

THE
HERALDRY
OF
WORCESTERSHIRE;

BEING
A ROLL OF THE ARMS
BORNE BY THE SEVERAL
NOBLE, KNIGHTLY, AND GENTLE FAMILIES,

WHICH HAVE HAD PROPERTY OR RESIDENCE IN THAT COUNTY, FROM
THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE PRESENT TIME ;

With Genealogical Notes.

COLLECTED FROM THE HERALDS' VISITATIONS, ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS,
HERALDIC DICTIONARIES, CHURCH MONUMENTS, PERSONAL
SEALS, AND OTHER TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES.

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Crest: A tower with a doe issuant proper. (Burke's *Armory*.)

PARKER.—Three pheons. (*In Crowle church.—N.*)

This coat is on the tomb of John Parker, who died in 166 . . (See Nash, i., 281.)

PARKER, Lord Morley.—Argent, between two bars sable each charged with three bezants a lion passant gules, in chief three buck's heads cabossed of the second. (*N.*)

The arms of Edward Lord Morley, father of Mary, wife of Thomas Habington of Hindlip, as in Hindlip church.

PARKER.—Argent, three buck's heads cabossed sable. (*Penn MS.*)

Perhaps the coat of "Philip Parker, esq.," who occurs in Penn's list of "those who were to find horse." A "Philip Packer,* esq.," was of Spetchley in 1673. (See Blome's list of Worcestershire gentry in his *Britannia*.)

PARKHURST, of *Ripple*; as borne by Fleetwood Parkhurst of that place, High Sheriff of Worcestershire in 1792, the fourth son of John Parkhurst of Catesby, in Northamptonshire.—Argent, a cross ermines between four bucks trippant proper. Crest: Out of a palisado coronet or, a buck's head erased argent attired of the first. (Baker's *Northamptonshire*, i., 288.)

PARKINS. See PERKIN.

PARRETT.—Quarterly per fesse indented or and azure. (*Penn MS.*)

* Philip Packer of the Middle Temple presented to White Ladies' Aston church in 1660, in conjunction with Rowland Berkeley of Cotheridge and Rowland Wynn of London.

This coat (which is attributed to Ralph Perot of Bedfordshire in the Roll of *temp.* Edward II.) is, according to Mr. Barnwell,* the paternal bearing of the Perrotts of Morton-on-Lug, co. Hereford, of which family was Sir Herbert Perrott, knt., who succeeded in 1637 under the will of Sir James Perrott, knt. (natural son of Sir John Perrott, the celebrated Lord-Deputy of Ireland), to the Haroldstone estates in Pembrokeshire. Sir Herbert was the son and heir of Robert Perrott of Morton-on-Lug by Fortune, daughter of Richard Tomkyns of Monington, and grandson of Richard Perrott of the same place by Alice, daughter of Richard Bromwich of Hereford. He was thrice married; by his first wife (Sibilla Lloyd) he had an only son, Herbert, who was slain by Captain South at the "Devil" tavern in Fleet Street; and by his second, Hester, daughter of William Barlow of Slebech, he was father of an only child, Hester, his heiress, who espoused Sir John Pakington, bart. His third wife, Susannah, daughter of Francis Norris, survived him and proved his will in September, 1683. The Perrotts of Morton assumed the armorial bearings† of the Haroldstone family, and about the year 1638 proceedings were instituted in the Earl Marshal's Court by Thomas Perrott of London against "Robert Perrott of Morton, co. Hereford; Herbert Perrott of Gray's Inn, co. Middlesex, son of the said Robert; and Francis Perrott of London, merchant (brother of the said Robert), for using his coate of armes, not being of the same family."‡ The result of this suit is not known, but Sir Herbert continued to use the disputed arms; they occur (quartering, Paly of six or and azure, on a fesse gules two mullets argent) on the seal attached to his will, and also upon the family monuments in Wellington church, Herefordshire. In Kimber and Johnson's *Baronetage*, 1771, Sir Herbert Perrott is called son of *James* Perrott, lord of Wellington, co. Hereford, by Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Perrott of the Haroldstone family; and the family is there deduced from one Owen Perrott, a brother of the Lord-Deputy of Ireland. But this is erroneous, for Sir Herbert is called, in the will of Sir James Perrott, "Harbert Perrott, sonne and heire of Robert Perrott;" and in his own will he mentions his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, and several others of the family by name. It may be added that no relationship has been traced between Sir Herbert and the Harold-

* See *Perrot Notes or some account of the various branches of the Perrot family*. By E. L. Barnwell, M.A. 1867.

† Gules, three pears or, on a chief argent a demi-lion issuant sable. Dr. Strong says that this coat is assigned to Perrott of Morton-on-Lug in the Harl. MS., 1545, one of Munday, the herald painter's, MS. collections.

