and Testament and alsoe the disposic^{on} and gift of the residue of all my goods chattells cattells jewels plate readie money and debts given to her in this my will and the nameing of her my Executrix and all other benefitts w^{ch} she might take enioy or have in or by my said will shall cease and be vtterly voide frustrate and of none effect as if she had never been named in this my will and testament anythinge therein contayned to the contrary not wthstanding And then I doe will and bequeath the residue of all and singuler my said goods chattells cattells jewells plate household stuffe ready money and debts vnto George Browne William Browne Edmond Browne and Edward Browne my sonnes and vnto Marie Stury and Apoline Browne my daughters to be equallie devided among them sixe And then I make and ordaine my said sonne Edmond Browne the sole Executor of this my last will and Testament.

And whereas by my Deed of Feoffem^t vnder my hande and seale dated the sixteenth daie of June in the first yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles [1625] by the grace of God of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland Kinge I have given graunted and confirmed vnto my said sonne in lawe Timothy Levinge Esq^r Recorder of the Towne of Darby Thomas Moorton of Brockton Grange in the Countie of Stafford Esq^r William Prince the elder of Marston woodhouses in the said Countie of Darby yeoman and John Stanley the younger of Alston al^s Awson in the said Countie of Stafford yemⁿ theire heires and assignes all the aforesaid capitall messuage in Shredicote in the Countie of Stafford and all the said Manor or Lordshipp of Hungery Bentley with the said two parcells of ground therevnto adioyninge And all the said Parke called Middleton Parke al^s Barton old Parke and a pasture and feedinge ground called Pitford owle and a close and pasture called the broome close in the said Countie of Darbie (which said pasture and feeding ground called Pitford owle and close and pasture called the Broome close I have since sold vnto Edward Villiards of Hanbury in the said Countie of Stafford Gent. and to his heires and assignes for ever and all other the messuage land tenements and hereditaments of me the said Thomas Browne in Shredicote Barton & Bradeley in the said Countie of Stafford and alsoe in Hungerie Benteley Barton Langford Marston and Scropton neere the River of Dove or elsewhere within the said Countie of Darbie To have and to hold all and singuler the premises with their appurten^{nce} (except the said two pastures since sold as aforesaid) to the said Timothy Leving Thomas Moorton William Prince and John Stanley theire heires and assignes to the vse and behoofe of me the said Thomas Browne for and during my naturall life and after my decease to the vse and behoofe of Apoline Browne my wife for and during such terme and termes of life or for yeares as I the said Thomas by my Deed of Feoffem^t have given devised limitted and appointed and after her decease and determinac^{on} of such yeares to such vses intents and purposes and to the vse and behoofe of such person and p^{sons} heir and heires and of such estate and estates and wth such provisoes remainders and limitac^{ons} as I by my Deed or last will and Testament in writinge shall lymitt declare and appoint Therefore according to the power which I have by the said Deed and for the settling of the inheritance of all my said lands tenements and hereditaments according to my minde and purpose in that behalfe I doe first give devise and bequeath lymitt declare and appoint vnto my eldest sonne George Browne all and singuler my said messuages lands tenements and other hereditaments scituate and being in Shredicote Barton and Bradeley with their and every of their appurtenances in the said Countie of Stafford To have and to hold the same lands tenements and hereditam^{ts}

with their appurten'nce vnto my said sonne George Browne after the decease of me and the said Apoline Browne my wife for the terme of his life and after his decease to such wife or wives as he shall happen to marry for the terme of the life and lives of every such wife and after the decease of every such wife and wives to the vse and behoofe of the first sonne of the body of the said George Browne my sonne lawfullie begotten and to the heires of the bodie of such first sonne lawfullie begotten And for default of such issue to the vse and behoofe of the second sonne of the bodie of my said sonne George Browne lawfullie begotten and to the heires of the bodie of such second sonne lawfullie begotten And for default of such issue to the vse and behoofe of the third sonne of the body of my said sonne George Browne lawfully begotten and to the heires of the body of such third sonne lawfully begotten And for default of such issue to the vse and behoofe of the fourth sonne of the body of my 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assignes for ever. Item according to the power I have by my Deed of Feoffement above recited I doe give devise and bequeath limitt declare and appoint vnto my said sonne Edmond Browne beinge my third sonne now living All that my Manno^r or Lordshippe called Hungerie Benteley with all messuages lands tenements and hereditaments therevnto belonging together with the said two closes or parcells of ground therevnto belonging the one called the Spittle Hinckle the other palefatt in the said Countie of Darby together wth all woods vnderwoods hedgrowes and other comodities growinge and beinge in vpon the premisses with their appurtenances.

Alsoe according to the said power I have by my said Deed of Feoffement I doe further give devise and bequeath lymitt declare and appoint vnto my said sonne Edmond Browne being my third sonne now living All that my Manno^r or Lordshippe called Hungery Benteley with all messuages lands tenements and hereditaments therevnto belonging together with the said two closes or parcell of ground therevnto adioyning the one called the Spittle Hinckle the other palefatt in the said Countie of Derby together with all woods vnderwoods hedgrowes and other comodities growinge and being in and vpon the premisses with their appurten'nces Alsoe according to the said power I have by the said Deed of Feoffem^t I doe further give devise and bequeath lymitt declare and appoint vnto my said sonne Edmond Browne all that my said Parke and impaled ground called Middleton Park al's Barton old Parke in the said Countie of Darbie together

with all woods vnderwoods palerowes hedgrowes houses cottage buildings and other comodities growinge and beinge in and vpon the same premisses To have and to hold the said Man^{or} Lo:shipp messuages lands tenements Parke and impaled ground and all other the premisses with all and singular theire appurten'nce to him the said Edmond Browne my sonne from and after my decease and from and after the expirac'on and determinac'on of such terme and terms for life or for yeares w^{ch} I have formerly in this my will given devised lymitted and appointed vnto my said wife for the terme of his life and after his decease to such wife or wives as he the said Edmond Browne shall happen to marry for the terme of the life and lives of every such wife and after ye decease of every such wife and wives To the vse and behoofe of the first sonne of the body of the said Edmond Browne my sonne lawfullie begotten and to the heires of the bodie of such first sonne lawfullie begotten And for default of such 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George Browne lawfullie begotten successively one after another as they shalbe in seniority of birth and to the heires of the bodie of every such sonne lawfullie begotten respectively And for default of such issue to my said two daughters Mary Stury and Apoline Browne her sister and to their heires and assignes for ever And whereas by my said Deed of Feoffement vnder my hand and seale bearing date as aforesaid I have among other things therein contained given granted and confirmed vnto the said Timothy Leving Thomas Moorton William Prince and John Stanley their heires and assignes all that my said Manno^r or Lordshipp of Hungerie Benteley and the two closes adioyninge therein menc'oned and all the said Parke called Middleton Parke al's Barton old Parke in the Countie of Darby To the vse intent and purpose That my said sonnes Edmond Browne and Edward Browne shall and maie yearly during their lives severallie have and take either of them an annuitie or yearely rent charge of fiftie pound a yeare out of the premisses in Hungrie Bently Barton and Langford aforesaid to be paid yearely at such tyme and tymes and to such further vse intent and purpose and with such severall clauses of distresse and distresses as in and by the said Deed of Feoffem^t more fullie appeareth And where further by the said Deed of Feoffem^t I have power and it is provided thereby that it shall and maie be lawfull to and for me the said Thomas Browne at any tyme or tymes by my deed or last will and Testament in writing to graunt lymitt or appoint any rent charge or rent charges to every or any or as many of my children for the term or terms of their severall lives or yeares

respectively out of all or any of the p^rmisses as to me the said Thomas Browne shall seeme good as in and by the said deed of Feoffement it doth appeare Now therefore accordinge to the power I have by the said deed and proviso^e aforesaid I doe by this my last will and Testament give will and devise graunt lymitt and appoint vnto my said sonne William Browne one annuity or rent charge of fiftie pounds of lawfull money of England yearely duringe the term of his naturall life to be by him receaved and taken out of the premisses in Hungary Bentley Langford and Barton aforesaid or in any part or parcell thereof to be paid yearely at the Feast daies of S^t Michaell tharchangell and the annunciac^on of our blessed Virgin Marie by even and equall porc^ons the first payment thereof to begin at the first of the said feast daies w^{ch} shall next happen after my decease And I doe hereby will give graunt lymitt and appoint that if the said annuity or yearly rent charge of fiftie pounds or any part thereof to be behinde and vnpaid in part or in all after any of the said Feasts at w^{ch} it ought to be paid as aforesaid that then and from thenceforth it shall and maie be lawfull to and for the said William Browne and his assignes into all and singuler the premisses in Hungrie Benteley Langford and Barton aforesaid to enter and distrayne and the distresse and distresses then and there found to leade drive carry awaie and impound and in pound to keepe till aft the said annuitie or yearly rent charge and of the arrerage thereof they shalbe well and trulie contented and paid And my will and mind is that as well my said sonne William Browne as alsoe my said sonne Edward Browne maie either of them have receave take and enioy their said severall annuitie or yearely charge of fiftie poundes apeece as aforesaid respectively lymitted and appointed to either of them according to the tenor and effect of the said deed and of this my present last will and Testament Provided nevertheless and vpon condic^on that if the said William Browne and Edward Browne my sonnes or either of them shall graunt sett lett or assigne their said severall annuities or yearly rent charge of fiftie pounds apeece as aforesaid lymitted and appointed to either of them or any part thereof to any person or persons whatsoever for any terme or termes whatsoever or that the said annuities or rent charge of either of them or any part thereof shalbe at any time hereafter by the negligence or default of them or either of them extended Or that my said sonnes Will^m Browne and Edward Browne or either of them shall doe suffer or consent vnto any act or thing whereby the annuities of them or either of them or any part of them shalbe forfeited That then the said graunt and disposic^on of the said annuities contayned either in the said Feoffement or in this my last will & Testament and every clause and article concerninge the same shalbe void frustrate and of none effect to or for either of them my sonnes by whom and by and through whose neglect or default any such act or acts thinge or things shalbe done or suffered to be done whereby the said annuities or rent charge of them or either of them or any part thereof shalbe graunted sett lett assigned be extended or forfeited as aforesaid And I will that if any my above named children in this my will sonnes or daughters goe about or endeavor to impugne or make void this my last Will and Testament or hinder the due execuc^on thereof Then such child or children shalbe barred from takeinge any benefitt thereby anythinge therein contained to the contrary notwthstanding.

Furthermore I will that my said wife Apoline Browne of the issues revenues and profitts of the said lands ten^ts and hereditaments and out of all my goods which I have by this my will given devised & bequeathed vnto her shall finde and allow vnto my said sonne George Browne vnto my said daughter Apoline Browne and to my said two sonnes Edmond Browne and Edward Browne such convenient exhibic^on meate drinke apparell and other necessities as shalbe fitting and necessary for them and every of them vntill it please God to enable them to live of themselves not doubting of her motherly affec^on and care (as I have before remembered) to augment their severall porc^ons and to help to preferre them especially such of them as she shall finde to be of best desert and to stand in most need And further my will and minde is that if my said wife depart this life before my said sonne Edward Browne accomplish his full age of twentie and one yeares Then my said Feoffees and the survivo^r or survivo^{rs} of them shall receive and take into their hands & detaine the said annuity or rent charge of fiftie pounds given to the said Edward by the said Deed of Feoffem^t and menc^oned in this my will vntill the said Edward accomplish his full age of one and twentie yeares and shall therewth keep and maintaine him in such sort as they shall thinke fitt and shall imploy the said annuity to and for his best profit And when he hath accomplished his full age of one and twentie yeares Then I will my said Feoffees shalbe accomptable to my said sonne Edward Browne of and for the said annuity and shall pay and allow vnto him the said Edward such monies and profitts as shalbe raised and made of the said annuity of fiftie pounds per annu^o duringe his minoritie deducting allowing and retayning to themselves all such charges and costs w^{ch} they or any of them shalbe put vnto and shall necessarily pay and distribute in and about the educac^on and maintenance of the said Edward and in and about the imploying of his annuity aforesaid And I doe give and bequeath vnto the said Timothy Leving Thomas Moorton William Prince and John Stanley my Feoffees aforesaid to every of them fortie shillings apeece for their care and paines to be taken in the premisses. Item I will give and devise vnto my said wife Apoline Browne and to her heires all that farme messuage and tenement scituate and beinge in Upper Tame in the Countie of Stafford called or knowne by the name of Greenes Farme and all houses buildings gardens orchards pastures lea sowes meadows com^ons lands and hereditaments with their appurten^{nce} thereunto belonging which I purchased of S^r Roger Wilbraham Knight* and which are since adiudged and confirmed vnto me by a Decree in

* Of Nantwich, co. Chester; Master of the Court of Requests to James I.

Chauncery lying exemplified by me vnder seale To have and to hold the said farme messuage & tenement and all other the premises with all and singuler their appurten'nce to the said Apoline Browne my wife and to her heires and assignes for ever And soe revokeing all former wills I will that this my present Testament containd in sixe sheets of paper whollie written with my owne hand shall stand for my true and whole and last will and Testament In witnes whereof I have subscribed my name to every of the said sixe sheets of paper and sett my seale to a labell of parchment wherewith the said sixe sheets are fastened together in the topp the daie and yeare first above written. Memorandum that theis words viz^t (worke) (my) and (the) interlyned in the first leafe this word (sence) in the second leafe this word (Browne) in the last line but one in the fourth leafe These words viz^t (sonne) and (they) in the fift leafe and the word (make) in the sixt and last leafe of this my present testament were all of them severally interlyned by me Thomas Browne with my own hand before then sealing publishing and acknowledging hereof.

THO : BROWNE.

Signed subscribed and acknowledged for his last will and Testament with the Memorandum next above written the daie and yeare abovesaid in the presence of vs Tho: Fletcher Walter Aston John Stanley Tho: Daintrey Robert Bailey.

A CODICILL made and declared by me Thomas Browne the fourteenth daie of February Anno D'ni iuxta etc. One thousand six hundred thirtie two which I will shalbe added vnto my last Will and Testament bearing date the seaven and twentieth daie of October One thousand six hundred thirtie one and in the seaventh yeare of the Kinge Mat^{ties} Raigne that now is and to be taken and adiudged as part and parcell thereof.

MEMORANDUM that where in the second leafe of my said will I have given and bequeathed unto my three sonnes George Browne Will^m Browne and Edmond Browne to each of them fortie pounds apeece to be paid to every of them at the end of two yeares next after my decease with such purpose as therein is declared Now I doe by this Codicill for some reasons me moving therevnto revoke frustrate and make void the said three severall legacies of fortie pounds apeece and doe will that they and every of them my said three sonnes shall rest contented with such lands annuities rent charges gifts exhibic'on and mainten'nce w^{ch} I have otherwise in and by my said will sev'ally and respectively given and appointed vnto them And hereby I further will that five pounds given to my daughter Stury and five pounds given to her daughter Elizabeth Sturie in my said last will shalbe made vp tenne pounds apeece to either of them And I hereby will alsoe that twentie poundes given and bequeathed in my said will to Apoline Stury my grandchild shalbe augmented and made vp fortie pounds to be paid to every of them in such maner and forme and at such tyme as I have appointed in my said will And I give vnto my loveing sonne in lawe M^r Carew Stury five pounds.

THO : BROWNE.

Published and declared by the said Thomas Browne and by him subscribed as parcell of his last Will In the presence of vs John Browne Henry Goodanter.

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum suprascriptum Cum Codicillo eidem annexo apud London Coram venerabili viro Domino Henrico Marten Milite legum doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis Magistro Custode sive Commissario l'time constituto vicesimo octavo die mensis Maij Anno Domini Milli'mo sexcentesimo tricesimo tertio Juramento Apolinæ Browne Relictæ dicti defuncti et Executricis in hum'oi Testamento nominat Cui Commissa fuit Administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et Creditorum dicti defuncti De bene et fideliter Administrando eadem ad sanctæ Dei Evangelia Coram Magistro Thoma Fletcher Clerico Vigore Commissionis in ea parte al's Emanat Jurat.

Copy of Will of WILLIAM FFAYREFAX of London.* Dated and proved 1595. [77 Scott, P.C.C.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I William ffayrefax Citizen and goldsmith of London being sick in bodie but in good and p'fecte remembrance Laud and praise be therefore given vnto Almighty God do make and ordayne this my presente testament containinge herein my last will in manner & forme followinge That is to say ffirst and above all earthly things I give bequeath and com'end my soule into the hands of Almighty god my Creator and to Jesus Christ my onelly Saviour & redeemer by the merites of whose most bitter death and passion I stedfastly trust to be saved And my body I commend to the earthe from whence it cam to be decently and Christianlike buried att the discrection of my Execut' and overseers hereafter menc'oned. And concerninge the disposing of my worldly goodes I doe dispose thereof as hereafter followeth. Item I give vnto my lovinge wife Appalyne the som of five hundred pounds of Currant money to be payd hir presently after my deathe. Item I further give vnto Elizabeth my Daughter the som of Two hundred pounds to be payd hir att the age of xxj yeeres or at the daye of hir marriage yf she shall marry before. Item I further give vnto my lovinge Uncle M^r Edwarde Vase of Cuckfield in Sussex beinge mine owne mother's brother the some of three hundred pounds. Item I further give vnto that childe w^{ch} my wief now goeth wth if god please to send it into the world the some of two hundred pounds to be paid in suche sorte and at suche tyme as is before appoynted for the other.

