

**THOMAS BILSON, Bishop of Winchester,
his family, and their Hampshire, Sussex, and other
connections.**

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PART TWO.

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6. **Thomas Bilson, B.D. and D.D.** (born Winchester about 1547), who became the noted Bishop of Winchester. He was admitted to Winchester College 1559 age 11, and became Headmaster 1571 (age 23) till 1579, and Warden 1580. He was Prebendary of the 8th Stall of Winchester 1576, Rector of Chawton 1574-77, Michelmersh 1577-86, Droxford 1583, King's Worthy 1586-95 (all in Hants), Bishop of Worcester 1595, Privy Councillor 1615; and Bishop of Winchester 1597 until 18 June 1616 when he died, and was buried (age 69) in Westminster Abbey. His I.P.M. dated 11 Nov. 1616 (C. 142/353/85) mentions properties in Hampshire and Sussex.

He had in 1600 a lease of the manor of Facombe, Hants, and, as Bishop of Winchester, the manor of Taunton, Devon, and bought in 1605 the manor of Mapledurham in Buriton, Hants, from the widow and sons of Henry Shelley (died 1585 in prison; son of Thomas Shelley of Mapledurham and grandson of Sir William Shelley of Michelgrove in Clapham, Sx., Judge of the Common Pleas); and purchased in 1607 Weston manor in Buriton.

He left no will, administration being granted in the Dean and Chapter of Westminster court to his relict Anne Bilson. She was buried 8 November 1643 at Petersfield and was the daughter of Thomas Mill (Mylles), Barrister at Law, Recorder of Southampton, M.P. for Southampton (1553), and lessee of the old manor of Grove Place in Nursling, Hants, and is perhaps the Anne Mylles whose baptism 8 December 1565, without parentage, is registered at St. Michael, Southampton: Her mother Alice, daughter of Robert Coker of Mapowder, Dorset (P.C.C. will 1572), re-married before 1572 Edward Cotton, (son of Sir Richard Cotton of Bedhampton and Warblington, Hants (died 1556) by Jane (died 1585) daughter of John Onley of Onley Catesby, Northants). She was alive 1610 and is recorded in the MILL pedigree in Hampshire

Field Club *Proceedings*, vol. III, as having died age 80 and been buried at Nursling.

Her father, Thomas Mill (Mylles) died 1560 intestate, administration being granted in P.C.C. to Roger Tichborne of Romsey, Hants, during the minority of his only son Richard Mill. He became Sir Richard Mill, Kt., M.P. for Southampton 1597, and died 21 October 1613, his M.I. at Nursling recording his age as 60 and that he had been married 28 years. He is said to be the one baptised 8 February 1556 (-7) at St. Michael, Southampton (parentage again not recorded), but this does not agree with his M.I. age at death, if correct. His will, dated 2 May 1610 and proved 24 November 1613 in P.C.C., mentions, among others, his mother Alice Cotton, his sister Anne Bilson, his brother (-in-law) Edward Savage, his cousin Sir Thomas West, Kt., and his wife Dame Mary Mill (executrix). She was a daughter of Sir John Savage of Rock Savage, Cheshire, and was buried 1622 Nursling, administration being granted in 1623 in P.C.C. as Lady Mary Mills alias Wroughton of Broadhinton, Wilts., to her second husband Thomas Wroughton (son of Sir Giles Wroughton) whose will, as of St. Martin in the Fields, Msex., was proved 1636 in P.C.C.

The aforesaid Thomas Mill (Mylles) was brother to John Mill (died 1556) of Newtonbury in Eling, Hants (who married, as her first husband, Catherine daughter of Sir Roger Lewknor, Kt. of Trotton, Sx., and Cheselhampton, Oxon.). Their uncle was William Mill of Greatham, Sx.

John Mill's grandson, John Mill of Camois Court in Barcombe, Sx., and Newtonbury in Eling, was created a Baronet in 1619, and became M.P. for Southampton. (See also Hampshire Field Club *Proceedings*, vol. III.)

Bishop Bilson had apparently only two children as follows :—

- (a) **Thomas Bilson**, baptised 29 Feb. 1591(-2) St. Swithin, Winchester, of whom hereafter.
- (b) **Amy Bilson**, baptised 21 November 1593 St. Swithin, Winchester, who married before 1615 Sir Richard Norton, Kt. and Bart. of Rotherfield in East Tisted, Hants, where he was buried 1646 (P.C.C. admon. 1661), and she 23 March 1648(-9), (P.C.C. admon. 1655). He was M.P. for Petersfield 1621-22, and son of Sir Richard Norton (buried 1611 East Tisted) by his first wife (married 1575 East Tisted) Mabel *née* Beecher (buried 1596 East Tisted), daughter of a brother of William Beecher of St. Thomas, Winchelsea, Sx. (whose will was proved 1543 in P.C.C. and who hailed from Kent, possibly Speldhurst), namely Henry Beecher, alderman of London, of

St. Christopher-le-Stocks, London (where buried 1569), and Morchard Bishop, Devon, by his first wife Alice *née* Heron (died 1562), daughter of Thomas Heron and sister of Sir Nicholas Heron, Kt. of Edgecomb (Addiscombe) Surrey (for whom see *Coll. Top. et Gen.* II. 167).

Henry Beecher re-married 1566 at St. Christopher-le-Stocks, London, Jane, widow of Oliver Loveband of London and daughter of Jeffry Gittins. She re-married, as his second wife, Sir Richard Pype, Kt. of Wallingewells, Notts. (died 1587 age 72, buried Barlborough, co : Derby), leatherseller and draper of London, son of Richard Pype of Bilston, Staffs. Her 1587 will, as of Wappingewells, proved in P.C.C. 1588, mentions that she was born in "Wricksam" (? Wrexham, co : Denbigh).

Sir Richard and Amy Norton's daughter Mabel Norton (baptised 1627 East Tisted, died ? 1660), married at St. Margaret, Westminster, 1656 Sir Henry Norton, 2nd Bart., M.P. Petersfield 1659, apparently no blood relation but of Kentish extraction. He was the son, later to be disinherited, of the regicide, Sir Gregory Norton, Bart. (1624, Dublin) of Charlton in Wantage, Berks., and of Hampdens in Penn, Bucks., who was appointed 1642 Receiver for Midhurst and Chichester, 1643 granted a commission to raise 100 men in Sussex for the Isle of Wight, and was M.P. for Midhurst 1645 till his death in 1652 (buried Richmond, Sy.), and purchased Richmond Palace (*Lysons* I. 442 and *V.C.H.*, Sy.).

Sir Gregory Norton married at St. Gregory by St. Paul 17 Aug. 1620 by Faculty licence, Martha Gunter who is shown in printed records as having been the second wife of John Gunter (whose first wife was Joan Knight of Chawton, Hants), son of Sir George Gunter, Kt. (1604), of Racton, Sx.

Her father was Bradshaw Drewe of the Inner Temple and Densworth in Funtington, Sx. where he was buried 1614. His son and heir, Francis Drewe (age 6 on 2 Jan. 1613-4), married while a minor as of Racton, by Hants marriage licence dated 15 Sept. 1623, Sir George Gunter's daughter Marie Gunter, then as of Bedhampton, Hants, spinster, who was baptised 11 May 1610 at Racton, and as Marie Drewe, widow, was named as executrix by her brother Arthur Gunter of Funtington (buried 17 July 1637 W. Stoke, Sx.) in his P.C.C. will dated 19 June and proved 18 Nov. 1637, but predeceased probate, administration of her effects being granted 4 Nov. 1637 to her brother George Gunter.

