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which are two fillets, and near the centre is a band of arches of irregular workmanship nearly obliterated. The chancel contains sixteen stalls of brown oak with movable miserere seats bearing carved representations of birds, quadrupeds, foliage, and heads of men in clerical costume and devotional attitude. The pulpit and reading-desk are also enriched with a variety of carved work. These stalls and carvings are traditionally understood to have been saved from Wormesley Priory at its suppression, with painted glass of excellent quality. The font was probably secured from the same source, as the last abbot became a prebendary of the cathedral. A window in the east wall of south aisle, inserted 1867, is filled with coloured glass representing Christ blessing little children, with an inscription that the window is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Elizabeth and Francis Freeman, departed children of David Francis Bowyear and Caroline Thomas; also in memory of David and Elizabeth, grandfather and grandmother, and Thomas, uncle of David Frances Bowyear Thomas, of Pyon House.

CHANCEL.

Marble tablet-

Arms—Gu., three pears or, on a chief ar., a demi-lion issuant sa., armed of the field, amo ut invenio, impaling sa. two swords in saltire arg, hilted or, their points upwards between fluer-de-lys of the third, a bordure of the second.

Judith Perrott, with her son and daughter, the beloved wife of Herbert Perrott, of Haroldstone, county Pembroke, sole daughter and heiress of James Barrow, of Bullingham, Esq., + January, 1675. R.I.P.

Marble tablet—

Catherine, wife of James Love, Esq., of Ross, and eldest daughter of Thomas Jay, Esq., of Derndale, + 1820, aged 24.

Within the altar rails, on a brass plate-

Mary, wife of Rev. Richard Underwood, + 1789, aged 36.

Rev. Richard Underwood, M.A., Custos of the College of Vicars, Hereford, + May 19, 1819, aged 75.

Thomas Husbands, Vicar, + 1728, aged 51.

Chantry chapel, erected early in the fourteenth century, by Robert Boter, whose son, John Boter, in 1336, obtained a licence in mortmain to endow a chantry within it, with a messuage, 80 acres of arable, 3 of meadow, 2 of pasture, and a rental of 13s. 4d. for the support of the chaplain.—Cathedral muniments, No. 381.

A slab on the floor under the lectern, at the foot of the chancel steps in the nave (from which brasses have been removed), is inscribed with full length recumbent figures of two persons, male and female, considered to have been placed in memory of the founder and his wife.

South Wall.

Marble tablet-

Paul, son of Thomas Berington, Esq., of the Brick House, died 1766, aged 66. As a tribute to his memory this was erected by Arabella Owen, of Forest Hall, co. of Caermarthen, the daughter of Stephen Harris, of Bessebrook, co. Radnor, by Arabella his wife, granddaughter of Thomas Berington, and daughter of Barneby Delahay Berington.

Arms—Berington impaling Carpenter (vide p. 59, ante.)

NAVE.

Flat stones—
Thomas Walwyn Hereford, + 1765.
Milborough, wife of Thomas Berington, + 1726.
Walwyn Hereford, Esq., + 1744, aged 49.



Arms—Capell.—John Capell, Esq., who + Aug. 10, 1775, in his 97th year. Rachel, his wife, was buried April 25, 1730.

Tomkyns, son of John and Rachel Capell, was buried 2 March, 1713.

Ann, daughter of John Capell, was buried 1722.

Arms—Vert., fretty or, Whitmore impaling Capell.

Capell Whitmore, Esq., died April, 1760, aged 20 years and 10 months. Charles Tomkyns, died 1688.

NAVE.

North Wall.

Over a stone bust, with long flowing hair, and a loose robe over the shoulders— This monument was erected for Francis, third son of Robert Perrott, Gent., of Moreton-on-Lug, who + October, 1667, æt. 43, according to his will, by his executrix, Mrs. Francis Fosbrooke.

On a black marble tablet underneath—
Arms—Gu., three pears or, on a chief arg., a demi-lion issuant sa., armed of the field.

"Stay, passenger, and if thou hast one tear Bestow it on the noble dust laid here. Here Perrott lies, whose great capacious mind In's native limits scorned to be confined; To th' unknown dangers of enraged seas, And foraign enemies more fierce than these, His valour him exposed. Venice may boast The aid he lent her to defend her coast 'Gainst unbelieving Turks. Thus wisely he Commits his credit to Posterity. The fading memory of wicked men Scarce their dry funerals surviveth, when Those who by virtuons acts enhance their name, Live in the records of Eternal Fame."

CHURCHYARD.

