NOTES ON THE HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

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DORSETSHIRE.

No Visitation of this county has been printed. Benolte visited it in 1531 (College of Arms, H. 18); Harvey in 1565 (College of Arms, G. 8), several copies of this will be found in the Harleian Collection; Camden in 1623 by his deputies St. George and Lennard, of this the original is Harleian MS. 1166, and a copy (C. 22) in College of Arms. Harleian MS. 1166 is announced as one of the forthcoming publications of the Harleian Society under the editorship of Mr. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A. The Visitation by Bysshe in 1677 is in the College (bound with Wiltshire), MS. D. 28.

DURHAM.

The first Visitation of Durham is that by Tonge in 1530. It forms part of his "Visitation of the Northern Counties" which also includes Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Westmoreland and Cumberland. This collection of Visitations, if I may so call it, was printed by the Surtees Society, vol. xli., and entitled:

"Heraldic Visitation of the Northern Counties in 1530, by Thomas Tonge, Norroy King of Arms. With an appendix of other Heraldic Documents relating to the North of England. Edited by W. Hylton Dyer Longstaffe, F.S.A." Durham, 1863, 8°.

The preface to this volume should be read, as it gives a very useful account of the original MS. I ought to have mentioned this book under Cumberland (*ante* vol. i, p. 204); it will be again referred to under the other Northern counties.

The next was taken by Flower in 1575, and has been printed:—

"The Heraldic Visitatione of ye Countye Palatyne of Durham in the Yeare of our Lorde God 1575." Newcastle, 1820, fol. Edited by Nicholas John Philipson.

Durham was again visited by St. George in 1615, and this has been edited by Sir Cuthbert Sharp and J. B. Taylor:—

"The Visitation of the County Palatine of Duresme taken by Richard St. George, Esquyre, Norrey Kinge of Armes of the East, West, and Northe partes of England, from the ryver of Trent northward, and in his companye, Henry St. George, Blewmantle, Pursuyvant of Armes. In the Yeare of our Lord, 1615." Sunderland, 1820, fol.

An account of these works containing some useful notes will be found in the "Herald and Genealogist," vol. ii, pp. 515-19. The last Visitation was taken by Dugdale in 1666 (College of Arms, C. 41). Mr. Sims states that copies exist at Caius College, Cambridge, MS. 541, and Queen's College, Oxford, MS. cxxviii. I have not had the opportunity of verifying this assertion. An index to it will be found in Surtees' Durham, vol. i, Appendix iii.

ESSEX.

It is very difficult to say in what years this county was visited previous to Camden's Visitation (by Raven) in 1612, which is in the College of

Arms, MS. C. 15. It was visited in 1634 by St. George, his deputies being Owen and Lilly; this is in the College, C. 21, and contains 439 pedigrees. So far all the Essex Visitations have been edited for the Harleian Society (vols. xiii, xiv), with this title :—

"The Visitations of Essex by Hawley, 1552; Hervey, 1558; Cooke, 1570[1]; Raven, 1612; and Owen and Lilley, 1634. To which are added, Miscellaneous Essex Pedigrees from various Harleian Manuscripts: and an appendix containing Berry's Essex Pedigrees. Edited, with an index of names, by Walter C. Metcalfe, F.S.A." London, 1878, 8°.

We turn in vain to Mr. Metcalfe's preface to this volume for any evidence as to the dates at which the earlier Visitations were made. Mr. Sims asserts that the original Visitation of 1570 is in the College, MS. H. 10, and Mr. Metcalfe says that it "appears to have been made between 1570 and 1583." Gutch and Noble make no mention of a Visitation in 1552. Sims and Noble say there is a Visitation *sans date* in the College, and Gutch that this is the College MS. H. 10.

The last Visitation was made by Bysshe 1664-8. The original is in the College, MS. D. 21, and no copy is known to exist.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

This county was visited in 1533 by Benolte (College of Arms, MS. H. 20), and in 1569 by Cooke (College of Arms, D. 12, and G. 9); a Visitation of 1583, also by Cooke, is said by Sims to be in the Harleian collection.