‡ See Dallaway's *Heraldic Inquiries*, p. 302.

stone Perrotts ; and it is generally supposed that Sir James left him the Haroldstone estate simply because his name chanced to be Perrott.*

PARRY, *Bishop of Worcester*, 1610-16.—Argent, on a fesse between three lozenges azure, an annulet or for difference. (*Monument in Worcester cathedral.*)

There is also on his monument in the cathedral this coat—Or, on a chevron between two chevronels gules, a mitre of the field. Harington (Harl. MS., 2205) fears "this last coate is not ryght."

PARSONS, *of Overbury and Offenham*. The descent of this family was recorded at the Visitations of 1634 and 1682-3.† Philip Parsons of Overbury paid a fine for not taking the order of knighthood at the coronation of Charles I.;‡ and his name also occurs in Penn's list of those Worcestershire gentry who were to find horse. Giles Parsons of Overbury was High Sheriff of the county in the 11th of William and Mary. The heiress, Mary, daughter of John Parsons and Dorothy his wife, daughter of William Higford of Dixton, co. Gloucester (by Dorothy, daughter of Robert second Viscount Tracy), married William Bund of Wick.—Azure, a chevron ermine between three trefoils slipped argent.§ (*N.*)

* The above particulars are chiefly derived from Mr. Barnwell's *Perrot Notes*, and the wills of Sir James and Sir Herbert Perrott there printed. The tabular pedigree of the Morton-on-Lug family given in that work differs in some respects from the information afforded by Sir Herbert's will. For instance, Mr. Barnwell calls the wife of Richard Perrott *Margaret*, daughter of *Thomas* Bromwich, but in Sir Herbert's will she is called *Alice*, daughter of *Richard* Bromwich.

† C. 30, and K. 4, Coll. Arm. ff. 68b, 132.

‡ A William Parsons of Longdon refused knighthood on the same occasion. Nash informs us that Muchgros in Longdon belonged to Mr. William Parsons, who was a descendant of the ancient family of Muchgros.

§ The same arms were borne by the family of Parsons of Kemerton Court, co. Gloucester. See HOPTON.

Crest : An antelope sejant sable, tufted, armed, and maned argent. Motto : "A spe in spem." (*Harl. MS.*, 1566.)

In the same manuscript there are a few descents of a family named *Parkins* of "Mattisfield,"* but no arms are given.

PERROTT, of *Bell Hall, Belbroughton*.—Bell Hall, anciently the seat of a family named Bell or Belne, was purchased by Humphrey Perrott,† from the Conway family. He, or his son of the same name, married Elizabeth, eldest daughter and co-heiress of Henry James‡ of Forfield Court, Belbroughton, by whom he had issue two sons :—

* The family of Parkyns of Bunny, in Nottinghamshire, is said by Betham (*Baronetage*, iii., 42) to have come from "Upton and Mattisfield, in the county of Berks." Richard Parkyns of Bunny, with whom their pedigree commences, was, he says, "great grandson to Thomas Parkyns of the places aforesaid." This would seem to identify him with the Richard Parkins named in the pedigree above referred to, who was the eldest son of Richard Parkins, by Agnes, daughter of Walter Twynboro of Woodminton, West Hide, co. Hereford, and grandson of William Parkins, by Joan, daughter of — Read of Coventry; which William Parkins was the son of Thomas Parkins of "Mattisfield, co. Worcester," by Ellen, sister of J. Tomkins of co. Hereford. A pedigree of Parkyns of Bunny will be found in the Harleian Society's *Visitations of Nottinghamshire in 1569 and 1614*, but it commences only with Richard, who died in 1603. This family obtained an Irish peerage (Baron Rancliffe) in 1795, and a baronetcy in 1681; the former is extinct, but the latter still exists.

† "Humphrey, son of — Perrott of Wollaston, co. Worcester," was admitted a student of the Inner Temple in 1582. John Pershouse of Reynold's Hall, co. Stafford, married Margaret, daughter of William Perrott of Wollaston, and had a son, Richard, aged 14 in 1614. Humphrey Perrott purchased, in 1616, an estate in Belbroughton, "in the names of John Pershouse and Henry Phipps." Humphrey, son of — Perrott of Bell Hall was admitted a student of the Inner Temple in 1612. According to Kimber and Johnson's *Baronetage*, 1771, Humphrey Perrott of "Bilne, co. Worcester," was a son of Thomas Perrott and brother of James Perrott, of Wellington, co. Hereford, but the account of the family of the *soi-disant* "Sir Richard Perrott, bart.," as given in that work is altogether unworthy of credit. See PARRETT.

‡ Martha, another of the daughters of Henry James, married "John Perrott of Worcestershire," probably a brother of Humphrey. (See *Harl. MS.* 6128.)

