

THE FAMILY OF PERROTT

OF BELL HALL, Co. WORCESTER

Members will recall that amongst the various "P" lines shown in the articles based on, and copied from, "Perrot Notes", the section on the Perrots of Yorkshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire I mentioned that Barnwell had started well after the period for which we now had data and that even earlier instances of this family had come to light through the sterling work that Joyce Gibbs had done in extracting further data from the London Record depositories.

I now intend to serialise the articles that appeared in Volumes 1 & 2 of the "Midland Antiquary" on this Perrott line. The articles were by a H. Sydney Glazebrook and were pretty comprehensive. I do not know the exact date the articles were printed but as we have in our records even more information on this line I intend to 'slip this in' where it refers to the person/s being quoted. Where this occurs it will be commenced by the letters - (P.S.P.)

In addition I have now received some pedigrees from a St. John Stimson who contacted me just before we had our A.G.M. at Narberth in 1988. He owns the Castle Hill Museum at Pembroke (town) and a very interesting place it is - well worth a visit if you return to that delightful part of the world. He is a descendant of the Bellbroughton Perrotts through the Yorkshire and then Craycombe "P's". The details from his pedigrees will also be inserted where necessary. Members who have been with us a long time or have purchased the earlier Journals should turn to page 12 of the Summer/Winter 1985 issue where the pedigree of the Bellbroughton line as known in 1907 is reproduced from a printed version and which one of our members sent to me - Pat McGlynn. Off we go then -

" In the year 1867 the Rev. E.L. Barnwell published a work entitled "Perrot Notes: or some account of the various branches of the Perrot family", a reprint of a paper which he had contributed to the transactions of the Cambrian Archaeological Association. Among the families noticed in that work is that formerly seated at Bell Hall, in the parish of Belbroughton, Worcestershire, and now represented by Charles Perrott Noel, Esq., of Bell Hall. But Mr. Barnwell's account of that family is so very inaccurate that I think it advisable to place on record in the pages of the 'Midland Antiquary' such particulars as I have been able to collect concerning it.

Mr. Barnwell asserts that the first recorded of this branch, and the purchaser of Bell Broughton (sic) was one Humphrey Perrot who "married Elizabeth daughter and coheir of Brockhill Taylor of Ballyhouse in the county of Cavan, Ireland. He had three sons, William, John and Humphrey. John died at a very advanced age in 1741, President of the English College, Lisbon. Humphrey matriculated at Christ Church July 16, 1680."

"William, son and heir of Humphrey, had two sons, Thomas who succeeded to the property, and John who removed to Pedmore in the same county, and who died 1728 aged 76 (i.e., born 1652.) having a son John, who afterwards succeeded to the Bell Broughton estate. William died in 1688. Thomas Perrot, son and heir of William, had only one son Humphrey. Humphrey, son and heir of Thomas, was in holy orders. He was a fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, and vicar of Dudley. He was born in 1710, matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, 1728, M.A. of Oriel 1735. He died 1746. On his death the estate was left, or reverted to, his cousin, John Perrot of Pedmore, as already stated."

"John Perrot, son of John Perrot of Pedmore by Sarah his wife, enjoyed the Bell Broughton estate for thirty years, dying in 1776, aged 74. He left by his wife Catherine only one daughter who conveyed by marriage the estate to the family of Noel" (End of extract from PerrotNotes)

Now, as will be shown hereafter, the Humphrey Perrott whom Mr. Barnwell here calls the "first recorded of the family" was really the son of a third son of the first possessor of Bell Hall. He settled in Ireland about the year 1660, was High Sheriff of Co. Cavan in 1661, and was the ancestor of the Perrotts of Ballyhaise. William Perrott, who he tells us, was son and heir of this Humphrey (he had no son so named), and who died in 1668, was born in 1643 - just nine years before the birth of his alleged second son! Mr. Barnwell quotes his M.I. in Belbroughton church, which states that he died March 15, 1688, but he omits to add "aged 45".

