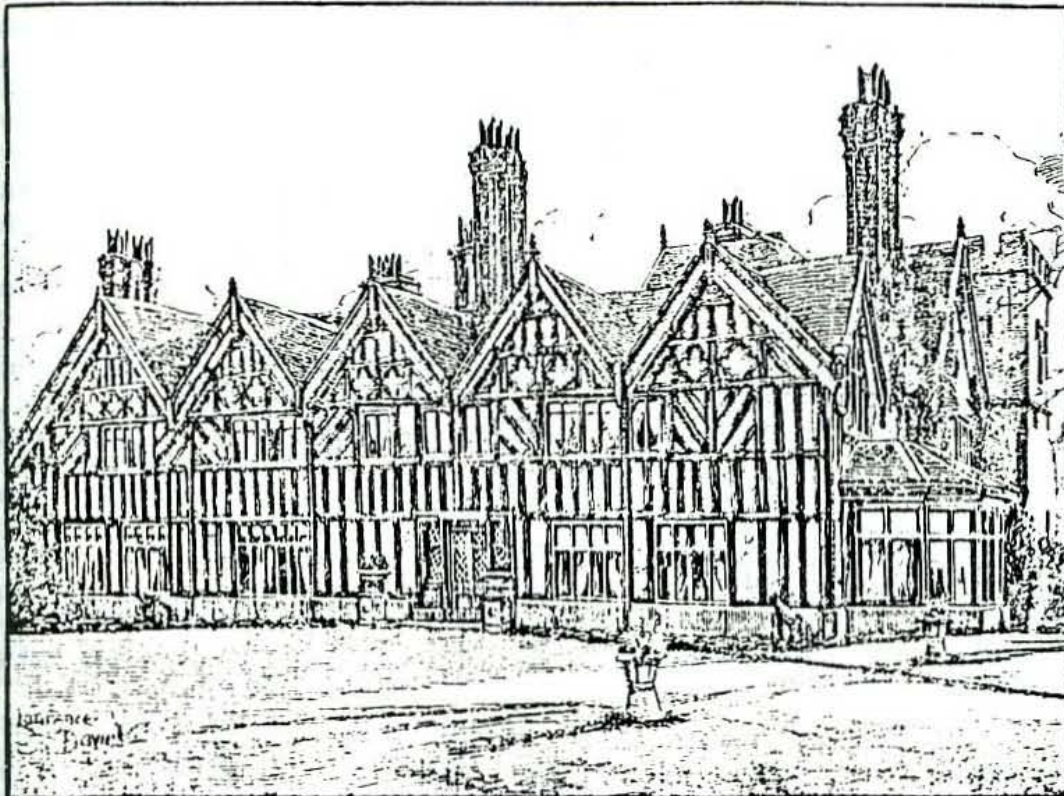


I continue the article commenced in the last issue about this family. Firstly, two pictures of properties that descendants of this line owned at some time.



The illustration on the left is of Wollaston Hall in the parish of Old Swinford, Worcs.

It is now part of the town of Stourbridge in Old Swinford parish. It was at one time in the possession of William Perrot mentioned in the last issue.

It was sold by Humphrey Perrot and William's widow, Anne, who later married John Pershouse, when they sold the manor of Wollaston, with

the Hall, to George Liddeatt, a merchant tailor of London.



The picture on the left shows Perrott House, which is in the town of Pershore, Worcestershire. It is situated in Bridge Street and it is still one of the loveliest houses there. It was built about 1770 by George Perrott, the Baron of the Exchequer, and when he retired in 1775 from the Bench he went to live there until his death in 1780.

George Perrott was from the branch of the Belbroughton family who, according to Nash, went to Yorkshire with one of the Archbishops in the early part of the 16th century. This branch will be covered in the articles on the family at a later date as it is intended to cover the direct lines first.