James, who was of Bell Hall in 1638; and Humphrey. James had issue a son, Humphrey, and a daughter, Anne, married to the Rev. Richard Tristram, rector of Belbroughton. The son, Humphrey, sold, in 1657, a moiety of the Moor Hall estate (which Humphrey Perrott had purchased, in 1616, from the family of Barneby), to his brother-in-law, Richard Tristram. In 1692, Humphrey Perrott is described as of "Bristol, in the parish of St. Augustine, esquire," and he then had a son, Humphrey, "of Bell Hall, gentleman." In 1728, Thomas Perrott, esquire, "brother of the said Humphrey Perrott the younger," was of Bell Hall, and had a son and heir apparent, John Perrott, gent. Thomas Perrott of Bell Hall was High Sheriff of the county in the 7th of Queen Anne; John Perrott of Pedmore in 1720; and John Perrott of Bell Hall in 1738. The last named gentleman died in 1776, aged 74, leaving issue by Katherine, his wife, an only daughter and heiress, Katherine, married, in 1764, to Walter Noel of Hilcote, co. Stafford, from whom the present Charles Noel of Bell Hall is descended. Humphrey Perrott of Bell Hall paid a fine for exoneration from knighthood at the coronation of Charles I.; and the name of Humphrey Perrott also occurs in Penn's list of those 'Worcestershire gentry that were to find horse.'* —Gules, three pears or, on a chief argent a demi-lion issuant sable. Crest: A parrot vert, holding in the

* Mr. Barnwall, in his "Perrot Notes," gives a short, but not quite correct, account of the Perrotts of Bell Hall. The William (son of Humphrey Perrott) whom he makes father of John Perrott, born in 1653, was only forty-five when he died in 1688. (See his M.I. at Belbroughton). The above account has been drawn chiefly from original deeds, and, though meagre, it is believed to be accurate.

dexter claw a pear or, leaved proper. (*Penn MS.*; and seal of *John Perrott, esq.*, 1738.)

The name of Francis Perrott of Belbroughton was inserted in the list of disclaimers in 1634, but afterwards struck out.

PERROTT, of *Pershore, and of Craycome House, Fladbury*, of whom was George Perrott, a Baron of the Exchequer, whose family (says Nash) "came originally from Bell Hall, in Worcestershire, and went to Yorkshire with one of the Archbishops." The pedigree given by Nash (vol. i., p. 447) commences with John Perrott, citizen of London, who died in 1603. George Perrott of Craycombe House, nephew of the Judge, was High Sheriff of this county in 1786; he married Jane, daughter of the Rev. Henry Wigley of Pensham, and was father of George Wigley Perrott of Craycombe.—Arms and crest as Perrott of Bell Hall. See SAVAGE.

PERROTT. See PARRETT.

PERRY, of *Worcestershire*.—Argent, on a bend sable three pears or. Crest: A cubit arm in armour proper, grasping in the gauntlet a sword argent, hilt and pomel or, strings and tassels flowing from the pomel gules. (*Her. Dic.*) See PIRIE.

PERSHORE, Abbey.—Sable, on a chevron between three ant-hills, each hill having upon it four ants proper, three holly leaves vert.—Sometimes a cross ragulée. (*Nash, ii.*, 246.)

PESHALL.—Argent, a cross formée flory sable, on the centre an inescutcheon of the first charged with a lion rampant double queuee gules ducally crowned or, on a canton

LITTLETON OF NANTON

Beareth argent a cheveron betweene three escallops sable. The first bearer may here be said to be a faithfull subject to his sovereigne, who would rather die then submit to the King's enemies, which may be so compared by this shell fish, which will first be broken rather than yield to be opened the wrong way.

LECHMORE

Beareth gules a fess and two pelicans in cheife or vulned proper. Having had much troubles by his warr to his country's loss, having holpen them to a more settled condition he is not fully satisfied in it for the losse of their blood, but condoles their condition, resolves to bring y^m to better refreshment or further losse to himselfe.

SEABRIGHT

Beareth argent three cinquefoyles peirc'd sable. Having many wayes for comfort to cure the breath of a peace, and finding no probability for continuance, but being pierc't with resistance, heightens him to revenge, proceeds in severall degrees, and holding his vigour to defeat them, at last brings them to a dismall finishing.

COVENTRIE OF CROOME

Beareth sable a fesse ermine betweene three cressants or. The affaires of the nation being wheeld to a dismall condition, mooves a desire to help it to ease, enlarges the designe to a perfect way in a high performance, is girt about with a token of majesticall attire for continuance of reward for so worthy a worke.

PERROTT OF BELLHALL

Beareth gules three peares or on a cheife argent a lyon issuant sable armed and langued of the first. Usurpers using the mean to destroy the fruits of what was good, is most valourous suppress by a secret surprize and abated of his high designes, brought to know civillity, and to feel the reward of such turbulent persons.

ASGUILLE

Beareth azure, three asse's heads erased argent. It may be thought that here the *asse* was *beguiled* in the loosing of his head, and soe become an allusion to the name, as some (I must confess) may judge, but that I shall leave to the judgment of the Herald, who should know all things of this nature.

BEARECROFTE OF HANBURY

Beareth sable on a cheveron betweene three beare's heads erased argente a mullet and to cressants gules. The head is called in latine *Caput*, not only because it is *capable* of the knowledge attained by the sences, but that it containeth them.