* A copy of this will is filed at Somerset House.

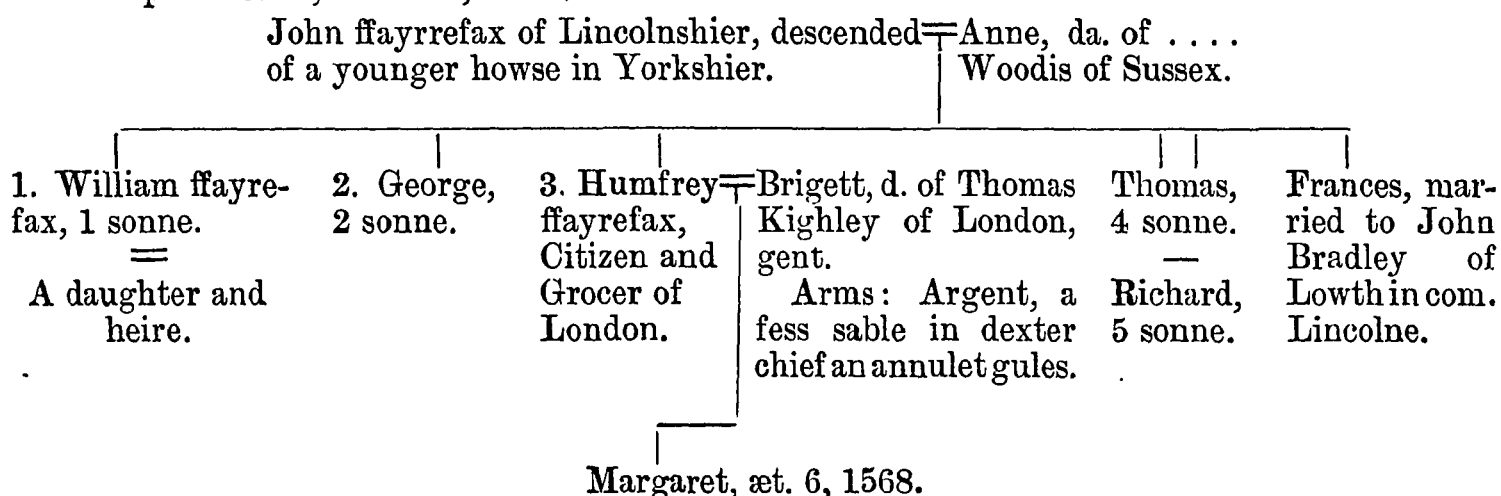
Item I will that if either of my Children shall dye out of this world before they accomplish ther sayd ages or be married that then the p'te and portion of him or her deceased shall be payd to the other over livinge. Item I give and bequeath vnto my ffather in Lawe George Southaie and to my mother in Lawe Elizabeth Southaie xl^{lb} viz. to eache of them twentye pounds. Item I give to my brother in lawe Humfrey Southaie tenne pounds. Item I give to my brother Thomas Sowthaie Tenne poundes. Item I give to my brother Nicholas Fayrefax twenty and five poundes. Item I give vnto my Brother Cuthberte ffayrefax five and twenty pounds. Item I give unto my Sister Jane ffayrefax five and twentye poundes. Item I give unto my sister Anne ffayrefax five and twentye poundes. Item I give to Richard Chenye Gould Smithe five and twentye pounds. Item I give to my Cosen Nich'las Person and his wief my Uncle Thomas fforman and his wief my Aunt Phillipp Dormer Wid. my Aunt Jane Gunter M^r Robert Bucke and his wief and M^r Clement Buck and his wief M^r Docto^r Taylor my Cosin Edw. Croke and his wiefe to everye on of them a Ringe of gould wth a deathes heade in it of the valewe of twentye shillings. Item I give and bequeathe vnto the pore people to be p'sent at my buriall tenne poundes to be distributed amonge them at my Ex^r and overseers discre'tion. The residue of all my goods chattells cattells reddye mony Debtes plate and other things not herein bequeathed (after my debts and legacies payde and my funerall Charges borne) I give and bequeath vnto my wief Apoline ffayrefax and to my Uncle Edward Vausse equally betweene them to be devided And I make and ordayne the said Apoline my wife and my said Uncle Edward Vausse Executors of this my lest testamente and Overseers thereof I make name and appoynt the sayd George Southwick my ffather in lawe and my friend Richard Cheney hartely prayinge them to be ayinge and helpinge to my Executors by all good meanes they or either of them cann to see this my will in every pointe ["fulfilled" *here erased*] performed accordinge to my good meaninge before declared In regard whereof I have given them theire legacies aforemenc'oned Moreover I doe give to M^r Docto^r Taylor in money tenne shillings. Item I give to my mother's mayds Mary ffoster and Margaret Atkinson in regarde of the paynes taken wth me in my sicknesse fower pounds viz. to eache of them forty shillings. Item I give to Alice Morrice Twenty shillings. Item to Richard Morrice her Uncle I give twenty shillings. Item I give to Xpoher [Christopher] Lepton my boye my lease and interest w^{ch} I haue of and in my shoppe in Lumbert streete to be sold or lett out for his benefite. In witnesse wherof I the sayde William ffayrefax have to this my last Will sett my hande and seale the Seconde daye of December 1595 And in the xxxvijth yeare of the rayne of our Soueraigne Lady queene Elizabeth &c. Moreover I will and my meaninge is that all my lands and tenements wth th'appurten'nces whereof I shall dye seased and all my leases Annuities and such like shall be all sold as fast after my buriall as cann be and the money thereof arisinge to be employed towarde paymente of my debts and legacies and performance of this my will.

WILL^{AM} FFAYREFAX.

Scaled subscribed delivered and Declared by the saide William ffayrefax to be his last Will and Testament in the p'sence of us Edwarde Croke Notarye Publique and of Rob'te Bucke and Clemente Bucke Clemente Bucke [*sic*].

PROBATUM fuit testamentum suprascrip apud London Cora venerabili viro m'ro Will'mo Sewyn Legum doctore Curiae Prerogative Cant. mag'ro Custode sive commissario xij die Decembris Anno Dom. 1595 Juramento Thome Browne* notarij pub. procuratoris Appoline ffairfax rel'c'e et executricis in h'mor testato nominat cui commissa fuit administrac'o bonor uirum et creditor dict Defunct De bene et fidelel'r Administrand eadem ad sancta dei evangelia Jurat Edwardo Vase altero Executor in d'co testamento noiat &c. certis causis raconabilibus et l'timis animu suum in hac p'te movem oneri execuc'onis D'ci testamenti expresse renunciam.

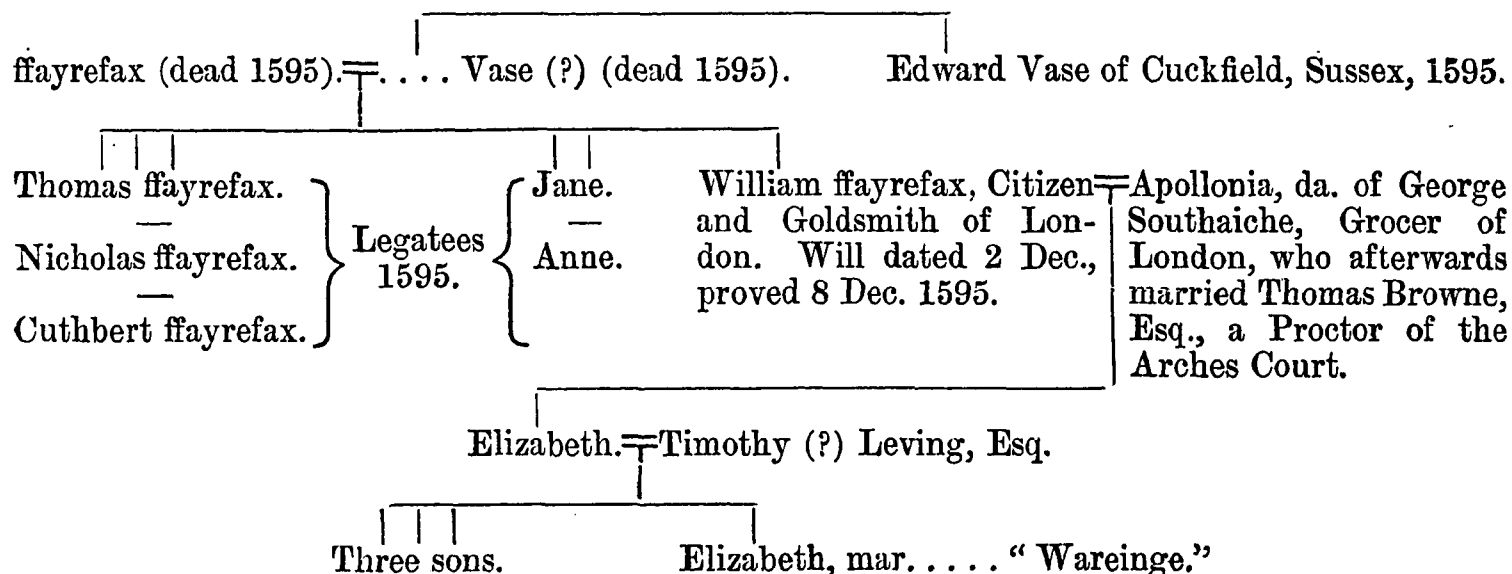
The following PEDIGREE OF FFAYREFAX is compiled from the Visitation of London in 1568 by Robert Cooke (Harl. MS. 1463, fo. 22), collated with, and amplified by, Coll. of Arms Philpot MS. 32, and F. 1, fol. 270.



The arms are: Argent, a lion rampant sable, surmounted by three bars-gemelles gules.
Crest: A lion's head erased sable, charged with three bars-gemelles and a mullet in chief or.

* This may have been the Thomas Browne whom she afterwards married.

The PEDIGREE OF FFAYREFAX as compiled from his will is as follows :—



Copy of the Will of ROBERT PORTER of Stallington. Dated 1568; proved 1587.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The xxixth daye of Aprill in the yere of our Lorde God 1568 I Robert Porter of Stallington in the p^rishe of Stone and countie of Stafford Yeoman beinge sycke of bodye but yet thanks be to God of good and p^rfecte remembrance doe ordayne and constitute this my laste Will and Testamente in manner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeathe my sole and bodye to Almightye God my Creator and Redeemer by whose death and Passion I hope to have a joyful resurrection And my bodye to be buried in the p^rishe Church of Stone. It'm I geve and bequeathe to William Porter my sonne all those my lands and tenements wth there appurtenances lyinge and beinge in the Mere and Fosbrooke wthin the countie of Staff. to have and to holde to hym and to his heirs for ev^r. Alsoe I geve and bequeathe to the Chappell of Fulforde for the reparinge thereof according to the discrec^on of my Executors iij^s iiij^d. Alsoe I geve to fyftie pore howses in Stone ev^rye one of them iiij^d a peece Soe I geve to certen pore howses in Mere ev^rye one iiij^d alsoe. It'm I geve and bequeathe to Anne Porter Daughter to Richard Porter my sonne vj^s xiii^s iiij^d Alsoe I bequeathe to the residue of my sonne Richarde Porter's children ev^rye one of them iiij^s vj^s viij^d Alsoe I bequeathe to my sonne William Porter's children ev^rye one of them iiij^s vi^s viij^d Alsoe I bequeathe to ev^rye one servante in my howse vi^s viij^d. The residue of all my goods and chattells not bequeathed my debts and funeral expences discharged I geve and bequeathe joyntlye to Richarde Porter and William Porter my sonnes whom I ordayne and constitute my true and lawful executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Witnesses Thomas Shelley Raphe Warrelowe Roger Wright Rondullphe Terricke John Porter wth others.

Proved [at Lichfield] 14th October 1587 by William Porter the son one of the Executors, Richo Porter alio Ex^ror mortuo.

Copy of the Will of Mrs. APPOLINA BROWNE, widow of Thomas Browne, Esq., of Shredicote, co. Stafford. Dated and proved 1653. [P.C.C.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The fift day of April in the yeare of o^r Lord God one thousand six hundreth fiftie and three I Apolonia Browne of Shredicoat in the p^rish of Bradeley in the county of Staff. widow being now aged sicke and weakeley in body but of p^rfect and sound memorie (thankes be unto my good God) doe ordaine and make this my last Will and Testam^t in man^r [manner] and forme following: First I com^end my Soule into the hand of my Almightye and most mercifull God and Redeemer, and my body to the earth to be interred as neare as possible vnto the body of my deare husband deceased in the p^rish Church of Bradeley afforesaid in sure and certaine hope of resurrecc^on to eternall lyfe through faith in him and in him & by him and the merit of his most preacious bloode to have inheritance in his heavenly & ev^rlasting Kingdome. And as co^rcerning that worldly estate w^{ch} God hath bestowed upo^r me and I have yet remayning and left: First I give and bequeath unto my sonne William Browne my roane mare, y^e bed he now usually lyeth upo^r bolster pillow, bed cloathes, one paire of sheetes, one pillow-beere, one table cloath and one dozen of flaxen napkins in full satisfacc^on of his childe p^rte. It' I give and bequeath vnto my sonne Edmond Browne my black in foale mare in full satisfacc^on of his childe p^rte and vnto his wife xx^s to buy her a ring, and to his eldest sonne my great cheste in his fathers custodie, and one great gilt spoone y^t [that] was given my sonne Thomas Browne deceased at his Xptening [christening], And to his Daughter Marie Browne now lyving wth me the bed shee usually lyeth upo^r wth the boulder pillow the bed cloathes thereunto belonging one paire of coarse sheets one pillow-beere and one dozen of coarse napkins, and to them two and ev^ry other my said sonnes children and my grand children x^s a piece as a poore remembrance of me their grand-

mother. It[em] I give and bequeath vnto my sonne Edward Browne in full satisfacc'on of his childes p'te my browne bay mare the feather bed boulster pillow vsually lying upo' a truckle bed-steed in the parlor chamber one yellow rugge, a paire blankets, one paire of sheets, one pillow-beere, and one dozen of flaxen napkins. It[em] I give and bequeath vnto my daughter Marie Sturie my bed top and Vallance shee desired of me, one towel one dozen of napkins layd worke marked wth the l're [letter] "A." and one paire of Andirons wth brasse tops in full satisfacc'on of her childes p'te And I give and bequeath unto her two daughters Elizabeth and Rachel Sturie and to either of them xx^s a piece to buy each of them a ring in a small remembrance of me their grandmother. It[em] I give and bequeath vnto my daughter Elizabeth Levinge in full satisfacc'on of her childes porc'on my iron chest gilt table cabinet and China basin and vre that were her fathers and my first husbands deceased and xx^s to buy her a ring and I give and bequeath vnto her three sonnes x^s a piece, and to her daughter Elizabeth Waringe [her father] the golde ring her father deceased by his last Will & Testamen^t gave vnto me. It[em] I give and bequeath vnto my daughter in law M^{rs} Anne Browne xx^s to buy her a ring, and to ev'ry of her children and my sonne George deceased x^s a piece, and more I give & bequeath unto their eldest sonne Thom's Browne my gold seale ring wth armes that was my deare husband M^r Thom's Browne, deceased, his in his lyfe time, and all those my tables, formes, bedsteeds of all sortes, that now are in that end of my house shed my said daughter in law now liveth in and all necessarie utensills fixers or loose for brewing baking making of mault or any other service w^{ch} I leave remaining in my back house and more vnto their daughter Marie Browne one feather bed one boulster, one pillow, bed cloathes, one paire of sheetes, one pillow beere, and one dozen of napkins such as my hereafter named Executrix shall in her discretion thinke fitt and make choyce to deliv' vnto her. It[em] I give and bequeath vnto my servants Robert Clarke William Chew and Marie Bowkler & vnto each of the' xx^s a piece and to ev'ry the rest of my now houshold servants x^s a piece. It[em] I give vnto the poore of the p'ish of Bradeley xx^s to be distributed among them and to M^r Spencer Minister* there for his paines in p'ching a Sermon att my funerall xx^s. And as touching all other my goods rents due vnto me and my cattells & chattells whatsoever (my debts legacies & fun'all expences discharged, w^{ch} I desire may be done w^{thout} any pompe and wth as little cost as well they may) I doe give and bequeath vnto my daughter Apolonia Browne & to her onely use & behoofe, w^{ch} my said daughter Apolonia Browne I doe ordaine constitute & make my sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament and in witnesse hereof I have herevnto put my hand seale the day and yeare above written.

[Seal of Browne arms only.]

Apolonia Browne

Sealed published and declared this here above written to be the last Will & Testam^t of the said Apolonia Browne in the p'nce of Eliza : Stury Tho : Fletcher Walter Aston Will : Keable.

This Will was proved at West^{mr} the fower and twentieth day of August 1653 Before the Judges for p'bate of wills and granting adm^{cons} according to an Act of p'liam^t intituled an Act for p'bate of Wills and granting adm^{cons} by the Oathe of the executrix, etc., To whome was com'itted Adm^{con}, etc., shee being sworne truely to administer,† etc.

Copy of the Will‡ of GEORGE SOUTHAICKE of London. Dated 1604; proved 1607.