It is singular that although the Perrotts were possessed of landed property at Belbroughton at least as early as 1610, they did not record a pedigree at any of the Worcestershire Visitations (by the Heralds.) In the list of disclaimers in the Visitation book of 1634, I find the name of "Francis Perrott of Belbroughton," but this is a manifest error, for the then head of the family was James Perrott of Bell Hall, and a line has been drawn through the name - thus erasing it from the Heralds' "black list". The first mention of the name that I have found in these parts is in 15 Henry VII. (1499-1500), when one Thomas Perot held a tenement in Hawne under the Abbey of Halesowen. In 1553 Roger Perrott was one of the "principal inhabitants of the town of Stourbridge and parish of Oldswinford", selected by Edward VI to be a governor of the new Grammar School in that town.

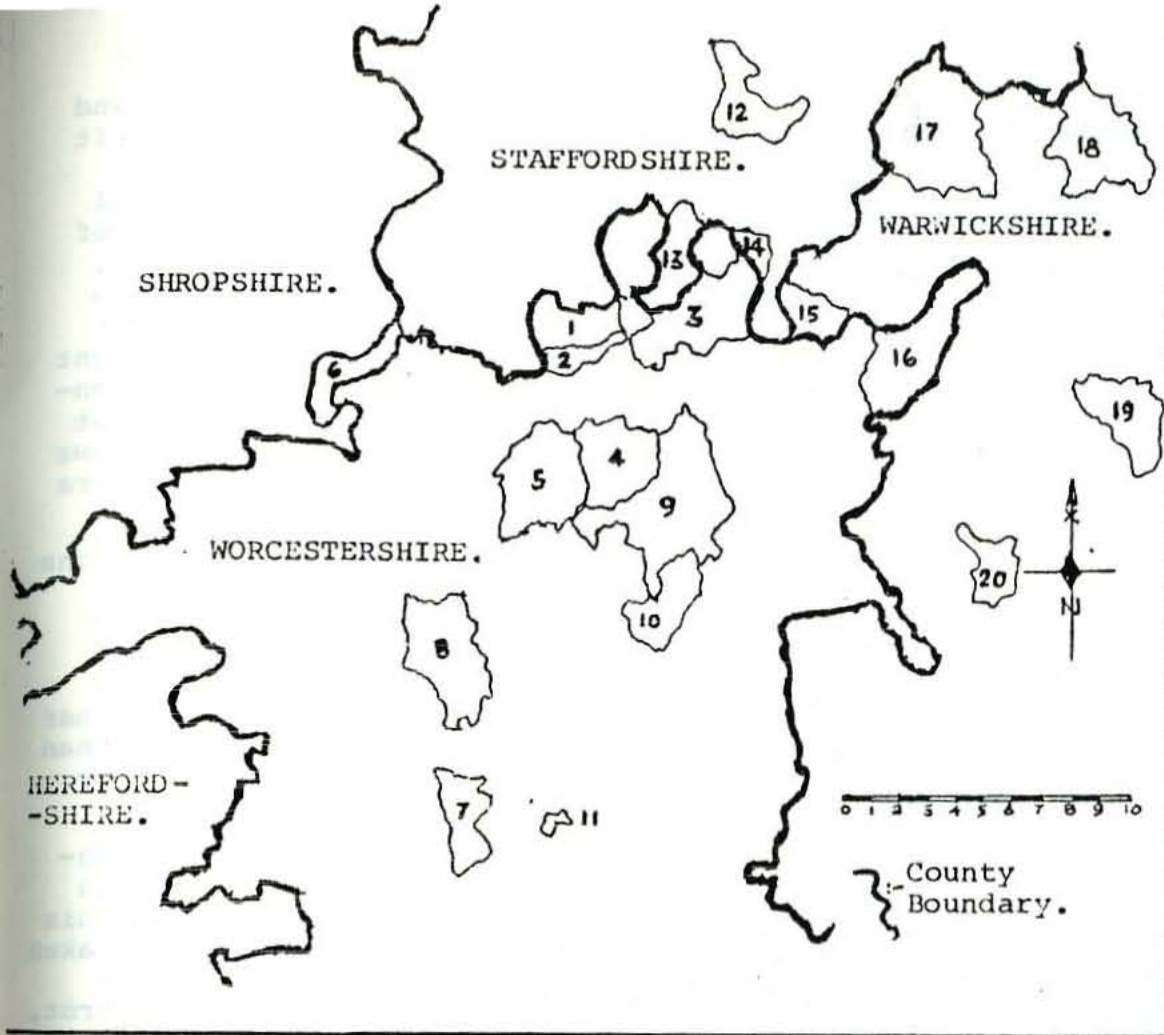
(P.S.P.) The mention of Thomas above may be the missing link in the 'line' down to William Perrott of Wollaston, near Stourbridge and who is shown as the first on the pedigree printed, as before stated, in the Summer/Winter 1985 issue of the Journal and mentioned also at a later date. The Society has an earlier reference to a "P" in this area and found by Joyce Gibbs. This refers to a Court hearing in the 21st year of the reign of Henry VI, (1443) which took place on "the morrow of the purification" - perhaps someone can tell me what day and month it refers to. Anyhow it was recorded on the "quindene of Easter 21 Henry VI". It states that the dispute was between William Perot of Wollaston and Agnes his wife, and John Perot, son of the said William Perot, complainants, and Beves Hampton, Armiger, and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant, of a messuage, forty acres of land, six acres of meadow, one acre of wood and two acres of moor in Amblecote. The result was that Beves and Elizabeth Hampton remitted all rights to the complainants and heirs of William Perot for which the complainants gave £40 sterling. Note that the judgement states heirs in the plural.