Francis and Marie Drewe had one son Francis Drewe (bapt. 18 Jan. 1628(-9) and buried 30 Oct. 1630 W. Stoke), whose I.P.M. (C. 142. 488/67) records that his heir on his

father's side was his aunt, Martha Norton, wife of Sir Gregory Norton, Bart., and that she was then age 24:

Sir Gregory Norton in his 1651-52 P.C.C. will as of St. Paul, Covent Garden, London, stated that he had mortgaged his lands in Penn, Bucks., to Robert Johnson of London and left their redemption to his "unnatural and disobedient son Henry Norton", and made his wife, Dame Martha Norton, executrix. She is probably the "cursed and impudent woman called the Lady Norton" mentioned under date 28 Oct. 1653 in *John Evelyn's Diary*. She re-married 1655 (Banns published in October at St. Paul, Covent Garden), Robert Gordon (1622-63), Lord Lochinver and 4th Viscount Kenmure, who afterwards is said to have left her and retired to Greenlaw, co : Berwick.

In the 1656 Decree (C. 33. 208) consequent upon the Chancery Suit of her son, Sir Henry Norton, 2nd Bt., *versus* her 2nd husband, herself and others, she is described as a "very selfish woman", and it appears that she was at Poitiers in France when Sir Gregory Norton died and that his manors of Landulph and Stoke-Climsland in Cornwall and the rectory of Stockenham in Devon were conveyed to Lord Kenmure. The Court ordered release to Sir Henry Norton of all the manors, lands, rectory, etc. heretofore Sir Gregory Norton's, and that the money raised by sale of Dame Martha Norton's lands and employed by Sir Gregory Norton in the purchase of his house at Richmond was to be repaid to Lord Kenmure and his Lady. From subsequent orders it appears that Lord Kenmure committed great waste upon the house at Richmond "by taking away the wainscote, bords, locks, & windowes" and otherwise defacing the same.

Lord Kenmure died 1663 and his widow, as Martha Gourdon, Viscountess Dowager Kenmour, by her 1670-71 P.C.C. will left her lands in Chichester and her barn with 16 acres called "Dremeo in Bridham, Sussex" (*sic*) = Deanes in Birdham, Sx., to her kinsman, William Nelson of Chaddleworth, Berks., and all her other lands to her son Henry Norton of Stockenham, Devon, 2nd Bart., whom she made executor.

The record in the 1656 Decree book indicates how Sir Gregory Norton came to disinherit (Sir) Henry Norton whom he called his only son. The following baptisms of sons of Sir Gregory Norton and Martha have been found :—

Gregory Norton, 2 Feb. 1622 at Wantage, Berks.,
 Henry Norton, 4 May 1629 at St. Martin in the Fields,
 Henry Norton, 2 Jan. 1632(-3), "recorded 8 Jan." at St.
 Andrew Holborn, "out of Edward Parry's house near
 George Yard",

while a daughter, Grisell Valentia Norton was baptised and buried in 1637 at Funtington.

Sir George Gunter, Kt. (1604), was grandson by Jane (*née* Aylworth), the first wife of John Gunter (died 1557) of St. Gyleston, Brecon, and Racton, Sx., who by his second wife Jane (*née* Tyrrell), widow of Edmund Lewknor of Tangmere and West Dean (W. Sx.), (cousin of aforesaid Sir Roger Lewknor, Kt.) had a son :

Jasper Gunter (buried 1605 Earnley, Sx.) who married at Earnley 1583 Emma Rysshton (buried there 1617), widow of William Rysshton (buried there 1583) and daughter of Robert Tyll (Chichester will 1558-9) of Almodington and Earnley, Sx. Their son Richard Gunter (1584 Earnley - 1642 Birdham) married Mary Huys (Hewes), as to whom see later, who pre-deceased him. His administration as of Cowdrie in Birdham was granted at Chichester 8 May 1643 to three of his children, Anne (1615), Jasper (1619), and Katherine G(o)unter (1623), who were baptised at St. Andrew, Chichester, in the years indicated. Jasper Gunter (jr.) matriculated at Oxford in 1639 age 16 according to Joseph Foster's "*Alum. Oxon.*"

Richard Gunter, as of Cowdry, was an overseer to the 1637-40 P.C.C. will of Thomas Bickley of Chidham, Sx. (where baptised 2 April 1589 and buried 15 June 1640), whose father, Thomas Bickley (baptised 4 Jan. 1550 St. Thomas, Portsmouth; buried 21 Aug. 1589 Chidham), married as of West Thorney, Sx., in 1588 at Chidham, as her first husband, Joan Gunter, sister of the above Sir George Gunter, Kt.; she re-married in 1590 Roger Michell of Henfield, Sx. (by whom she also had issue), and was buried 7 Jan. 1613 at Chidham. Richard Gunter of Cowdrie, and Thomas Bickley of Chidham, are named as cousins in the aforesaid Arthur Gunter's 1637 will.

The 1550 baptism of Thomas Bickley was kindly supplied from the MS. Collection of A. T. Everitt (died 1922 age 71) at Portsmouth Central Library by the Chief Librarian and Curator, Mr. H. Sargeant, F.L.A., whose, and his staff's, considerable help also in other directions and interests, is here gratefully acknowledged. But as the earliest register book of St. Thomas, Portsmouth, was lost or destroyed between 1818 and 1830, it appears that A. T. Everitt obtained this baptism (and other entries) from the MS. extracts relating to Portsmouth now in the British Museum (Add. MSS. 8153-4) made by Lake Allen (1800-24), grandson of Lake Taswell (1748 - 1830), M.D. of Portsmouth.

Thomas Bickley was the eldest son by Sybill (daughter of John) Morley of Pagham, Sx. (buried 29 July 1555 Portsmouth), the second wife of Henry Bickley, Mayor of Portsmouth, 1539, 1546, 1549, and 1551, and M.P. 1553, who died 1570 age 67. In his P.C.C. will as of Chidham, gentleman, dated 2 April 1565 and proved 20 May 1571, he states he is "of good and perfect memorie and mynde notwithstanding in fear of my life by Sir Audrian Poynings, Capitaine of Portismouth, and his servants", and directs that he is to be buried in the chancel of Chidham church in a tomb of marble or some other convenient stone with his name, and the names of his wives and children engraved thereon.

Richard Gunter's son, Jasper G(o)unter, in his 1669-72 P.C.C. will as of Chichester, gentleman, made a bequest to the poor of Subdeanery, Chichester, parish (where buried 12 May 1672), but otherwise left everything, including his messuages in Isle of Hayling and Northwood, co : Southampton, to his sister Katherine, wife of Richard Peirce, gentleman of Chichester. She was buried 28 May 1675 Subdeanery Chichester and her husband in 1714 age 94 at Cowfold, Sx. (M.I. chancel arch), administration being granted in P.C.C. 7 July, 1714 to his daughters, Elizabeth Peirce, Ann Peirce, and Cecily wife of Peter Heald, clerk. The last-named was curate of Stoughton, Sx., 1683-5, collated to Fittleworth Prebend in Chichester Cathedral 1686 (which he held till his death), and vicar (or sequestrator) of Subdeanery, Chichester, 1683 until becoming in 1703 vicar of Cowfold which living he held till his death in 1728 (M.I. Cowfold, age 73 ; P.C.C. admon. 7 Nov. 1728 to his widow). He married at Apuldram, Sx. in 1697 Cecilia (Cecily) Peirce (baptised 13 Feb. 1661(-2), All Saints, Chichester ; buried 1735 Cowfold ; M.I. age 80) daughter of the above Richard and Katherine Peirce ; a grant for goods unadministered by her was given at Lewes 16 May 1737 to Henry Waller, gentleman.

