MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS AT SARNESFIELD, CO. HEREFORD.

Sarnesfield at the time of the Domesday Survey formed part of the vast possessions of Roger de Laci, and then gave name to a family who held it for at least three hundred years, when it passed by the coheiress of Sir Nicholas de Sarnesfield, K.G., to the Moningtons, in whose family it remained till their extinction in male line in 1741, and in female line at the end of the last century. Philip de Sarnesfield held one and a half hides of Hugh de Lacy in 1109. A Philip de Sarnesfield appears as witness to a charter, undated, of Henry de Penebrugge. Roger de Sarnesfield, Philip de Sarnesfield, and Robert de Sarnesfield occur in the Testa de Nevil. William de Sarnesfield appears as party to a deed, undated, between 1285 and 1298. Walter de Sarnesfield occurs in a Roll of Arms (Archæologia, vol. xxxvi, 427), circa 1295. A Geffrey de Sarnesfield was living in 1314. John de Sarnesfield was Lord of the Manor of Sarnesfield in 1316. In 1347 Margaret de Sarnesfield presented to the living of Sarnesfield, and Robert de Sarnesfield in 1348, and Thomas de Sarnesfield in 1349. In 1359 Letters of Protection to pass with Edward, Prince of Wales, beyond sea, were granted to Nicholas and John de Sarnesfield. Nicholas was after a Knight of the Garter, and it is possible that John may have been his brother. Thomas de Sarnesfield presented to the living of Sarnesfield in 1388, and Thomas, I presume the same person, died seized of the Manor of Sarnesfield in 1390. Probably he was the father of Sir Nicholas. Sir Nicholas died about the end of the year 1394, leaving a widow, Margaret, who was living in 1431. He left two daughters, his coheirs, one married to Hugh Monington, who died in 1424-5, the other to Walter Bromwich of Little Sarnesfield in the parish of Weobley, whose descendant was residing there *temp.* Henry VIII.[1] Great Sarnesfield became the inheritance of the Moningtons, it is therefore probable that Hugh Monington's wife was the elder coheir. A full memoir of Sir Nicholas de Sarnesfield will be found in Beltz's "Memorials of the Order of the Garter," p. 308.

Several fragments of thirteenth or fourteenth century floriated crosses, which have served as memorials to the early inhabitants of Sarnesfield, still remain in the church, but one only bears any inscription. This commemorates an Isabel de Sarnesfield, and appears to be of fourteenth century workmanship. The accompanying engraving, from a sketch made by J. Paul Rylands, Esq., F.S.A., gives an accurate representation of it, and renders further comment unnecessary.

The church consists of nave, with south aisle, chancel, and chapel on south side belonging to the manor, south porch, and square tower in which are two bells with these inscriptions :—

1. Iesv salva me.
2. Peace and good neighbourhood. 1726.

There are no monuments in the chancel.

[1] Patent Roll 1 Richard II, pars 2, 1377-8. MS. in Coll. Arms, H. 8, fol. 33.

On the floor of the Nave.

Here lieth the Body of the Rev^{d} Roger Powell, Vicar of Lyonshall who died January 14th, 1816, aged 76.

Here lieth the Body of Ann Powell relict of the Rev^{d} Roger Powell who died the ... day of Oct^{r} 1825. Aged 92.

In Memory of Joseph Hall who Died the ... of April, 1760. Aged ...

In the Chapel, on the floor.

In hope of Resurection to Eternal life Here Lyeth y^{e} body of Thomas Monington, Esq^{r} who died y^{e} 4 May Anno Do'ni 1709.

Here Lyeth y^{e} body of Gainor the wife of John Monington, Esq^{r} who departed Mar. 24th, 1688-9. Also the Body of Edward Monington, Esq^{r} who died the 14th of April, 1741. Aged 49. R.I.P. Also the Body of Bridget Monington his Wife Who died Feb^{r}y the 11th 17... Aged 49. R.I.P.

Here lieth the Body of Elizabeth Monington who died the ... February 17...

Here Lyeth the Body of Micha^{el} Mar... O.S.F. Who Died Novemb^{er} the 19th 1755. R.I.P. Also the Body of Richard[1] Poole. S.I. Who Departed this Life December the 23^{d} 1767. R.I.P.