Apart from the Thomas mentioned above and the Roger Perrott, governor of the new Grammar school, we also have the will of Roger Perrot who will be mentioned shortly by Mr. Grazebrook. The dates now fall into a more logical sequence and there is more possibility that the earlier pedigree of this Perrott family was as follows:-

William and Agnes Perot. Court case 1443. Of Wollaston.
John Perot their son, alive in 1443 with other heirs.
Thomas Perot of Hawne. 1499/1500. Held tenement.
Roger Perrot of Old Swinford. Will 1558. Wife mentioned as Elinor and a son, William, Execs.
William Perrott of Wollaston. Will 1571.
Humphrey Perrott of Belbroughton.

Without further documentary evidence it cannot be stated that this is a definite earlier pedigree of this family but the dates now present more of a possibility now that Thomas has appeared in between John, son of William and Agnes, and Roger who died in 1558.

It may help to see how close all these places were by a map, see next page.



1. Old Swinford.
2. Pedmore.
3. Halesowen.
4. Belbroughton.
5. Chaddersley Corbett.
6. (Upper) Arley.
7. Worcester.
8. Ombersley.
9. Bromsgrove.
10. Stoke Prior.
11. Bredicote.
12. Walsall.
13. Rowley Regis.
14. Smethwick.
15. Edgbaston.
16. Yardley.
17. Sutton Coldfield.
18. Kingsbury.
19. Berkswell.
20. Lapsworth.

N.B. Old Swinford contains Stourbridge & Wollaston. Rowley Regis contains Warley. Halesowen contains Hawne. Amblecote is either in parish of Old Swinford or just across border in Staffordshire (Kingswinford.)

H. Grazebrook, Cont:- " Next I have the will of **Beatrix Parrott** of the parish of St. Helen's, in the city of Worcester, which is dated 26.9.1550, and was proved at Worcester. She bequeaths to Anthony Tolly's nurse a black frise peticote, a smocke, a wollen aporne, and a payer of hosen, to Margery Brytton, to "Nell, my son **Laurence's** mayde", and to Jane Wyllys sundry articles of clothing. The residue she leaves among her children; and she 'ordaynes' Peter Gofe, Apothecary, her son-in-law, her executor.

Laurence Parat (no doubt the son of Beatrix) made his will on 5th May, 5 Edward VI (1552) styling himself "of the syty of Wyrcestre, barber" He mentions his brothers Robert P, Richard P, and Clement P., and his brother-in-law Anthony Tolly, to whom he gives a 'woodknyff'. (Anthony Tolly and Anne Perrott were married at St. Helen's, Worcester, on Feby 7, 1543.) he appoints his wife (baptismal name not mentioned) his executrix, and his 'gossip Penrys' his overseer. The will is attested by 'Richard Hawle, parson of Sent Eleyens in Wyrcester' Thomas Welfare, and Richard Penrys'. It was proved at Worcester July 9, 1551. A footnote says that 'At St. Swithin's in the same city Samuel Perott and Jane Harley were married 19.11.1576; and on 12.9.1582 a licence was granted for the marriage of Stephen Rumney to Judith Perrot of Worcester.'