I have come into possession of a copy of a book 'Waterways to Stratford' by Charles Hadfield & John Norris which shows that George Perrott was involved in the navigation of the Lower Avon.

Now, back to the narrative on this armigerous family. Briefly, William Perrott who had died 1571 at Wollaston is said to have had two sons who we are certain of from further documentation. They were Humphrey in whom the main line continued, John who later lived at Over/Upper Arley, and in addition had a daughter Margaret who married John Persehouse, and two other daughters married to a Walsted and a Phipps. As mentioned in the last paragraph of the previous issue, there was a William P having children baptised at Halesowen at the appropriate time, i.e. a John in 1564/5, a Thomas in 1568, and a Margery in 1568/9.

In addition a Sybil Perrott married a Thomas Davis at Halesowen in 1575, and a William Perrett married an Alice James in the same parish in 1588. As Humphrey married an Elizabeth James and Humphrey's brother John had married a Martha James then I feel fairly certain that William would be a son of the William who died in 1571. It would also appear that the will of William Perrott who died at Warley in 1614 was the same person as he names his wife as Alice. (See page 78 last issue.)

Finally we have in our list of Administrations given at Canterbury one for a Samson Perrott who died overseas. It is dated 1606 and the administration of his effects is given to Humphrey Perrott, natural brother. Now Humphrey Perrott, the son of William who died 1571, had a son called Samson - baptised at Belbroughton in 1595 - besides a son called Humphrey baptised 1597. The Samson dying overseas cannot be the one born 1595, as even if he had property as a minor the Admon would not have been granted to a brother aged 9 but to his father. Samson must therefore be another of William's children. Quite natural that Humphrey would have called a son after a brother. The name Samson occurs on the IGI for Yorks for a Perrott and it may be Humphreys descendants at a later date.

Before going back to the narrative by H. Grazebrook I should mention that there is a supposed connection between the P's of Bedfordshire and the Belbroughton line. (See page 28 of the Summer/Winter issue of 1989.) Now back to the "Family of Perrott" by Mr. Grazebrook....

(H.S.G.) I will first dispose of the descendants of the second son, John Perrott of Over Arley. He made his will on the 8th of August, 1635, being then "well stricken in years," and it was proved in London on Feb. 20. 1627. (P.S.P. We have a copy of the will and this should be 1637.) He appears to have two wives, first Martha, daughter and co-heiress of Henry James of Forfield Court, belbroughton. She was baptised at Belbroughton August 18th, 1573, and was sister of Elizabeth, the wife of his elder brother Humphrey. And secondly, Mary, daughter of Henry Goode the elder, of Arley; which Henry Goode is named in his will as "father of my now wife Mary." He made his "loving friend" William Milton of Bewdley his overseer, and the will is witnessed by John Crease and John Perrott. He had issue (probably with others) a son and successor:-

JAMES PERROTT of Arley; will dated 21. Dec., 1681, and proved in London July 30, 1687. He describes himself as "full of years", and desires to be buried near to his late wife Goodith Perrott, deceased. Besides his children, &c., he mentions his 'brother' Thomas Bradshaw, and his brother-in-law Arthur Bradshaw; his daughter-in-law Mrs. Elizabeth Perrott, and her two daughters, Lucy Perrott and Elizabeth Perrott; his grandchild Mrs. Elizabeth Drakeford, and her son John Drakeford; Katherine his wife to be sole executrix. Witnesses: Edward Wilmott and Joice Smith. He had issue:-

1. John, eldest son; of whom more presently.
2. Edward, mentioned in the will of his grandfather 1635, and then under 16.
3. Muriel (also under 16 in 1635), married to Thomas Bishop, by whom she had issue 'three younger children', Goodith, Elizabeth, & Katherine.
4. Katherine. and 5. Mary.