Here lieth the Body of Winefrid Berington Daughter of John Hornyold of Blackmore Park in the County of Worcester, Esq. & Wife of John Berington of Devereux Wooton late of Winsley in the County of Hereford, Esq. she died the 12th January 1791. Aged 82. R.I.P.

Here lies the Body of John Berington[2] of Devereux Wooton late of Winsley Esq^{r} who died Feb^{y} 2^{d}, 1794. Aged 87. R.I.P.

On the wall of the said Chapel.

Sacred to the Memory of Ann Teresa Monington. She was born the 21st Nov^{r} 1735, at Sarnesfield Court the Seat of her Ancestors where She resided many years in the exercise of every social virtue, and in hospitality to her neighbours and benevolence to the Poor, surpassed by none. On the 2nd Feb^{rr} 1780 She took the Veil in the Franciscan Convent of English Ladies at Bruges in Flanders, driven from thence by the French Revolution in 1794, with them retired to the Abbey House in Winchester where she died on the 24th Nov. following and her Remains are deposited. Through Life Revered in Death regretted. On her embracing a Religious State She renounced all her Worldly possessions and generously gave up her Estates in this County to her Kinsman John Webb Weston, Esq. who in grateful remembrance has caused this tablet to be erected. R.I.P.

Here lies the Body of Bridget Monnington youngest Daughter and Coheiress of Edward Mounington, Esq^{r}, of Sarnesfield Court, who died in the 34th year of her age, A.D. 1775. Every pleasing endowment of Humanity And every Virtue that Christianty inspires were the ornaments as well as the happiness of her life. Snatched away in the prime of Youth Her loss was much lamented by all who knew her, But by no one so Severely felt As by her only Surviving Sister Anne Monnington who erected this Monument As a Memorial of her own love And of Her Virtues. R.I.P.

The following pedigree, though by no means complete, is sufficient to show the descent of the Sarnesfield estate in the Monnington family till that family became extinct in male line on the death of Edward Monnington in 1741, and so far as I have been able to ascertain in female line also, on that of his daughter Anne, the Franciscan nun,

[1] Foley, "Records of the English Province S. J. General Statistics," p. 610, calls him *Francis*.

[2] *See* Burke's Landed Gentry, second edition, Supplement, p. 19. Devereux Wooton is in the parish of Weobley. John Berrington's will was proved in the Consistory Court, Hereford, by Winifred Berrington, spinster, and power reserved to Thomas Hornyold, Esq., the other executor, 26 April, 1794. Will proved under £5,000.

1794, whose monumental inscription is given above. It will be noticed that she is then called Ann Teresa, and Ann only on the monument of her sister Bridget. I infer that "Teresa" was her name in Religion.

It is probable that the Moningtons took their name from the parish of Monnington on Wye. John de Monington was M.P. for co. Hereford in 1340. Another John de Monington was Mayor of Hereford in 1425. Sir Richard Monington[1] married for his second wife, Janet, widow of Sir John Croft, and daughter of the famous Owen Glendour. She married for her third husband Sir John Upton. Johanna, daughter of Sir Thomas Blount of Kinlet, Sheriff of Salop 1480, was wife of John Monington.[2]

Hugh de Monington, member of Parliament for co. Hereford 1364-9, and probably also in 1344, 1346, and 1352, married Ellenor, daughter and heir of Sir John Lawton, of Lawtonshope, in the parish of Canon Pyon. He was living in 10 Ed. III, 1336, and bore for Arms, *Argent, on a bend Sable three mullets Or.*[3] Robinson calls Hugh de Monington "Sir," and states that he resided at Canon Pyon.[4] He had issue, Hugh Monington, probably High Sheriff in 1390. Inq. p.m. 3 Hen. VI, 1424-5. Married (Isabell?) daughter and coheir of Sir Nicholas Sarnesfield, K.G.[5] Arms, *Azure, an eagle displayed Or, crowned Argent.* Their son Richard[6] Monington of Sarnesfield, married Ellen, daughter and coheir of John Walweyn[7] of Wellington, co. Hereford, and had issue,—

Sir Thomas Monington of Sarnesfield, M.P. for the County of Hereford 1467 and 1472. He is probably the Thomas Monington who was High Sheriff of Herefordshire in 1462, 1474, and 1490. He was a zealous Yorkist, and was knighted at the battle of Stoke-by-Newark, 1487. The manor of Brugge (Bridge Solers) was granted to him on its escheating to the Crown on the attainder of Thomas, eighth Lord Clifford, who was killed at Towton in 1461, and continued with his descendants till 1622, when Richard Monington sold it to Thomas Geers.[8] He married Elizabeth, eldest daughter, and one of the twelve coheirs of Sir Simon Milborne[9] of Icombe, co. Gloucester, and Tillington, co. Hereford. She brought Almeley Castle in dower to her husband. She married secondly John Whittington of Pauntley, co. Gloucester, and had issue by him.