II.

LIST OF THE HIGH SHERIFFS OF THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER FROM 1760 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

As Dr. Nash has given a complete list of the Sheriffs of this county from the Conquest to the date of his work, it has been thought unnecessary to repeat what is easily accessible in that work. The ensuing list, therefore, commences only with the accession of George III., and the *Anno Domini* has been substituted for the *Anno Regni*. It may be mentioned that an authentic list of Sheriffs of all counties, from the 2nd of Henry II. to the 5th of Edward III., is given in the 31st report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, and that a list of the Sheriffs of Worcestershire down to the 17th of James I., differing in some few instances from Nash's list, will be found in the Harl. MS. 1043.

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| 1760 John Timbrill of Bretforton. | 1774 John Hurtle of Sion Hill. |
| 1761 Richard Case of Powick. | 1775 Samuel West of Earl's Croome. |
| 1762 Sir Samuel Hellier of Rushock,
knt. | 1776 Josiah Dineley of Peopleton. |
| 1763 Benjamin Johnson of Worcester. | 1777 Samuel Netherton of Hill-end
House, Chaseley. |
| 1764 Rowland Berkeley of Cotheridge. | 1778 Edward Whitcombe of Orleton. |
| 1765 William Winwood of Lindridge. | 1779 John Foster of Wordsley. |
| 1766 Thomas Cookes of Harvington. | 1780 Richard Amphlett of Hadsor. |
| 1767 Sir Herbert Perrott Pakington of
Westwood, bart. | 1781 John Darke of Bredon |
| 1768 Thomas Bury, jun., of Abberley. | 1782 Joseph Berwick of Worcester. |
| 1769 Edward Knight, jun., of Wol-
verley. | 1783 Jonathan Pytts of Kyre. |
| 1770 John Martin of Overbury | 1784 Thomas Bund of Wick. |
| 1771 Edmund Pytts of Kyre. | 1785 Richard Bourne-Charlett of Elm-
ley Castle. |
| 1772 Charles Watkins - Meysey of
Shakenhurst. | 1786 George Perrott of Pershore. |
| 1773 John Tristram of Moor Hall. | 1787 Richard Harrison of Temple
Laughern. |
| | 1788 John Baker, jun., of Beveré. |

IV.

DISCLAIMERS AT THE VISITATION OF 1634.

(FROM MS. C. 30 IN THE COLLEGE OF ARMS.*)

Addyes, Thomas, Powick.	Burnford, Richard, Bromsgrove.
Archar, John, Eastham.	Bury, Thomas, Abbotsley.
Arden, Richard, Martley.	Bookey, William (<i>sic</i> erased).
Arden, Launcelot, Astley.	Cecil, John, Bromsgrove.
Aynsworth, Thomas, St. Andrew's, Pershore.	Chambers, William, Northfield.
Bache, Simon, Suckley.	Chamb., John, Stoke and Bradley.
Baldwyn, Thomas, Redmarley D'Abi- tot.	Chapman, Thomas, Blockley.
Barnes, Anthony, Bishop's Wick.	Chaunce, Thomas, Hadsor.
Barston, Richard, Redmarley.	Chaunce, John, Bromsgrove.
Barston, Richard, Ribbesford.	Chaunce, John, Woodcote.
Baylard, Francis, Moreton.	Chaunce, John, Bedward.
Beale, Thomas, Pendock.	Chetle, Thomas, Drayton Bassett.
Beast, William, Hartlebury.	Colles, Andrew, Lulsley.
Bernarde, Henry, Pendock.	Collyer, Henry, Hanbury.
Best, Henry.	Cole, Henry, Bromsgrove.
Best, Thomas, Elmley Lovett.	Cooke, William, Elfield.
Bloxam, Thomas, Offenham.	Cookes, John, Bentley.
Bolton, Richard, Feckenham.	Costnet, Richard, Pershore.
Boothe, Edmund.	Cother, John, Ripple.
Bourne, Gilbert, Elmbridge.	Coucher, Thomas, eldest son of the Alderman at Worcester.
† Bourne, Foulke, "	Dallehay, Thomas, Ruckleton.
Bourne, John, "	Daniannes, Ra., Defford.
Bradstock, Rowland, Queenhill.	Doures, Walter, Hartlebury.
Burlton, Humfrey, Kidderminster.	Dowtey, Thomas.
	Dowtey, William, Horsam.

* Communicated by Sir Albert W. Woods, knt. Garter King of Arms.

† See GRESWOLDE, p. 238.