[33 Huddleston, P.C.C.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The second daye of August Anno D'ni 1604 and in the second yeere of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord James by the grace of God kinge of England Scotland ffrauunce and Ireland Defend^r of the faith &c. I George Southaicke citezen and grocer of London beinge at this present tyme in p'fect health both of body and mynde (thankes be given to almightie God) callinge to remembrance that as there is nothinge in this world so certen as death, so is the houre thereof most vncertaine, havinge invocated the ayde of God's moste holy spiritt, Deliberately doe ordayne and make this my present testament contayninge therein my last will revokinge abrogatinge and annihillatinge all other former willes heretofore by me made, and this onely to be my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge that is to saye ffirst and before all thinges I com'end my soule into th'ands of Almightye God my creator the faithfull gardian and keeper thereof trustinge and assuredly beleevinge through the merrits death and passion of his dearely beloued sonne Christ Jesus my onely saviour and redeemer without any meanes meritts or deserts of my owne to haue free remission and forgiveness of all my synnes for w^{ch} I doe render to him all immortall praise and glory for ever and ever And as for my body I com'itt the same to the

* Robert Spencer, "Intruding" Vicar of Bradeley 1647, died 1670.

† The *original* will (of which the above is a literal copy) is at Somerset House, and appears to be in the handwriting of the Rev. Thomas Fletcher, B.A., one of the witnesses thereto.

‡ A copy of this will is filed at Somerset House.

earth from whence it came to be buried in such place and such sorte as by the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named shalbe thought fitt and convenient. And whereas I haue heretofore sufficiently aduanced Appalina my daughter in marriage vnto one William ffairfaxe goldsmith the now deceased whose acquainttance I haue testifyinge the same And haue likewise conferred and bestowed vppon my sonne Thomas Southaicke grocer diuers som'es of money at severall tymes before his marriage And also since his marriage I haue giuen to him his wiffe her maide and his man servant two yeares table and dyett with a chamber howseroome and my two warehouses together with free egresse and regresse in and into all my house as my selfe w^{ch} I esteeme worth towarde his aduancement one hundreth poundes sterlinge I have also further willed deuised and freely giuen vnto my said sonne Thomas Southaicke for his full aduancement and in satisfaction of and for his childe's parte and portion of all my goodes chattells and debtes whatsoever in the bargaine and sale of my office of garblersshippe sould and made vnto him the som'e of Two hundreth poundes lawfull Englishe money which I might haue had more for the sale and price thereof then my said sonne Thomas paid or is to paie for the same office as is well knowen to my cozen George Maister Nicholas Person my sonne in lawe Maister Thomas Browne my wiffe and some others And therefore my poore estate considered, he is (as a good and lovinge sonne) to hold himselfe fullie aduanced well contented and satisfied, and to be and remayne a kinde and obedient sonne to his deare and lovinge mother my Executrix [des^r?] notwithstandinge to giue my said sonne and daughter fyll contentment and that they shall not seeke to molest there Mother my deare wiffe for any further parte or portion of my goodes but suffer her peaceablie to haue and enioye the same accordinge to my will intent disposition and bequest hereafter in this my will contained in regard shee hath beene to them a tender and lovinge mother and to me a most kinde and riche wiffe (as is well knowne) and worthie of much more then I am able to leaue vnto her Therefore I give and bequeath vnto my said welbeloved daughter Appalina Browne the wife of Maister Thomas Browne gentleman the som'e of twenty poundes of good and lawfull money of England to be paid vnto her within one yeare nexte after my decease And I doe give and bequeath vnto my sonne in lawe the said Thomas Browne one ringe of golde of the valewe of forti shillings and tenne poundes in money for a gentle remembrance and a token of the loue and goodwill which I have ever borne vnto him having receiued the like goodwill and kindnes in his love and paines taken ever for me much more then I am able to requite for lacke of abilitie To be delivered vnto him within one yeare after my decease, therewithall desiringe him to continewe his love and kindness in goodwill likewise from tyme to tyme vnto my lovinge wiffe Elizabeth Southaicke w^{ch} I doubt not but that he will. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto my welbeloved sonne Thomas Southaicke Fortie poundes of lawfull Englishe money and tenn poundes to my good daughter his wife that nowe is to be paid to either of them within one yeare after my decease if they or either of them be then livinge at that daye by my Executrix Provided allwaies and my will mynde and intent is that if either my sonne Thomas Southaicke or my said daughter Browne Doe at any tyme after my decease challenge clayme or demande any childe's parte and portion of my goode as due or belonginge to them or either of them by the custome of the Cittie of London or shall molest or trouble my said wiffe and Executrix for any such parte or portion by way of suite action complainte or otherwise Then I will that all and everie the legacie and legacies guiftes and bequeasts given vnto them and either of them and also given vnto my said sonne in law Thomas Browne and daughter in lawe Southaicke shalbe frustrate voyd and of none effect Provided also and my further will and meaninge is that if the said Thomas Southaicke my sonne Doe not paye and discharge all suche debts bondes and recognizances wherein I stand bound for him either for the portion of my grand chield Elizabeth ffayrefax in Guildhall London or to the maister and wardens in Grocers Hall or otherwise and doe not save me my Executors and administrators harmeles towchinge the said bondes and recognizances and everie of them And also Doe not performe all such covenantes as are betweene him and me And doe not put in his bond into the Chamber of London for his due observation and true execution of the office of Garblinge accordinge to the tenor of my handes and be not bounde to saue me harmeles and doe not take out my old bond which should haue beene done or this daye, which my brother Mr Robert Smithe well knoweth what belongeth therevnto in like case as I was urged to discharge Maister Saunders some tyme garbler I saye yf he Doe not performe all and everie the matter clauses and thinges above said and saue me and my Executrix harmeles and free of and from them and every of them Then the said severall legacies and bequeasts to him and his said wiffe to cease and be vtterlie voyde. Item I doe gyve and bequeath vnto all and every such my grandchildren which shalbe livinge at my decease that is to saye all the children of my brother (*sic*) Appalina Browne either by her first husband or by my said sonne Browne all the children of my late sonne Humfry Southaicke and all the children of my said sonne of my said sonne Thomas Southaicke viz^t to everie one of my said children's children Three poundes five shillings and eight pence a piece Desiringe the Lorde in Mercy for his sonne Christ Jesus sake soe to blesse and protect them with his holie spiritt that they may all liue in his feare to the comforte of their parents and die in his favoure the dear children of God vppon whome they must onelie trust. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto my welbeloved kinsmen and kinde friendes viz^t to my lovinge brother in lawe Maister Thomas fforman Skynner, and to my Cosen Maister Nicholas Parson Skinner and to my lovinge friend Maister Robert Smithe Marchauntaylor and controller of the chamber of the Cittie of London to everie one of them a ringe of gold of the value of forti shillings price apeice with my kinde love and good will for a small token of remembrance, to be

paid by my Executrix herevnder named within one whole yeare after my decease if they be then severally and respectively lyvinge Desiringe them and every of them to contynue their accustomed goodnes and favours towards my wiffe and children And that they would be readie and willing to doe them any good they canne both with their councell and good direction if any question should chaunce to rise or growe amongst my said wiffe and children about this my said last will and Testament which God in mercye graunte there be not. Item I doe further give and bequeath to my kinde and lovinge sister in lawe Mistris Gunter wyddowe and to my good and lovinge sister fforman to either of them the like ringe of golde of fortie shillings price apeice to be delivered to them or either of them lyvinge at my decease within the tyme nexte aboue expressed.

Item I doe further giue and bequeath vnto the poore afflicted people in the Hospitall of Bridewell (whereof I am a poor governor) the som'e of iij^l vi^s viij^d of lawfull Englishe money to be paid vnto the Treasurer for the tyme beinge of the said Hospitall within sixe monethes nexte after my decease uppon condic'on that they the said Governors which shall be then livinge or of so many of them as canne conveniently and maye doe accompanie my bodye to the grounde (if I doe dye in London) in so decent a manner as in the like case is accustomed beinge thereunto requested Desiringe them to accept thereof althoughe it be but smale even as the Lord accepted of the poore widdowes myte whoe gaue of her store and was more com'ended then they that gaue of their superfluitie much more, and that they do dispose of it towards the releevinge of the said poore, as to their godlie wisdomes and good discretions shall seeme moste convenient And I doe further giue and bequeath vnto the most poore and needie people of the ward where I shall dye in London the som'e of iij^l vj^s viij^s to be paide within sixe monethes next after my decease by my Executrix if I dye in London els not And further my will and mynd is that request be made vnto the worshipfull Companie of the Grocers of the Cittie of London (whereof I am a poore member) that they my bretheren of the liuery of the same company or so many of them as convenientlye may, would be pleased to accompanie my bodie to the grounde in such decent and comely manner as in like case hath byn accustomed, If I doe die in London And in token of my loue and kinde hart towarde them I doe giue and bequeathe to them the som'e of tenne poundes towards the makinge of them a dinner or banquet the same day of my buriall (or els at any other tyme within one moneth) after my said buryall for their repast to giue God thanks for their meetinge, after their paines taken if I dye in London els as the said guifte of tenne poundes to be voyde. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto my welbeloved and kinde frend William Morres Marchauntaylor and to his wyffe and either of them a ringe of gold of the value of xxx^s apeice to be deliuered vnto them within three monethes nexte after my decease yf they be then livinge. Item I doe giue vnto my two old poore servantes Mabell Morris and Margaret Johnson widdowe to eache of them x^s apeice and such cast apparell as my Executrix will please to bestowe on them and on either of them to be delivered and paid to them and either of them within three monethes after my decease by my Executrix. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto my maide servante that dwells with me at the hower of my decease and that contynue in service with my wiffe in all good and dutifull sorte duringe their tyme x^s a peece to be paid to them or any of them by my Executrix at their honest departures havinge the love and goodwill of my Executrix. Item I doe further giue and bequeath vnto my said sonne Thomas Southaicke vnder the promises and condicions aboue mentioned by him to be observed fulfilled (and not otherwise) all my three Cittizens gownes and my livery hood and my ringe with armes my veluett and satten coates and my black cloake faced with veluett, and one broad lace aboute it, to be delivered him by his lovinge and deare Mother my Executrix within a certen tyme after my decease And I will that vpon the payment and deliverie of the said severall legacies and bequeastes given unto my said sonne Thomas Southaicke in this my will he shall make seale and deliuer vnto his said mother my Executrix a generall release and full discharge of all childes part and portion of my goodes whatsoever which he might maie or shall clayme or demande by the custome of the Cittie of London which if he refuse to doe then noe part of the said legacies to be paid vnto him but to be voyd And I doe give vnto George Southaicke his sonne my godsonne after the decease of his father my said seale of Armes in gold when he comes to sixtene yeares of age if he be then livinge if not then I giue the same seale of armes vnto John Southaicke the sonne of my said late sonne Humfrie Southaicke deceased if he be then livinge if not then I will that George Browne my said daughter Appaline's sonne shall haue my said ringe of armes for ever if he doe survive the rest And I giue to Thomas Browne the sonne of my daughter Appalina Browne my ringe with a deathes head in gold for ever to enioye the same after my decease All the rest and residue of all and singular my goodes chattells cattels househould stuffe plate readie money and debtes whatsoever after my debtes and legacies paid and funerall discharged I doe giue and bequeath vnto my said deare and welbeloued wiffe Elizabeth Southaicke whome I ordaine and make the sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament requestinge her in regarde of my greate losses susteyned within lesse then twentie yeares both by sea and land and in regard of bad debtors and suche like for aboue the some of seaven thousand poundes And yet I thanke my God there was never man nor woman in England nor out of England that ever lost anythinge by me to my knowledge I blesse my God for it, that hath ever releevd me in all my losses crosses and troubles that shee my said wiffe will rest contented with that my abilitie will afford prayinge her further that shee would not bestowe at my funerall any extraordinarie charges either in blackes or any other mourninge outward garmente in regard I cannot leaue her in soe good estate as willingly I would and as shee hath well deserved at my handes hopinge she will deale advisedly and be directed

by good counsell in her proceedinge for her owne good and to carry a contented mynde in the feare of God and for the love she hath ever borne vnto me from the daie of our first meeting vntill the daye of our last partinge And I doe make and appointe my sonne Thomas Southaicke Marchaunt and my sonne in lawe Maister Thomas Browne overseers of this my last Will and Testament Desiringe them and all the rest of my good and lovinge friendes even for God's sake to be readie and willinge to keepe my said wiffe and children in the due execution hereof for the quiett and good distribution of those small talents which the Lord by me his humble servant shall vouchsafe to leaue vnto them by this my will But cheiflie I hartely and humbly praie and beseeche the Lord to plante in the hartes of my said lovinge wiffe and children respectively those Christian dueties that become a lovinge mother And in the duetie of a lovinge husband towards his wiffe And of a lovinge father towards his children I doe hartely and earnestlie hereby exhorte them to vnitie amity and concord and that everie of them wilbe readie and willinge w^t her to suffer then to doe wronge applyinge to theire hartes the example of Abraham the Godly father of nations and our grandfather accordinge to Promise whoe in meekenes and humblenes of spiritt said vnto Lott his sister's sonne, Lett there be noe striffe I praie thee betweene thee and me neither between my heardmen and thine for wee are bretheren if thou wilt take the left hand then will I goe to the right, or if thou goe to the right hand then I will take the lefte And soe humbly desiringe the Lord of heaven and earth whoe blessed Abraham and his howse to blesse me and my howse and to give us of the dewe of heaven and such a competent portion of the fatnes of the Earth as he in his wisdome shall see to be best for vs I send this my present testament and last will humbly com'ittinge myselfe and them to His fatherlie protection sayinge as Jacob said when he was blessinge his children O Lord I have waited for thie saluation. In witnes whereof I the said George Southaicke haue herevnto sett my seale and subscribed my name the daye and yeere first above written.

GEORGE SOUTHAICKE.*

MEMORANDUM that this present Testament or last will conteyned in foure sheets of paper was sealed subscribed publyshed and acknowledged by the said George Southaicke for his last will and testament the vth daye of August 1604 in the presence of vs Thomas Browne, Robert Hewett, Ralphe Hope, Hughe Wrighte.

PROBATUM fuit Testamentum supra scriptum apud London vicesimo tertio die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo Septimo.

Copy of the Will of RICHARD BROWNE of King's Swinford. Dated and proved 1575.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the vijth day of January in the yeare of o^r Lorde 1575 I Richard Browne of the p^rishe of Kings Swinford in the countie of Stafford Collyar being sicke in bodye but of sounde & p^rfecte memory thanks be unto Almightye God make & ordayne this my p^rsent Testament & laste Will in maner & forme following Firste I bequeath my solle unto Almightye God trusting to be saved by the onely bloude sheading & merites of Jesu Christe my savio^r & redemer & my bodye to be buried in the churche yarde of Kings Swinford aforesaid. It'm I gyve and bequeathe unto Richard & Raffe my sonnes x[£] of good and lawfull mony of England that is to saye to eache of them v[£] a peece to be payd unto them at the age of xxiⁱⁱ yeares or at any tyme before yf my executors shall so thinke meete & conveniente. It'm I gyve & bequeath to Anne Elizabeth & Alice my daughters xv[£] in moneye iij paire of sheetes & iij pewter platters that is to saye to ev^y one of them v[£] in moneye one paire of sheetes & one pewter platter their said Legacye or porcion to be delyv^red to ev^y one of them the xvj^{teen} yeare of their ages or els at the daye of their mariage at the discretion of my executors Provided always that yf any of my above named children shall departe owte of this p^rsente Lyfe before the tyme above specified & not having receaved their said legacy or porcion then I will that the said legacye or porcion of hym or her or so manye of them as shall so happen to departe owte of this p^rsent Lyfe shalbe equally devided & remayne amonge them then that shall remayne alyve. It'm I make and ordeyne John Hodgetts & Raffe Browne my father my Executors to see this my Testament & Will accomplished & fulfilled. The residue of all my goodes unbequeathed my detts being payd my legacies p^rformed my funerall expences discharged I gyve and bequeathe unto Jone my wyfe. Also I gyve unto my above named executors for their paynes taking xiiij^s iiij^d that is to say eache of them vj^s viij^d. Theis beinge witnesses Henry Pratt Curate Raffe Browne & Richard Ruston of Dudley.

Proved [at Lichfield] 23rd March 1575.

* George Southaicke was the 5th son of William Southaicke (of an ancient Cumberland family which became extinct in the last century) by his wife Isabel Hutton. He married in St. Michael's, Cornhill, 28 Jan. 1565, Elizabeth, dau. of Philip Gunter, Alderman of London. Alderman Gunter was buried at St. Michael's, Cornhill, 5 March 1583, æt. 92. His dau., Mrs. Southaicke, was bur. in the same vault 7 June 1621. For particulars of pedigree and right to bears arms, *vide* Harl. MS. 1463, fol. 64, and 1096; Coll. Arms, Philipot MS. 32; Visitation of London, 1568. A long account of George Southaicke will be found in 'Remembrancia.'