Sir Thomas Monington had issue by his wife Elizabeth Milborne, besides a daughter Sybell, who married first . . . Hame, and secondly John (? Edward) Try of Hardwick :—

I. Thomas Monington of Sarnesfield, of whom presently.

[1] Robinson's Mansions of Herefordshire, p. 211 ; Memoirs of Owen Glendower, by Lewis Dwnn ; *see* King's Heraldic Miscellanies, in Coll. Arms, vol xxi, p. 51, etc.

[2] Visitation of Salop 1623, Harleian Society, xxviii, p. 54.

[3] Visitation of Herefordshire, 1569. Coll. Arms, MS. D. 12, 79b.

[4] Robinson's Mansions of Herefordshire, p. 62.

[5] Beltz's Order of the Garter, 308.

[6] Called "Hugh" in MS. A. 20, fol. 230, in College of Arms.

[7] *See* Cook's Continuation of Duncumb's Herefordshire, Grimsworth Hundred, p. 172.

[8] *See* Cook's Continuation of Duncumb's Herefordshire, Grimsworth Hundred, p. 26.

[9] *See* Robinson's Castles of Herefordshire, p. 5 ; and College of Arms, MS. A. 20, fo. 229b.

II. Richard Monington of Shobdon, co. Hereford. (? B.C.L. Oxford 1508-9.) Married Katherine, daughter of James Scudamore of Kentchurch, co. Hereford.

III. John Monington of Buttas and Lawtonshope in the parish of Canon Pyon, co. Hereford. Lessee of Lawtonshope, *jure uxoris, temp.* Henry VI. Robinson calls him of Marston. Living 1551. Married Elizabeth, daughter of . . . Lawton of Lawtonshope [1] They had issue :—

i. Henry Monington, on whose death the manor of Lawtonshope passed to his brother George.

ii. Alexander Monington. *See* MS. A 20, fo. 230, in Coll. Arms.

iii. George Monington of Lawtonshope. Living 1514. Married a daughter of . . . Bevill of Ripley Court, co. Kent. They had a son, John Monington, who married Mary, daughter of Richard Welford of Wistaston, co. Hereford, by whom he had—

1. William Monington of Buttas and Lawtonshope, who by Joyce, daughter of Simon Hiett, of co. Gloucester, had George Monington, aged eight at the Visitation of Herefordshire, 1569, and he died without issue, having married Margaret, daughter of Ralph Clive of Walford, co. Salop.[2]
2. Richard Monington of . . . co. Hereford, who had an only daughter and heir Sibill, who became the second wife of Sir Rowland Morton of Twining, co. Gloucester,[3] by whom she left issue.
3. Roger Monington,[4] married Anne, daughter of John Rompney of Lullesley, co. Worcester, and a daughter Susanna.
4. George Monington, mentioned in the will of his son, William Monington, 1629. Married Elizabeth, daughter of James Tompkins, and had besides the said William, Thomas Monington, Baskerville Monington, John Monington, and a daughter Ellinor.
5. Hugh Monington.
6. Henry Monington.
7. Edward Monington of Bodenham. Married Frances Unett, and had a daughter Eleanor, wife of William Parrott of Morton-on-Lugg, co. Hereford.
8. John Monington.

[1] *See* Cook's Continuation of Duncumb's Herefordshire, Grimsworth Hundred, p. 74.
[2] Visitation of Salop, 1623, Harl. Society, vol. xxviii, p. 124.
[3] The first wife of Sir Rowland Morton was Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Pembridge. Sir Rowland died 13 Feb. 1554. *See* Inq. post mortem, Harl. MS. 760, fo. 86.
[4] *See* Proceedings in Chancery, vol. ii, p. 213 ; and College of Arms, MS. J. P. v, p. 291.