Eden, William, Darlingscott,	Langford, <i>alias</i> Oliver, George.
Edgeock, George, Croome D'Abitot.	Lewes, Roger, Doddenham.
Edgoke, William, Pirton.	Lewes, William, Martley.
Field, John, Kingsnorton.	Lingham, James, Upton on Severn.
Field, Thomas, "	Lloyd, Thomas, Frankley.
Field, William, "	Loggin, Edward, Bretforton.
Fletcher, Nicholas, Paxford.	Low, Roger, Bromsgrove.
Foley, Richard, Stourbridge.	Mason, William, Birlingham.
French, Richard, Salwarpe.	Mason, Richard, Croome D'Abitot.
Gardeners, Giles, Bricklehampton.	Manseel, William, Orderley?
Garrett, John, Bromsgrove.	Maunsell, William, Dudley.
Garrett, Henry.	Milton, William, Bewdley.
Geast, John, Alvechurch.	Milward, Edward, Pedmore.
Gifford, Rowland, Much Marcle.	Moorley, John, Upton on Severn.
* Greene Armell, Upton Snodsbury.	Nash, Gilbert, Bromsgrove.
Gyles, John (<i>v.</i> Button), Astley.	Newington, Thomas, Offenham.
Gyles, Edmund, White Ladies Aston.	Norris, John, Winterfold.
Hackett, William, Upton on Severn.	Nott, Thomas, "Skrale" (<i>Qy.</i> Shelsley?)
Haines, Richard, Emload.	Oliver, <i>alias</i> Langford, George.
Halford, John, Armscott.	Paget, John, Belbroughton.
Hall, John, Suckley.	Palmer, George, Astley.
Hambury, Henry, Dodderhill.	Parker, Thomas, Longdon.
Harburn, Thomas, Ripple.	Peirsall, Ralph, Alvechurch.
Hathwood, Andrew, Belbroughton.	Pellye, Thomas, Ombersley.
Haynes, Thomas, Inkberrow or Hanbury.	Pen, Frauncys, Belbroughton.
Haywood, Raphael, Acton Beauchamp.	Penn, William, Hagley.
Henley, Richard, Eckington.	Phelps, Nicholas, Much Malvern
Hill, Thomas, Astley.	Phillips, Thomas, Littleton.
Hobday, Thomas.	Pilkington, Edward.
Holborowe, John, Wolverley.	Piland, Thomas, Little Wolverton.
Holesowld, William, Eldersfield.	Pooler, John, Hartlebury.
Holland, John, Tenbury.	Poulton, Thomas, Redmarley D'Abitot.
Holland, Thomas, Alfrick.	Purshull, John, Elmbridge.
Horton, Edward, Northfield.	Parsons, William (<i>sic</i> erased.)
Hunt, Raphael, Stoke and Bradley.	Perrott, Francis , Belbroughton (<i>si</i> erased.)
Hunt, Thomas, Bredon.	Rawlyngson, Danyell, Upton on Severn.
Herbert, Thomas, Rippe (<i>sic</i> erased).	
Jefferis, William, Longdon.	
Jenkens, John, Dudley.	

* This appears to be an old family at Upton Snodsbury. Armell Greene of Snodsbury married Elizabeth, daughter of Walter James (living 1634), son of Hugh, and elder brother of John James of Astley.

VI.

LIST OF THOSE GENTLEMEN OF WORCESTERSHIRE POSSESSED OF LANDS OR RENTS OF THE YEARLY VALUE OF £40, WHO WERE FINED FOR NOT TAKING KNIGHTHOOD AT THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES I.

THE ensuing list is extracted from "The Book of Compositions for not taking Knighthood at the Coronation of King Charles I., 1630—1632," preserved in the record office. It has already been printed in Mr. Noake's *Notes and Queries for Worcestershire*, but we have here arranged the names alphabetically, for facility of reference.

In explanation of this, to modern notions, singular method of raising money, we cannot do better than quote the preamble of the Act 16 Car. I. Cap. 20, by which compulsory knighthood was abolished:—

"Whereas upon the pretext of an ancient custom or usage of this realm of England, that none of full age, not being knights, and being seised of lands or rents of the yearly value of forty pounds or more, might be compelled by the King's writ to receive or take upon them the order or dignity of knighthood, or else to make fine or respite of the same, several writs about the beginning of his Majesty's reign issued out of the Court of Chancery for proclamations to be made in every county to that purpose, and for certifying the names of all such persons, and for summoning them personally to appear in the King's presence before a certain day, to be there ready to receive the said order or dignity;"

and process of *distringas* had been made against a very great number of persons, "many of whom were altogether unfit, in regard either of estate or quality," to receive the said dignity; and very many were "put to grievous fines." "And whereas it is most apparent that all and every such proceeding in regard of the matter therein pretended is altogether useless and unreasonable;" it was enacted that thenceforth no person should be compelled to accept knighthood, nor undergo any fine in case of refusal.

Although this "ancient custom and usage" had been previously put in

force at the coronations of Edward VI., Mary, and Elizabeth, and several persons fined for declining the honour thus sought to be thrust upon them, we hear but little of its "vexations" until the accession of James I., when all who possessed an annual rental of £40 were required either to come and be dubbed knights, or to compound with the commissioners. On that occasion no fewer than 300 submitted to the ceremony, and the "honour" of knighthood, as a matter of course, ceased to be regarded as a favour.