A Visitation was made by Camden in 1623 (College of Arms, C. 17), this contains 147 pedigrees. The Harleian Society has the Visitation of 1623 in the press, to be edited by Sir John Maclean and W. C. Heane. The last Visitation was made in 1682-3, and has been printed from a copy of the original (College of Arms, K. 9) made for the late Sir Thomas Phillipps in 1836, with this title :—

"The Visitation of the County of Gloucester, begun by Thomas May, Chester, and Gregory King, Rouge Dragon. In Trinity Vacacon, 1682, and finished by Henry Dethick, Richmond, and the said Rouge Dragon, Pursuivant, In Trinity Vacacon, 1683, by virtue of several deputacons from Sir Henry St. George, *Clareuceux Kinge of Armes*. With Additions. Edited by T. Fitz-Roy Fenwick, M.A., and Walter C. Metcalfe, F.S.A." Exeter, 1884, 8°.

HAMPSHIRE.

Hampshire was visited by Benolt in 1531 (College of Arms, H. 18), by Cooke in 1575 (College of Arms, G. 16), by Camden in 1623 (College of Arms, C. 19), and by St. George in 1686 (College of Arms, K. 8). The Visitation of 1623 contains 116 pedigrees. A copy of the 1686 Visitation is said to be amongst the MSS. of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps at Thirlestaine House, Cheltenham. None of these Visitations have been printed (except by Sir Thomas Phillipps) unless we accept a statement made by Berry in the preface to his 'Pedigrees of Berkshire.' He there states in reference to the volumes he printed before the volume

[1] This Visitation will be found in the College, MS. H. 10, and a transcript of it in D. 11.

of Berkshire pedigrees, that, "The counties of Kent, Sussex, and Hants, were published separately and the *whole of the pedigrees entered at the Heralds' Visitations were printed.*" The italics are mine. I have no hesitation in saying that this statement is an absolute falsehood.

HEREFORDSHIRE.

No Visitation of this county has been printed. Visitations were taken, by Cooke in 1569 (College of Arms, D. 12, G. 9), by St. George in 1634 (College of Arms, C. 25), and by Sir Henry St. George in 1683 (College of Arms, K. 6). Sims, Noble, and Gutch say it was visited in 1586, and the latter also notes Visitations of 1615 and 1619, but I have met with no evidence of these assertions. Noble asserts that the 1683 Visitation was *probably* in the possession of the Earl of Egmont, but I am not aware that any copy of it now exists except in the Office of Arms.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

This county was visited by Cooke in 1572 (College of Arms, G. 17), by St. George in 1634 (College of Arms, C. 28) and by Bysshe in 1669, (College of Arms, D. 24). Gutch and Sims state that a MS. in Queen's College, Oxford, is a Visitation of this county, in 1615, by Camden. None of these have been printed.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

There are three Visitations of this county. The first was made by Harvey in 1564 (College of Arms, H. 4) and the last by St. George in 1684 (College of Arms, K. 7). The second was taken in 1613, and was edited for the Camden Society, No. xliii, by Sir Henry Ellis, with this title:—

> "The Visitation of the County of Huntingdon, under the authority of William Camden, Clarenceux King of Arms, by his deputy Nicholas Charles, Lancaster Herald, A.D. MDCXIII. Edited by Sir Henry Ellis, K.H. Printed for the Camden Society." London, 1849, 4°, pp. xv. and 140.

The preface to this volume, and a review of it in the "Herald and Genealogist," Vol. ii, p. 199, should be consulted by those interested in the Visitations of this County.

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KENT.