The wills of her two sisters,—Elizabeth Peirce (chr. 30 Jan. 1658(-9) All Saints ; bur. 15 Jan. 1722(-3) Subdeanery Chichester), and Ann Peirce (chr. 26 Dec. 1660 All Saints ; bur. 11 May 1722 Subdeanery, Chichester) were proved at Chichester (Deans 6/161 and Consistory 33/93). Both gave legacies to the Charity School for poor Girls, Chichester, and, among others, to their cousins, Amy and Mary Browne, whose brother William Browne, Ann Pierce also included, as children of their late cousin, Richard Browne. The last-named's father, Anthony Browne, married at Hambleton,

Hants, 30 Dec. 1643 Anne Gunter, sister of Jasper Gunter (1619-72) and of testators' mother, as will be explained later.

Elizabeth Peirce left 16 acres "Tye" in tything of Northney (in N. Hayling, Hants) after the death of her sister, Cecily Heald, to her kinsman, Richard Peirce of Bosham, yeoman, son of William Peirce (then living) and brother of William Peirce and Martha Peirce.

Jasper Gunter (1619-72) had an elder brother Thomas Gunter who as of Chichester in his deposition made there 2 March 1679 gave his age as 68, and appears earlier in the lease books of the Dean and Chapter of Chichester. In 1661 he was in occupation of De(a)nsmead adjoining Weeke Marsh in Hunston, Sx., and on 6 May 1662 was granted a lease thereof; this passed in 1677 to Richard Peirs of Chichester, gent., and in 1684 to Thomas Peirs of London, scrivener (made free of the Scriveners' Company 1673 as Thomas Peirce by apprenticeship), and in 1691 to Cecily Piers of Chichester, and in 1699 to Peter Heald of Chichester, clerk, and Cecilia his wife, but in 1703 was transferred to Benjamin Tuffe.

On 26 Sept., 1662 Thomas Gunter of St. Clement Danes, gent., was granted a lease of the parsonage and rectory of Aldingbourne, Sx. for the lives of himself, his brother Jasper Gunter of Chichester, and William Browne, son of Anthony Browne of Hammersmith, Msex. (whose other son, Richard Browne, is the "late cousin" mentioned above). For this Browne family see later.

Thomas Gunter is identical with the soldier of that name whom the "*Committee for Compounding with Delinquents, 1643-60*" recorded took up arms in 1642 in Portsmouth Garrison and afterwards in Chichester and Oxford, and was fined £100 in August 1645 but pardoned 15 Nov. 1645 and, according to the "*House of Lords' Journal*" ix. 462, as of Cowdrey had 2 Oct. 1647 his estates restored as from 9 Jan. 1645 except all advowsons. His soldiering may account for his omission in the afore-quoted Chichester administration in May 1643 of his father's effects. In his own will (P.C.C. 116 Bond), as of Chichester, gentleman, dated 19 May, proved 2 July 1696, he asked to be buried, if he died in Chichester, in St. Andrew's, Chichester, near his late wife. He mentions, among others, his nieces Cecily Peirce (to whom he left lands in Hunston held of the Dean and Chapter of Chichester), and Elizabeth Peirce, his kinswoman, Mrs. Mary Hughes of London, his nephew Richard Browne of London, "silkman", to whose 8 children

he left £20 each, his (grand-) nephew, Thomas Browne, son of William Browne, late of London, apothecary, deceased (to whom he left the Rectory or Parsonage of Aldingbourne, and also three mills in Sutton Frene, county of Hereford, formerly mortgaged to his late wife by Sir Henry Lingen for £400), his niece, Ann Symonds, wife of William Symonds of London, vintner, and his kinsman, George Gunter of Racton.

He married between 1653 and 1659 Lady Elizabeth Langley (*née* Lumley), widow of Sir William Langley, Bart. (1641), of Hygham-Gobion, Beds., and Stainton, Yorks. (bur. 23 Aug., 1653, St. Andrew, Holborn : P.C.C. 1654 will as of Enfield, Msex.), whom she married as of Stoughton, Sx. 28 Jan. 1620 at West Stoke ; she was daughter of Roger Lumley and sister of Sir Richard Lumley, Kt. (1616) of Stansted in Stoughton, who became 1st Viscount Lumley of Waterford, Ireland. Her P.C.C. will as " Dame Elizabeth Langley, late wife of Sir William Langley, Bart., dec'd. and now wife of Thomas Gunter of Isleworth, Msex.," dated 24 March 1659 and proved 7 Dec. 1681, mentions there is owing to her £400 by Sir Henry Lingen, Kt., upon mortgage of several mills called the King's Mills and several lands in Marden in county of Hereford. She died in Chichester but there is no burial entry for her or her husband in the register of St. Andrew, Chichester, which, however, evidences incompleteness ; and there is no Bishop's Transcript for 1681 or 1696.

Reverting now to Mary Huys (Hewes) who married Richard Gunter (1584 - 1642), she was daughter of Thomas Hewes who is described in a 1580 indenture (Husting Roll 266. m. 23) as of Launcelevey (in Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hants), gent., and was son of the afore-mentioned Royal Physician, Dr. Thomas Huys (died 5 Aug. 1558) by his second wife Margaret *née* Atkyns whom he married 7 Jan. 1556(-7) at St. Mary Aldermanbury, London. Dr. Thomas Huys had property in St. Alban, Wood Street, London, St. Margaret Westminster, Paddington, Kensington, and Knightsbridge, Msex, *vide* his two I.P.Ms. The age of his son Thomas is given in the London I.P.M. (15 March 1560) as 2 years 3 months and more.

Margaret Huys *née* Atkyns married (Settlement 19 April, 1st Eliz. I = 1559) as the second of her three husbands, Stephen Hadnoll of Lancelevey in Sherfield-on-Loddon, by whom she had two daughters, Mary and Ann Hadnoll, who married there in 1579 and 1580 respectively, Sir Francis Palmes, Kt., and, as his 2nd wife, Hampden Paulett, K.B.

(a Burgess of Portsmouth, 1596); both had issue. The register of Sherfield-on-Lodden records that Sir Francis Palmes died in London 30 March and was buried Good Friday, 2 April 1613, in the chancel; his wife was buried 22 March 1594. In an undated list in the register of seats in the church the residence of Mrs Hadnoll is called "Lawncelovell House". Stephen Hadnoll was buried 23 Nov. 1589. He was bequeathed an old riall in the 1558 P.C.C. will of Richard Young of Sutton Coldfield (Warwickshire), gentleman of H.M. Household.

Margaret Hadnoll, formerly Huys, *née* Atkyns, married thirdly, Sir Richard Lewkenor, Kt. (1600), of West Dean (W. Sx.), Serjeant-at-Law; Chief Justice in the counties palatine of Chester and Flint, and Justice in the counties of Denbigh and Montgomery; Chichester Recorder and M.P., who was baptised 14 March 1541 (-2) at Tangmere, Sx., and admitted to Middle Temple 9 Oct. 1560, second son of the afore-mentioned Edmund Lewknor who was buried 12 March 1545 (-6) at Tangmere. Although there is a monument in West Dean (W. Sx.) church to Sir Richard Lewkenor, he was not buried there but at Ludlow; Salop, 13 April 1616, and his above wife and widow also there 2 Dec. 1619.