The popular estimation in which these coronation knights were held may be gathered from a ballad of the period, in which all the "farmers, and carters, and hedgers, and ploughmen," are invited to "come to court and be all made knights :—"

"He that hath forty pounds per annum,
Shall be promoted from the plough ;
His wife shall take the wall of her grannum,
Honour is sold so dog-cheap now.

Though thou hast neither good birth nor breeding,
If thou hast money thou'rt sure of speeding—
Honour invites you to delights—
Come all to Court and be made knights !

Knighthood, in old time, was counted an honour,
Which the blest spirits did not disdain ;
But now it is used in so base a manner,
That it's no credit, *but rather a stain.*"

This ballad was revived in the days of Charles I. Another version of it is printed in Hunter's *History of Sheffield*, where it is entitled, "Verses on account of King Charles the First raising money by Knighthood, 1630."

A modern parallel to this profuse distribution of honours (though, of course, unattended with its vexatious consequences in case of refusal), may be adduced in the conduct of George III., when an insane female named Margaret Nicholson made an abortive attempt on his life.

On this occasion loyal addresses congratulating the King on his escape poured in from all quarters ; and so lavishly did his Majesty bestow the honour of knighthood on the bearers of these addresses that "Peg Nicholson knights," as they were derisively called, were held in very little esteem.

The witty "Peter Pindar," much in the spirit of the writer of the ballad before quoted, urges the—

“ — Cobblers, postilions, coal-heavers, and tinkers
 Ye makers of saddles, and harness, and blinkers,
 Old clothes-men, and crimps, thief-takers, and jailors,
 Bug-doctors, bum-bailiffs, ye butchers and tailors,”

to haste away with addresses or, he significantly adds,

“ The dogs and the cats will be knighted before ye.”

The statute “ De Militibus,” stated by the Record Commissioners to be of uncertain date, but usually printed as of the first of Edward the Second, fixes the annual income of those “ who ought to be knights ” at £20 per annum, and sets forth who may be excused, and on what grounds. The whole subject of feudal and obligatory knighthood has been treated at length in a paper by F. M. Nichols, M.A., F.S.A., printed in the 39th volume of the *Archæologia*.

WIGORN'.

SIR WILLIAM SANDYS, KNT., COLLECTOR.

Acocke, Richard, of Yardley, gent.	...	...	...	£12	0	0
Acton, Thomas, of Bockleton, esq.	...	...	...	20	0	0
Acton, Robert, of Ribbesford, gent.	...	...	...	15	0	0
Amphlett, William, of Hadsor, gent.	...	...	...	12	0	0
Andrewes, Thomas, of Battenhall, esq.	...	...	...	15	0	0
Anslowe, Edward, of Worcester, gent.	...	...	...	14	0	0
Arden, Richard, of Martley, gent.	...	...	...	16	0	0
Atwood, Samuel, of Wolverley, esq.	...	...	...	10	0	0
Atwood, Jo., of Staunton, gent.	...	...	...	12	0	0
Bagshawe, Arthur, of Inkberrow, gent.	...	...	...	15	0	0
Ballard, John, of St. John's, Bedwardine, gent.	...	...	...	12	0	0
Barkeley, William, of Cotheridge, esq.	...	...	...	40	0	0
Barnabie, John, of Bockleton, esq.	...	...	...	12	10	0
Barnes, William, of Tredington, esq.	...	...	...	16	0	0
Barraston, Thomas, of Rock, gent.	...	...	...	10	0	0
Barret, Edward, of Droitwich, gent.	...	...	...	22	0	0
Batch, Simon, of Suckley, gent.	...	...	...	10	0	0
Baugh, Richard, of Tibberton, gent.	...	...	...	12	0	0
Baugh, Edward, of Pensham, gent.	...	...	...	12	0	0
Bearcroft, Philip, of Hanbury, gent.	...	...	...	12	10	0
Bearcroft, Edmund, of Inkberrow, gent.	...	...	...	10	0	0
Blount, Giles, of Wick, Epi.	...	...	...	11	5	0
Blunt, Walter, of “ Sillington,” esq.	...	...	...	15	0	0
Bloxham, Thomas, of Offenham, gent.	...	...	...	12	0	0