Copy of the Will of JOHN BROWNE of Meere. Dated 1651, proved 1664.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the eaight day of November 1651 I John Browne of Meere in the p'ish of Careswall and countye of Stafforde husbandman beinge weake in bodye but of good and p'fecte memorye praised be God for the same doe make and ordaine this my testament wherein I doe declare my last Will in manner and forme followinge (that is to say) First and principally I bequeath my soule into the hands of Allmightye God my Maker and to Jhesus Christ my redeemer by whose death and passion I hope to have forgivenes of my sinnes and inheritance in the Kingdome of Heaven and concerninge my worldly goods w^{ch} God hath endowed me w^{thall} I give and bequeath as hereafter followeth (that is to say) First I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ellen v[£] to build up her house w^{ch} sayd v[£] shall be kept in mine Executors hands till the buildinge be finished. I likewise give unto Margaret Poulston xx^s to be paid unto her w^{thin} one whole year next after my decease. I likewise give unto George Deane Humfrey Deane Anne Deane and Sarah Deane to eych one of them twelve pence. I likewise give bequeath and assign over unto Anne Browne my lovinge wife and Thomas Browne my sonne all the proffitts commodities and advantages that can or may be raysed out of certain grounds w^{ch} I hould of M^r Harrison of Newcastle for the n'rall life of Thomas Tabberner knowne or called by the name of the Longedoolee now divided into fower parts And also of the dwellinge house wherein I now live and the backside thereunto belonginge w^{ch} I hould for the n'rall lives of Thomas Austin of Meere Lane and Grace his wife to be equallye devided betwene my sayd wife and my sonne they payinge and discharginge all such rents duties and services as are dew and payable for the same And if it happen my sayd sonne to survive and overlive my wife that then the whole proffitts shalbee and remaine unto my sayd sonne his executors administrators and assignes duringe the continuance of the same leases and assign'ents w^{ch} I hould by. And concerninge the rest of all my goods chattels and cattels moveable and immoveable quicke and dead the legacies beinge dischargd my debts payd and my funerall expences dischargd I give and bequeath unto my sayd wife and my sonne to be equally devided betwene them And of this my testament and last Will I make and ordaine my sayd wife and my sonne my sole Executors revokinge all former Wills and testam^{ts} whatsoever. In wittnes whereof I the said John Browne have hereunto put my hande the day and yeare first above written my minde and will is further before the sealinge and delivery hereof that if my wife cannot agree to live together wth my sonne as formerly that she shall have fower pounds a yeare payd her by my sonne duringe her life if they lives in beinge doe soe longe live These beinge wittnesses :

The marke + of William Cookes the elder.
Robert Cooper.

JOHN BROWNE.

Proved 29th October 1664 by the oath of Anna Browne, Widow, the Relict, reserving a power for Thomas Browne the son the other Executor.

Personal estate £92 18s. 4d.

Copy of the Will of APOLLONIA BROWNE of Shredicot, co. Stafford. Dated and proved 1659.
[P.C.C.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Appolonia Browne of the Rule in the Parish of Bradley in the County of Stafford Spinster being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory (prayse bee given to Almighty God for the same) & knoweing the vncertainty of this life on earth and being desirous to settle things in order doe make this my last Will & Testam^t in manner and forme followeing, (That is to say) First and principally I comend my Soule to Almighty God my Creator assuredly beleevinge That I shall receive full pardon & free Remission of all my synnes and bee saued by the p'cious death & meritte of my blessed Sauour & Redeemer Christ Jesus and my body to the earth from whence itt was taken to bee buryed [*built**] in the Vault built by old S^r Philip Gunter in y^e Church of S^t Michael Cornhill London And as touchinge such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath Lent me, my will & meaneing is the same shall bee Employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is expressed First my will & meaneing is That my just debts shall bee paid and satisfied And that after the same are payd and satisfied and my funerall expences discharged the residue of my Estate shall bee disposed of in manner & forme followeing (That is to say) I give vnto my Brother M^r William Browne Twenty pounds due and oweing vnto me from M^r Edenbrooke And I likewise give vnto my said brother my mare called by the name of Stair Mare & the Curteyns & Valens belonginge to y^e bed called the Blew bed one Chest wth Drawyers one Chayre & too stooles suteable therevnto in the Dyneing Roome. Item I giue vnto my Brother M^r Edmund Browne one feather bed whereon I vsed to lye & two payre of sheets. Item I giue vnto my Brother M^r Edward Browne the sum'e of Twenty poundes Ten pounds whereof hee is to receive of M^r Chetwy'd of Church Eaton [*of*] in y^e County aforesaid and all the interest due for the same the same being due vnto me by bond & the other ten pounds hee is to receive out of the monyes w^{ch} shall bee raysed vpon y^e sale of my stock in Bradly afores'd w^{ch} shall bee paid him by my Executo^r hereafter named And alsoe I doe giue vnto him a Colt & one Chest wth drawyers in the Kitchen Chamber &

* Words printed in italics within brackets are struck out with the pen in the original.

the feather bed w^{ch} my sisster Leuinge hath of mine & y^e Greene Curtyns belonginge to the same in which I vsed to lye & one mare called by the name of Button. Item I give unto my Sisster Levinge one downe bed wth a payre of p. Blanketts thereto belonginge & one twenty shilling peece of gold. Item I Giue and bequeath vnto my Sister Mary Sterry one twenty shilling peece of gold And the pin pillow w^{ch} her Daughter wrought wth the Effigies of the King & Queene thereon and the interest of y^e money w^{ch} shee oweth mee. Item I give vnto Thomas Browne sonne of my brother George Browne one peper mill wth all y^e Implem^{ts} belonging thereto w^{ch} were formerly fixed to y^e howse att Shredicoat and fifty pounds in money to bee paid vnto him out of the one hundred pounds debt due vnto mee by bond from my Lord Aston soe soone as my Executo^r shall receiue the same. Item I give vnto George Browne youngest sonne of my brother George Browne two Ewes and two Lambs and fifty pounds in money w^{ch} fifty pounds is to bee p^d him out of the one hundred pounds due from my Lord Aston afores^d. Item I giue vnto Appolonya Browne daughter of my said brother George Browne one feather bed w^{ch} is in the [*feth*] Chamber comonly called Joanes Chamber & fifty pounds in money w^{ch} is to bee paid her out of the money due by Bond from S^r Thomas Whitgrave w^{ch} is fifty pounds. Item I give unto Elizabeth Browne one other of the daughters of my said brother George Browne two Ewes & two Lambs & fifty pounds in money w^{ch} is to bee paid her out of the money due by bond to me from M^r W. Morton. Item I giue & bequeath vnto Mary Browne youngest daughter of my s^d brother George Browne two hundred and fifty pounds w^{ch} money is to bee paid her by my Executo^r out of the monyes hereafter to bee rec^d out of the monyes hereafter menc^oned That is to say from S^r Wolson Dixsey Kn^t one hundred pounds from M^r Bing one hundred pounds and from M^r Walter Tayler fifty pounds out of w^{ch} said two hundred & fifty pounds my will & meaning is shee shall pay yeerly and eu^y yeere vnto Mary Browne eldest daughter of my brother Edmund Browne six pounds a yeere during her Life. Item I alsoe give vnto my said Cozen Mary Browne youngest daughter of my said brother George Browne a dyamond Ring one Chynah dish halfe of my weareing Lynnen one Tye a Lockett & a payre of pearle band strings. Item I give & bequeath vnto Thomas Browne eldest sonne of my Brother Edmund Browne twenty pounds to bee paid him out of my stock remayneing att my howse att Bradly aforesaid when the same shall bee sould. Item I give vnto William Browne one other of y^e sons of my s^d brother Edmund forty pounds to bee p^d vnto him out of my stock att Bradley aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath vnto Philip Browne one other of y^e sons of my said brother Edmund thirty pounds [*out of*] to bee paid vnto [*mee b*] him out of y^e monyes due vnto me by bond from M^r Hinton. Item I give & bequeath vnto Walter Mergarett & Dorothy Browne three other of the Children of my s^d brother Edmund Five pounds a peece ten pounds whereof Mergarett & Dorothy are to receiue from M^r Walker [*Hinton*] being a debt due vnto mee by bond and the other fiue pounds Walter is to receiue out of my stock att Bradly afores^d. Item I giue & bequeath vnto Mary Browne eldest daughter of my brother Edmund one bed and blankets in her Chamber & one payre of Flaxen sheets two pillow beers twelve napkyns and all my best wearing Clothes w^{ch} I have here in London and two pounds in money towards the buying of her mourneing And I doe likewise give her six pounds a yeere to bee p^d her imediately after my decease by my Coz. Mary Browne according [*as a*] as is above Expressed. Item I giue vnto Charles and Elizabeth Browne two other of y^e Children of my said brother Edmund ten pounds a peece to bee p^d unto them out of the Eighty pounds due vnto me [*fr*] by bond from m^r Jennens. Item I giue vnto all the rest of my brother Edmunds Children w^{ch} are now lyveing & not before menc^oned the sum^e of twenty pounds a peece w^{ch} is to bee p^d vnto them out of y^e one hundred pounds due from M^r Stanley and the other three score pounds remayneing due from m^r Jennens.

Item I give unto Edward Browne sonne of my s^d brother Edward Browne the sum^e of fiue pounds and a Colt to bee p^d vnto him out of the xx^{li} remayneing of m^r Jennens money there being but seuen score pounds bequeathed & Eight score pounds menc^oned to y^e Children of my brother Edmund not yet named there being but seauen now Lyveing. I doe giue vnto my Cozen

Mn. That the words It'm I give to Sarah Walker xxs. & a litle bed & to Mergt. Walker 5s. were interlined before the sealeing & publishing hereof.

John Southwarke twenty shillings & to my Cozen Randolph Birds wife twenty shillings & a payre of flaxen sheetes. Item I giue vnto my Cozen Elizabeth Kniveton one two & twenty shilling peece of gold one quilt two Chynah dishes one diaper table Cloth & twelue Napkyns. Item I giue to her sonne Sterry Kniveton one siluer pottinger. It'm I giue vnto my Cozen Thomas Kniveton one pott wth a siluer Couer. Item I giue unto my Cozen Elizabeth Warren the sum^e of twenty shillings. Item I giue vnto my Servants att y^e Rule afores^d (viz^t) to Joane & William Chew Twenty shilling a peece & to my servant Richard ten shillings & to George Jonathan & Dorothy fiue shillings a peece. Item I giue vnto my Cozin John Standly of Austyn twenty shillings. Item I giue to y^e poore of y^e parish of Bradly twenty shillings & to y^e poore of the parish of Gnosall ten shillings. Item I giue unto y^e Ministers of y^e p^rishes of Bradly & Gnosall ten shillings a peece. Item I giue vnto William Barker Elizabeth Baccus Isabell Jenkyn & Thomas Pynley all foure of the p^rish of Bradley aforesaid fiue shillings a peece. Item I giue unto my Cozen William Leuinge a twenty shilling peece of gold. Item I give to my Cozen Rachell Cockaine a Eleven shilling peece of gold w^{ch} was my sisters and a French Crowne in gold. Item I giue vnto my Cozen Randolph Bird y^e younger the sum^e of ten shillings. Item I giue vnto my Cozen Francis Leuing one Table Cloth & twelve Napkyns of Diaper one Gilt Glasse a Lookeing glasse fower silver spoones and a Chest bound wth Iron. Item I giue vnto my Landlady Hynd ten shillings & to her Mayd fiue shillings. Item I

giue to Sarah Walker twenty shillings and a litle bed. It'm I giue to Margett Walker fiae shillings. Item my will is that if my Exec^{rs} hereafter named doe or shall receive any money by vertue of a certaine Decree made in the High Cor^t of Chan^{ry} wherein I amongst others am pl't That then the s^d money bee equally distributed among my Nephewes & Neece's afore named And my further will and meaneing is that the interest of y^e moneyes due from y^e seu'all p'sons above named shall bee to satisfie such petty Legacies as I haue bequeathed by this my Will and if the same bee not sufficient to pay them then they are to bee p'd out of my stock at Bradley and that after the same are p'd & satisfied the residue of my Estate shall bee to my Exec^r hereafter named. Item I doe desire my Lo. kinsman M^r Francis Leuing to bee Overseer of this my last Will & Testam^t to see all things p'formed & executed according to y^e true meaning hereof and in Recompence of his Care & Trouble herein I doe giue him Ten pounds in gold to bee p'd unto him out of the seauenty pounds in gold remaineing at my howse in Bradly And my will & pleasure is that hee shall bee reimburs'd & allowed all such sum'es of money whatsoeu' by my Execut^r out of my Estate w^{ch} hee shall any wayes expend in seeing this my Will p'formed. And Lastly I doe publish and declare this to bee my last will & Testam^t & hereof doe Constitute & appoint my Lo. brother M^r Edmund Browne to bee my sole Executo^r Revokeing disanulling & makeing voyd all former Wills whatsoev'. IN WITNES WHEREOF I have herevnto sett my hand & seale the second day of March in the yeer of o^r Lord one Thousand six hundred fifty & Eight.

[Signed] APOLLONIA BROWNE.

Signed Sealed & published in the p'sence of Rand' Bird Mary Browne.

The m'ke H of Mary Hind. The mark w of Sarah Walker.

This Will was proved att London y^e 18th day of Aprill 1659 before the Judges for p'b't of Wills and granting of Ad^{cons} lawfully auth'ized by the Oath of Edmund Browne the brother and sole Executor &^c to whom was granted Ad'c'on &^c he being first sworne truly to Ad^{tre}* &^c.

Copy of Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of EDWARD BROWNE of Bentley, co. Derby. Dated 1679.

On the fifteenth day of January 1678-9 Letters of Administration of the personal Estate of Edward Browne late of Bentley in the parish of Langford in the County of Derby Gentleman deceased who died intestate were granted by the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Lichfield to Edmund Browne of Hungry Bentley in the said County Gentleman the natural and lawful brother of the said deceased he having been first sworn duly to administer.

Personal Estate £71 3s. 4d.

[Signed]

Edm Browne

Edm^d Browne †

Copy of the Will of APOLINA BROWNE of Shredicote, co. Stafford. Dated and proved 1691.
[Lichfield.]

THIS IS THE WILL nuncupative‡ of Apolina Browne of Shreddicote in the parish of Bradeley in the county of Stafford Spinster on or about the twenty second day of January in the second year [1691] of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne lord & lady Will'm & Mary King and Queene over England etc. First she did give and bequeath vnto her Brother M^r Thomas Browne Five pounds And to her Brother M^r George Browne Ten pounds And to her Brother John Phillips and his wife each of them five pounds And to her sister Dickenson Twenty Guineas And to her cozen§ James Browne son of her said Brother Thomas Browne Fowrscore pounds to be paid to him when he should attaine unto the age of twenty & one yeares And to her cosens George Browne & Anne Browne sonne & daughter of her said Brother George Browne each of them twenty pounds And to her cosen Anne Phillips daughter of her said Brother Phillips forty pounds and to her cozen Mary Phillips one other of the daughters of her said Brother Phillip Twenty pounds and to her

* The *original* will is filed at Somerset House.

† The additional facsimile is taken from an autograph subscribed to the title-deeds of the Hungry-Bentley property.

‡ A will made by word of mouth.

§ *Sic*. This should be *nephew*.

Nephews & Nieces her Brothers and sisters children every of them one guiney And ten pounds for the use of the poore inhabitants of the parish of Bradeley afforesaid the interest thereof to be paid yearly to them for ever And to the poor at the discretion of her Executors And the said Apolina Browne did ordaine her sisters M^{rs} Elizabeth Phillips and M^{rs} Mary Dickenson her Executors of this her last Will.

Published and declared by the said Apolina Browne as her last Will in the presence of.

I doe freely give my consent that my sister M^{rs} Elizabeth Phillips my sister M^{rs} Mary Dickenson one or both of them shall bee Executrix to the last Will of my sister M^{rs} Appolina Browne deceased. Witnesse my hand this first of July 1691.

[Signed] GEORGE BROWNE.

Proved 3rd July 1691. Personal estate £340.

Copy of the Will of JAMES BROWNE of Pattingham, co. Stafford. Dated and proved 1701.
[Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I James Brown of Copley in the parish of Pattingham and County of Stafford gent. being weake in body but of good and perfect minde and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God for his mercy therein do make and ordain this my present last Will and Testament in manor and form following Revokeing and makeing voyde by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made and declared eyther by word or by writeing and this to be taken onely for my last Will and Testament (That is to say) first and prinsipally I Cummend my Soul into the hands of Almighty god hoping through the merits Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgievnes of all my Sins and to inherit everlasting life And my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And as touching the disposition of all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased god Almighty to bestow upon me I Give and Dispose thereof as followeth First I will and desire that all my debts and Funeral Charges be payd and dischargd. Item I give unto Margret Browne my loving Wife four fether beds and three under-beds and one sett of Curtaines together with all Blankets Rugs and Coverlids belonging to the said four fether beds and also one dozen of Lether Cheirs and an Ovall Table being now in the parlor Also twelve pewter dishes one pewter cheese plate and pewter pey plate, a dozen and halfe of pewter plates halfe a dozen of porringers all which said pewter is marked with an ID. also two brass pots and a Marmett Also one paire of bedsteds two little side tables one large grate and two paire of tongues and fire shovell half a dozen of Cheires also one hollond Sheite two paire of flaxen sheites two paire of hempten sheites two dozen of flaxen napkins one dozen of other napkins toghether with all other linneng barrells tubs and all other furniture and goods that did belongue to Margrett my said Wife before she was married unto me the said James Browne. Item for the rest of my goods Chattells and Cattell movable and unmovable quick and dead after my funerall Expenses shall be discharged I give and bequeathe Unto Margrett Phillips my loving Sister in Lawe And do make and Constituteher sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hoping that she will performe it according to the true intent and meaning thereof. In Wittness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the twenty seventh day of Aprill Anno Dom. 1701 And what ever shall be remayning after my Legaseys debts and funerall Expenses shall be discharged I will and desire shall be equally devided betwixt my daughter Elizabeth Brown and my Daughter Mary Browne Also I give twelve pence to my Sone Thomas Browne & twelve pence to my Son James Brown.