Sir Richard Lewkenor's first wife, whom he married about 1566-70, was Agnes Taylor, widow of John Taylor of St. Bartholomew, Chichester, (will proved penultimate Feb. 1565 (-6) in Pec. of Dean of Chichester) and daughter of Henry Colpes (born *c.* 1504, buried 1546 Stoughton, Sx., P.C.C. will 28 Alen), by Margaret *née* Ede who married secondly William Fayermaner of Stoughton (Chichester Cons. will 1558), whom she survived, administration of her effects being granted at Chichester 3 Oct. 1585 to Richard Lewkenor, armig., and his wife Agnes, her daughter, whose brother John Colpys of Stoughton, Sx. (buried there 5 Feb. 1584 (-5), farmer) in his 1585-6 will (Chichester Cons. 14/3) mentions Richard and Elizabeth Lewkenor, son and daughter of his brother-in-law, Richard Lewkenor, Esq., of Downly (in Singleton and West Dean, W. Sx.), by his said sister Agnes.

Dr. Thomas Huys's first wife was Alice Cromer (*née* Whethill), widow of another Royal Physician, Dr. Walter Cromer who died between 13 Jan. and 20 Feb. 1546 (-7) and whom she had married 2 August 1528. For further information on the above Royal Physicians and their connexions, the articles by Dr. R. R. James in *The Practitioner* (London, August 1934), and in *Janus* (Leiden, 1936), and the present

contributor's detailed account of Dr. Thomas Wendy (died 1560) in 1955 *Notes and Queries* should be consulted.

Richard Whythyll, brother of Alice Huys, formerly Cromer, *née* Whethill, married by Faculty licence dated 7 Feb. 1546 (-7) Jane Kirton, daughter of Stephen Kirton (died 1553), alderman of London, a son of John Kirton who married Margaret White, daughter of Robert White of South Warnborough, Hants, whose son Henry White (died 1535), Under-Sheriff of London, was father of Robert White of Christchurch and Twineham, Hants, whose 1564 will proved 23 Feb. 1564 (-5) in Bishops Court, Winchester, with a fine Inventory £794. 17. 6., mentions that he bought the manors of Ibsley, Christchurch and Twineham (Hants), of his cousin (the above) Stephen Kirton.

This latter Robert White, who was born about 1519, married Catherine Barrett, daughter of George Barrett of Belhouse in Aveley, Essex, by whom he had one son, William White (of Moyles Court in Ellingham, Hants, great-grandfather of the Lady Alice Lisle *née* Beconsaw executed 1685), and seven daughters of whom

- (a) Patience White was buried at Warnham, Sx., 14 Dec. 1635, after having been thrice married—firstly to Robert Say (buried 1584 Ickenham, Msex.), secondly to James Ede (buried 20 Feb. 1590 (-1) Warnham, Sx.), and lastly to Thomas Churcher (buried 1616 Slinfold, Sx.) of the Inner Temple and M.P. for Midhurst, who was an executor with Richard Lewkenor, Serjeant-at-Law, and others to the will of Anthony Browne, 1st Viscount Montague.
- (b) Charity White was buried at Fletching, Sx., 20 Dec. 1618 and married firstly, as his third wife, Richard Le(e)che of Smeeth, Kent, Coleman Street, London, and Sheffield in Fletching, Sx., after whose death in December 1596 she married the following year, as his first wife, Charles Howard (1579 - 1642), Earl of Nottingham and Baron Howard of Effingham, M.P.

Reverting now to Bishop Bilson's son :—

- (Sir) **Thomas Bilson**, baptised 29 Feb. 1591 (-2), St. Swithin, Winchester, he matriculated at Oxford in 1606 age 15, was knighted 1613, and M.P. for Winchester 1614. He married at Wickham, Hants, 1613 Susan Uvedale (bapt. 28 Feb. 1591 (-2) there), sister of Francis Uvedale of Wickham who married, as aforesaid, Ann Hearst of Hambleton, Hants, daughter of Christopher Hearst (Hurst), by Hants marriage licence dated 21 March 1626 (-7). They were children of Sir William

Uvedale, senior (1560 - 1615) of Wickham, Kt., for which family see *Sy. A.C.* iii, by Mary daughter of Sir Richard Norton, Kt. (buried 16 March 1591 (-2) East Tisted), and sister of the Sir Richard Norton, Kt., who married, as stated previously, Mabel Beecher.

Sir Thomas Bilson had 1629 the Wintershill estate in Upham, Hants, and in his will, as of Mapledurham, dated 1647, proved P.C.C. 1661, he asked to be buried in Buriton, Hants, near his wife. (The burial register of that parish starts in 1678.) They had the following children :—

1. **Thomas Bilson**, who matriculated at Oxford 1627 age 15. He married as of "Berriton", Hants 16 November 1640 Edith Bettisworth at St. Mary Woolnoth, London. This marriage is in the original register of that parish but has been omitted in the printed copy; Rogate, Sx. register records the marriage as having taken place 6 November 1640 "in Lombard Street, London", and has also that she died 13 March 1651 in London. Their Bishop of London marriage licence dated 2 Nov. 1640 was issued "with consent of her grandfather, Peter Bettisworth of Rowgate", their ages being given as 26 and 16.

In the crypt of the church (re-built 1721-6) of St. Martin in the Fields, London, on a pillar (repaired 1858) there can be seen the remainder of a monument with the following inscription :—

"Edith Bilson daughter & heire to Peter Bettisworth of
 "Finning in ye count : of Suss : Esq. who finishing her
 "short cours in a vertuouſ & pious life with great indear-
 "ments of conjugall affection : was taken out of this world
 "by death (alas to *sic*) early to all but to her selfe) to rest
 "in the Lord age 28, March 14 1651."

"To whose most beloved & ever dearest memory her
 "saddest husband T : B : er : ys mon^t."

The "*New View of London*" (1708, Edward Hatton), records that on the south side of the chancel there was a small white marble monument adorned with two cupids and a death's head, and quotes in full the inscriptions in Latin and English (as above), giving his death as 24 July 1652 age 39 and hers as 14 March 1651 age 28.

In Robert Seymour's "*Survey of London, Westminster and Southwark*" (1735) it is stated that there was an oval brass plate within the rails of the chancel to :

"Thomas Bilson, Esq. son & heir of Thomas Bilson of
 "Mapledurham in the county of Southampton, Kt., 1652."

Their burials at St. Martin in the Fields were registered 19 March 1651 and 30 July 1652 respectively. They appear to have left no children. Letters of administration were

granted in P.C.C. 17 February 1653(-4) for Thomas Bilson of St. Andrew Holborn to John Bold, principal creditor.

Edith Bettesworth's grandfather, Peter Bettesworth, buried 1653 Rogate, Sx. (in which parish Fyning lies) married there in 1600 Elizabeth Mervin (baptised 1582 Rogate) daughter of Edmund Mervin of Durford in Rogate, and sister of Sir Henry Mervin, Kt. Her father, Peter Bettesworth (perhaps baptised 25 April 1605 Hambledon, Hants), who died before his father, being buried 1632 Rogate, married at Hartley Westpall, Hants, in 1623 Penelope Seymour, daughter of Sir Robert Seymour, Kt. (1619), a Teller in the King's Exchequer, plaintiff in 1623-4 in fine for manor of Iping, Sx., and son of John Seymer of Handford, Dorset.

In passing it may be mentioned that it was at Hartley Westpall that Richard Durnford (1802 - 1895), 25 years Bishop of Chichester, married in 1840 Emma (1812-84), daughter of the rector, the Reverend John Keate, D.D., a brass there commemorating this.

