

THE BELBROUGHTON PERROTTS

The Will of John Perrott is dated 11th April 1776. At that time he resided at Rotton Park, Edgbaston, an estate which had been for many generations in the family.

He devises all his manors, lands and estates to his daughter Catherine Noel for life, and after her decease to his grandson John Perrott-Noel and his heirs. In default of issue (of John) the estates were to go to James Horton, nephew of the testator, and his heirs. He leaves an annuity of £25 to his nephew Thomas Perrott, of Belbroughton, 'son of my sister Mary Perrott'. He also leaves an annuity to Mary Pugh, wife of Thomas Pugh, late of Birmingham, brass-founder, she to continue to live at Rotton Park, and to have the use of the farm and buildings..

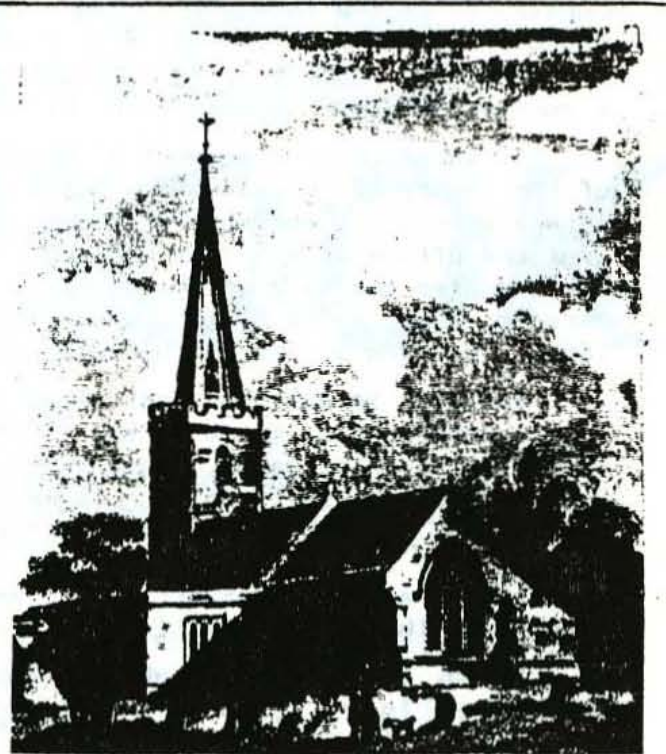
There are 3 footnotes about this item above. They are:

- (1) John Perrott, son of Walter and Catherine Noel, was baptised at Belbroughton on 28 March 1765.
- (2) I am not able to give the parentage of this James Horton, but he must have been the son of one of John Perrott's sisters. I have not been able to find any more information.
- (3) I am unable to explain who 'Thomas Perrott, son of my sister' was, but perhaps Mary (eldest daughter of Thomas and Frances, and John's eldest sister) married a cousin Perrott. A Thomas 'Pearot' was buried at Belbroughton on 9th January 1789. (The reference to 'sister' could in fact be 'Mary, his sister-in-law'. I have come across references to 'sister' and 'brother' in numerous wills, which, when investigated, have turned out to be 'sister-in-law or brother-in-law') The Mary referred to could be the wife of his brothers Thomas or William who were mentioned in the last part of this article in the last journal but one.)

The Will was proved in London on 3 March 1777 by the Revd. Thomas Vernon, Rector of Lower Arley, and John Dolphin, of Shenstone, Staffordshire, the executors. Mr. Perrott was brought from Edgbaston and buried in a vault in the Chancel of Belbroughton church on 26 April 1776, aged 74. (The Revd. Thomas Vernon, one of the executors, may have been the son of the Revd. Robert Vernon of Arley, who married Catherine, sister of his father Thomas Perrott, and was thus an aunt, and making Thomas one of the testator's cousins).

