

THE BELBROUGHTON PERROTTS. (Cont).

JAMES PERROTT, the eldest and "unfortunate" son of Humphrey, was of "Bell Hall Esquire," in 1638, and made his will on the 24th October 1645, being "weake and sick". All he had to leave he bequeathed to his "beloved wife Ellnor," and to Richard Tristram, his "beloved son". He also had a "loving friend" John Perkes. The will was proved 15th Feb. 1645/6, and he was buried at Belbroughton on the 2nd of the same month.

His widow appears to have lived at Forfield Court, for the will of an "Ellnor" Perrott of that place, widow, dated August 17th, 1657, was proved in the P.C.C. (Prerogative Court of Canterbury) on September 22nd 1657, (346 Ruthen) by Edward Simpson of Bewdley, son-in-law and the sole executor of the testatrix. It supplies no further genealogical information. "Mrs. Eloner Perrott, widow" was buried at Belbroughton on the 1st of September 1657. James and Eleanor had issue as follows:-

1. Humphrey, who succeeded.

2. Anne, married at Belbroughton April 4th 1638, to the Revd. Richard Tristram, rector and patron of Belbroughton. She was buried 13th of February 1650/1, having had as issue one only daughter; Mary, baptised December 14th 1641. She married October 27th 1659 Roger Waldron, of Gileshouse, Belbroughton; which Roger had issue by his said wife Mary an only surviving child, Elizabeth, baptised 29th January 1661, and married at Clent on the 30th April, 1692, to her kinsman William Tristram, of Old Swinford. Roger Waldron had further issue by a second wife, and, as an old document states, was "kiled by his own fowling piece".

A footnote states that "Their post-nuptial settlement is dated the 27th of April, 13 Charles 1, 1638. It is between James Perrott, of Bell Hall, esq, of the one part, and Thomas Tristram, parson of the parish church of Belbroughton, of the other part. In consideration of a marriage already arranged, had, and solemnised between Richard Tristram, clerk, son of the said Thomas, and Anne Perrott, daughter of the said James, the latter agrees to pay the said Thomas £300, "whereof the legacy by her grandmother Perrott given to be a parte." The said Thomas to pass the next presentation of Belbroughton living to Edward Vernon, of Hanbury, Esq., Humphrey Greswolde of Yardley, gent., and John Wheeler, of Ashwood, gent., to the use of the said Richard his son, and to allow him 100 marks per annum. James Perrott to give the young couple their diet for three years. Witnessed by the said three trustees and by "Fra. Phippes" (Tristram Family Papers penes J.S. Valentine.) "

3. Elizabeth, married (it would appear) to Edward Simpson, of Bewdley.

HUMPHREY PERROTT, only son of James and Eleanor, was "of Bell Hall," in 1657, at which date he sold his moiety of the Moor Hall estate to his brother-in-law Richard Tristram. He was buried at Belbroughton June 28th 1688, and administration of his personal estate was granted at Worcester to Jane his widow, whose parentage I have not ascertained. His inventory is dated June 30th, 1688, and includes:-

Cows and calves, three mares, and a filly, sheep, pigs, and sundry articles of husbandry, a couch in the parlour, 'landskippes' and 'the king's picture.' He had "seven chamber-pots weighing 224 lbs." (these utensils were made of pewter.); and the house contained, besides a parlour, kitchen, &c., a dairy, a kitchen chamber, a maids chamber, a cock loft and a cellar; also he had a pool and the fish in it were duly valued. With £1 for "things forgotten" the total value of his goods were £155-11s-0d.

His widow Jane was buried at Belbroughton on August 18th, 1698, and according to the parish register "Mr Perrott of Pedmore" was her 'exsequitor'. But I have not been able to find her will. Humphrey and Jane had issue:-



1. Humphrey, baptised at Belbroughton, July 2nd, 1640, of whom presently.
2. William, baptised January 13th, 1643. He was of of Ombersley, co Worcs, gent., and by Hannah, his wife, had issue a son, William. He died on the 15th of March, 1688/9, aged 45 (memorial inscription) and was buried at Belbroughton on the 18th. His will is dated November 21st, 1688, and was proved at Worcester by the executors, Thomas Lowe, Esq., Thomas Tristram, Conyers Purshull, and John Perrott, gentleman, on May 10th, 1689.

"Being 'seised' (he says) of certain copyhold lands and tenements held under the manor of Ombersley, which are not devisable by will, but by custom will go immediately after my decease to Hannah my wife, and after her decease to my son William and his heirs, I direct that if my son shall die in the lifetime of my wife and without issue, and if my brother 'Captain' Humphrey Perrot (who in such case will be my heir at law) shall then be living, then my wife shall surrender all the sd lands to the use of my said brother and his heirs, my brother first giving her security to pay to her during her natural life an annuity of £10. I bequeath to my very good friend and kinsman Thomas Lowe, of Bromsgrove, Esq., Thomas Tristram, of Belbroughton, gent., Conyers Purshull, of Purshull Hall, gent., and my brother John Perrott, all of my ready money, debts, goods, cattle, chattels, and personal estate in trust for the benefit of my wife and son as directed by this will; namely, in case of my wife remaining unmarried, till my son comes of age, she is to have the use and profit of the said estate, but should my son come of age, the trustees to pay him £300 out of the estate, and from thenceforth they shall dispose of the interest and profits of the residue for the sole benefit of my wife for her life if she continue unmarried; and after the death or marriage of my wife the said personal estate to go to my son. But if he die before the age of 21 without issue, my brother John Perrott (giving good security to my wife for paying her an annuity of £15 yearly) shall have the remainder of my personal estate. But if he refuse or neglect to give security, then my wife to have the said estate during her life, and my brother to have it after her death. My wife also to have the use of such part of my household goods and plate as she shall desire during the life of my son, provided she remain unmarried. Witnessed by John Ockey, Jun., Francis Prescott, and Wm. Crew. Inventory made by John Ockey and Anthony Spooner. Total value:- £524-8s-4d. "

3. James, Baptised April 3rd, 1645. (Possibly the 'James Perrott, gentilman' who was buried at Belbroughton on September 18th, 1710.
4. Jane, baptised October 6th, 1646, married by licence dated July 30th, 1681, to Thomas Tristram, then of Belbroughton, but afterwards of Stourbridge. They had several children, some baptised at Belbroughton and some at Old Swinford. "Thomas Tristram, of Stourbridge" was buried at Belbroughton on May 3rd, 1705, and "Jane, wife of Mr. Thomas Tristram, of Oldswinford" was buried there on November 19th, 1701.
5. Elizabeth, baptised September 26th, 1651. (A Mrs. Elizabeth Perrott was married to "Mr. Edward Westwood," at Belbroughton on January 16th, 1674.)
6. ? Benjamin of Bristol.?
7. John, mentioned in his brother's will. (Query of Pedmore. who died March the 8th, 1728/9, aged 75.?)
8. George, born August 24th, and baptised Sepember 6th, 1659.

EDITOR'S NOTE. There are queries against Benjamin & John above. I can state that Benjamin was a son and was connected with the manufacture of glassware in Bristol. Similarly, John was also a son and was the owner of Pedmore Hall in Worcs, also a High Sheriff of Worcs in 1720. Further details of these two in a future issue.