2. **Harman Bilson**, baptised 1614 Bishop's Waltham in the chapel of the Palace, admitted Winchester College 1628 age 13, matriculated at Oxford 1632 age 17, and was buried 24 December 1633 at St. Peter in the East, Oxford.
3. **Leonard Bilson**, baptised 1616 Westminster Abbey, matriculated at Oxford 1632 age 16, died 1695 and was buried at Buriton (M.I. age 81). His 1695 P.C.C. will, as of West Mapledurham in Buriton, mentions debts of his late son Thomas Bilson, dec'd., and a messuage in St. Saviour's, Southwark, at the end of or near unto a bank there sometimes called "Stews Banck", held by a 1684 lease of the Bishop of Winton.

He married 4 June 1654 East Meon, Hants, by banns, and 29 June 1654 Froxfield, Hants, Eleanor Lewis (buried 1700 Buriton), daughter of Sir William Lewis, Kt. and Bart., of Llangorse, Brecon, and Borden, Hants. Her 1698 - 1700(-1) P.C.C. will mentions her Chaplain, Paul Brodhurst who figures in Bilson family Chancery suits (C. 9, 253/62 and C. 22, 225/22) as guardian to her infant grandson, Leonard Bilson, and as clerk of Mapledurham in Buriton, age about 44 in April 1701.

Leonard and Eleanor Bilson had issue :—

- (a) Ann Bilson, baptised 1655 Petersfield, whose fate is unknown. She is not in her parents' wills.
- (b) Mary Bilson (died January 1716(-7) ; will dated 30 March 1708, proved 27 February 1716(-7) at Carmarthen), married
 - (i) Charles Gwyn (died 1701), son of Richard Gwyn (died 1702) of Gwempa in Llangendeirne, co : Carmarthen ;

- (ii) as his third wife, Rawleigh Mansel (died 1722 age 73) of Court in Pembury, co. Carmarthen.

They were all buried at Llangendeirne.

Charles and Mary Gwyn's youngest son was named Bilson Gwyn (1696 - 1776); another son, Thomas Gwyn, was a legatee in his uncle Lewis Bilson's 1695(-6) will; and the surname Bilson continued to be used as a Christian name by descendants for two centuries.

- (c) and perhaps a third daughter, Susanna Bilson, buried as an infant 6 January 1664(-5) at St. Martin in the Fields.

(d) Lewis Bilson, matriculated Oxford 1676 age 16; P.C.C. 1695(-6) will as of Charlton (in Singleton), Sx., but buried 28 January 1695(-6) Buriton (M.I. age 36). He did not marry and, according to a Chancery Suit (C. 9, 253/62) arising out of his will, he had real estates in Singleton and West Dean (W. Sx.) to the value of £140 p.a.

(e) Thomas Bilson (the elder son), baptised 1656 Petersfield, was buried 1692 Buriton (two M.I., age 36 and age 37). No will has been traced. He became M.P. for Petersfield, and married 1678 in Hy. viii Chapel, Westminster Abbey, Susanna Legge (as to whom see hereafter) by whom he had the following three children, all of whom pre-deceased their mother who was buried 1739 Buriton (M.I. age 84).

- (i) Susanna Bilson, baptised and buried 28 February 1679 Buriton.
- (ii) Thomas Bilson (the younger son), age 3 in 1686, matriculated Oxford 18 March 1699(-1700) age 16, died from a fall from his horse, unmarried and intestate (P.C.C. admon, 11 October 1709), and was buried 1709 Buriton (M.I. age 26).
- (iii) Leonard Bilson (the elder son), age 5 in 1686, matriculated Oxford 1699 age 17, became M.P. Petersfield, did not marry, and was buried 1715 Buriton (M.I. age 35). By his 1712-15 P.C.C. will he left his manors, lands, etc., to his mother for life, and after her death, to Thomas Bettsworth, son of Thomas Bettsworth of Fyning in Rogate, Sx. (M.I. Rogate, died 1723, age 69), and issue male, subject to taking the name of Bilson, and, in default of issue, to his cousin, Henry Legge likewise.

Thomas Bettsworth jr., whose grandparents were Thomas Bettsworth, also of Fyning in Rogate, and his wife Susan *née* Bilson, great-aunt of the testator, Leonard Bilson, and a daughter of Sir Thomas Bilson, Kt., assumed the name of Bettsworth-Bilson in 1740 consequent upon the death in 1739 of Susanna Bilson *née* Legge, but died

without issue and was buried 1754 at Rogate, Sx., whereupon Henry Legge (1708-64) succeeded and in 1754 assumed the name of Bilson-Legge.

Henry Legge, afterwards Bilson-Legge (1708-64), was a grandson of George Legge, created 1682 1st Baron Dartmouth (a brother of Susanna Bilson *née* Legge), by his son William Legge (1672 - 1750), 1st Earl of Dartmouth who married at Aylesford, Kent, in 1700 Anne Finch daughter of Heneage Finch, 1st Earl of Aylesford.

Henry Legge (afterwards Bilson-Legge) married 1750 at Hinton Ampner, Hants, as her first husband, the Hon. Mary Stawell, only child of Edward, 4th Lord Stawell, by whom he had an only son, Henry Stawell Bilson-Legge (1757 - 1820), who became 2nd Lord Stawell as his mother was created 1760 Baroness Stawell of Somerton, Som. She re-married 1768 the Hon. Wills Hill, Earl of Hillsborough and 1st Marquis of Downshire.

Henry Bilson-Legge (a Chancellor of the Exchequer) was buried 1764 in his 57th year at Hinton Ampner. The codicil dated 21 May 1764 to his will dated 4 April 1764, proved 10 Sept. 1764 (P.C.C. 357 Simpson) mentions that by report made in the High Court of Chancery he was said to be the highest bidder for the manor of Timsbury, Hants.

Hinton Ampner parish register records him as "one of the most upright public characters and able men in the Kingdom", which is in contrast with the reputation given him in *G.E.C.'s Peerage* under "Stawell" in note (c) on page 269.

His nephew, William Legge (1731 - 1801), 2nd Earl of Dartmouth, and son of his brother, George Legge, Viscount Lewisham, married at St. George, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, Msex., in 1755 Frances Catherine Gunter, daughter of Sir Charles Gunter-Nicoll (1704-33), K.B. of Racton, Sx., great-grandson of the afore-mentioned John Gunter (son of Sir George Gunter, Kt.) by his (first) wife Joan *née* Knight, of Chawton, Hants.

Reverting now to Susanna Bilson *née* Legge, she was the daughter of Colonel William Legge (buried 20 Oct. 1670 Holy Trinity, Minories, London, as "of the bedchamber and leftenant of his Maiestyes Ordinance"), by Elizabeth daughter of Sir William Washington, Kt. of Packington, Leic. (buried 1643 St. Martin in the Fields) who married Ann Villiers (both of Ashby de la Zouche, Leic. in their 1614 Leicester marriage licence), daughter of Sir George Villiers, Kt. of Brooksby, Leic. and sister of Sir William Villiers, Bart. of Brooksby, whose 3rd

wife, Rebecca *née* Roper married 2ndly Francis Cave of Ingarsby in Hungerton, Leic. (See *Sx. N. and Q.*, ix 154.)

Susanna Bilson (*née* Legge), as of Mapledurham in Buriton, in her 1738-39 P.C.C. will directed that the pictures of the family of the Bilsons were not to be removed out of the great dining room of Mapledurham but were to remain in such order as she put and disposed of them there for ever. That house has long since been pulled down ; possibly its disappearance is connected with the demolition made about 1800 by her great-grand-nephew, the aforesaid 2nd Lord Stawell (1757-1820), (in order, so tradition runs, to spite his wife who preferred country to town life), of the mansion at Hartley-Mauditt, Hants, he bought about 1790 which had been built about 1715 by Sir Simeon Stuart (Steward), 2nd Bart., of which likewise hardly a trace is now visible.