James Brown

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Wil. Walford Francis Taylor Tho. Oldbury Jn' Robert Devey.

Proved on the twenty-fourth day of May 1701 by the Oath of Margaret Phillips the sole Executrix.

Amount of Inventory £294 13s. 6d.

Copy of the Will* of THOMAS BROWNE, Esq., of Bentley, co. Derby. Dated 1708.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Thomas Browne of Bentley in the P'sh of Longford & County of Derby Esq^{re} being weake in body but of sound and p'fect mind and memory praised be Almighty God for the same and Considering the frailty and uncertainty of this mortall Life Doe make and

* Careful search has been made at Somerset House and at the Diocesan Registry at Lichfield, but no record of probate of this will can be found. The above is a copy of a copy of the will now preserved with the title-deeds of the Hungry-Bentley estate.

ordain this my last Will & Testam^t in man^r & forme following (that is to say) first and principally I comitt my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creat^r who gave it me most assuredly trusting and confiding by & through the merritts and mediac^ons of the L^d Jesus Christ my Saviour to receive pardon of all my sins And my Body I remit to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently bury'd in Xtian manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named And as for that temporall estate wherewth it hath pleas'd God to bless me I doe order & dispose thereof as followeth Imp^s I give devise and bequeath to my son Thomas Browne during the terme of his life the Man^r House or Capitall messuage wherein I doe now live wth all Orchards Gardens Building Barns Stables Hereditam^{ts} and appurtenances thereto belonging and all that my Park as the same is now inclosed and paled in lying & being in Bentley afores^d and Middleton Park and the Houses & Buildings therein and all those Closes and p^cells of Ground wth their appurtenances called the Coal Closes, the Willfield the Greens now divided into three closes, the Gillmans Close & the Coltshay Close, and my will & mind is that my s^d son Tho. Browne shall settle and convey all that my estate at Brampton in the County of Derby unto & upon the three Trustees hereafter named for the terme and time of nine years towards the paym^t of my debts and Legacys & afterward my will and mind is that my s^d son Tho. Browne shall settle & convey my s^d estate at Brampton unto & upon my son Rup^t Browne and to the heirs males of his Body hereafter Lawfully to be begotten and for default of such Issue to the use & behoofe of Rup^t Browne my Grandson & to his heirs for ever and my will and mind further is that my s^d son Rup^t Browne doe & shall at the time of such settlem^t and conveyance made to him as above directed will & truly pay or cause to be payd to the three Trustees hereafter named the full sume of five hundred pounds of good money towards the paym^t of my debts & Legacys. Item whereas Merry Simpson Esqe. hath a mortgage of an Estate of mine at Marston Mountgomory Wardley and Rocester in trust for the use of his sister the wife of my s^d son Tho. Browne, now my will and mind is that if he the s^d Merry Simpson shall & will Relinquish the s^d mortgage and p^mitt & suffer the Rents Issues and proffitts of the said last menc^oned lands to be imploy'd and dispos'd of by my trustees towards the paym^t of debts and Legacys, Then my Will and mind is & I doe hereby give devise & bequeath to my said Daughter in Law (In case she shall survive her s^d Husband) the house I now live in wth all Gardens Orchards Barn's Stables and Yards thereunto belonging and all that ffarme or Tenem^t now in the tenure and possession of John Smith & that parcell of Ground that William Billinge formerly Rented and now in the possession of the s^d John Smith and those Closes called the Coal Closes the Wellfield the Greens and all that ffarme or tenem^t now in the Tenure of Tho. Tattlow and alsoe all that ffarme or tenem^t now in the tenure and possession of Rich^d Kirkland wth their and every of their appurtenances for and during the time & tearme of her naturall life, in hopes & to y^e intent she may be kind unto her Daughters. Item I give devise and bequeath all that my Man^r and Lords'p of Alkmanton with the Appurtenances in the County of Derby (except as hereafter is by me otherwise dispos'd of) and all that my estate at Brampton and Worsopp and either of them in the County's of Derby afores^d and Nottingham And all that my estate at Marston Mountgomory Wardley and Rocester and every of them, and all other my Lands in Bentley & Middleton Park afores^d unto my Trusty & well beloved ffreinds Henry Vernon of Sudbury in the County of Derby Esq^r Merry Simpson of Barton Parke in the County of Derby afores^d Esq^r & John Hurd of Styd in the County of Derby afores^d Gentⁿ for the time & terme of nine years to be accounted from the time of my Decease upon this speciall trust and confidence nevertheless and to the Intent and purpose, that they the s^d Henry Vernon Merry Simpson & John Hurd or any two of them doe and shall out of and wth the Rents and yearly proffitt of the s^d Land and premisses last menc^oned pay and discharge all such my Debts and Legacys as to them my s^d Trustees or any two of them shall appear and seem to be just and reasonable, and alsoe the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds for the use and behoofe of my s^d son Thomas Browne. Item after the end and expiration of the s^d term of nine years in case my s^d son Thomas Browne doe and shall neglect and refuse to convey assure and settle all that my afores^d estate at Brampton unto and upon my s^d son Rupert Browne in manner and forme afores^d then my will & mind is and I doe hereby give devise and bequeath all my s^d Lands & estate at Marston Mountgomory Wardley & Rocester and every of them unto my son Rupert Browne and to his heirs and assignes for ever. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my two Grandchildⁿ Grace Browne and Penelope Browne to each of them the sum of One thousand pounds to be rais'd out of and wth the rents Issues and yearly proffitts of my estates in Alkmanton Marston Mountgomory Wardley Rocester and Bentley last menc^ond after my debts are pay'd and discharg'd. Item I give devise & bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Browne all that ffarme or Tenem^t scituate & being in Alkmanton afores^d now in possession of Tho. Copestake for and during the time & terme of her naturall life. Item I give devise & bequeath to my Brother Walter Browne the Yearly Rent of ten pounds to be payable and Issuing out of the mann^r of Bentley afores^d for & during the time & terme of his natural life. Item I give devise & bequeath to my servant Deborah Gaunt all that ffarme or tenem^t in Alkmanton afores^d now in the tenure of Tho. Walker and all that meadow call^d Spittle Meadow now in the tenure of Rob^t Wharton for and during the time of her naturall life. Item I give devise and bequeath to my serv^t Ann Blore the sume of ten pounds of good money to be pay'd within three years after my Decease. Item I give devise & bequeath to my serv^t William Manifold the sum of five pounds to be payd within the time afores^d. Item I give devise & bequeath my Capitall Messuage & Parke after the Decease of my son Thomas Browne And all other my Lands and

Tenem^{ts} in Bentley afores^d and Alkmanton or either of them after the end and expiras^{on} of the s^d terme of nine years and all my just Debts and Legacys afores^d are fully pay^d and discharg^d unto my s^d Grandchild Rupert Browne and the Heirs Male of his Body for ever and I doe Constitute Ordain and appoynt my s^d Grandchild Rup^t Browne my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto sett my hand & seal the 22nd day of May in the eighth year of the Reigne of our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of Great Brittain ffance & Ireland Queen Defender of the ffaith etc. Anno Dom['] 1708.

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Thomas Browne

These Presents being written in three sheets of paper were sign'd sealed and published by the s^d Thomas Browne as his last Will and Testam^t in the p^sence of us Penelope Simpson John Hurd Jun^r Mathew Bamford.

Copy of the Will of GEORGE BROWNE, Esq., of Shredicote, co. Stafford. Dated and proved 1711.
[Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I George Brown of Shredicoate in the county of Stafford Gent. being weake in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God for the same doe (by the consent and approbation of my father M^r Thomas Brown testified by his signing and sealing hereof) make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner following (that is to say) First and chiefly I recomend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping that through the meritts mediac^{on} of Jesus Christ my saviour to obtain remission of all my sins and my body I comitt to the earth to be decently interred att the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named And as for that worldly estate which it hath pleased God to blesse me with I dispose thereof as followeth Imprimis I give and devise unto my loveing friends Walter Jennings of the parish of Church Eyton in the county of Stafford Clerk and Thomas Pickstock of Dunston in the same county of Stafford Gent. and their heires All those closes leasows meadows and pastures lying in Shredicoat aforesaid called by the names of the Wood the Winsall the Wood Meadow Broadmeadows Roberts Moor the Chetwind Meadow and also all that messuage or tenem^t with the lands and p^mises thereto belonging in the possession of Thomas Handley And also the Closes called Mossy Field Intack & Bridge leasow with the app[']ten[']ces all lying in Shredicoat aforesaid To hold to them and their heirs or the survivor of them & his heirs In trust that they and their heirs or the survivor of them & his heirs shall and may as soon as possibly they can after my decease sell and dispose of the same or such part thereof as shall be thought convenient for the best price that can or may be had for the same And the mony arising therefrom to be by them imployed in paying off & dischargeing all my just debts which I shall owe att the tyme of my decease & the legacies herein given & funerall charges. Item I give and devise unto my Brother in law Samuell Peploe after the decease of my said Father All that my messuage wherein I now live wth the Barnes stables outhoses gardens orchards Lands meadows and pasture with the app[']ten[']ces thereto belonging and also the residue of the lands above mentioned to be sold as aforesaid if any shall be after my debts legacies and funerall charges shall be fully paid and satisfied as aforesaid To hold to him and his heires for ever But my will and mind neverthelesse is & so I order and direct that the lands Tenem^{ts} last mentioned shall be valued to the nearest price they may be worth by two or more of the most substantiall inhabitants of the parish of Bradley & the mony to be paid by the said Samuel Peploe shall be distributed in manner following that is to say to the four children of him the said Samuel Peploe the sume of two hundred pounds And the residue of the said mony to be divided into two parts & the one part to be equally divided amongst the children of my Brother James Brown deceased and the other part thereof to be divided amongst my brother John Brown's children share and share alike And as for my personal estate I give the same unto my said father. Item I do appoint the said Walter Jennings and Thomas Pickstock Executors of this my Will do bequeath to each of them one guinea and lastly I do renounce all former Wills by me made and do declare this to be my last Will and testament And IN TESTIMONY hereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the one and thirtieth day of May Anno Dm. 1711.

* This facsimile is taken from an autograph subscribed to the Hungry-Bentley title-deeds.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named George Brown to be his last Will and testament in the sight and presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses hereto in the sight and pr'sence of the Testator.

Tho: Browne

Francis Collins* Thomas Hill Tho. Jordan Junr.

Geo: Browne

Signed and approved by the above named Thomas Brown in the pr'sence of us Francis Collins* Thomas Hill Tho. Jordan Junr.

Proved 15th June 1711 by Walter Jennings and Thomas Pickstock the Executors.

Personal estate £140 9s. 2d.

Copy of the Will of EDMUND BROWNE, Esq., of St. Stephen's, co. Hertford. Dated 1712;
proved 1716. [174 Fox, P.C.C.]

20th August 1712.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Edmund Browne of St Stephens near the Town of St Albans in the County of Hertford Gent. being something indisposed in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God for the same) do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows First I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits and mercy of Jesus Christ to inherit everlasting bliss my Body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named accordingly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my dear Sister Dorothy Musgrave my dear and loving Niece Sybill Browne and my dear and loving Nephew Thomas Townley Executors in trust desiring them to perform the trust and take the execution hereof. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my said Niece Sybill Browne the sume of One hundred pounds and to my Goddaughter Sybill Browne her daughter the sume of One hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain which said Two hundred pounds to be paid into the hands of my said Niece Sybill Browne within two years next after my decease I give unto my Niece Elizabeth Brown daughter of my brother George Brown the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money to be paid unto her within a twelve month next after my decease. Item I give unto my Nephew Peter Carey the sume of Two hundred pounds to be paid unto him at his age of two and twenty years if he attain that age otherwise this legacy to be void and until he shall attain the age of two and twenty years my Will and meaning is he shall have ten pounds a year paid unto him for Cloths and necessaryes in his Apprenticeship which ten pounds I desire my Executors to lay out the same for his benefit. Item I give to my Niece Dorothy Carey the sume of twenty pounds To my Niece Christian Browne ten pounds To my Niece Isabell Barnesley the sume of ten pounds To my Niece Sarah Logg the sume of five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to Mr Jarman Burton my late wife's Kinsman the sume of Ten pounds Upon paying or tendering the several and respective legacies above described my Will and meaning is that every person and persons being Legatees above mentioned shall give a sufficient discharge of all accounts bequests and demands whatsoever which he she or their executors administrators or any of them may or might have or pretend to have against me or against my Executors or any of them to my Nephew Thomas Townly one of my Executors or to the rest of them as he shall be advised But in case any of them shall refuse to give such a discharge That then such legatee or Legatees herein above specified so refusing shall forfeit his her or their legacy or legacies and the same shall be void as if they were not herein mentioned and the legacy or legacies so become void shall go to the surplusage of my Estate anything herein contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. Item I give and bequeath to my said Nephew Thomas Townly for his care and pains to be taken herein the sume of fifty pounds of current money. Item I give to my said Sister Musgrave the sume of ten pounds I give to my brother George Brown and to my brother John Brown the sume of ten pounds apiece. Item I give to my Sister Elizabeth Brown and to my brother Walter Brown the sume of ten pounds apiece I give to my Sister in law Mary Brown the Wife of my said brother John tenn pounds. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Townley the sume of ten pounds I give to my loving Nephew Rup^t Brown the sum of twenty pounds and to my Nephew Rup^t Barnesley the sume of twenty pounds and to his Mother my loving Sister Margaret Barnesley the like sume of twenty pounds. Item I give to the Reverend Mr John Cole Archdeacon of St Albans the sum of ten pounds. Item I give and bequeath unto the said Peter Carey the further sume of One hundred pounds to be paid unto him when and at such time his Apprenticeship is expired if then he behaves himself well and in the meantime he deserves it which

* Vicar of Bradeley 1699—1727.

I leave to my Executors in trust or the major part of 'em to be judges thereof otherwise this legacy so given unto him to be void as if he had not been herein mentioned. Item I give and bequeath to my Niece Dorothy Browne the sume of ten pounds and my Silver Tea or Coffee pot. Item all the rest and residue as well real estate which is now or may Accrew by Mortgages or otherwise as also my personal estate of what nature or quality whatsoever (after my debts are paid funeral expenses discharged and the legacies herein satisfied and paid) I give devise and bequeath the same unto the said Dorothy Musgrave Sybill Browne and Thomas Townly my Executors in trust as aforesaid To have and to hold to them the survivors and survivor of them and to the heires executors or administrators of the survivor of them for ever In trust nevertheless and upon this condition that they shall with all convenient speed put out the surplusage of my estate upon some sufficient security and securities or continue some of my Mortgages and with the yearly income which shall arise (after this my Will is fulfilled) shall pay annually or cause to be paid unto as many of my nearest relations and kindred as they my said Executors the survivors or survivor of them shall find necessitous or see convenient and for their care and pains to be taken herein I give to them and every one of them the further sume of twenty pounds to be allowed unto them respectively out of my estate And my Will and meaning further is that in case any of my next of kin or my nearest relations that is to say my brothers and sisters and their Children and not otherwise shall be necessitous or in want of necessaries and that my said Executors shall upon any of their complaint made unto them and they find them to be in want then and in such case I do give and bequeath unto such relation or relations as before described the sume of ten pounds apiece a year and what they my said Executors shall see fitt and convenient annually any lesser or smaller sume annually not exceeding the said sume of ten pounds notwithstanding anything herein mentioned to the contrary.

Quinto die Mensis Septembris 1716.

Which day appeared personally Martin Watson of the Parish of Saint Gregorys London Stationer and Robert Fox of Doctors Commons Gent. and being severally sworn upon the holy Evangelists to depose the truth did depose and say as followeth That they were well acquainted for several years last past with Edmund Browne late of Saint Stephens near the Town of S^t Albans in the County of Hertford Gent. deceased and with his character and manner of handwriting having often seen him write and received letters from him and having now seen and perused the paper hereunto annexed purporting the last Will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus 20th August 1712 In the Name of God Amen I Edmund Browne of S^t Stephens near the Town of S^t Albans in the County of Hertford Gent. and ending thus not exceeding the summ of ten pounds notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary doe verily believe the same to be totally wrote by and with the proper handwriting of the said Edmund Browne deceased Martin Watson Robert Fox Septembris 1716 Dicti Martinus Watson et Robertus Fox jurati fuere super veritate Præmissorum Coram me I. Bettesworth.

PROBATUM fuit hujusmodi Testamentum apud Lodon Sexto die mensis Septembris Anno Domini Millesimo Septuagesimo Decimo Sexto Coram venti viro Johanne Andrew Legum Doctore Surrogato Ventis et egregij viri Johannis Bettesworth Legum etiam Doctoris Curiae Prærogativæ Cantuar Magistri Custodis sive Com'issarij legitime constituti Juramentis Dorotheæ Musgrave Sybillæ Brown (Uxoris Ruperti Brown arud) et Thomas Townley Executorum in dicto Testamento nominat Quibus com'issa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurat.