Two timber lych-gates of artistic construction are placed at the entrances to the churchyard.

William Williams, late 44th regiment and a native of this parish, served under the Duke of Wellington at the storming of Badajoz, the battles of Salamanca and Vittoria, the surprises of Bergen-op-Zoom, where he was one of the Forlorn Hope, and the three days' great battle of Waterloo, escaping without a wound, and returning to his native parish. He died suddenly, June 11, 1874, aged 87—a fine old soldier.

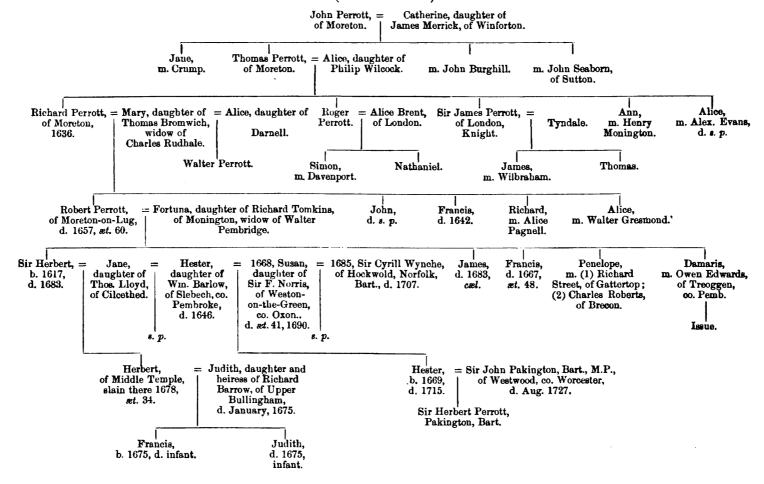
"England expects every man to do his duty."

Altar tombs—
James of the Court House: Arthur Thomas, + 1869, æt. 53.
Mary, + 1846, æt. 85. Richard Maurice, 1883, æt. 71.
Thomas, + 1834, æt. 71. Theodosia, + 1838, æt. 78.

Theodosia Jane, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth James, of Carwardine Green + 1838, et. 28.

PERROTT OF MORETON AND WELLINGTON.

(Visitation 1683.)



Stanton Park, purchased the lands from Mr. John Turberville, and devised them to his second son, Rev. Thomas King, B.A., of Balliol College, and they were inherited by

his only son, Theodore King, of Lincoln's Inn, barrister, who died November, 1890, s. p.

The stone mansion stood on a slope embosomed in woods facing the highway between Hereford and Leominster over Dinmore hill, a route described by Leland to be "through enclosed ground, not very hilly, plentifull of all good corn and pasture, and greatly wooded." It was occupied as tenant in 1754 by Mr. Robert Dobbins, of Evesbatch, a barrister of the Oxford Circuit, and Deputy-Recorder of Hereford, whose tenancy was terminated on finding himself unable to secure domestic servants in a haunted house. The village superstition was that the ghost of the murdered baronet was on duty to prevent the occupation of the estate by the captain, whose body, brought from Bristol, had interment in Wellington churchyard. Mr. James Wathen (a local amateur artist) found the mansion in 1791 used by a farmer as a granary, and the gardens planted with hops. It was afterwards pulled down and the materials sold by Messrs. Turberville.—Gentlemen's Magazine, p. 787.

Wootton estate, once a reputed manor, includes a portion of the Wormesly brook, which flows under a bridge of three arches through Wellington village into the river Lug. Wudeton and Woodton are designations of many hamlets and townships in Herefordshire. This farm, part of the Chandos inheritance, was held, in and subsequently to the twelfth century, by lessees named Baggendon. In A.D. 1106, Andrew de Baggendon was occupier; and in 1350, Richard de Baggendon held the lands by the military service of one-fifth of a knight's fee of the honour of Snodhill.—Testa de Nevill. Previous to 1500 a family named Evesham were lessees under several lessors, including the wealthy scrivenor, Philip Holgate, sometime M.P. for the county, and his heirs. On the death of the lessee for life, William Evesham, in 1507, the estate became vested in John Baskerville, husband of Eleanor, co-heiress of Thomas Holgate, by whom the property was settled on his son, William Baskerville, and his issue. Thomas, son of this William Baskerville, dying s. p. in 1551 (Inq. p.m.), his sister Jane, wife of Thomas Pembruge, of Mansel Gamage, inherited it, and at her death it passed by devise to her fourth son, Anthony Pembruge, of the Inner Temple and Oxford Circuit, who was a representative for Hereford, 1597-1605. His eldest son, of both his names, had his education at the Inner Temple, but resided in Hereford, of which city he was chief magistrate in 1634. At his decease in 1644, he directed Wootton to be sold, to provide portions for his younger children; his eldest son succeeding to his mother's estate at Maisemore, near Gloucester, on which he became domiciled, and where his posterity continued until 1797.

