POYNTON AND WYTTLEBURY PEDIGREE.

In the Visitation of co. Warwick, as printed by the Harleian Society in 1877, pp. 120-1, appears a pedigree of the families of Poynton and Wyttlebury. The following arms are also given, but no attempt is made to attribute these coats to the families who bore them.

(1) Argent, two bars Azure, in chief 3 hurts.
(2) Azure, a fess Or between three crescents Argent.
(3) Barry wavy, over all a bend (untinctured).
(4 A lion rampant (not blasoned).

The pedigree given below is from the aforesaid Visitation, but stated more fully and confirmed by evidences from the Public Records and other sources.

Sir Walter[1] Poynton seized of half the manor of Canewyk, 24 Ed. III. and of other lands in co. Linc. Died 2 Aug. 1367 (41 Ed. III). = Orframinia, probably dau. of Thomas and Beatrice Lokton of Lincoln (see Feet of Fines, co. Linc., 24 Ed. III., No. 99). Died Oct. 7. Ric. II. (1383).

- Robert Poynton, son and heir. Found to be of 14 years and upwards in the Inq. p.m. of his father 1367.
- Sir John Wittlebury of Wissenden, co. Rutland, Sheriff and Knight of the Shire 1378-87, 3 son of Sir Aubrey and Jane Wittlebury, aged 21 in 1354. Died 21 Ap. 1400, Inq. p.m. apud Oakham. = Matilda, eld. dau. and coh. Died before Oct. 1383. Aubrey, her son, being heir aged 11 years 7 Ric. II.
- Thomas Burnham.[2] = Elizabeth, yr. dau. and coh., already mar. before All Saints' Day 1383. Died in Mar. 1384, aged 22, Inq. p.m.

Elizabeth, aged 2 yrs. on her mother's death.

- Robert Plessyngton, grandson of Sir Robert Plessyngton, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, 4 Ric. II. Will at Lincoln, proved 15 July 1405. = Isabel, named exor. in her husband's will (see Gibbon's Early Linc. Wills, p. 138).
- Sir Aubrey Wittlebury of Wissenden, co. Rutland, aged 26 on his father's death 1400. Died in Nov. 1406. = Margaret living 8 Hen. IV. (1406).
- Richard Wittlebury of Milton and Marholm, co. Northants, presented to the living of Marholm 6 Sep. 1418 (Bridges' Northants, by Whalley, vol. ii).

- Robert, eldest son. Died 1407, s.p.
- John Plessyngton. =
- Sir Henry Plessyngton, 2 son, of Burley, co. Rutland, Sheriff and Knight of the Shire 1426-40; had considerable estates in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Will dated 1, proved 13 Sep. 1452. Died 10 Sep. of that year. Bur. at St. Mary Spittle, Bishopgate. Will proved in London. = Isabell, dau. and heir of Sir Aubrey Wittlebury, aged 4 in 1406. Died 1 Jan. 1461, Inq. p.m. taken at Branston, co. Rut., No 43, 9 and 10 Ed. IV. "*Isabelle* quæ fuit uxor Henrici Plessington militis." (Cal. prints Elizabeth in error.)

- Sir John Fraunceys of Burley, co. Rutland. = Isabell, aged 30 on the death of Wm. Plessington 1457, to whom she was heir.
- William Plessyngton, son and heir, aged 16 on his father's death. Died Sep. 1457, s.p. = Margaret, dau. of Lord Scrope of Bolton (Harl. Soc. Visit. of Rutland, Pedigree of Flore or Flower).

John Wittlebury of Milton and Marham (Marholm), co. Northants. Buried at Marham. = Margaret, eldest dau. and coheir of Sir Robert Roos of Gedney, co. Lincoln, aged 28 in 1441, when her father died.

Robert Wittlebury, aged 32 in 1471, Sheriff of Northants 1485; heir of Isabell Lady Plessington in 1461. Desires in his will to be buried at Marham. Died 3 Aug. 1507, s.p. Will proved in London 5 Nov. = Anne, dau. of Sir Wm. Catesby, Knighted at Greenwich 1409, by Philippa, dau. and coh. of Wm. Bishopson of Castleton, and sister of Sir Wm. Catesby of Ashby Ledgers, who was beheaded at Leicester 25 Aug. 1485.

[1] Called "Will'm" in the printed Visitation (Harl. Soc.), but undoubtedly Walter, as the evidences following will show.

[2] There are traces to be found of Burnham in co. Linc., e.g. of Sir Thos. Burnham, Knt. of the Shire 1309. But no data of the above Thomas has yet come to hand. It is presumed that the De Burnhams of Windsor are of the same stock?

The evidences of *Walter* de Poynton are in Hollis MS. (Brit. Mus.), vol. iii, 16 Ed. II.—Close Roll 22 Ed. III, Pt. 1, m. 22.—Feet of Fines, co. Lincoln, 22 Edw. III, No. 61, and Hollis MS., vol. v, where Walter is witness to a Deed.