Copy of the Will of Mrs. SIBYLL BROWNE, Widow, of Marylebone, co. Middlesex.
Dated 1751 ; proved 1767. [333 Legard P.C.C.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Sibyll Browne widow of the Parish of St. Mary le bone in the County of Middlesex knowing the uncertainty of life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament First I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits of my Saviour of a joyful resurrection I desire my body to be laid in the Churchyard of the Parish of Percival* in the County of Middlesex as for all my worldly goods of what denomination soever that I may dye worth or may become due to me by virtue of agreement between William Benson Esquire and myself I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Sibyll Browne who I constitute and appoint my whole and sole Executrix of this my last and only Will as also as in my stead to act as Executrix to the will and affairs of my late uncle Edmund Browne of St. Stevens in the County of Hertford Gentleman I having a lawful power to appoint my said daughter as I being the last surviving Executrix of my said uncle and that my said daughter shall do all things that shall be required of her by Mr. Benson in order to facilitate and bring to an end the Law now depending between him and John Vernon Gent. of Clantarff in the Kingdom of Ireland and my Will is that if affair comes to an conclusion that she receives from M^r Benson the sum of two hundred and fifty

* This is intended for "Perrivale" alias "Little Greenford" in Middlesex.

pounds that then she shall pay the sum of twenty pounds to her brother Croft Browne twenty pounds of lawful money of England as also to her sister Matilda Bristow the like sum of twenty pounds to her sister Knightley Browne the like sum of twenty pounds and to Henry Bristow my grandson the son of the said Matilda Bristow the sum of twenty pounds which money my executrix shall keep in her hands till the said Harry Bristow shall be of a fit age to be put out apprentice and in case any of my said children should dye before the said twenty pounds are come into her hands then each legacy shall return to my executrix except the twenty pounds given to my daughter Bristow and that I would have added to the legacy I have given to her son Harry upon the same foot of it being in the hands of my executrix In trust for him to put him prentice but with this appointment that ten pounds of the forty shall be to cloath him and my further meaning that the said legacy if Harry should die and not the use intended be made of it that it shall return to the use of my executrix and that all I leave her to her disposal for ever. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and seal the second day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty one in the twenty fifth year of the reign of King George the Second.

SIBYLL BROWNE.

THIS CODICIL annexed to the Will of Sibyll Browne widow of Rupert [sic] Browne Esquire which is to confirm all things concerted in this said Will only that her eldest daughter Sibyll Brown who she hath made her heir and sole and whole Executrix and administratrix and assigns to all her effects let it be of what denomination whatsoever but only that she shall not pay any legacies out except she receives the five hundred pounds from William Benson Esq^r witness my hand this ninth day of Decem^r one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and in the twenty fifth year of King George the second witness my hand.

SIBYLL BROWNE.

Seal'd sign'd in the presence of us under named. Witness Will. Sharrock, Ann Sharrock.

9th September 1767.

Appeared personally Ann Booth of the Parish of Saint Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex widow and Elizabeth Brown of the Parish of Saint Leonard Eastcheap London widow and being severally sworn on the Holy Evangelists deposed that they knew and were well acquainted with Sibyll Browne late of the Parish of Saint Mary le Bone aforesaid Widow deceased and with her manner and character of handwriting having often seen her write and subscribe her name and having now carefully viewed and perused the paper writing hereunto annexed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of her the said deceased beginning "In the name of God Amen I Sibyll Browne Widow of the Parish of Saint Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex" and ending "In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the second day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty one in the twenty fifth year of the reign of King George the Second" and thus subscribed "Sibyll Browne" deposed that the whole series and contents of the said Will beginning ending and subscribed as aforesaid are of the proper handwriting and subscription of her the said deceased Ann Booth Eliz. Brown same day the said Ann Booth and Elizabeth Brown Widow were sworn to the truth of this Affidavit Before me W^m Compton Surrogate Present Robert Bogg Not'y Pub.

Proved at London with a Codicil 14th Sept^r 1767 before the worshipful William Compton Doctor of Laws & Surrogate by the oath of Sibyll Browne Spinster the Daughter the sole Executrix to whom Adm'on was granted having been first sworn duly to administer.

Copy of the Will of THOMAS BROWNE, Esq., of Bentley Hall, co. Derby.

Dated 12 September 1717; proved 28 March 1718.* [Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Thomas Brown of Bentley in the County of Derby esq^e being praised be God of perfect understanding but moved with the considerations of the uncertainty of this life do make this my last will & testament as follows first & principally I commend my soul to almighty God assured by trusting (thro' the intercession of my Saviour Jesus Christ) to obtain eternall salvation And my body I remit to the earth by a decent funerall at the discretion of my exec^{rs} hereinafter named. And as to such Worldly estate as God has blessed me with I dispose thereof as follows. Imprimis my will & mind is that all the debts which I shall justly & bona fide owe at the time of my death be well & truly paid & discharged And that my personall estate not herein otherwise bequeathed after my funerall charges are satisfied be thereto applyed as farr as the same will reach And I will all the rest of my debts shall be paid out of my reall estate in manner hereinafter men'ioned. And I do hereby give and bequeath unto Grace my Dear Wife All my Household Goods, furniture, plate & jewells, & also my Coach & four Coach Mares & Harness. And also I give and devise unto my two Daughters Grace & Penelope as an additional fortune to what my late ffather Thomas Brown esq^e by his last will gave them And to their heirs equally to be divided between them All my Mannors Messuages Cottages Mills Lands Woods Tenements Hereditaments & Appurtences whatsoever scituate standing lying & being in Brampton Hollins Doghole Newbold Cuthorpe & Chesterfield in the County of Derby To hold to them their

* The original of this Will was mislaid : see Affidavit at end as to execution.

Heirs & Assigns for ever as Tenants in Common & not as Joynt Tenants. In trust nevertheless & I do hereby devise & direct that they my s^d Daughters their Heirs and Assigns shall & do in the first place out of the Rents Issues & p^fits thereof well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto my s^d Dear Wife & her Assigns yearly & every year during the Term of her naturall Life the clear yearly sum of Sixty Pounds (tax free) at Michaelmas & Lady day by equal por^{ions} The first payment thereof to begin and be made on which of the said days shall happen next after my decease Which s^d annuity & personall estate hereinbefore particularly men^{tioned} I give and dispose of to my s^d wife in full satisfac^{ion} & lieu of all such joynture Dower or thirds as she shall or may have or claim to have out of all or any the Lands or Tenements whereof I am or have been seized of an estate of Inheritance Yet nevertheless not to obstruct or hinder her my s^d Wife from any advantage which she shall or may have take or claim by from or under the last will & Testament of my late ffather deceased or any Mortgage or Assignment of any Mortgage made or Assigned by him for her use or benefit or In trust for her And my mind & will is & I do direct that if it shall happen that the s^d annuity or yearly rent charge of £60 p. annum or any part thereof shall at any time hereafter be behind & unpaid by the space of 50 days next after either of the s^d days whereon the same ought to be paid as afores^d That then it shall & may be lawful to and for my s^d Wife and her assigns as oft as the same shall so happen into all or any part of the s^d premises to enter & distrain & y^e distress & distresses then & there found to take lead drive & carry away & impound & impounded to keep & detain untill the s^d annuity or yearly Rent charge and all arrears thereof & all charges about the same be fully satisfied & paid or to sell and dispose thereof at her will & pleasure. And to the end my debts may be more certainly paid & discharged I do declare that my s^d two daughters & their Heirs shall stand & be seized of y^e s^d pre^s hereinbefore devised unto them and their Heirs Upon this further trust That they & their Heirs shall by and out of the residue & remainder of the Rents issues & p^fits of the s^d prem^{es} or by Leasing Mortgaging or absolutely selling thereof or of any part thereof levy and raise so much money as will be sufficient & necessary for the payment & satisfac^{ion} of such of my s^d Debts as my p^{ersonall} estate (other than such as is hereinbefore disposed of) shall fall short to satisfie & all Interest to grow due for the same. And whereas I have made a mortgage of y^e prem^{es} afores^d to M^r John Heigh for security of £800 I do desire & direct my s^d Daughters & their Heirs to raise money by sale of some part thereof or of the Wood & timber standing thereon & thereby pay of & discharge the s^d Mortgage that it may not stand in the way of & hinder the just payment of the afores^d annuity to my s^d wife. And as to all other my p^{ersonall} estate not otherwise disposed of I give & bequeath to my s^d Dear wife and two Daughters who I do hereby make & constitute exec^{utors} hereof revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereto put my Hand & Seal this 12th day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & seventeen.

Signed sealed published & declared by y^e testator as & for his last will in the pr^{esence} of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses in his pr^{esence} W^m Dakin Thos. Fisher.

Copy of the Affidavit preserved at Lichfield with the above Will as to the execution thereof.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Thomas Browne of Bentley &c. sic decumeus I have hereunto put my hand and seal this twelfth day of September A^o Dom. one thousand seven hundred and seventeen subscript Tho. Browne dic^{it} et depo^{int} That on the day of the date of the Will upon which he is now examined the dep^t having engrossed the said Will in two scheets of paper in manner and form it now appears pursuant of som notes and directions w^{ch} the dep^t received from his master M^r Joseph Hayne Jun^r for the engrossing of it as soon as the dep^t had compleated it his said master took the said Will to the said Thomas Browne the Testator aforesaid who liking it very well did forthwith signe the said Will by writing his name just before the seal on the latter sheet thereof and then seal^d and published the said Will as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of the said M^r Hayne, Will. Dakin and the dep^t who in testim^{ony} of such his signing sealing and publication thereof respectively subscribed their names as they respectively appear on the latter sheet of the said Will in presence of the said Testator who at all and singular the premises was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

Repetit com. JOHN HUSBAND Sur.

THO. FISHER.

Copy of the Will of THOMAS BROWN of Mear. Dated and proved 1722.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Thomas Brown of Mear in the parish of Carswall in the county of Stafford Smith being aged and infirm but of sound and perfect mind and memory (praised be God) do make this my last Will and Testament (hereby revoking all former and other Wills and Testaments by me made) in manner and form following That is to say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and my body I commit to the earth. And as to my worldly estate I dispose thereof as follows. I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Prudence Brown during her natural life all and singular my goods moneys household stuff chattles leases and all other

things to me belonging and which I may justly claim as in right my own whether alive or dead as well moveable as immoveable both reall and personall in whose hands custody or possession soever they be or wheresoever the same or any of them or any part of them can or may now or hereafter be found remaining or being as well in the messuage or tenement with their appurtenances wherein I now dwell as in any place or messuage whatsoever after my decease during the life of the sayd Prudence my wife. And I the sayd Thomas Brown at or upon the decease of Prudence my wife do fully leave give and bequeath all the household stuff moneys goods chattels leases moveables as well as things immoveable and all other materials as above mentioned unto my four daughters viz. Bridget Hannah Prudence and Abigail equally to be divided amongst them by the discretion of some discreet sencible judicious person or persons and to have and to hold possess and enjoy the same for ever they paying unto my son Thomas Brown five shillings twelve months after the decease of Prudence Brown my wife. Lastly I do make constitute and appoint my sayd wife Prudence Brown sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Brown have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-eight day of March in the eight year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George over Great Brittain King defender of the faith Annoq. Dom. 1722.

THOMAS BROWN + his marke.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Thomas Brown the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us and afterwards attested before him by us Rich^d Wood Elizth Mare + her marke Will. Warrilow.

Proved 20th September 1722 by the oath of Prudence Brown Widow the Relict the sole Executrix.
Personal estate £39 15s.

Copy of the Will of THOMAS BROWNE, Esq., of Shredicote, co. Stafford.

Dated 1722 ; proved 1729. [Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Thomas Browne late of Shredicotte and now of Bradley in the county of Stafford Gent. being in good health of body considering my age and of sound and perfect mind and memory praise bee therefore given unto Almighty God doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testement in manner and forme following first and principally I comend my soul into the hands of Almighty God trusting in the meritts and mediation of my blessed Saviour my Redeemer to bee made partaker of his heavenly Kingdome my Body I comitt to the earth to bee decently buried. And as for and concerning my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose as followeth. Imprimis I will that my debts which I owe at the time of my decease if any bee first paid and satisfied. Item I give and bequeath all my personall estate goods and chattles of what nature or kind soever unto my dear and loveing wife Mary Browne whom I constitute and appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testement hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In wittenesse whereof to this my last Will and Testament I have hereunto putt my hand and seale this thirty-first day of January in the ninth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereign Lord George over Great Britain, etc., Annoq. Dom. 1722.

THOMAS BROWNE + his mark.

Signed sealed published and declared as this my last Will and Testam^t in the presence of Jo. Stanley William Bayley.

Proved 16th June 1729 by John Stanley the sole Executor of the Will of Mary Browne the sole Executrix herein named.

Personal estate £8 18s.

Copy of the Will of Mrs. MARY BROWNE, Widow, of Bradeley, co. Stafford.

Dated 1727 ; proved 1729. [Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Mary Browne of Bradeley in the county of Stafford wife of Thomas Browne of Bradeley aforesaid Gent. pursuant to the power given me by the said Thomas Browne being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory praise bee therefore given unto Almighty God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First and principally I comend my soul into the hands of Almighty God trusting in the meritts and mediation of my blessed Saviour to bee made partaker of his heavenly Kingdom my body I comitt to the earth to bee decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. And as for and concerning my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose as followeth. Imprimis I give devise and bequeath unto my son William Standley of Newport in the county of Salop Gent. the full and just sume of twenty pounds of good and lawfull money of Great Britain. And all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate goods and chattles what I am now possessed of or shall bee anyways intituled to at the decease of my said husband Thomas Brown I give devise and bequeath unto my son John Standley. And I do hereby ordain constitute and appoint my said son John Standley sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other

Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof to this my last Will and Testament I have hereunto putt my hand and seal this eight day of December Annoq. Dom. 1727 and in the first year of the Raigh of our Sovereign Lord George the second over Great Britain etc.

Mary Brown

Signed sealed published and declared as this my last Will and Testam^t in the presence of Rachel Barnfield William Bayley.

Proved 16th June 1729 by John Stanley the son the sole Executor.

Personal estate £114 1s.

Copy of the Will of JOSHUA BROWNE, of Bradeley. Dated 1729; proved 1730.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Joshua Browne of Bradeley in the county of Stafford Yeom: tho weak in body yet of sound and perfet mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (viz^t) First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God trusting in the merits and mediac'on of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer to be made partaker of his heavenly Kingdom. My body I comit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter menc'oned. And as touching and concerning my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose of the same as followeth. Imprimis my Will and mind is that my debts which I shall owe at the time of my decease and my funeral charges and expences be first paid and discharged. It'm I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Browne one bed with the furniture and appertences to the same belonging and also one chest and one box. It'm I give and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Browne the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid her within one year after my decease and I will likewise that the interest of the said sume be paid her for the said year. It'm I give and bequeath to the two eldest daughters of my daughter Anne Crutchley & my grand daughters Anne and Elizabeth Bromley the sume of ten pounds apiece. To the three yongest daughters of the said Anne (viz^t) Martha Mary and Lydia Bromley the full and just sume of twelve pounds apiece to be paid them when they shall respectively attain to the age of twenty-one years and I will that the interest of the said sumes be duly paid them till they attain to the age before menc'oned. Item I further Will that if my said daughter Lydia Brown die before the said legacy of two hundred pounds be paid her that then the sumes following be thus given and disposed of that is to say I give to my wife Elizabeth Browne the sume of ten pounds. To my daughter Anne Crutchley the sum of five pounds to her five children Anne Elizabeth Martha Mary and Lydia Bromley the sum of six pounds apiece and to my daughter Elizabeth Ryley's children the sume of ten pounds to be divided share and share alike. Item I further give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ryley's children the sume of ten pounds share and share alike to be divided the said sume of ten pounds as also the before menc'oned ten pounds to be paid them when they shall attain to the age of twenty-one years and I will that the interest of the said sumes be paid them during the time of their nonage. It'm I give to the poor of the parish of Bradely the sume of fifty shillings to be distributed amongst them imediately after my decease. And if my said daughter Lydia Browne die as aforesaid before the said legacy be paid her I likewise give and bequeath the sume of five pounds to the poor of the said parish of Bradeley to be carefully disposed of at the discretion of the minister and church wardens that the poor of the said parish may have the interest of the said sume duly and yearly paid for ever. It'm I give and bequeath all the rest of my personal estate after my debts and legacies before menc'oned are paid and discharged to my son Robert Browne for the use of his son and my grandson Robert Browne and his assigns for ever. It'm and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said son Robert Browne & my beloved friend and acquaintance John Stanley of Bradely gent. Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do appoint Walter Collins of Bradely Clerk and Chew Phillips of Barton in the said parish of Bradely Trustees and overseers of the same. In witness whereof I the said Joshua Browne have hereunto put my hand and seal this seventh day of June in the second year of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain etc. King Defender of the etc. Annoq. Dom. 1729.

JOSHUA BROWNE.

Signed sealed published and declared as this my last Will and Testament in the presence of Tho. Parks Edwa^d Bate Ri. Smith.

Proved 20th May 1730 by the oaths of Robert Brown* and John Stanley† the Executors.

Personal estate £82 13s.

* Churchwarden of Bradeley 1722 and 1744.

† Churchwarden of Bradeley 1714.