Johnson, William, of Alfrick, gent.	...	...	...	...	£12	0	0
Jones, John, of Crowle, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Kighley, John, of Littleton, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Knotsford, John, of Holdfast, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Langstone, Nicholas, and William, his son and heir	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Lench, George, of Inkberrow, esq.	...	...	...	...	11	13	4
Liddiat, John, of Wollaston, gent.	...	...	...	...	18	0	0
Lilly, Nicholas, of Bromsgrove, gent.	...	...	...	...	9	6	8
Lowe, Roger, of Bromsgrove, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Lunde, Thomas, of Bredon, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Manne, John, of Ridmarley, gent.	...	...	...	...	13	6	8
Marston, John, of Yardley, gent.	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
Martin, William, of Hampton, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Mason, Robert, of Worcester, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Mason, William, of Birlingham, gent.	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
Maysey, Mathias, of Shakenhurst, esq.	...	...	...	...	11	13	4
Middlemore, George, of Kingsnorton, esq.	...	...	...	...	18	0	0
Middlemore, William, of Hawkesley, esq.	...	...	...	...	14	0	0
Moore, Richard, of Severn-Stoke, esq.	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Moore, Thomas, of Suckley, gent.	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
Morinle, George, of Leigh, gent.	...	...	...	...	16	0	0
Mucklowe, William, of Ardeley, esq.	...	...	...	...	14	0	0
Nash, John, of Martley, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Nash, Thomas, of Claines, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Nash, James, of Droitwich, gent.	...	...	...	...	18	0	0
Neast, Edward, of Chaseley, gent.	...	...	...	...	18	0	0
Norris, John, of Chaddesley Corbett, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Packington, Humphrey, of Chaddesley Corbett, esquire	...	...	...	...	31	5	0
Palmer, Francis, of Bricklehampton, gent.	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
Palmer, George, of Suckley, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Palmer, Anthony, of Great Comberton, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Parker, Thomas, of Longdon, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Parrott, Humphrey, of Bell Hall, gent.	...	...	...	...	12	10	0
Parsons, Philip, of "Oldburie" (Overbury), gent.	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Parsons, William, of Longdon, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Pearsall, Ralph, of Alvechurch, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Perkes, John, of Wychbold, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Poole, Ralph, of Beoley, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Powck, Thomas, of Rock, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Purton, Thomas, of Ridmarley, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Rawlingson, Daniel, of Upton-on-Severn, gent.	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Romney, Paul, of Suckley, gent.	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
Rosse, Francis, of Great Malvern, gent.	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
Rosser, John, of Kingsnorton, gent.	...	...	...	...	13	6	0

VII.

A LISTE OF THOSE GENTRY THAT ARE TO FINDE HORSE IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

(FROM THE PENN MS.)

THIS curious list occurs at the end of the Penn MS. On what occasion, or for what purpose, it was drawn up does not appear. It differs considerably from the "List of the Gentlemen of Worcestershire that found a man and a horse in the county during the civil wars of Charles I.," printed by Nash in his *Supplement*, p. 87, inasmuch as several of the names given by Penn are those of persons who supported the Parliament, whilst others who zealously espoused the Royal cause are omitted. Several of the same persons occur in the list of the Worcestershire gentry given in Blome's *Britannia*, published in 1673. The names are here arranged alphabetically for convenience of reference.

Mr. Abbington.
Nicholas Acton.
Mr. Acton of.....
Nicholas Acton of Bockleton.
Mr. Theophilus Aley.
Theophilus Andrews.
Edward Asguile.
John Atwood, of Wolverley.
Mr. Badger.
Mr. Baker.
William Baldwin.*
Mr. William Baldwin.
Rowland Barkeley, knt.
Richard Barret.†

Mr. Bartlet.
John Bearcroft.
Henry Best.
Sir George Blunt.
Thomas Bound.
Mr. Richard Bourne.
Thomas Boylston of Bewdley.
Henry Bramley.
Colonel Bridges.
Thomas Brinton.
Henry Bromley, esq.
Mr. Henry Browne, Com:
Mr. Brace.
Edward Bushell.

* Bracketed with Thomas Marriott.

† Bracketed with Richard Underhill.

Mr. Bushell, Cl(eeve Prior).	Captaine Hawford.
Mr. George Carue.	Henry Herbert, knt.
Mr. Richard Carwarden.	Mr. Herbert.
Mr. Theophilus Chetle.	Mr. Jarret, Ald(ington?).
Thomas Childe, esq.	Henry Jeofferis.
Mr. Thomas Child.	Mr. Jeruise.
Ralph Clare, knt.	Thomas Jolley, gent.
Littleton Clent.	Mr. Kyrle.
Mr. Colin.	John Kyte, esq.
William Collins.	John Kyte of Eberton.
Mr. Combes of Alvechurch.	William Langston.
Thomas Cooke, gent.	Giles Larrence.
Henry Cooke of Sheltwo ⁴ .	Nicholas Lechmore, esq.
Mr. William Cookes of Norgrove.	William Ligon, esq.
Thomas Cookes.	Henry Littleton, knt. barronet.
John Corbin.	Mr. Littleton.
Thomas Lord Coventry.	Humphrey Low.
Mr. Craven.	John Lydeat.
Thomas Dangerfield.	* Thomas Marriott, gent.
Lester Devereux, Viscount Hereford.	Matthew Massey.
Edward Dingley.	Mr. Meysey of Sha(kenhurst).
(sic) Edward Dingley.	Mr. Middlemore, K(ingsnorton?)
Mr. John Dormer of R(ipple).	Edward Moor, Coll:
Richard Dougswell.	Colonel Moseley.
Mr. Dyzen, Hal(low Fields?).	William Mucklow.
John Egiock, esq.	John Nanfan, esq.
Mr. Esthop, Major.	James Nash, S ^t . Bury.
Henry Evert.	John Newport.
Thomas Finch, esq.	Thomas Overbury, k ^t .
Mr. Francis Finch.	John Packington, k ^t . barronet.
Mr. Thomas Foley.	Philip Parker, esq.
Lord Folliott.	Mr. Humphrey Parret.
John Founds of Dodford.	Mr. Philip Parsons of O(verbury).
Mr. Edmund Giles of Whi(te Ladies Aston?).	Edward Pennell.
Mr. Gower of Colemarch.	Mr. Penrice, Crow(le).
Mr. Abel Gower, Holdfast.	Edmund Pitts, esq.
Nicholas Greene.	John Rapiet.
Humphrey Griswold.	Thomas Rouse, knight barronet.
Thomas Hall.	Sir Henry Rudley.
Mr. Hall of Hanwick.	William Russell, knight barronet.
Mr. Hanbury of Feckenham.	Mr. Russell of Hanley Castle.
	Mr. Edward Salley.