She left to her nephew, Henry Legge (1708-64, afterwards Bilson-Legge), whom she calls the 3rd son of the Earl of Dartmouth, all the plate that hath the arms of her mother, the pictures of "our" family in the withdrawing room, the Duke of Buckingham's picture, and her grandmother's pictures in the best parlour, and two pair of fine Holland sheets marked : C R ; (-query if these initials relate to the Cave and Roper families afore-mentioned).

Efforts to trace the present location of any of these pictures have been unsuccessful.

She made residuary legatee her cousin Susanna Browne (formerly Legge), "now wife of Revd. William Browne of Mapledurham". This cousin Susanna Browne *née* Legge was a legatee to £1500 under the 1712-15 will of her cousin, Leonard Bilson of Mapledurham in Buriton (son of her other benefactress, Susanna Bilson *nee* Legge), with whom she was at the date of his will "now residing", and in which she is designated as granddaughter of the late Colonel John Legge, dec'd.

The afore-mentioned Colonel William Legge (buried 1670 ; father of Susanna Bilson *née* Legge), and Colonel John Legge were eldest and 4th sons respectively of Edward Legge (died 1610 age 74) by Mary *née* Walsh.

The present Earl of Dartmouth kindly reveals that an old manuscript book in his possession shows Colonel John Legge as Governor of Jersey, and that he died in the 109th year of his age, and his son William Legge as Deputy-Governor of Sheerness and father of Susanna Legge about whom no information is given than that she married the Revd. William Browne. It has not been possible to verify these Governorships but Mr. A. S. White, Librarian, War Office, kindly

reports that William Legge was Governor of Kinsale, Ireland, in 1686.

On the other hand, John Legge in a letter dated at London, 24 October 1687 (B.M., Add. MS. 29562 f. 401), addressed to (Christopher) Viscount Hatton (Governor of Guernsey 1670-1705), "to be sent in Weldon bag in Northamptonshire", writes that the King has appointed him as Lieut. Governor of *Guernsey*, and "since I am to begin the world again, I am proud that it is with so worthy a person as your Lordship". He then adds that he is informed that there is no house there for him to dwell in, and if his Lordship does not intend to go there himself, he enquires if his Lordship will lend him his house. In a postscript he asks to be favoured with a line or two directed to my Lord Dartmouth at the Cock pitte (in St. Margaret, Westminster). According to an endorsement, he has been told his wages shall be 300 a year. It would seem that either his stay as Lieut. Governor was brief or the appointment was never taken up for another Lieut. Governor of Guernsey came in 1688.

Miss N. D. S. Martin of the Bodleian Library kindly furnishes details of two Oxford administration bonds :—

1682 Oct 9 Richard Legg of Shipton, armiger (=3rd son of Edward Legge), to John Legg, brother ;

1702(-3) Feb. 27 John Legg of Forr : Wchwood, to John Darrell, nepoti ex filia.

Both of these brothers were successively Deputy Rangers of the Forest of Wychwood, Oxon., and buried at Charlbury, Oxon., Richard Legge being registered 7 August 1682 as "*John Leg, Ranger*", and his brother 31 December 1702, as "*Coll. Joh. Leg, Ranger of the Forest, age 109 years*". Other information about these is given in "*Cornbury and Forest of Wychwood*" by Vernon J. Watney.

John Darrell of Calehill in Little Chart, Kent (where buried 6 Dec. 1739), was the son of Colonel John Legge's daughter Elizabeth Legge by her first husband, Nathaniel Darrell (son of Nathaniel Darrell, Lieut. Governor of Guernsey about 1661-64), who was appointed 1667 Governor of Languard Fort, Essex, and in 1670 went to Sheerness, Kent, where he was Governor till his death 31 Jan. 1680 (P.C.C. admon. 18 March 1680 as of Bobbing, Kent, and St. Martin in the Fields). His widow, Elizabeth Darrell *née* Legge's 2nd husband was Sir Edward Scot, who was of Irish extraction, knighted 1672, Lieut. Governor of Portsmouth 1688, Governor of Kinsale, Ireland, during its siege by Marlborough, attainted

1691, and buried at St. Germain-en-Laye (S. and O.), France, 20 Jan. 1694 age 65.

John Darrell married in 1698 Olivia Smythe, daughter of Philip (Smythe), Viscount Strangford of co ; Down ; she was buried 20 Jan. 1753 at Little Chart and her will is with the Kent probate records now at the County Hall, Maidstone. Of his two sisters—Ann Darrell married (Sir) Charles Murray who was buried at St. Germain-en-Laye 13 March 1701 age 40—and Elizabeth Darrell married at St. Germain-en-Laye 7 Jan. 1702 Thomas Sackville, gentleman in ordinary to James II and James III (usually called Chevalier de St. George), who died 29 May 1732 age 55 and was son of Edward Sackville by Anne de Thornton (ex *Jacobite Extracts from the parish registers of St. Germain in Laye* by C. E. Lart).

The will dated 13 Feb. 1661 of Edward Legge's 6th son, Robert Legge, as of Spencer in Berks., Esq., proved 11 March 1661(-2) in P.C.C., mentions his wife Mary (who was a daughter of Sir Daniel Norton of Southwick, Hants), his brothers William, Richard and John Legge, and two nephews, John and William Legge, and his manor of "Knight Elkington otherwise Spencers" in Cookham, Berks. He left to his brother, the aforesaid Colonel William Legge, "all my right & title & interest of, in, & to the place called The Point in or near Portsmouth which the King bestowed on me". The *Peerage* by Arthur Collins alleges he was buried at Portsmouth, but the City Librarian, Mr. H. Sargeant, who kindly searched the registers of Portsmouth Cathedral and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, found no burial entry, and Mr. Peter Walne, Berkshire County Archivist, reports he was not buried at Cookham. His burial is, however, to be found in the register of St. Martin in the Fields, Msex., under date 6th March 1661(-2).

Reverting to the Revd. William Browne of Mapledurham, he matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, 4 July 1701 age 18, and was from 1717 to 1758 rector of Hinton Ampner. He married 1718 at Chalton, Hants, the afore-specified Susanna Legge who was buried at Hinton Ampner 23 July 1746, by whom he had two daughters, Susanna Browne, baptised 9 June 1719 and buried 26 Jan. 1719(-20) at Buriton, and Anne Browne, baptised 5 Jan. 1720(-21) at Buriton and buried 17 Oct. 1740 at Hinton Ampner where on 4 April 1758 he himself was also buried. His 1757-58 P.C.C. will makes no mention of wife or children, and of his legatees, gives relationship only in the case of two, namely Richard and William Price whom he calls nephews.

He was baptised 16 Nov. 1682 at All Hallows, Honey Lane,

London (where one brother, Thomas Browne, born in 1689, and seven sisters (one of whom died in infancy) are recorded), son of Richard Browne who, as son of Anthony Browne of Hammersmith, Msex., gent., was apprenticed for 8 years as from 24 June 1664 to Francis Martin, citizen and skinner of London, but the Skinners' Company have no record that he took up his freedom. It will have been noted that he was described as "silkman" in the 1696 will of his grand-uncle, Thomas Gunter, but in the Bishop of Chichester's leases about 1710 he is called "citizen & skinner of London" and appears to have polled as such in 1700 and 1710 though not in the official list of the Skinners' Company. The Churchwardens' Accounts of All Hallows, Honey Lane, show that he was assessed in 1672 for the "3 Golden Lyons" for tythe (9s/-) and augmentation (16s/-), and he signed the accounts as churchwarden in 1685 after which his name does not appear therein though his youngest child was baptised in the church in 1689. In the Cheap Ward assessment for the 1678 Poll Tax he is assessed 12s/- for himself, wife and house, £30; also assessed are his (then) two children, his apprentice, and four servants.