Copy of the Will* of RUPERT BROWNE, Esq., of Bentley Hall, co. Derby.
Dated 1733; proved 1742. [Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Rupert Browne the Elder of Hungary Bentley in the County of Derby Esquire being in health and of a Sound and disposing mind and understanding (praised be God) Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. ffirst I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, And as to my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose of the same as follows Imprimis I Give and devise unto my dear loving wife Eleanora One Annuity or Yearly rent Charge of One hundred pounds p'r Annum Tax ffree to be yearly Issuing and Going Out of all that my Messuage House or Tenement in Hungary Bentley Aforesaid Commonly called Or known by the name of Bentley Old Hall if the Yearly rent shall amount to so much clear of all Taxes to be had received and taken by her and her Assigns Yearly and every year during the Terme of Her Naturall life on the twenty ninth of September twenty fifth day of December twenty fifth day of March and twenty fourth day of June by even and equal portions and payments the first payment thereof to begin and be made on which of the said Days shall first happen next after my Decease the same to be in full satisfaction and lieu of all Such Douer and thirds As She Shall or may have or Claim Out of all or any my Mannors Messuages Lands Or Tenements whatsoever, and if it Shall happen that the said Annuity or Yearly rent of One hundred pounds a Year to be behind or unpaid in part Or in All by the space of thirty days next after any of the Said Days of Payment respectively herein before mentioned for the payment thereof in manner As Aforesaid that then And so often And in Such Case my mind and Will is And I do hereby devise that my said wife Eleonora Or her Assigns Shall and may enter into and upon All and every the said Messuage Lands Tenements And Hereditaments Aforesaid therewith Charged And the Same to have hold and enjoy And the Rents Issues and profits thereof to take and receive unto her Use Untill She or they Shall thereby or otherwise be fully Satisfyed and paid such her Sum'e or rent in Arrear. And all former Arrears thereof if any be together with her Costs and Charges Expended about Obtaining and Getting the Same. Also I Give and bequeath unto my Executors hereinafter named All my Goods Cattle Chattells Husbandry Ware And all other my Personal Estate whatsoever, Upon this Speciall Trust and Confidence And to the intent and purpose that they or the survivor of them his Executors or Administrators Shall sell y^e same within One Year after my Decease Or so soon after as they Can at y^e best price that may be And with the money thereby raised pay and discharge All such Just Debts As I shall Owe at the time of my Decease And also my ffunerall Charges And Charges of proveing this my Will So farr as the Same will amount unto. Also I Give and Devise unto Charles Hurt y^e elder of Alderwasly in the County of Derby Esq^r And Richard ffitzherbert of Somershal-Herbert in the said County of Derby Esq^r And their heirs All my Mannors Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever with the Appurtenances whereof Or wherein I have any Estate of inheritance either in possession Or Reversion Remainder or Expectancy Situate lying and being in Middleton Park Hungary Bentley Alkmanton or elsewhere in the County of Derby (Subject nevertheless to the said Annuity of One hundred pounds p'r Annum herein before by me devised unto my loving Wife Eleanora for the Terme of her Natural life in lieu of the Dower or thirds as aforesaid) Upon the Trusts and Confidences herein after mentioned declared Limitted and appointed And upon no other Trust or Confidence whatsoever (that is to say) In Trust That they and the Survivor of them and his heirs Shall and may by the rents issues and profits of the said premises Or by Sale Leaseing or Mortgageing thereof Or any part thereof for the best price or rate they can pay of and discharge All Such Just Debts that I shall Owe at the time of my decease As my personal estate intended to be sold for payment thereof Shall fall short of payment And Upon this further Trust And Confidence in them reposed that they the said Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert And the Survivor of them and his heirs do in the next place Out of and by the rents Issues and profits of Such part of my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments As shall not be Sold and disposed of for the payment of my said Debts Or by Leaseing Mortgageing or Sale thereof Or any part thereof maintain and Educate All my Sons and Daughters of my Body on the Body of my said Wife Eleanora Lawfully begotten Or to be begotten that shall be living at my decease Or that Shall be born in due time afterwards untill they Shall Severally Attain their respective Ages of One and twenty Years or be married which Shall happen first And my mind and Will is that the said Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert and the Survivor of them and his heirs do by all the Ways and means afores^d Levy and raise any Sum'e or Sum'es of Money As they or the Survivor of them Shall think fitt out of the said Messuages Lands and Tenements for the putting forth Apprentices all or any of my Younger Children lawfully begotten or to be begotten of my body on the body of my said Wife Eleanora to Such Trades or Employments as they in their discretion Shall think fitt So as the Same exceed not for any one of them the Sume of money herein after intended to be given him or

* A copy of this will is preserved with the Hungry-Bentley title-deeds. There is also a copy in the Harleian MS. (6688, fol. 136) in the British Museum, with an original letter annexed to it.

her for his or her portion So to be put out And also upon this further Trust and Confidence in them reposed (that is to say) that they the s^d Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert & the Survivor of them & his heirs do by all every or any Ways and means Afores^d Or otherwise Levy and raise out of my said Mannors Messuages Lands Tenements & Hereditam^{ts} or any part thereof the Sum'e of two thousand pounds for y^e portion and portions of all my Younger Children (if more than one) that I Shall have at the time of my Decease Or be borne in due time afterwards of the Body of my said Wife equally to be divided among them Share and Share alike And to be paid them Severally as they Shall Severally Attain their respective Ages of One and twenty Years provided nevertheless And my mind and Will is that all Such Sume and Sumes of money as the said Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert Or either of them Shall levy and pay for the putting forth my said Younger Children (if more than one) Apprentices or any of them to Employments as aforesaid Shall be Accounted and Esteemed as so much paid of his or her or their respective part or Share or parts or Shares of the said Sum'e of two thousand pounds And in discharge and Satisfaction thereof.

Provided also And my mind and Will is that in Case any of my said such Younger Children that I shall leave at my Decease Or born in Due time afterwards as aforesaid Shall happen to Dye before he She or they Attain their said respective Ages of twenty One Years And shall happen to leave any Child or Children of his her or their respective Bodys lawfully begotten living at the time of his her or their Death or to be borne in Due time afterwards That then and in that Case the part or Share or parts or Shares or so much thereof as Shall not be paid in putting him or them forth Apprentices or to Employments As aforesaid of him her or them So dyeing and leaveing Issue as aforesaid Shall go and be paid to Such Child in Case there be but one Or to and amongst Such Children in Case there be more equally to be divided amongst them within One Year next after the Decease of Such of my Children as Shall so Die leaveing Issue as Aforesaid And from and after the payment of my said debts And Such Maintenance and Education of my said Children as Aforesaid And raiseing, payment, and discharge of the Said Sum'e of two thousand pounds And all Costs Charges and Expenses laid out in and about the Execution of the Trust reposed in the said Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert in and by this my last Will Or any thing relateing thereto Then I Give and Devise All the rest residue and remainder of All my said Mannors Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditam^{ts} in Middleton Park Hungary Bentley Alkmanton and elsewhere in the County of Derby As Shall then remain Unsold and indisposed of in performance of the said Trust And for the purpose aforesaid unto my Sonn Thomas Brown And the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten Or to be begotten Subject nevertheless to the annuity or Rent Charge herein before devised to my said Wife As and for her Jointure for her life and to all other Charges thereon herein before by me charged And for default or failure of Such Issue then I Give and Devise the same unto my Sonn Rupert and the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten Subject Nevertheless to the Charges thereon herein before by me charged And for default or failure of Such Issue I Give and devise the Same unto my Sonn Corbett and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten Or to be begotten Subject nevertheless to the Charges thereon herein before by me charged, And for default or failure of Such Issue I give and devise the Same unto my son Edmund and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten Or to be begotten Subject as aforesaid And for Default of Such Issue then I Give and devise the Same unto the Heirs of my Body on the body of my said Wife lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of Such to my right heirs for ever Provided Always and my mind and Will is that the said Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert and their Heirs Executors and Administrators Shall in the first place deduct and default out of y^e s^d Money to be raised by the Rents Issues and profits or by Sale Leaseing or Mortgageing of the said Mannors Messuages Lands and Tenements as aforesaid all Such Sum'e and Sum'es of money as they or either of them their or either of their Heirs Executors or Adm'ors or any of them Shall or may expend Sustain Sufferr or be part unto either in Law or Equity or otherwise howsoever in or about Exemteing the Trusts aforesaid Or anything Relating to the Same.

Provided Also and my mind and Will is that the said Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert their Heirs Executors Administrators or any of them Shall not be Chargeable or Accountable either in Law or Equity for any more or other money intended to be raised and in pursuance and by Vertue of the Trust aforesaid Save what they Shall really and Actually receive neither shall they or Either or any of them be charged with or Chargeable for the Receipts and disbursements of the Other but each and every of them with his and their particular and respective Receipts and disbursements Provided Always and my mind and Will is that in Case my Sonn Thomas and his heirs do and Shall well and truly pay and discharge All such my Just Debts As is intended by this my Will to be charged on my said Mannors Messuages Lands and Tenements And also have paid or caused to be paid unto my said other Younger Children Or their Respective Legall Representatives their Severall parts Shares and proportions of the Said Sum'e of two thousand pounds As they Shall Severally become due and payable As aforesaid Or so much thereof As shall remain unpaid And also all Costs Charges and Expenses in and about Exemteing the Trusts aforesaid Or anything relating thereto that then and in that Case the said Charles Hurt and Richard ffitzherbert or the Survivor of them or his heirs Shall and Will at the costs and Charges of my Sonn Thomas his heirs and Assigns Convey and Assure unto my Sonn Thomas his heirs and Assigns all Such part of my Mannors Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments as Shall

not be sold and disposed of in performance of the Trusts aforesaid or anything relating thereto. And I do make and Constitute the said Charles Hurt and Richard Fitzherbert to be Executors of this my Will and do revoke all former Wills by me made And do declare this to be my last Will and Testament. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have to this my last Will and Testament (Contained in four Sheets of Paper) to each sheet thereof Set my hand and Seal the third day of Aprill Annoq. Domini One thousand Seven hundred thirty and three.

Rupert Browne

Signed Sealed and published in the presence of us who Subscribed our Names in the presence and at the Request of the Testator Dorothy Oldham James Layton ffra. Higginbotham.

[Copy Fiat.]

Uttoxeter 20th October 1742, let a Probate of this will be granted to Richard Fitzherbert, Esq^r, a power being reserved for Charles Hurt, Esq^r, the other Executor, to act at pleasure.

He being sworn before me

[Signed] HENRY COTTON, Surrogate.

Copy of the Will of THOMAS BROWNE of Shrewsbury.
Dated and proved 1764. [P.C.C.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Browne of Shrewsbury in the County of Salop Draper. First I will and direct that all my just debts funeral expenses and the charges incident to the performance of this my will be fully paid and discharged by my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named and my mind and desire is to be buried privately but decently at their discretion And whereas by Articles of Agreement made previous to my marriage with my wife Catherina daughter of Charles Yonge Gentleman deceased bearing date the fifteenth day of January one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven and made or mentioned to be made between me the said Thomas Browne of the first part the said Charles Yonge and Catherina of the second part and my mother Eleonora Browne of the third part and John Corbet Esquire and Charles Bosville Esquire both since deceased of the fourth part the said Charles Yonge did covenant that his heirs executors or administrators should within twelve Calendar months next after the decease of the survivor of the said Charles Yonge and me the said Thomas Browne pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Corbet and Charles Bosville the sum of One thousand pounds to for and upon the several uses intents and purposes therein specified And whereas the said John Corbet and Charles Bosville have not executed the said articles or made themselves liable to the trust reposed in them by virtue thereof or have in any respect intermeddled therewith and the said Charles Yonge dying intestate Letters of Administration were duly granted to my wife the said Catherina in consequence whereof I have possessed myself of the said sum of One thousand pounds stipulated to be paid by the said Charles Yonge in the manner agreed by the said articles. Now I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said wife Catherina Browne my brother Corbet Browne of Whittington in the said County of Salop Clerk and Roger Kynaston of Shrewsbury aforesaid Esquire the sum of Two thousand pounds upon trust nevertheless and to the intent and purpose that they my said trustees and the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or administrators of the survivor of them do and shall with all convenient speed after my decease collect together and put and place out the said sum of two thousand pounds to interest upon such Government real or personal security as to them shall seem most eligible and pay apply and dispose of the dividends interest and produce thereof unto my Mother the said Eleonora Browne for and during the term of her natural life for and towards payment and satisfaction of a provision of ninety pounds a year made her for life in and by the said in part recited Marriage Articles and from and immediately after the decease of my said Mother Eleonora Browne. Then upon this further trust and confidence that they the said Catherina Browne Corbet Browne and Roger Kynaston and the survivor or survivors of them his or her executors or administrators Do and shall pay apply distribute and dispose of the said principal sum of Two thousand pounds in manner following (that is to say) the sum of One thousand pounds part thereof unto and amongst all and every my child or children by my said wife Catherina Browne if more than one in equal shares and proportions and if but one then to such only child in the manner settled and appointed for payment of the said sum of One thousand pounds covenanted in the said recited Articles to be paid by the Representatives of the said Charles Yonge deceased And I do hereby declare that the said sum of One thousand pounds is and shall be esteemed to be a satisfaction and discharge of the said one thousand pounds which my

children are entitled to under and by virtue of the articles hereinbefore in part recited And as to the remaining One thousand pounds vested in my said trustees as aforesaid I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred pounds part thereof unto my eldest son Thomas Browne and the sum of Five hundred pounds the remaining part thereof unto and amongst my five younger sons Charles Rupert James John and Edward or such of them as shall be living at the decease of my said Mother Eleonora Browne in equal shares and proportions And whereas my wife Catherina Browne hath joined with me in conveying her right and interest in the Estate she became entitled to upon the decease of her late father Mr Charles Yonge to Trustees to be sold by which conveyance the surplus of the purchase money of the said Estate as well as of my Estate therein comprised after payment of the mortgage for One thousand pounds made thereupon will fall into and I hereby declare that it shall be esteemed and considered as part of my personal Estate and to requite my said wife for such conveyance I give and bequeath the further sum of five hundred pounds unto the said Catherina Browne Corbet Browne and Roger Kynaston upon trust and confidence that they my said trustees and the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or administrators of such survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease put and place out to interest the said sum of five hundred pounds upon such good and sufficient security or securities as to them shall seem proper and expedient and do and shall yearly and every year during the natural life of my said wife pay apply and dispose of the interest and produce thereof unto my said wife Catherina Browne and from and after her decease.

Then upon further trust that they my said trustees and the survivors or survivor of them his or her executors or administrators do and shall pay apply and dispose of the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds part of the said last mentioned sum of five hundred pounds unto my said eldest son Thomas Browne and the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds residue thereof unto and amongst all and every my said younger children share and share alike and as for and concerning all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever (not by me hereinafter specifically bequeathed) I give and bequeath the same unto my said six sons Thomas Charles Rupert James John and Edward to be equally divided between them share and share alike And I hereby will and direct that all and every the said legacies and sums of money by me hereinbefore given to and disposed of for the benefit of my said children and all the interest and improvement which shall have been made thereof shall be paid to them respectively when they shall severally attain the age of twenty-one years and in the meantime the same shall be placed out at interest upon Government or other securities by their guardians hereinafter appointed and such interest or so much thereof as shall be thought necessary shall be applied towards their maintenance and education and the surplus if any shall be managed in such manner as shall appear to their Guardians to be most beneficial for them and in case any of my said children shall happen to die before his or their attainment of the age of twenty-one years then I will and direct that the original and other share or shares of him or them so dying as aforesaid shall go to and be paid equally amongst the survivors or survivor of my said children at such time and times as their respective legacies are hereinbefore made payable Provided always and it is my will that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Trustees and Guardians of my said children hereinafter appointed to lay out and dispose of such part and so much of my said child or children's legacies hereinbefore given and appointed or the interest thereof during his and their minority as to them shall seem proper and requisite for the bringing up educating or placing out apprentice any of my said children to any trade business or profession which any such child shall make choice of and which my said Trustees in their discretion shall think suitable to the genius and inclination of such child or children And I do hereby direct that the money so laid out and expended by my said trustees shall be deducted out of each of my said children's portions or legacies for whom such advancement shall be made by my said Trustees when they severally attain the age of twenty-one years and become entitled to receive the same.

Also I give and bequeath my gold watch to my said eldest son Thomas Browne and my pinch-beck watch unto my said second son Charles and to my said wife Catherina Browne my chaise and harness all the pictures in my best parlor half a dozen of large silver spoons a silver porringer and silver pint cup all the furniture in my said wife's bed chamber and the two closets adjoining it consisting of half a dozen chairs a looking glass a dressing table two chests of drawers a bed and bedstead and a little tent bed with the bed clothes and appurtenances belonging to each of the said beds And I do hereby give and commit the guardianship management and tuition of my children unto my said wife Catherina Browne my said brother Corbet Browne and the said Roger Kynaston until they shall severally attain their respective ages of twenty-one years and do nominate constitute and appoint the said Catherina Browne Corbet Browne and Roger Kynaston Executors of this my last Will and Testament And lastly I do hereby direct and appoint that the said Catherina Browne Corbet Browne and Roger Kynaston and the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or administrators of the survivor of them shall not be answerable or accountable one for the other nor for the acts deeds receipts or defaults of each other but each of him or herself and his or her own acts only nor for any sum or sums of money but what they shall respectively actually receive nor for the loss thereof by reason of the defect or insufficiency of any security or securities or by depositing thereof or of any part thereof with any person or persons for safe custody or by any other means unless it be by or through their wilful neglect or default And that they and the survivors and survivor of them and the executors and administrators of such

survivor shall and may from time to time by and out of the monies hereby vested or intended to be vested in them as aforesaid deduct retain and reimburse unto him her and themselves respectively all such costs charges damages and expenses as they or the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or administrators of such survivor shall or may in anywise bear pay extend sustain or be put unto by reason of the trust hereby in them reposed or the execution thereof or otherwise relating thereunto. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of June in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four.