Berry in his 'County Genealogies, pedigrees of the families of Kent,' has printed a number of pedigrees from the Visitations of this county, but not all of them, (see my observation above under HAMPSHIRE). The Kent Archæological Society, in the fourth volume of its Transactions, commenced printing the Visitations of this county taken by John Philpot, deputy to Camden, in 1619, under the editorship of J. J. Howard, LL.D. A few pedigrees only have appeared and the undertaking seems to have collapsed. A notice of it will be found in the "Herald and Genealogist,"

vol. ii, p. 247. This Visitation appears to have extended from 1619-1621 or 3, and the original in the College of Arms, MS. C. 16, contains 313 pedigrees. The last time a Visitation was made was in the years 1663-1668, by Bysshe. A copy is stated by Sims to be in the Library of the Society of Antiquaries, but this is an error; the only copy, so far as I know, is the original in the College, MS. D. 18.

The other Visitations of this county are:—1530 (a copy), in the College of Arms, MS. D. 13; 1574 by Cooke (original), in the College, MS. H. 2; and 1592 (a copy), in the College, MS. G. 12.

LANCASHIRE.

All the Lancashire Visitations have been printed by the Chetham Society with the following titles:—

"The Visitation of Lancashire, and a part of Cheshire made in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, A.D. 1533, by special commission of Thomas Benalt, *Clarencieux*. Edited by William Langton." Part I. Printed for the Chetham Society, 1876, 4°. Part II has the same title, and the date 1882.

These form vols. xcviii and cx of the Society's publications.

"The Visitation of the County Palatine of Lancaster, made in the year 1567, by William Flower, Esq., Norroy King of Arms. Edited by the Rev. F. R. Raines, M.A., F.S.A., Vicar of Milnrow, and Hon. Canon of Manchester." Printed for the Chetham Society, 1870, 4°.

"The Visitation of the County Palatine of Lancaster, made in the year 1613, by Richard St. George, Esq., Norroy King of Arms. Edited by the Rev. F. R. Raines, M.A., F.S.A., Vicar of Milnrow, Hon. Canon of Manchester, and Rural Dean." Printed for the Chetham Society, 1871, 4°.

"The Visitation of the County Palatine of Lancaster, made in the year 1664-5, by Sir William Dugdale, Knight, Norroy King of Arms. Edited by the Rev. F. R. Raines, M.A., F.S.A., Vicar of Milnrow, Hon. Canon of Manchester, and Rural Dean." Printed for the Chetham Society, 1872, 4°.

The volumes containing the three last mentioned Visitations are, lxxxi, lxxxii, lxxxiv, lxxxv, lxxxviii.

In the 'Life of Sir William Dugdale,' prefixed to the Visitation of 1664-5, p. 39, Canon Raines states that "all the pedigrees here printed are carefully and accurately transcribed, from the letter A down to the letter S, from Sir William Dugdale's MS. in the College of Arms." This assertion is not correct, some of these pedigrees do not exist in the Visitation at the College.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Leicestershire was visited in 1563, 1619, and 1682-3. The Visitation of 1619 forms vol. ii of the publications of the Harleian Society, with this title:—

"The Visitation of the County of Leicester In the Year 1619. Taken by William Camden, Clarenceux King of Arms. Edited by John Fetherston, F.S.A." London, 1870, 8°.

Mr Fetherston's preface to this volume gives all that it is necessary to say relative to the Leicestershire Visitations, and contains lists of the pedigrees in those of 1563, and 1682-3. The latter exists only in the College (MS. K. 2), but many of the pedigrees in it will be found in Nichols' History of the County of Leicester.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

There are four Visitations of this county, of which the two first have been printed in the GENEALOGIST, and also separately, under the editorship of Mr. Walter C. Metcalfe, F.S.A., with these titles :—

"The Visitation of the County of Lincoln In 1562-4. Edited by Walter C. Metcalfe, F.S.A." London, 1881, 8°, pp. iv and 154.

"The Visitation of the County of Lincoln, 1592. Edited by Walter C. Metcalfe, F.S.A." London, 1882, 8°, pp. iv and 84.

The third Visitation was taken in 1634 and will be found in the College of Arms, MS. C. 23 ; the last is that of 1666, College of Arms, MS. D. 23. No copies of these exist elsewhere.