(P.S.P.) It should perhaps be mentioned here that there was a John P at Arley in 1573 where he married a Margery Liddleton. This would not have

been James (above) father as this would put him above Humphrey in the direct line so he was probably a brother of William who died 1571. John is more likely to be the son of William P baptised at Halesowen, 1564, whilst James appears to be the one baptised at Belbroughton to a John Perrott in 1601.

(H.S.G.) JOHN PERROTT, the eldest son of James, was of Chaddesley-Corbett in Worcestershire. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Brooke of Haselor, co. Stafford (by Anne his wife, daughter of William, and sister of Augustine Nicolls, Justice of the Common Pleas) by whom he had issue 2 daughters, Lucy and Elizabeth, the former married to John Bradley of Colborne Brook, near Stourbridge, and the latter to Samuel Smart of Bromsgrove. I have no further particulars of this branch, though I have no doubt the Arley parish registers (which I have not consulted) would supply additional information. (P.S.P.) A footnote says-"He would appear to have had two other daughters, who probably died young; for Jane, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Perrott, was baptised at Belbroughton 9th of March 1664, and Anne, daughter of John Perrott, gent., was baptised at Chaddesley-Corbett 9th Aug. 1666. Elizabeth appears to have been baptised at Arley 1657. I can find no other references in the I.G.I.

(H.S.G.) Before I proceed to give in detail the issue and descendants of Humphrey Perrott of Bell Hall, the eldest son of William of Wollaston, I must call attention to an epitaph in Bromsgrove Church to the memory of the above Elizabeth and her two daughters. Stacy Grimaldi, in his valuable "Origines Genealogicae", warns his readers against placing implicit faith in monumental inscriptions. "These inscriptions" says he, "are frequently erroneous in dates and sometimes in names" one of the most flagrant examples of such errors is to be found in the epitaph now under notice. It is as follows:-

"In memory of Elizabeth the widow of John, a younger branch of the Perrotts of Bell Hall in this county. She was born in 1645, dyed in 1707, and was buried near this stone. Descended from a family not more distinguished by its antiquity and affluence than its steadiness and sufferings in the cause of Charles the First which in the year 1641 became a defence of the religion and liberties of England. Her father was John Brooke, Esquire, of Hasleover in the county of Stafford, whose grandfather Robert married Lucy the daughter and coheir of Thomas Stanley, second son of Edward Earl of Derby by Dorothy daughter of Thomas Duke of Norfolk; and her mother being an heiress descended from Richard son of Edmund Lord (and brother to Ralph Earl of) Stafford, inherited his estates. And of her daughters who lie near her, Lucy the widow of John Bradley of Colbourn brook, in the county of Stafford, Gent., who died in March 1744, aged 75, and Elizabeth the widow of Samuel Smart of this parish gent., who died March 1752, in the 81st year of her age."

I should mention that I copy the above from "Bromsgrove Church; its history and antiquities," by William Cotton (undated, but circa 1880). It is therefore possible that John Brook may be an error or misprint for William. Mr Cotton informs his readers that the lady here commemorated was the wife of John Perrott of Pedmore who died in 1728, utterly regardless of the fact that she died a widow in 1707!. As stated above, Elizabeth Perrott was really the daughter of William Brook of Haselor, who was aged 60 at the Visitation of Staffordshire in 1663, and who was buried at Elford on Oct. 9, 1668. He was son of William Brooke (b. 1579, ob. 1641), and grandson of Robert Brooke (b. 1556, ob. 1597) by Catherine dau of Clement Agard of Foston, co. Derby. This last named Robert was the son of John Brooke of (ob. 1571) by Lucy his wife, eldest daughter of Richard Huddleston, and co-heir of her mother Margery (dau. and heir of Sir William Smith of Elford) descended from the Stanleys, Adernes, and Staffords. In fact, Elizabeth Perrott had abundance of noble, and even royal, blood in her veins-for through Huddleston, Neville, Montacute, and Holland, she was descended from King Edw. 1-but her pedigree, as set forth on this monumental stone is grossly inaccurate. (To be continued.)