Tho^s Browne

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator Thomas Browne as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto Rob. Pemberton W^m Eh. Norcop Edw^d Parks.

This Will was proved at London on the ninth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four before the Right Worshipful George Hay Doctor of Laws and Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Catherina Browne Widow the Relict of the deceased Corbet Browne and Roger Kynaston the Executors named in the said Will to whom admⁿon was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased they having been first sworn by Comⁿon duly to administer.

Copy of the Will of Mrs. ELEANORA BROWNE, widow. Dated and proved 1766.
[Lichfield.]

I Ellenora Brown of Withington in the County of Salop Considering the Uncertainty of this Life and the Certainty of Death Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: First I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God hoping through the Merits of my Saviour to have full and free pardon of all my Sins and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in Battelfield Church by my Brother & Son without any funeral pomp four of my Nephew's tenants to carry me from the Hearse to the Grave & those four Men to have each five Shillings and for my Worldly Goods I give and bequeath the same as follows: First my Will is that my Just Debts and funeral Expences be fully paid and Discharged. It. I leave to my Son and daughter Tench each of them a Guinea to buy them rings. It. I leave to my Grandaughter Ellenora Tench my best pair of Sheets and my Satin Bed Quilt. It. I leave to my Grandaughter Mary Tench my second best pair of Sheets. It. I leave to my Maid Jane Mayberry all my Wearing Apparell and one pair of Sheets. All the rest of my goods Plate and personalty I give and Bequeath to my Son Corbit Brown and I do hereby Appoint my Son Corbit Brown to be my Executer of this my last Will and Testament & I do hereby make void all former Wills & declare this to be my last Will & testament this twenty-fifth Day of June in y^e year of our Lord 1766 in Witness whereof I do here set my hand & Seal the Mark + of Mrs Brown.

Signed sealed published & declar'd to be my last Will & Testament in the presence & sight of Sarah Adams, Tryphena Blakeway.

Eleanora Browne

Shrewsbury, 24th October 1766.

Let a Probat [*sic*] of this Will be granted to Corbett Browne Clerk the sole Executer named therein. Edw^d Burslem Sudell, he being first sworn before me.

[Signed] THOS. WHITE Sur.

Copy of the Will of CHARLES BROWNE, Esq., of Withington, co. Salop. Dated and proved 1797.
[P.C.C.]

I Charles Browne of Withington in the County of Salop Gentleman do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following: I give and bequeath unto my brother

* The facsimiles of the signatures here given are taken from the deed of sale of the Bentley estates in 1749.

Thomas Browne the sum of five guineas. I give and bequeath to my brother Rupert Browne the sum of twenty pounds. I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Browne son of my late brother James Browne fifty pounds with interest attending the same which sum shall remain in the same stock it is now in until such time the said Thomas Brown' shall attain to the age of twenty-one years and I further give unto the said Thomas Browne my silver watch* and silver seal which was his late father's James Brown's And in case the said Thomas Browne should die before the age of twenty-one years then to be divided between my brother John's two children Catherine and Thomas share and share alike. I likewise give and bequeath to my Aunt Jane Browne wife of my Uncle Corbett Browne the sum of twenty pounds and I likewise give unto my said Aunt Jane Browne the following articles a little silver square waiter a pair of silver shell salt cellers with a pair of silver salt spoons a pair of the best silver tea tongs my silver pepper box as likewise the furniture as follows viz.: my mahogany chest of drawers with the large gilt glass that stands over it with a small turkey carpet upon the floor in the same room. I likewise give and bequeath to Mr John Allen of Uffington son of my aunt Jane Browne as follows: six large silver table spoons and six silver tea spoons and silver cream pot with any part of the china that the said John Allen shall chuse for himself with a small oval looking glass and a small one with a handle. I likewise give and bequeath to Elizabeth Smith daughter of Benjamin and Mary Smith of Athington the sum of five pounds. I likewise give unto Margaret Manslow daughter of John and Elizabeth Manslow late of the Sales the sum of five pounds. All the residue and remainder I give and bequeath to my brother John Browne after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid except one hundred pounds reserved there from which I give and bequeath unto Thomas and Catherine Brown' children of my brother John and Rachael Browne which I leave to them share and share alike and the said hundred pounds to remain in the stocks it is now in until they attain to the age of twenty-one and in case either of them should die before that age then for the fifty pounds to be divided between the surviving child and Thomas Browne son of my late brother James Browne share and share alike and it is my further desire that the remaining part of my furniture silver linen wearing apparel and every other remaining article shall be sold at the discretion of my executors as soon as possible after my decease. And I do nominate and appoint Mr John Allen of Uffington Farmer and my brother John Brown' Executors of this my last Will here by revoking all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made declaring this alone to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

CHAS. BROWNE.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator Charles Browne as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of Tho^s Jones Withington Thomas Morris.

Proved at London the 12th July 1797 before the Worshipful Christopher Robinson Doctor of Laws & Surrogate by the Oath of John Browne (by mistake in the Will written Brown) the brother of the deceased one of the Executors named in the said Will to whom admⁿ was granted having been first sworn duly to administer; Power reserved of making the like grant to John Allen the other executor named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same.

Effects under £300.

Copy of the Will of the Rev. CORBET BROWNE, M.A. Dated 1800; proved 1808.
[Lichfield.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Corbet Browne of Withington in the County of Salop Senior Clerc not being in a good state of health but of sound mind memory and understanding praised be God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: I give devise and bequeath to my Dear Wife Jane Browne all the money due to me upon Bond Security Notes upon Stamp Paper with the lawfull Interest for the same and also all debts at my decease Also I give and bequeath to my Wife Jane Browne all the other parts of my personal Estate namely All my Household Goods and Furniture in my House with the living Stock of Cows Cattle Piggs Horses and whatever other Property shall belong to me at my decease and then in my possession I also give and bequeath to my Wife Jane Browne all the Corn growing or in the Barn with all other sort of Grain upon my Land in Withington Parish with the Hay & other Fodder that shall then be due to me at my decease to her own managem^t and disposal with all arrears of Tithe Herbage &c. that shall then become due from my Parishioners of Upton Magna cum Withington. Likewise I order my Son Corbet Browne to pay the remaining part of the Nine hundred Pounds with Interest for the same after my Decease to Col^l Andrew Corbet due upon Bond according to agreement made and signed when I purchased the next Presentation of the Rectory of Upton Magna cum Withington from John Corbet Patron and upon such terms I give and bequeath to my Son Corbet Browne the next Presentation to the above Rectory of Upton Magna cum Withington paying the above Sum of money with lawfull Interest at the same time moreover I appoint my Wife Jane Browne my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament

* This watch was preserved in the family of W. Laing Browne until disposed of a few years since by Miss Cherrington.

whereunto I have put my hand and Seal this twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred.

Corbet Browne

Witnessed by Tho^s Jones Tho^s Edwards.

Proved in the Consistory Court of Lichfield the twenty-eighth day of April 1808 by the Oath of Jane Brown' Widow the sole Executrix.

Effects under £600.

Copy of the Will of Mrs. JANE BROWNE, widow, of Uffington, co. Salop.

Dated 1821; proved 1823. [Lichfield.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me Jane Browne of Uffington in the County of Salop Widow. I give and bequeath unto my Son Corbet Browne the Sum of Four hundred pounds. Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Corbet Spencer Browne One hundred pounds. I give and bequeath unto my Son John Allen the Sum of One hundred pounds also. Unto my Grandchildren John Allen William Allen Ann Arlington and Mary Allen (children of my said Son John Allen) the Sum of ten pounds each. I give and bequeath unto my Grandchildren William Allen Elizabeth Pitchford and Mary Allen (children of my deceased Son William Allen) the Sum of Ten Pounds each all which said several legacies I direct to be paid at the expiration of Six Months from my decease but without Interest. I leave all my Household goods Linen and Furniture Beds and Utensils (except my plate and China) unto my said Grandson Corbet Spencer Browne for his absolute use and benefit. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter in Law Sarah Browne all my Plate and China to be by her equally distributed among her children (by my said Son Corbet Browne) as and when she shall deem it proper to deliver the same over to them respectively. And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate (subject to the payment of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses) I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Son Corbet Browne his Executors and administrators In Trust for all and every his Children that shall be living at the time of my decease (except the said Corbet Spencer Browne whom I have before provided for) to be equally divided among them share and share alike but I do hereby direct and declare that the receipt of my said Son Corbet Browne shall be a good and effectual discharge to my Executors hereinafter named and that they shall not be bound to see to the application of such Trust monies or any part thereof. I nominate and appoint the said Corbet Browne and John Allen (my said Sons) Executors of this my last Will In Witness whereof I the said Jane Browne have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourth day of July 1821.

The Mark x of JANE BROWNE.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Jane Browne the Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her request subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto Walter Burley Anne Wynne.

Proved in the Consistory Court of Lichfield 24th April 1823 by the Oaths of the Rev^d Corbet Browne Clerk and John Allen the Executors.

Effects under £1500.

Testator died 13th October 1822.

Copy of the Will of the Rev. CORBET BROWNE, B.A., Rector of Withington, co. Salop.

Dated 1849; proved 1855. [Lichfield.]

This is the last Will of me The Rev^d Corbet Browne of Withington in the County of Salop Clerk I give devise and bequeath All my real and personal Estate of every Kind subject to the payment of my Debts to my five Daughters their respective Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns to be equally divided between them as Tenants in Common And I appoint my Son Thomas Dickin Browne Sole Executor of this my Will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of October 1849.

Corbet Browne

Signed by the said Testator Corbet Browne as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our Names as Witnesses R. P. Weston of Wellington Surgeon Jo^s Scarth Sol^r Shrewsbury.

Proved in the Consistory Court of Lichfield the twenty-sixth day of April 1855 by the Oath of Thomas Dickin Browne the sole Executor.

Effects under £1,000.

Testator died 17th April 1854.

NOTES.

Extract from parish register of Caverswall, co. Stafford:—"Ralph Browne of Caughley, parish of Broseley, buried 20 March 1743-4."

This Ralph Browne may have been the son or grandson of Ralph Browne who was born at Caverswall in 1625, and was dead before 1665, leaving Ralph as above, who was under the age of 21 in 1665.

In Benthall Church, co. Salop, are the following inscriptions:—

1. Upon the north wall of chancel, above the communion rail, is a large ornamental tablet, surmounted with a crest and coat of arms, flanked by a gilt urn on either side.

Crest: A gryphon's head sable, gorged or. Arms: Sable, three lions passant in bend between two cotises argent; in sinister chief a slipped trefoil argent, for BROWNE; impaling, Or, a lion rampant double-queued azure, langued and crowned gules, for BENTHALL.

"SACRUM MEMORIÆ. Near to this place lyeth the body of RALPH BROWN of Caughley in y^e parish of Barrow and County of Salop, Esq^r, & KATHERINE his wife. She was y^e only daughter of Edward Benthall of this parish, Esq^r, they had issue ten children and left at their deaths 4 sons & 2 daughters Edward Browne, Esq^r, the eldest, Iohn, Charles, Ralph, Elizabeth, and Mary. He died August the 23rd in y^e year 1707 Aged 49. She died August y^e 16th in the year 1709 Aged 46."

2. Next above a widower's hatchment. Crest: A gryphon's head erased sable, langued gules, collared argent, charged upon the neck with a slipped trefoil of the last. Arms: Sable, three lions passant armed and langued gules in bend between two double cotises argent, for BROWNE.

3. Upon the south wall of chancel another widower's hatchment. Crest: On a ducal coronet or, a leopard statant sable (?), langued gules.

4. In front of the communion rail let into the pavement of chancel a large blue slab:—"R. Brown Esq^r. IOHN BROWNE Esq^r died June y^e 10th 1745 Aged 55."

5. As before, but nearer to north wall:—"Laconia the Wife of Edward Browne of Caughley Esq^r died the . . . th 1776 Aged 53."

6. As before, but nearer to south wall:—"K. Browne. Mrs. Mary Browne died May . . th . . . [1761 ?]."

7. Near above:—" . . . [? Phi]llip Benthall . . . [? died] July 26th 1713 Aged 81."

8. Upon the south wall a marble tablet:—"To the memory of EDWARD BROWN of Broseley Gentleman who died on the 29th of January 1849, in the 74th Year of his Age."

[Then follows long account of charity money bequeathed by above Edward Brown.]

Pedigree of Browne of Benthall and of Caughley Hall, co. Salop.

AS ENTERED AT THE HERALDS' COLLEGE, LONDON, IN 1788 [7 D, 14,312.]

Edward Benthall of the parish of Barrow, co. Salop, Esq. Died 21 June 1679. Fortune, da. of Died 30 Sept. 1695. Ralph Browne of the parish of Barrow in the county of Salop, Gent. 1658. Margaret, da. of [J. Daves Braddock.] 1658.

Elizabeth. Bur. at Much Wenlock 1 June 1671. Richard Benthall, Esq. Bur. at Benthall 9 May 1720, æt. 47. Philip Benthall, Esq. Bur. [at Benthall] 1 Aug. 1713. Katherine, only surviving da. Mar. 4 May 1681 at Benthall. Ob. 16 Aug. 1709; bur. there 21st of the same month. Administration 21 Oct. 1709. Ralph Browne of Caughley Hall in the parish of Barrow and county of Salop, Esq. Bapt. 30 March 1658. Ob. 23 Aug. 1707; bur. at Benthall. [Sheriff of co. Salop 1687.] Richard Braddock. Bur. 21 Oct. 1702.

Mary Browne. Bapt. 10 March 1689. Living 1741. Ob. ante 1764. Will dated; codicil John Browne of Benthall, co. Salop, Esq. Bapt. 4 Aug. 1692. Bur. at Benthall 17 June 1746. Will dated 8 July 1741; proved 1 July 1747. (168 Potter.) Charles. Bapt. 11 July 1695. Ralph Browne of Caughley Hall in the parishes of Barrow and of Benthall, co. Salop. Bapt. 12 Oct. 1696. Bur. at Benthall 13 May 1763. Will dated 16 Nov. 1762; proved 31 Dec. 1763. (543 Cæsar.) Anne, da. of [Died 19 March]; bur. at Benthall, co. Salop, 23 March 1767. Will dated 30 May 1764; codicil 29 Oct. 1766; proved 9 March 1768. (98 Secker.)

Margaret. Bapt. at Benthall 28 March 1682. Died there 3 Oct. 1684. Katherine. Bapt. [at Benthall] 14 April 1684. Ob. 16 June following. Ralph. Bapt. [? at Barrow] 16 July 1685. Ob. ante pat. Elizabeth Browne. Bapt. at Barrow 14 Oct. 1686. Ob. . . . 1738; bur. 23 April 1738 at Benthall. Edward Browne of Caughley, Esq., eldest surviving son. Bapt. [? at Barrow] 5 April 1688. Bur. at Benthall 31 May 1740. Administration to his mother 21 October 1709. Lacopia, da. of [Francis Berkeley, Esq., of Worfield, co. Salop]. Bur. at Benthall, co. Salop, 4 July 1736.

Edward Browne of Caughley Hall in the parish of Barrow, com. Salop, 1741. Bur. at Benthall, co. Salop, 15 March 1750. Will dated 27 Aug. 1749; codicil 25 Jan. 1750; proved 19 July 1753. (133 Searle.) Jane, da. of Clowes of Walton in the parish of Stone, co. Stafford. Died 7 May 1779; bur. [? at Barrow] 15 of the same month. Will dated 25 Dec. 1773. Ralph Browne of Caughley Hall aforesaid, Esq. Ob. ante 16 Nov. 1762; [bur. at Benthall 13 May 1763]. Elizabeth, da. of

John. Bapt. 9 June 1750. Bur. 7 Dec. following at Barrow [Benthall], co. Salop. Sarah, da. of Purton of Hendon, co. Salop. Bur. at Worcester 16 Jan. 1758. 1st wife. Thomas Wylde of Bellevue, near the city of Bath. Died 23 April 1789; bur. 25 of same month at the parish church of St. Peter's, Worcester. Elizabeth, only da. and heir. Married at Egham, co. Surrey, 19 Aug. 1765. Died — Feb. 1786; bur. in the family vault of the Wyldes in the Cathedral of St. Peter's, Worcester. 2nd wife.

Ralph Browne Wylde-Browne of Caughley Hall in the parish of Barrow, com. Salop, Esq., eldest son and heir apparent by the second Venter. Born at Bridgenorth, com. Salop, 7 July 1766. An Act of Parliament, passed 28 George III. (No. 15), 1788, for his taking the surname and bearing the Arms of Browne, and the Arms were exemplified and confirmed by Patent by Garter and Clarenceux 26 March 1788.* Mary Anne, da. of Thomas Whitmore of Apley, near Bridgenorth, co. Salop, Esq. Married at Stockton, co. Salop, 1794.

* The coat-armour confirmed are as follows:—Crest: A gryphon's head party per pale gules and sable, erased sable, gorged or. Arms: Sable, three lions passant-guardant in bend between two cotises or. In sinister chief and dexter base a martlet argent.

Mary Anne Wylde-Browne, only child, born 12 June 1794, and bapt. 25 of same month.

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