Gutch (*Collectanea Curiosa*, ii, 233) says that a Visitation was begun in 1681 by Thomas May, *Chester*, and Gregory King, *Rougedragon*, for Sir Henry St. George, *Clarenceux*, and finished in 1683 by Henry Dethick, *Richmond*, and the said King. Noble adds "probably in the Earl of Egmont's possession." I can find no trace of this Visitation, and believe both statements to be without foundation.

LONDON.

Visitations of London were taken in 1568, 1633-5, 1664, and 1687. That of 1568, or, to speak correctly, a copy of it differing to some extent with the original (which is in the College, MS. F. 1, as also a fair copy G. 10) forms the first volume of the publications of the Harleian Society :—

"The Visitation of London In the Year 1568. Taken by Robert Cooke, Clarenceux King of Arms, and since augmented both with descents and arms. Edited by Joseph Jackson Howard, LL.D., F.S.A., and George John Armytage, F.S.A." London, 1869, 8°.

A review of this publication will be found in "The Herald and Genealogist," vol. vi, pp. 440-448. This Visitation was commenced under the editorship of Dr. Howard and the late J. G. Nichols, F.S.A., in the Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, accompanied by illustrations and notes, but only twenty-eight pages were printed. This was discontinued when the Harleian Volume was announced. A few copies were printed separately, entitled "The Visitation of London taken by Robert Cooke, Clarenceux King of Armes, A° Dom: 1568," etc. The pedigrees contained in it are, Allen, Avenon, Champion, Chester, Draper, Duckett, Gerrard, Harper, Langley, Martyn, Rowe, and White. It is much to be regretted that this undertaking proved abortive. It has been asserted that there is in the College of Arms a Visitation taken in 1593, but this statement is, I believe, erroneous.

The Visitation of 1633-5 has also been printed by the Harleian Society, in two volumes, xv and xvii of its publications :—

"The Visitation of London, Anno Domini 1633, 1634, and 1635. Made by S^r^ Henry S^t^ George, K^t^, Richmond Herald, and deputy and marshal to S^r^ Richard S^t^ George, K^t^, Clarencieux King of Armes. Volume I. Edited by Joseph Jackson Howard, LL.D., F.S.A., and Joseph Lemuel Chester, LL.D." London, 1880, 8°.

The second volume is dated 1883, and has a similar title-page, with the exception of the number of the volume (in this case vol. ii), and the omission of Col. Chester's name as editor. He died during the progress of the work through the press. This is without doubt the most important Visitation which has been published, and is I believe a faithful reproduction of the original. It is unfortunate, owing I presume to Col.

Chester's decease, that no preface worthy so valuable a volume has been given in it. The Visitations of 1664, and 1687, the former by Bysshe, and the latter by St. George, are only to be found in the College of Arms, marked respectively D. 19, and K. 9.

MIDDLESEX.

There are three Visitations of this county, by Cooke in 1572 (College of Arms, MS. G. 17), by St. George in 1634 (College of Arms, MS. C. 28), and by Sir Edward Bysshe in 1663-4 (College of Arms, MS. D. 17). The latter has been printed by Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart., and I mention it here because, unlike most of his publications, a sufficient number of copies were issued to supply the demand for it, and though 65 years have elapsed since it was printed, the book is by no means uncommon, copies being frequently advertised for sale in the catalogues of the second-hand booksellers. The title is :—

"The Visitation of Middlesex, began In the Year 1663 by William Ryley, Esq., Lancaster, and Henry Dethick, Rouge Croix, Marshals and Deputies to Sir Edward Bysshe, Knt., Clarencieux King of Arms." Salisbury, 1820, fol., pp. 54.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The only Visitation of this county was taken by Sir Henry St. George, Clarenceux, Dethick and King being his deputies, in 1683. It is in the College of Arms, MS. K. 6.

NORFOLK.

The Visitation of Norfolk in 1563 has been partially printed by the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society. One volume is already completed with this title :—

"The Visitation of Norfolk in the year 1563. Taken by William Harvey, Clarenceux King of Arms. From Harleian MSS. in the British Museum. Vol. I. Edited by the Rev. G. H. Dashwood, F.S.A. and continued by Captain W. E. G. L. Bulwer, G. A. Carthew, Esq., F.S.A., Rev. W. Grigson, M.A., Rev. Augustus Jessopp, D.D." Norwich, 1878, 8°.