The next will at Worcester is that of Elener Peret dated July 18th, 1587, and proved May 18, 1588. This will is so decayed as to be almost illegible. The names mentioned are Mary, Annes, James, Philip and Henry; also Peret and Joan her mother. She appointsBradford, her son-in-law, executor, and leaves a feather bed to Eleanor Bradford. The will is witnessed by James Bradford and Henry Humelton.

P.S.P.) There are in fact other wills for Worcester and the area and details of these are given in the Autumn Journal of 1985. It would appear that Mr. Grazebrook did not know of the existence of a will made by Roger Perrott of Old Swinford and dated 1558. The actual will is not in the Record Office but there is a record of the grant of administration to his wife Elenor Perott and his son William Perrott. This is dated 19.2.1558/9. I am sure that this William is the one who married Ann Rudyerd. He also omits to mention that the will of Elenor Peret (1587), although decayed, shows a legacy to Wi..... at the right hand edge. There is only a small piece missing here and could only contain about 4/6 letters after the Wi. I know of no other name, at least in those days, that would fit other than William. The Peret shows it starts with an 'E' before the edge is again missing, This time there is space for more letters so is it Elizabeth?

(H.S.G.) " In 1606 is the will, dated Jan 5, and proved March 10, of one Isabel "Pe't" of Rowley Regis, widow. She gives to Edmund "H'ndon" and John Payton, her sons in law, two kine (cows) a pece. To William Wolston, her cousin, one cow and two of her best sheep. To "An and M'great" two of her daughters, various articles of dress &c. To Alice "P'ett" her daughter-in-law her "middlemost gowne". To William her son, and to "M'gery, An, and M'great", her three daughters, all her linen and Pewter. Residue to William her son whom she appoints sole executor. John Turton and William Lowe to be overseers."

(P.S.P.) Whilst we did not have this will we did have one made by Thomas Perrott of Rowley on 21.7.1600. It is obvious that he is the husband of Isabel above. Those mentioned in his will are William his son - overseer. Daughters Annes, Margaret, & Marjorie (I have always taken Annes for Agnes) his wife Isabell was made executor. Witnesses were:- Charles Dudson, clerk; Reynold Bridgewater, Edmund Gledon & William Perrot. Probate was granted at Bromsgrove 2.7.1601, Inventory showing £44-6-8d.

(H.S.G.) "The next will at Worcester is that of William Perrott, of Warley, co. Worcester (query Warley-Wigorn, Haleowen?) It is dated Nov 20. 1614. He gives 3s.-4d. to each of his sons and daughters (un-named) and his freehold land to Alice his wife so long as she continues his widow.

Mr. Barnwell states that Robert Perrot, who was incumbent of Bredicote in Worcestershire from 1562 to 1585, is in some pedigrees stated to have been a son of Robert Perrot of Oxford; and it may be mentioned that the baptismal names of Clement and Laurence both occur in the Oxfordshire family.

In October 1593, Simon Perrott and Joan Smith were married at Stoke Prior (near Bromsgrove). Simon is a common Perrott baptismal name - though I have not found it in the Bell Hall line. It occurs frequently in the Oxfordshire family and occasionally in the Herefordshire line. Simon Perrott, citizen and grocer of London, son of Roger Perrott of Herefordshire, recorded his descent at the Visitation of London in 1634; and there was a Simon Perrott living at Sutton Coldfield in the 16th century. According to the Visitation of London in 1568 (Harleian Society's copy with additions, p. 87), Simon Perrott, of Staffordshire and Warwicks, married Ann, daughter of William Gardiner of Bermondsey, and had issue William, Simon, Dorothy, Frances, and Ursula. The youngest daughter was married to John Stone, as appears by the following extract from the Sutton registers:- "1609. There was marryed the fourth of February Mr. John Stone to Ursula Perrott."