He died between Dec. 1696 and Sept. 1714, and married at St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish Street, London, in 1673 Margaret Carr, sister of Alan Carr (buried 1676 All Souls Chapel, Oxford), and of Thomas Carr (buried 1680 Chichester Cathedral, incumbent of West Thorney and Northmundham, Sx.), and of Edward Carr (baptised posthumously 16 Feb. 1656(-7) Petworth, Sx.). These were children of Thomas Carr (1623 East Grinstead, Sx.—1656 Petworth; P.C.C. 1656 will, 326 Berkley), son of Alan Carr, incumbent of West Hoathly, and East Grinstead, Sx. (where buried 1637; will proved P.C.C. and Lewes; I.P.M. in Sx. R.S., xiv), who married at West Hoathly in 1610 Margaret Belhowse daughter of William Belhowse (died 1597; see also his I.P.M.), of West Hoathly, who hailed from Ruser, Sx.

Richard Browne's father, Anthony Browne, was baptised 10 Jan. 1608(-9) at Soberton, Hants, and married at Hambledon, Hants, 30 Dec. 1643 Anne Gunter, the previously mentioned daughter baptised 1615 at St. Andrew, Chichester, of Richard Gunter (1584 - 1642), and sister of Thomas and Jasper Gunter who figure in the 1662 lease. He was the eldest son of William Browne of Easthoe in Soberton who married there 23 Dec. 1604 Susan Pereman, possibly widow of Richard Pearman, for Soberton register records Richard Pearman married 1600 Susan Wilson, and, as of Hoo, was buried 9 May 1604 at Portchester, Hants. William

and Susan Browne's other children baptised at Soberton, were :—

(a) Thomas Browne (3 Jan. 1611-2), who matriculated 1634 Oxford but whose subsequent fate is unknown ; he is not mentioned in his brother Peter's 1669-70 will.

(b) Margaret Browne (13 Dec. 1612), who married at Hambleton, 1632, John Lorimer, apothecary of London, as his first wife.

(c) Peter Browne (1 Sep. 1616), who was apprenticed 13 Feb. 1633(-4) to John Lorimer, apothecary of London, made free 5 Apr. 1642, and buried 23 Sep. 1669 Hammersmith, Msex. By his 1669-70 P.C.C. will he left £40 p.a. to his brother Anthony Browne, whose wife Anne and their children, William (his executor), Richard and Anne Browne he names as well as several cousins and other kin.

Anne (daughter of Anthony) Browne married William Symonds (buried 1699 Hambleton, Hants, where in his P.C.C. will (81 Pett) he states he was born), citizen and vintner of London, son of Thomas Symonds who married at Westbourne, Sx. 1636 Ursula Gunter (buried 27 Aug. 1689 Hambleton, Hants ; youngest daughter of John and Joan (*née* Knight) Gunter afore-mentioned), to whom Charles II gave the punch bowl illustrated in *Sx. A.C.*, xxiii. William and Anne Symonds's daughter Elizabeth Symonds (baptised 21 Nov. 1679 St. Martin Ludgate, London), became the mother of the famous surgeon, Dr. Percivall Pott (1714 - .88), a daughter of whom married the Royal Physician, Sir James Earle, Kt. (1745 - 1817), who became father-in-law to two daughters of "sea-water" Dr. Richard Russell (1687 - 1759) of Lewes and Brighton, Sx. For further information about these three physicians see the present writer's articles in *The Genealogists' Magazine* for 1955, and *Sx. N. and Q.*, xiv, pages 73 and 134.

Anthony Browne's other son, William Browne (1646 Soberton—1686 Hammersmith ; P.C.C. admon. May 1686 with re-grant Nov. 1699), was bound 7 Jan. 1661(-2) for 8 years to John Preston, apothecary, but under date 2 Feb. 1668 the Apothecary Company's minutes record that he "having served Peter Browne for 7 years and 2 months is excused".

His son Thomas Browne, a minor in 1686, of age by Nov. 1699, B.C.L. 1701, D.C.L. 1702, rector of Bishop's Waltham, Hants, 1706 - 1717, died at Reading, Berks. and was buried 9 Nov. 1719 at Hammersmith, where probably he was born. He married Hannah Lloyd (15 July 1682—11 Jan. 1715-6 Hammersmith), daughter of the non-juring Bishop of Norwich, William Lloyd who was buried at Hammersmith in Jan.

1709(-10) as also there in June 1708 his wife whose Christian name was Ann (not Hannah). Their son John Lloyd married at St. Mary-le-Strand, Msex., 2 Feb. 1705(-6) Margaret Humphreys (1684 - 1759), daughter of Humphrey Humphreys, Bishop of Bangor and Hereford (died 1712 age 63; P.C.C. admon. 6 Dec. 1712 to his daughter, Margaret Lloyd, widow). Her husband, John Lloyd, who died shortly after their marriage, was buried at Temple Church 10 March 1705(-6) from Exeter change in St. Clement's parish (P.C.C. admon. 1706 ff. 113 and 135, of Inner Temple and St. Mary Savoy, Msex.). Their only child, Anne Lloyd, in her P.C.C. 1773 - 1784 will (399 Rockingham) as of Kessail Gyfarch in co : Carnarvon, spinster, asked to be buried in Penmorfa (Carn.) churchyard where her grandmother and mother are interred.

The will of Thomas Browne, "Doctor of Law, now residing in Reading, Berks.", was proved in P.C.C. 9 Jan. 1721 after proceedings lengthily recorded in the Court of Delegates (Del. 1, vol. 363, no. 821), and registered in 3 Marlborough with the marginal note "alias Dolben". A legatee, Katherine Harben (of St. Mary Savoy, age 50), deposed that she had known him 13 years, and that he was landlord of a house in Hammersmith in which the late deprived Bishop of Norwich lived, whose daughter he afterwards married, and that when she died, he came to live at her (deponent's) sister's house in the Strand, wore a lay habit with a sword, and said he would in future go by the name of "Dolben". The reason for adopting this name is not revealed. The surname "Dolben" occurs as that of church dignitaries and a judge, and in John Edwards Griffith's "*Pedigrees of Anglesey and Carnarvonshire Families*" which include an inadequate pedigree of the above Lloyds.

Among other legatees of the Rev. Thomas Browne (*alias Dolben*) were :—

(a) his niece Anne Lloyd, (daughter of the said John and Margaret Lloyd) ;

(b) his aunt Anne Symonds (widow of the said William Symonds), to whom, and afterwards to the advantage of Rev. William Browne, he left the lease of his farm at Aldingbourne, Sx., held of the Bishop of Chichester, the devolution of which can be traced in the records of the Bishop's leases held by the Church Commissioners (their reference nos. 139553-57) which have been consulted by courtesy of the Steward of the Manors, and have since been deposited with the Record Office, County Hall, Chichester ;

(c) his four cousins, William Browne, clergyman (who became rector of Hinton Ampner), Mary Phillips and her two sisters,

Katherine and Amy Browne (all three sisters of William Browne);

(d) his cousin Ann Stone with her children Ann and Thomas Stone. She was another daughter of William and Anne Symonds, and married at Fulham in 1693 Benjamin Stone, a merchant of St. Peter Cornhill, London, as his third wife.