The second volume is in progress, but the progress is so slow that there appears to be no prospect of its completion during the lifetime of the present generation. Mr. Dashwood, Mr. Grigson, and Mr. Carthew, are all deceased, and as the two remaining editors are both past the flower of their age it is scarcely to be hoped that they will live long enough to complete their labours, unless, indeed, the Council of the Norfolk Archæological Society determine to proceed with the work in a business-like manner. This book was reviewed by Mr. John Gough Nichols, in 1865 (*see* "Herald and Genealogist," Vol. ii, pp. 203, 283).

The original Visitation of Norfolk in 1589 by Cooke will be found in the College, MS. H. 17.

There are two later Visitations,—in 1613, containing 169 pedigrees, by Camden, (College of Arms, C. 15); and in 1664-68, by Bysshe, (College of Arms, D. 20). To the latter an index of pedigrees by Mr. Athill, *Blue-mantle*, has been published in 'The East Anglian,' New Series, Vol. I, p. 20, etc., and some copies separately.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Nothing has been done towards printing the Visitations of this county, which were taken in 1564 (College of Arms, MS. H. 4[1]); 1618-19, (College of Arms, MS. C. 14); and in 1681-2, (College of Arms, MS. K. 1). Of the first two there are numerous copies in the British Museum. The last only exists in the College.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Tonge included Northumberland in his Visitation of the Northern Counties, 1530. See before under DURHAM. But he only entered one pedigree, that of Middelton of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Flower visited it in 1575; and St. George in 1615, this Visitation has been printed in the GENEALOGIST, and also separately:—

"The Visitation of Northumberland in 1615. Edited by George W. Marshall, LL.D.," &c. London, 1878, 8°, pp. 80.

The last Visitation was taken by Dugdale in 1666, (College of Arms, MS. C. 41).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Tonge began his (1530) Visitation of the North at Sir Brian Stapulton's house in this county. See before under DURHAM. Visitations were also made in 1569 and 1614. These form the fourth volume of the publications of the Harleian Society, with this title:—

"The Visitations of the County of Nottingham in the years 1569 and 1614, with many other descents of the same County. Edited by George William Marshall, LL.M." London, 1871, 8°.

The last Visitation of this county was taken by Sir William Dugdale in 1662-4. A list of the pedigrees contained in it will be found in the Harleian Society's volume, to the preface of which I refer the reader for further particulars as to the Visitations of this county.

OXFORDSHIRE.

The first Visitation of Oxfordshire, by Benolt, in 1533, is in the College of Arms, MS. H. 20. The last was made by Bysshe in 1668. Noble says it was finished in 1679. It is in the College, MS. D. 25. The intervening Visitations have been published by the Harleian Society, (vol. v), entitled:—

"The Visitations of the County of Oxford Taken in the Years 1566 By William Harvey, Clarencieux; 1574 By Richard Lee, Portcullis, deputy of Cooke, Clarencieux; and in 1634 by John Philpott, Somerset, and William Ryley, Bluemantle, deputies of Sir John Borrough, Kt., Garter, and Richard St. George, Kt., Clarencieux. Together with The Gatherings of Oxfordshire, collected by Richard Lee in 1574. Edited and annotated by William Henry Turner." London, 1871, 8°.

All necessary information concerning them is given in Mr. Turner's preface to this volume.

[1] H. 15 is a copy of this Visitation.

RUTLANDSHIRE.

Only two Visitations have been made of this county; the first in 1618, and the second in 1681-2. That of 1618 is vol. iii. of the Harleian Society's series :—

"The Visitation of the County of Rutland In the Year 1618-19. Taken by William Camden, Clarenceux King of Arms. And other descents of families not in the visitation. Edited by George John Armytage, F.S.A., Honorary Secretary to the Society." London, 1870, 8°.