The article now has an item which refers to a paragraph in an earlier part of the narrative. It concerns William Perrott, son of Humphrey Perrott who married Elizabeth James. This William was baptised at Belbroughton on 5 August 1591. He is referred to on page 41 of the Autumn/Spring issue of 1990:

"I have stated that William Perrott, who was slain at Bewdley in 1623, had issue by Bridget, nee Conyers, his wife : 2 sons, Humphrey Perrott and Conyers Perrott, and that the former settled in Ireland" (The actual marriage licence, of which we have a copy, shows her name as Elizabeth Conyers. However, a genealogical book that I have says that it is an alternative name for Elizabeth).



Holy Trinity Church, (in 1805),  
Belbroughton.

By the Act of Settlement, Major Humphrey Perrott had a grant of £1186, and by a deed dated 7th May 1661 he purchased from Thomas Richardson of Dublin, an estate in the parish of Drumhome, barony of Lougher, in County Cavan. In the same year he served the office of High Sheriff of the County of Cavan, and on that occasion obtained from the then Ulster King of Arms a confirmation of the arms borne by his family in the following terms:-

'This is the achievement of Humphrey Perrott, Esqr, now High Sheriff of the County of Cavan, who is descended of an ancient family of that name in Worcestershire and Herefordshire, as appears to me by a certificate from the Office of Armes of England. The Coate impaled is Taylor of Kent, the daughter and heir of which family is now wife to the aforesaid Humphrey Perrott, Esqr. The truth whereof is certified this 11th day of August 1661. Richard St. George, Ulcester King of Armes.'

The arms in question are Gules, 3 pears or, on a chief argent, a demi-lion issuant sable, armed of the field, a crescent for a difference; impaling Argent, on a chief sable, 2 boars heads coupes fesse-ways of the field. Crest: A parrot vert, holding in dexter claw a pear, or. Motto: "Amo ut invenio". The first part is the standard Perrott coat, but the boar's heads are, I assume, the arms of the Taylor family of Kent. The crest is also the standard Perrott crest, as is the motto. Incidentally, the meaning of the motto is: 'I love as I find'.

Again, there are footnotes to this item, as follows:-

(a) For a copy of this certificate or 'confirmation', and also for most of the above information relating to the Irish branch, I am indebted to Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster.

(b) The mention of Herefordshire must refer to the family seat at Morton on Lugg. (As readers of earlier extracts from this treatise will be aware I set out what I felt were earlier generations of the ancestry of William Perrott, with which the author started this article. There may very well be a connection with the Herefordshire Perrotts, but the earliest record we so far have is a Will dated 1525 of a John Perrott of Morton, and it would appear from other data that there were Perrotts in and around the Belbroughton, Wollaston, Stourbridge area well before this date.- P.S.P.)

(c) Humphrey Perrott's Will is dated 27th April 1688. By his wife Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Brockhill Taylor of Ballhaise, County Cavan (whose Will is dated 7th April and was proved 27th April 1695) he had issue:-

1. BROCKHILL PERROTT of Ballyhaise, born in Co. Cavan circa 1656, entered Trinity College, Dublin, July 4th 1673, being then aged 17 years. He married (settlement dated 11 July 1680) Lettice, daughter of Arthur Newburgh, by Anne his wife, daughter of the very Rev. James Downham, Dean of Armagh, and by her had issue a son, Brockhill Perrott, Esq., who married Isabella, daughter of James Anchemuty, Esq, and Isabella, his wife, of Newtown, Co. Longford.

2. CONYERS PERROTT, of Drumhome, County Cavan, whose will is dated 15 June 1703, and was proved 9th July 1705. He married Susannah, daughter of --?-- but by her (who was married secondly by license, dated 10 January 1707, to John Davis, of Dublin, MD) and appears to have had no issue.

3. MARY PERROTT, married to Richard French, of Galway, merchant. whose Will is dated 23 December 1686 and was proved 7th January 1687. His sons were heirs to Conyers Perrott (above.)

4. ANNE PERROTT, married to Edward Davenport.

5. BRIDGET PERROTT, married to Henry Gwillim, of Ballyconnell.

According to a pedigree in Bentham's Baronetage, Brockhill Perrott had 2 daughters, Bridget and Letitia, the latter married to William Newburgh. However, the dates don't match and they may have been daughters of Brockhill Perrott, the younger.