These registers commence in 1603, and this is the only Perrott entry therein down to 1635 - beyond which I have not searched. In the "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica" (iii., 15.) is a more copious pedigree of the Gardiner family, and it is there stated that William Gardiner died in 1597, aged 66, and that his daughter Anne was first married to Robert Perrott of Sutton Coldfield, and secondly to Marmaduke Dawnay of York.

Mr. Foster, in his 'Yorkshire Pedigrees' (sub Dawnay), also calls Anne the widow of "Robert Perrott, of Sutton Coldfield, Esq." But his correct name was undoubtedly Simon. This is proved by a Chancery Suit which took place in 1597, the complainant being "Anne Perrott, widow, late wife of Simon Perrott, of Sutton Coldfield in the county of Warwicks, gent., on behalf of herself and William Perrott their infant son," and the defendants Simon Weston and Thomas Keene. The object of the suit was to protect the plaintiffs' lands against an extent. The lands in question are stated to be the site of the manor of Sutton, purchased by the said Simon Perrott in fee, in or about the year 1590, of one Humphrey Keene, who was then dead, the defendant Thomas Keene being his brother and executor. It appears from the proceedings that Anne and Simon were married "in or about the 25th year of the reign of her Majesty" (1583.) Simon Perrott was "Warden" of Sutton in 1580 and 1590. He was alive in December, 1594. A footnote states that "In the year 1540 Robert Perrott and Joan his wife had a lease for lives of 40 acres of land in Kingsbury Co. Warwick." (Plowden's Reports fo. 140).

Besides the Roger Perrott before referred to as being an original Governor of the Stourbridge Grammar School, I find in the parish registers of Oldswinford (Stourbridge), which commence in 1602, the burial of a John Perrott on 7th June 1621, and of Margery, wife of John Perrott, on 10th December of the same year. The next entry is the baptism of Anne, daughter of Benjamin Perrott, on 18th June, 1679. The name does not again appear until 1724-5, when, on 4th March, one Mary Perrott was buried. A few years later, viz, in 1728, on April 4th, Benjamin, the son of William and Susannah Perrott, was baptised. This William belonged to the Pedmore branch, of which I shall have something to say hereafter.

The earliest ancestor from which I have succeeded in directly tracing the Perrotts of Bell Hall is WILLIAM PERROTT, of Wollaston, near Stourbridge. Although I have no actual proof, I feel pretty sure that he was the William "Parrott" who, according to the Rudyard pedigree in the Staffordshire Visitation of 1583, was the first husband of Anne, daughter of Ralph Rudyard of Rudyard. (P.S.P. He was correct in this assumption.) Her second husband, says the Visitation, was 'John Pursehouse'. The parish registers of Walsall record the marriage in 1572 of John Persehouse and Anne Perrott. As the marriage took place at Walsall, I have no difficulty in identifying Anne's second husband with John Persehouse of Reynold's Hall, Walsall, who, according to the Visitation of 1614, had married Alice, daughter and heiress of Miles Wimbush, and by her was father of a son, John, who married "Margaret daughter of William Perrot of Wollaston, in com' Worc" Alice Wimbush was no doubt the first wife of John Persehouse. It was by no means uncommon in those days for a man to marry the daughter of his step-mother.

William Perrott had issue:-

1. Humphrey Perrott, of Bell Hall, and of the Inner Temple, to which hon. soc. he was admitted in 1582 as "of Wollaston co Worcester".
2. John Perrott, of Over Arley, co. Stafford.
3. Margaret, m. to John Persehouse, of Reynolds Hall, and of the Inner Temple, Barr.-at-law. She had issue Richard, aged 14 in 1614; William, of Hurst Hill, Sedgely, and of the Middle Temple, mentioned in the will of Humphrey Perrott as his nephew; Margery, wife of Thomas Rickthorne, of Bobbington; and Alice, m. to Walter Pipe of Bilston.
4. A daughter married toWalsted.
5. A daughter married toPhipps (Francis.)

(P.S.P.) William's will of 22.3.1571/2 was nuncupative - i.e. spoken, and he only mentions 'my children' so no details from this as to names. However a William was having children baptised in Halesowen as follows:- John, 11.3.1564/5; Thomas, 2.5.1568; Margery 20.3.1568/9. There were others as will be shown in next Journal.