The purchaser of Wootton was Roger Boulcot, a wealthy citizen in Hereford, who married Theodosia, daughter of Robert Mynors, of Treago, and left in 1681 a son, Robert, who died in 1700 unmarried, and a daughter, Theodosia, wife of Robert Rickards, of Evenjob (Evancoed), Radnorshire, son of John Rickards, auditor of the land revenues of South Wales, by whom she was mother of four children. Mrs. Boulcot married, secondly, Richard Witherstone, of the Lodge, and their son, Edward Witherstone, was seated at Wootton, and was sheriff of the county in 1721. His two sons dying unmarried, Wootton passed to their only sister and heiress, Catherine, wife of Peter Rickards, of Evancoed, who assumed the name of Mynors on inheriting the Treago

The Court House estate and the manor of Wellington were purchased a few years previous to the restoration of the monarchy by Herbert, eldest son of Robert Perrott, lessee of prebendal lands in Moreton-on-Lug, who entered his pedigree at the visitation of 1634, and died in 1657.

Herbert Perrott, born in 1616, a member of Grays Inn, was testamentary heir of Sir James Perrott, of Haroldstone, in Pembrokeshire, who died without issue or near relatives. Mr. Perrott had a seat in the only parliament of Richard Cromwell as a burgess for Weobley, and was re-elected for that borough to the Convention parliament. He was sheriff of this county in 1662, and knighted, and in the following year he was a commissioner for raising moneys granted by parliament, and sheriff for Pembroke county in 1666. By his first marriage he had an only son, Herbert, a barrister of the Middle Temple, who was slain by a quarrelsome drunkard in a Fleet Street tavern, and buried in the Temple Church, where there is a tablet thus inscribed:

"Herbertus Perrott armiger nuper societatis Medii Templi, Filius unicus Herberti Perrott in agro Pembrechiensis Militis, summi ingenii omnibus gratissimus universis animi et corporis dotibus egregiê pollens et qui non neminis suffragiis ad ardua tantum natus videbatur. Tandem proh! facinus ferro inimicæ et perfidæ manus immature præreptus ingenti parentis dolori plurimis amicorum fletibus et mira cunctorum sympathia sed omne epitaphio major hic jacet. Obiit ix die Januar' 1677-8, ætatis 34."

He married Judith, only daughter and heiress of James Barrow, of Bullingham, near Hereford, who predeceased her husband, and had burial with her twin infants in Canon Pyon church.

Sir Herbert, having no issue by his second wife, married thirdly, in 1668, Susannah, daughter of Sir Francis Norris, by whom he had an only daughter, his sole heiress, who was second wife of the celebrated patriot, Sir John Pakington, Bart., of Westwood, and mother of Sir Herbert Perrott Pakington, the seventh baronet, and the original

of Sir Roger de Coverley, by whom these estates were disposed of.

Susanna Lady Perrott, his dowager and executrix, caused her husband's charitable intentions to be completed in accordance with his express directions. She remarried, in 1685, Sir Cyril Wynch, Bart., of Hockwold, Norfolk, and died in 1690. A large portion of the Perrott property in this parish and Moreton was purchased by Mr. Mansel Powell, of descreditable memory, and at his death was acquired by the mortgagee, Mr. Lacy, from the executors; and by the marriage of his only child and heiress, Miss Isabella Lacy, with Mr. Somerset Davies, of Ludlow, the estates passed to them and their issue, and their lineal descendant, Rev. William Trevelyan Kevill Davies, of Croft Castle, is the present proprietor.

ECCLESIASICAL HISTORY.

Wellington is an impropriate rectory, having a vicarage endowed with a rent-

charge of £320 and a residence.

The rectoral tithes and glebe (given as an endowment of a prebendal stall in the cathedral) are vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The patronage of the vicarage, which heretofore belonged to the prebendaries, has been given to the Bishops of Worcester by Order in Council.

Incumbents.

1270. Henry de Chandos.

1283. John de Ponte.

1310. John de Trilleck.

1336. William Gaymond.

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1413. William Harper.

142-. William Nott.

1445. Richard Ceisell.

1463. William Rawlings, B.C.L.

14-. Richard Pope.