

HUMPHREY PERROTT (called "Captain" in his brother William's will), the eldest son of Humphrey and Jane, succeeded to the family estate. In 1690, in conjunction with Humphrey his son and heir, he sold a portion of the Rotton Park estate to the Rev. John Hinckley, D.D., for £870. In a deed dated 31st January, 1692, he is described as 'of the parish of St. Augustine in the city of Bristol, Esquire,' and his son Humphrey as 'of Bell Hall, Gent.' He married in 1659 Lucy Gregory, of Rowington, Co. Warwick, and by her (who was buried at Belbroughton Nov. 7th, 1676) had issue:-

- 1) Lucy, baptised Jan. 25th, 1659/60, and married first, on the 18th of June, 1685, John Amphlett of Clent, by whom she had no issue, and secondly at Old Swinford, on the 5th of April, 1708, to John Egginton.
- 2) Humphrey, bapt June 10th, 1663. He was of Bell Hall in 1692, but was dead, and apparently s.p. (without any issue) in 1728.
- 3) William, bapt June 29th 1665, buried April 14th, 1667.
- 4) Gregory, bapt April 11th, 1667, buried Dec. 4th, 1676.
- 5) Thomas, bapt April 11th, 1670, of whom presently.
- 6) Mary, bapt. Nov. 29th, 1671.
- 7) Elizabeth, bapt. May 20th, 1673. (Query ? Married at Bromsgrove 24th March, 1702, to William Fisher, of Claines, Gent.)
- 8) Catherine, bapt. June 2nd, 1675, married by licence dated Sept. 18th, 1705, to the Rev. Robert Vernon, of Areley-Kings, Co. Worcester.

There are a series of footnotes to the above and are as follows:-

"1658. Consent of marriage between Humphrey Perrott, son of Humphrey Perrott, of Bell Hall, Gent, and Mrs. Lucy Gregory, of the parish of Roeington, in Co. Warwick, published Dec. 26th, and Jan. 2 and 9" From the Belbroughton registers.

1699. "Humphrey Perrott, gent." was buried at Belbroughton, 26th December.

"Mr. Humphrey Perrott, gentleman," was buried at Belbroughton 19th Sept., 1704. In a Worcestershire jury list, dated 1703-4, I find under Belbroughton:- Mr. Humphrey Perrott and Mr. Tho. Perrott. As these persons were between the ages of 21 and 70, they must be the sons of Humphrey, snior, who was doubtless the "Mr. Humphrey" who was buried in 1699.

THOMAS PERROTT, the fifth child of Humphrey and Lucy, was of Bell Hall, Esquire, and High Sheriff of Worcestershire in 1708, having no doubt succeeded to the estate on the death of his elder brother, without issue, in 1704. (See above.) He and John Perrott his 'son and heir apparent' were parties to a deed of 1728, in which the former is described as son of Humphrey Perrott, late of Bristol, Esq., deceased, and brother of the Humphrey Perrott who was 'of Bell Hall' in 1692. He afterwards resided at Stourbridge where he died, and was buried at Belbroughton (as "late of Bell Hall, Esq.") on the 8th of January, 1736/7. His will, in which he is described as "of Stourbridge, Esq.," is dated April 8th, 1736, and was proved in London on Dec. 2nd, 1737. In this will he states:-

He desires to be buried at Belbroughton near to his deceased wife, Frances. Mentions his sons Thomas and William, and his son-in-law William Brett, whom he makes sole executor.

I have not been able to ascertain the parentage of Frances his wife. She was buried at Belbroughton Aug. 27th, 1726, and by her he had issue:-

Sons. 1) John, born about 1702, who succeeded.

2) Humphrey, bapt. May 23rd, 1710. He was in Holy Orders, a Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, B.D., and Vicar of Dudley. He died unmarried, and was buried at Belbroughton, Dec. 17th, 1746, aged 36.