Mr. Armytage has given a very good preface to this volume, containing all the information known as to these Visitations, and a list of the pedigrees in that of 1681-2.

SHROPSHIRE.

No Visitation of this county has been printed. Those taken were in 1569, (College of Arms, G. 9); 1584, (College of Arms, G. 15, and a copy in D. 10); 1623, by Treswell and Vincent, containing 160 pedigrees, (College of Arms, C. 20); and in 1664, (College of Arms, C. 35).

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Somersetshire was visited by Benolt in 1531, (College of Arms, H. 18[1]); in 1573 by Cooke, (College of Arms, F. 7); and in 1591 by Brooke, deputy to Cooke, Clarenceux, (College of Arms, G. 19).

The Visitation made by St. George and Lennard, deputies to Camden, in 1623, has been printed from the original, (Harl. MS. 1141), by the Harleian Society (vol. xi), with this title :—

"The Visitation of the County of Somerset In the Year 1623. Edited by Frederic Thomas Colby, D.D., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London." London, 1876, 8°.

The copy in the College is C. 22.

The last Visitation is that of Bysshe, 1672, (College of Arms, D. 27)

STAFFORDSHIRE.

This county was visited by Benolte in 1533 (College of Arms, H. 20); and next by Flower in 1566 (College of Arms, H. 19); then by Glover in 1583. The latter has been edited for the William Salt Society, and some copies issued separately as :—

"The Visitacion of Staffordschire made by Robert Glover, al's Somerset Herald, Mareschall to William Flower, al's Norroy Kinge of Armes, Anno D'ni 1583. Edited by H. Sydney Grazebrook, Esq." London, 1883, 8°, pp. xx and 198, with leaf of errata.

Mr. Grazebrook has written an excellent introduction to this book, which is well worth the perusal of those interested in Heralds' Visitations.

Staffordshire was also visited by St. George in 1614, and contains 97 pedigrees (College of Arms, C. 10); and by Dugdale in 1663 (College of Arms, C. 36). The MS. in the British Museum called the Visitation of the latter year is, like that of Derbyshire, merely an abstract.[2]

[1] A copy of this with Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and Hants, is in MS. D. 13.

[2] A collection of Arms of Staffordshire families from Landsdowne MS. 857, is printed in Collections for a History of Staffordshire (William Salt Society, vol. ii, part 2, p. 23).

SUFFOLK.

An attempt was made by Dr. Howard to print the Visitation of this county made in 1561. The work, though great in promise, ended in failure, owing to its industrious editor having attempted too much. The title is :—

"The Visitation of Suffolke, made by William Hervey, Clarenceux King of Arms, 1561, with additions from Family Documents, Original wills, Jermyn, Davy, and other MSS., &c. Edited by Joseph Jackson Howard, LL.D., F.S.A., Honorary member of the Suffolk Institute of Archæology, &c." Vol. i. Lowestoft, 1866, 8°, pp. xiv and 314. Vol. ii has a similar title, and is dated 1871, pp. ix and 324.

It is much to be regretted that the publication of this Visitation was discontinued, as it is annotated more fully than any other work of the kind, and, had it been carried on in the way it was commenced, would have been the best Visitation ever printed. The preface to vol. i gives a good account of the Suffolk Visitations and renders further remarks on them unnecessary. Dr. Howard states that the Visitation of 1611 was the last; this is an error, Sir Edward Bysshe visited Suffolk in 1668, (College of Arms, D. 22).

The whole of the Visitation of 1561, and also those of 1577 and 1611 have been printed by Mr. Walter C. Metcalfe. He has prefaced each with a short note which gives all necessary information. These notes will be found at pp. 1, 84, 108, and 179, and supply the place of a preface to his book, which is called :—

"The Visitations of Suffolk made by Hervey, *Clarenceux*, 1561, Cooke, *Clarenceux*, 1577, and Raven, *Richmond Herald*, 1612, with notes and an appendix of additional Suffolk pedigrees. Edited by Walter C. Metcalfe, F.S.A." Exeter, 1882, 8°, pp. viii and 230.

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