

The serialisation of this family now continues. Before the narrative I print two pictures of the property at Belbroughton known as Bell Hall. This was part of the extensive lands and properties that this family once owned in the area. This is not the original Bell Hall I am told but one constructed on the site of the original. The chapel, however, was there in the time which we have covered so far in previous Journals. It is thought to be of Saxon origin, although extensively repaired over the centuries.



BELL HALL, 1990. (Left)

SAXON CHAPEL, BELL HALL. (Above)

For the benefit of new members and to refresh memories, the earlier articles show the probable descent down to William Perrott of Wollaston and his children. A brief 'tree' with added data of other children that the Society have found from its records is shown below:-

William & Agnes Perot and son, John. Court case 1443, of Wollaston.

Thomas Perot[?] of Hawne. 1499/1500. Property deed. Part of Halesowen.

Roger Perrot[?] of Old Swinford. Will 1558. Son William an executor.

William Perrott of Wollaston. Will 1571. Wollaston part of O. Swinford.

Whilst Thomas may not have been son of John, alive in 1443, and Roger may not be son of Thomas, the places mentioned are all within a few miles of each other and are probably the same family. We know William was son of Roger Perrott from other data. William's children so far found are:-

William Perrott & Ann (Rudyerd.)

Humphrey. John. Margaret. Dtr. Dtr. ?Thomas. ?Margaret. Sampson.

?William.

The reasons why the 3 children marked with a ? are considered William's children are given in the Spring/Autumn 1990 issue. Sampson, we know, was Humphrey's brother from the administration of his estate when Sampson died overseas. I now continue with H. Glazebrooks article from the 'Midland Antiquary'.

The issue of Humphrey Perrott and Elizabeth (James) were:-

1. James Perrott, bapt., at Belbroughton, Aug. 25th, 1587; of whom later.
2. John Perrott, bapt., Nov. 11, 1589. I have not been able to ascertain the name of his wife, but he had issue two sons, John and Francis, who are mentioned in their grandfather's will (Francis was later of Virginia and Barbados - we have his PCC will. P.S.P.) I am inclined to identify the former with John Perrott of Smethwick, but who in 1671 resided at Rotton Park. His will, which is dated 10th Aug., 1671, was

proved at Lichfield 27th Sep., 1673. He describes himself as "John Perrott, the elder, of Rotten Park, Co. Warwick, gent", and desires to be buried at Handsworth, "in the churche porch nere my deare formerly deceased wife Judith Perrott". Mentions his brother-in-law William Bunn, his then wife Alice, his son John Perrott, and his daughter Alice Perrott. To the latter he gives a bond for £3-10s-0d, "owing by her uncle John Rider." Desires his wife to leave whatever property she has to his daughter Anne "according to promise." He mentions bonds, &c., from the following persons, Richard Peters, Esq. Will. Burns, George Lowe, Humphrey Perrott, James Haynes, and John Tibbott. His son John, his wife Alice, and his daughter Anne to be executors. Witnesses:- Alice Perrott, John Perrott. jun., and Ann P.

The Will is sealed with the Perrott arms differenced by a crescent. The inventory was made 1st Sept., 1673, by William Bun, Francis Richardson, Richard Peters, and Margery Bun, and in it the testator is described as "late of Smethwick in the county of Salop." The total value of his goods was £57-14s-10d.

3. William, bapt. August 5th, 1591, He met with a violent death at Bewdley in 1623, and was buried at Ribbesford. He made no will, but an Administration was granted to his widow Bridget, and his inventory was made Nov. 17th, 1623, by William Penn, Oswald Tolly, Henry Smyth, and Mathew Walford.. He married at Studley, co. Warwick, Oct. 19th, 1620, Bridget, daughter of Francis Conyers, and sister of Sir John Conyers, Knt., Lt of the Tower of London., and by her (who was baptised at Belbroughton Aug. 24th 1595) had issue two sons, Humphrey who settled in Ireland (of whom hereafter), and Conyers, bapt 1623, of whom I have no further information. (P.S.P. We have a copy of the marriage licence and this states her name as Elizabeth Conyers, but Bridget is another name for Elizabeth.)
The widow Bridget was married secondly at Belbroughton, on November 12th, 1627, to the Rev. John Wood, vicar of Clent, by whom she was mother of a daughter Mary, married at Belbroughton, Sept. 18th, 1655, to James Purshull, of Purshull Hall, co. Worcester (son of Gerard Purshull mentioned hereafter) and stated to be "aet 26" at the Visitation of Worcestershire in 1682.
4. Anne, bapt. Sept. 17th, 1594; buried Jan. 4th, 1595-6.
5. Sampson, bapt. March 14th, 1595-6. No doubt died young. (P.S.P. but see the possibility in a later article that he may have gone to York)
6. Humphrey (called fourth son in his father's will, hence my remarks above. P.S.P.) He was probably the "Humphrey son of Perrot of Bell Hall," who was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1612. He appears to have died unmarried, and was possibly the "Humphrey Perrott, sen," who was buried at Belbroughton, Aug. 30th, 1656.
7. George, bapt. March 15th, 1599, probably died young as he is not mentioned in his father's will. (P.S.P. He was alive in 1654 as in the will of Francis Perrott of Virginia & Barbados - the son of John Perrott, second son of Humphrey - Francis mentions 'his uncle' George who has some of Francis' property and bonds in his hands.)
8. Humphrey Perrott, infant, was buried at Belbroughton Feb. 26th 1592, and was no doubt another child of Humphrey and Elizabeth.

There are three footnotes under the above children of Humphrey and Elizabeth. One states that William (3 above) is mentioned in the Ribesford registers as 'buried 1623 and was slaine at Bewdley'. Another footnote describes some of his effects mentioned in the inventory, including a 'fowling piece, an old gilt sword' and that the total value of his goods amounted to £8-10-10d.

The third footnote mentions Bridget's monumental inscription in the church at Elmbridge, Worcs., and this makes clear whose daughter she was. (To be continued.)