- 3). Thomas, described in a deed of 1737 as 'of the city of London, jeweller'. 'Mr. Thomas Perrott, of London', was buried at Belbroughton, Aug. 3rd, 1740.
- 4) Benjamin, bapt. July 6th, 1714. (perhaps the "Mr." Benjamin Perrott, who was buried at Belbroughton Aug. 22nd, 1715?)
- 5) William, bapt 28th June, 1715. In 1737 he was 'of Bristol, tobaccoconist'.
- 6) Gregory, baptised 26th Feb. 1716. (died young?) (Ed:- buried at Belbroughton, 1st March 1716.)
- 7) James, bapt. 27th May and buried June 14th, 1721 at Belbroughton.

Daughters. a) Mary, unmarried in 1727. (Ed:- see below.) **

- b) Anne, bapt July 3rd, 1706. (died young?)
- c) Sarah, bapt. Oct. 29th, 1707, unmarried in 1737. "The Rev. Mr. Charles Harris, of Stourbridge, and Sarah Perrott, of Belbroughton" were married at Churchill (near Kidderminster), Sept. 28th, 1747. He was the Headmaster of the Stourbridge Grammar School, and Incumbent of St. Thomas's Church in that town. He was buried at Old Swinford, Sept. 5th, 1782, aged 72, having had issue by Sarah his wife three daughters, bapt. at Old Swinford, viz, Sarah, on 29th Aug, 1748; Frances, on Oct. 9th, 1750; and Margaret, on July 16th, 1752.
- d) Frances, married (after 1737) to William Parker, of Halesowen. She was buried at Belbroughton, Nov. 10th, 1784, and is described in the parish register as daughter of Thomas Perrott, Esq., late of Bell Hall. (Ed:- She was baptised at Belbroughton, 11th April, 1709.)
- e) Diana, bapt. April 29th, 1711, died unmarried before 1737. (Ed:- we have a copy of her admon which was granted to her father, Thomas Perrott of Stourbridge and is dated 18.12.1734. Her inventory was valued at £561-15s-7d of which £555-11s-1d was due to her under a settlement.)
- f) Mabel, bapt. 26th June, 1713, married to William Brett, of Stourbridge, maltster.
- g) Ellen or Helena, bapt. March 5th, 1717, Unmarried in 1737.

** (Ed:- We have the will of Mary Perrott, spinster, dated 27.9.1736, but probate not granted until 10.3.1746. She names her 'brother John' as sole executor and mentions her £500 as part of the '£5100 settled on the younger children'. This was a tremendous sum of money for those days.

* (From previous page) (Ed:- We also have an admon for Humphrey Perrott, Junior, dated 15.1.1699/70. It was granted to Humphrey Perrott, father, his widow Mary Perrott having renounced on the 27th of December 1699. It is now clear that this is the Humphrey buried on the 26th December and not his father as was thought by the author of this treatise.)

JOHN PERROTT, Esq., eldest son of Thomas and Frances, was High Sheriff of Worcestershire in 1738. He married Catherine Vernon, sister of the Rev. Thomas Vernon, Rector of Areley-Kings, Worcestershire, and by her, who died Jan. 20th and was buried at Belbroughton, Jan. 28th, 1793, aged 84, had issue. (Turning back to Catherine, the daughter of Humphrey and Lucy, on previous page, it would appear that it was her daughter who married John, i.e. his cousin? -Ed.)

The issue of John and Catherine were:- a son, Humphrey, bapt. Oct. 8th, 1741, and buried April 26th, 1743.

And a daughter an only surviving child and heiress, Catherine. She was bapt. 10th June 1747, and married by licence, in the presence of Thomas Hodgetts and Maria Ketelby, on May 12th, 1764, to Walter Noel, Esq., of Hilcote, co Stafford (then residing at Kinver), whose great grandson and representative, Charles Perrott-Noel, Esq., now possesses the Bell Hall estate. (Ed:- this was at time of writing this treatise - it has since been sold.)

(To be continued.)