* He occurs again bracketed with W. Baldwin.

XII.

WORCESTERSHIRE LANDOWNERS IN 1703-4

[THE following list is transcribed from an old MS. in the possession of R. F. Tomes, esq., of Weston, near Stratford-upon-Avon. The MS. has a parchment cover, upon which is written, "For Edward Walker, esq., mayor of Evesham, in Worcestershire."]

"Freeholders' Booke, Anno Dñi. 1703 & 1704."

"A True and perfect List of the Christian Names, Surnames, Addicōns and places of abode of all persons within the County of Worcester who are betweene the Age of One and Twenty Yeares and the age of Seaventy Yeares who have, in their owne Names or in Trust for them, within this County of Worcester, Ten pounds *pr* Annũ of freehold or Copyhold Lands, or of Lands of Ancient Demesne, or in rents in fee Simple, fee Tayle, or for their owne or some other person's Life, as they are returned by the severall Cheife Con^{bles}. and Petty Con^{bles}. within this County att the Generall quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of Worcester, the fifth day of October, Annoq. Dñi 1703, and adjourned to the 25th day of October following, pursuant to an Act of Parliament intituled 'An Act for the Ease of Jurors,'* as followeth, (vizt).

OSWALDS LOW HUNDRED.

CLAYNES.

George Porter, gent.
Richard Brookeholding.
William Reynolds.

CLAYNES—*continued.*

Thomas Twitty.
Will. Norton.
George Attwood, gent.

* 7 William III., Cap. 32.

BELBROUGHTON.

Mr. Hump. Perrott.
 Mr. Tho. Perrott.
 Mr. John Harris.
 Mr. John Tristram.
 John Bennett.
 Rich^d. Cole.
 Humph. Powell.
 Jo^a. Perkes, sen.
 Jo^a. Perkes, jun.
 Robert Eades.
 Nathan. Dewce.
 John Eades.
 Wm. Penn.
 Tho. Gopp, sen.
 . . . seph Smith.
 Cox.
 Wilkes.

LUDLEY.

Hen. Grove.
 Richard Penn.

FRANKLEY.

Richard Palmore.

WORLEY-WIGORN.

Will. Deeley.
 Will. Feldon.

KIDD^mMINSTER FOREN.

John Solley, esq^r.
 Pinson, Willmott, gent.
 John Acton.
 Phillip Skeeler.
 Jo^a. Yarranton, sen^r.
 Tho. Grove.
 Mathew Pardoe.
 John Dedicott.
 John Hinton.
 John Penn.
 John Crane.
 Thomas Crane.

KIDD^mMINSTER FOREN.—*continued.*

Sam^l. Crane.
 John Wall.
 W^m. Smith of Ribbenhale.

ELMLEY LOVETT.

Henry Townshend, esq.
 John Reynolds.
 John Mole.
 Thomas Best.

OVER MITTON.

Mr. Edward Pillett.
 John Newey.

PEDMORE.

John Parrott.

KINFORD.

Benson Waldron.
 W^m. Winnold.

CRADLEY.

Mr. John Mancell.
 John Hill.
 Sam^l. Forrest.
 Jo^a. Lea.
 Robert Dudley.
 Jo^a. Hill.
 Jo^a. Tompson.
 John Homer.

OLDSWINFORD.

Edw^d. Dyson, att.
 Thomas Milward, att.
 John Sparry, gent.
 Joseph Ford, Dr. (M.D.)
 Ambrose Crowley, Iron-
 monger.
 Richard Hickman, Clothier.
 Edw^d. Hensey, Glassmaker.
 Will. Scott, clothier.
 Richard Baker, mercer.
 Thomas Moss, mercer.