The evidences of Walter *and Orframinia his* wife are—

(1) Feet of Fines, co. Lincoln, 24 Edw. III, No. 99,

Hæc est finalis Concordia &c., &c., apud Westmonasterium & die Sancti Michaelis in unum mensem Anno Regni Edwardi iii (24th Anglie 11 Francie) Inter *Walterum de Poynton et Orframiniam uxorem ejus* querentes et Thomam de Lockton de Lincoln et Beatricem uxorem ejus deforciantes de Manerio de Canewyke cum pertinentibus et de viginta et quinque acris terræ cum pertinentibus in Braundiston et Canewyke juxta Lincoln. Unde placitum conventionis sumptum fuit inter eos in eadem curia. Scilicit quod predicti Thomas et Beatrix recognisârunt predictum manerium unum et terram cum pertinentibus esse jus ipsius Walteri et illa eisdem Waltero et Orframinie reddiderunt in eadem curia Habendum et Tenendum eisdem et heredibus ipsius Walteri de Capite decimo feodi unius per servicia que ad predicta &c. et pro hac recognitione eidem Walterus et Orframinia dederunt predictis Thome et Beatrici Centum Marcas Argenti.

(2) Inq. p.m. No. 9, Part 2, 24 Ed. III, which is an Inquisition as to the Canewyke lands—one *half of the manor held by Walter and Orframinia* Poynton, the other half by Henry "Comes Lancastrie."

(3) Inq. p.m., No. 51, 41 Ed. III—from which it appears that Walter died the 2 Aug., 41 Ed. III, leaving his son and heir, Robert, then aged fourteen years, and endowed ("legavit voluntate sua") his wife Orframinia for life with certain lands there specified.

The evidences of Orframinia Poynton after the death of Walter her husband.

Inq. p.m., 7 Richard II, No. 64,

Capt apud Lincoln in Festo Sancti Thome Apostoli . . . et dicunt quod dicta Orframinia obiit die Veneris prœ festo omnium Sanctorum ultimo preterito et quod Albredus filius Johis de Wytlebury et Matilde uxoris ejus, unius filiarum dicte Orframinie, et Elizabetha uxor Thomæ de Brunham alia [altera] filia dicte Orframinie sunt hæredes propinquiores Orframinie (Albredus 11, Elizabeth 22).

Inq. p.m., No. 17, 7 Ric. II, being the Inquisition held after the death of Elizabeth, wife of Thomas de Burnham. It commences by reciting the possessions of Orframinia, "quae fuit uxor Walteri de Poynton," and concludes with enumeration of Elizabeth's lands, who died Tuesday after the Feast of St. Gregory the Pope (March 12) last past, aged twenty-two years and upwards, and whose heir was her daughter Elizabeth, aged two years and more.

Writ in Close Roll, 18 Ric. II. Albredvs de Wittlebury to take possession of his moiety of the property of Orframinia, who was wife of Walter de Poynton. As to the Whittleburies much information is given in Coxe's and Wright's "Histories of Rutland," and in Bridges' "Northamptonshire" vol. ii, besides what may be taken from Records at the Public Office. From these sources the facts in the pedigree have been supplied. This family is also spoken of by Dugdale in his "Warwickshire," p. 143, as "heretofore Lords of the Manor of Brinklow."

The family of Plessington is fully treated of in the "History of Yorkshire," commenced by the late Geo. Plantagenet Harrison, vol. i, p. 245.

REMARKS ON THE FOREGOING.

Walter de Poynton does not appear to have been the first of the family who had interests in Canewick. For in a Foot of Fines, co. Linc., 30 Edw. I, No. 128. There is evidence that Nicholas del Haye of Canewyke and Matilda his wife, granted to one *Thomas* de Poynton and Agnes his wife, and the heirs of their body, a certain messuage and lands in Canewyke for the service belonging to them, for ever. For this said Thomas gives twenty marks; and there are other traces of same Thomas in Hollis' MS., 32 Ed. I and 2 Ed. II. He may have been the father of Walter; and both of them were probably descended from the Judge Itinerant, Alexander de Poynton, temp. K. John, of whom there is a memoir in Foss's work on "The Judges of England," and who died about 1240 A.D., leaving several sons.

As to the shield of arms given in the Harl. Soc., vol. for 1877, "Visitation of Warwickshire" (Poynton and Wyttlebury Pedigree), the quarterings are difficult to account for; and I should be glad of assistance from those who can unravel Heraldic knots better than I can.

Burke in his "General Armoury" assigns (1) *Argent two bars Azure, in chief 3 hurts* to Wittlebury, and (2) to Sidnall [?Sydenhall], but under the pedigree of Shuckburgh in "Warwickshire Visitation," Sydenhall bears *Gules 3 dexter hands couped Argent*, and Lunell bears something much nearer to (2) viz., *Azure a fess Argent between 3 crescents Or*; (3) is given without tincture, and increases our difficulty of attribution. I am informed that in a window of Lapworth Church (Lapworth having been a seat of the Catesbies) this *barry wavy* coat appears minus the bend, and in the same window the lion of coat (4) is crowned. The crown being removed, it might be Poynton without the torteaury assigned to Poynton in Burke's "Armoury." With the remark that you cannot cut an Heraldic knot I conclude this paper.

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