4. **William Bilson**, in 1646, as of Mapledurham in Buriton, a student of the Inner Temple, was buried 5 January 1680(-1) Buriton, and apparently did not marry.
5. **Anne Bilson**, who died 1644 (M.I. Buriton).
6. **Susan Bilson** married at Harting, Sx., 1653 Thomas Bettesworth of Fyning in Rogate, as his first wife, and was buried 29 January 1665 Petersfield. Their grandson assumed in 1740 the name of Thomas Bettesworth-Bilson, as aforesaid.
7. **Osmund Bilson** of Weston in Buriton, married at Chalton, Hants, 9 January 1671(-2) Mary Goodale of Buriton, and was buried 1678 Petersfield. His 1678 will as of Weston in Buriton was proved in P.C.C. 1681 by his nephew, Thomas Bilson (1656-92), with a re-grant 16 September 1692 to Joseph Watts (see hereafter) during the minority of his own son, Thomas Bilson (1676 - 1714).

His widow re-married at Petersfield 24 February 1679 Joseph Watts, clerk, who was buried there 26 November 1696. His 1696 will as of Weston in Buriton was proved 1697 in the Bishop's Court, Winchester, by his widow who may be the Mary Watts buried 2 March 1737(-8) at Petersfield. She had the following children by her first husband:—

- (i) Osmund Bilson, baptised 1673, buried 1675 Petersfield.
- (ii) Thomas Bilson, baptised 25 October 1676 Petersfield and buried there 23 April 1714 as from Wandsworth, Surrey. He was left £10 for mourning in his step-father's 1696-7 will.

Mr. John H. Harvey, F.S.A., F.R.S.L., Archivist to Winchester College, kindly reports that a Thomas Bilson is recorded in the College's original register and the election rolls, without parentage, as of Petersfield, "ann. 12 ad festum Sancti Michaelis 1690", *i.e.* he was born in 1678 on or before 29th September, who left after he was placed 11th in the 1695 roll to New College. A Thomas Bilson, son of Thomas Bilson, gent., was admitted at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, age 18 in 1696. It would seem that this parentage is incorrect and that, despite the difference of two years, these two entries relate to the above Thomas Bilson (son of Osmund Bilson), baptised 1676, whose age is given as 12 in the 1686 Visitation.

He married at St Saviour, Southwark, 13 November 1707 Frances Saunder, to whom he left everything by his will

dated 12 March 1713 (-4) proved in P.C.C. 5 May 1714. They had the following children :—

- (1) Mary Bilson, baptised 1708 Wandsworth, Sy., buried 1718 Alton, Hants.
- (2) Leonard Bilson, baptised 12 January 1709 (-10) Wandsworth, admitted Westminster School 1721 age 11, and buried 15 January 1724 (-5) Petersfield, as from London.
- (3) Martha Bilson, baptised 1711 Wandsworth, buried 5 April 1734 Petersfield.
- (4) Thomas Bilson, baptised 8 December 1713 Wandsworth, whose fate is unknown. He is not in the Westminster School records, and the burial register of Wandsworth has a gap from November 1678 to April 1727.

Although he was unborn when his cousin Leonard Bilson made his 1712 will leaving his property to a cousin Thomas Bettesworth who was to take the name of Bilson, as heretofore related here, yet his elder brother and their father were both alive in 1712 and as near a relative as that cousin, so that it seems odd that a cousin with the surname Bilson was not chosen as heir. Neither he nor one of his half-cousins Watts, if alive, is mentioned in the said testator's 1712 will or the 1738 will of testator's mother. Evidently the 1694 Chancery suit (C. 22, 304/12), Joseph and Mary Watts on behalf of this Thomas Bilson's father (born 1676 and therefore an infant in law) *versus* testator's mother, Susanna Bilson (*née* Legge) on his behalf as also an infant in law then, gave rise to family disagreement and hindered a cousin of the surname Bilson being made heir.

- (iii) Anne Bilson, buried Putney 16 October 1682 as a child from Wandsworth.

Mary Watts formerly Bilson *née* Goodale had by her second husband the following six sons baptised at Petersfield in the years stated :—

Joseph Watts (1680),	John Watts (1682),
Josiah Watts (1683),	William Watts (1685),
James Watts (1685),	Charles Watts (1688),

of whom only the two eldest are in their father's 1696-7 will, the next three sons being buried 1684, and the youngest son 1688, at Petersfield.

In conclusion it is desired to acknowledge gratefully the generous co-operation of many incumbents and others without which this article would not have been possible.

ADDENDA TO PART I.

(Page 38.) The will dated 12 April 1549 of Harrie Stempe (of Winton), which was proved 17 August 1549 in the Bishop's Court, Winchester, expressed his wish to be buried in Trinity churchyard, and named as executors his five children, Wa(l)ter, Ellis, Alice, Margaret and Christian, and as overseers, his son Thomas and daughter Agnes. The last-named became the step-mother of Bishop Bilson.

The 1580-81 will of Arthur Buckell of Milton, also proved at Winchester, whose wife was named Christian and was a daughter of Harrie Stempe, mentions five children, Clement, Christian, Ann, Thomas and John, all under age, and a brother Henry Buckell.

(Page 39.) John Bacon (cousin of Leonard Bilson), seems identical with the gentleman of that name of New Alresford for whom a Hants marriage licence was issued 30 May 1618 to marry Amy Spurway of Brown Candover, widow, who would be the widow of Edward Spurway, D.C.L., whom she married as Amie Worlidge 7 June 1599 at Hartley Wespall. He matriculated 1576 at Oxford age 18 as of Devon and was buried 12 August 1613 at Brown Candover where he was rector.

A further licence was issued 4 June 1626 for John Bacon to marry Elizabeth Venables of Ropley, widow, who was the widow of John Venables of Ropley, gentleman, whose 1613-14 Winchester will mentions among others his daughter Dorothy Betts (wife of Edward Betts, gentleman of Winchester and Bachelor of Law); named as widow of Winchester and daughter-in-law (= step-daughter) in the 1639 P.C.C. will of John Bacon of New Alresford for whom a third marriage licence was issued 8 December 1637 to marry Elizabeth Ayliffe of Lasham, widow, a surety being Edward Betts of Winchester.

William Warlidge (cousin of Leonard Bilson) is called son-in-law of New Alresford, gentleman in John Bacon's will.

(Page 40, penultimate line); *read*: Hoo (Hoe) in Soberton, Hants.

(Page 41.) There are burials at Sherfield-on-Loddon of two of the name of John Alexander, namely, 30 Nov. 1593 and 26 June 1598.

(Page 43.) The nuncupative will of John Ham of Winchester, proved there 15 August 1583, names his wife as Ann, and left his two sons, John "then at home", and Rubyn "at Windsor". £20 held by Mr. Asheley of Dorsetshire.

(Page 44.) Examination of the original register of Sherfield-on-Loddon having recently been kindly granted by the rector, Rev. J. C. Brashaw, the extracts on this page 44, which were taken from the Washington Collection of J. L. Chester at the College of Arms, have been found to need revision, as follows:—

- (i) Francis, son of James Whollerge, was born 7 March and baptised 11 March 1591 (-2) Sherfield-on-Loddon.
- (vi) Anne Wolriche, baptised 20 Jan. 1599, is the daughter who married Tobias Ham before 21 May 1617.
- (vii) Amie (not Anne) Wolrige (Wolrich) baptised 11 July 1602 and buried 11 Jan. 1602 (-3) Sherfield-on-Loddon.

(Page 46.) Rev. J. M. Simpkinson is likewise J. L. Chester's error for Rev. John Nassau Simpkinson (author of "The Washingtons" published in 1860). The Hampshire County Archivist, Mrs. E. Cottrill, whose other help and that of her staff are here specially acknowledged, reports that the missing will of Faith Washington was found in February 1957 wrongly sorted both as to the Court and the year in which proved.