William, son of George Monington and Elizabeth Tompkins, was of Weobley, mercer, had a wife named Elizabeth, and left three daughters his coheirs. I note the wills of him and his widow.

Will of William Monington of Webley, mercer. Dated 13 June, 1639. To be buried in the body of the parish church of Webley. Whereas I purchased of George Monington, gent., my father, and of Thomas Monington, gent., my brother, those my two messuages in in Webley wherein one John Owen and one Elinor Monington do now inhabit, by a deed dated 12 May, 13 James—devises said messuages to wife Elizabeth for her life, and after her decease to William Barnes son of John Barnes of Webley and of Elizabeth his wife my daughter, with remainder in default of issue to Alice and Letis daughters of the said John and Elizabeth Barnes, with remainder over to right heirs. Elinor Monington my sister to have house she dwells in for her life. Testator devises his messuage in Kington to wife for life with remainder to John Crow of Webley, mercer, and Ann his wife being my daughter, and their heirs. Mentions his shops in Webley and Kington. Wife Elizabeth sole executrix. Witnesses Will. Coxe, Gilbert Coxe, Thomas Driver, Jane Vinsley. Proved by relict 6 July, 1639, in Consistory Court of Hereford. Bundle M 1638/9. Inventory £236 - 8 - 7.

Will of Elizabeth Monnington of Weobley, co. Hereford, widow. Dated 20 Oct., 1653. To my daughter Elizabeth the wife of John Barnes £5. To my daughter Anne the wife of John Crowe £5. Residue to my daughter Lettice Coxe, widow, and makes her sole executrix. Witnesses, W. Gregory, Abr. Seward, Howell Bevan. Proved in Consistory Court of Hereford 20 March, 1663. Inventory £11 - 12 - 0.

I. Thomas Monington[1] of Sarnesfield, High Sheriff of Herefordshire in 1511, 1532, and 1540. Died 17 Jan. 1551. *Inq. p.m.* Married Anne, daughter of Henry Tracy of Toddington, co. Gloucester. She remarried William Wye of Tewkesbury. They had issue one son Richard, and two daughters, i. Elizabeth, who married first James Baskervile[2] of Wotton in Wellington, co. Hereford, son and heir of William Baskervile, *Inq. post mortem* 8 Feb. 32 Henry VIII, by whom she had i. Ellianor, wife of . . . Roger; 2. Anna, wife of Richard Monington, who had issue Johanna, daughter and heir, married Walter Baskerville of Pontrilas, bastard son of Thomas Baskerville, and left issue; 3. Johanna, wife of Thomas Pembridge; and ii. Margaret, wife of Thomas Hayward of Hereford.

II. Richard Monington[3] of Sarnesfield, aged forty at the date of his father's Inquisition, 1551, High Sheriff of Herefordshire in 1557, Lord of the manor of Brugge 1552. Married Katherine, daughter of John Scudamore of Holm Lacy, and had issue :—

i. Thomas Monington of Sarnesfield, of whom presently.

[1] *See* MS. H 8, fo. 31[b] in College of Arms.

[2] Coll. Arms MS. A 20, fo. 230; Harl. MS. 760, p. 338. She married secondly Thomas Havard, by whom she had a son, Nicholas Havard.

[3] Robinson's Mansions of Herefordshire, p. 39.

ii. William Monington of the Ley, in the parish of Weobley. His will is dated 13 Nov. 1617. Devises his estate in fee simple or otherwise in the Ley, and all other his lands in Weobley to wife Elizabeth for life, and after her decease to brother Richard Monington and cozen William Hawkins, gentlemen, in trust to secure to Richard Hurdman my wife's grandchild annuity of £10, and six score pounds towards the preferment of Wynefride Monington, Anne Monington, and Elizabeth Monington, the three daughters of said brother Richard Monington, *i.e.* £40 apiece. My nephew Rychard Monington son of my said brother Rychard Monington. Remainder of estate to heir male. Brother Richard Monington, and cozen William Hawkins, executors. Proved in Consistory Court of Hereford. Bundle M, 1616-21.

iii. John Monington.[1]

iv. Richard Monington. Mentioned in the will of his brother Thomas, 1597, and as also his children in the will of William Monington of the Ley, above.

i. Maud, married William Naufan of Birtsmorton. Nash's Worcestershire, vol. i, p. 87.

ii. Margery, married Roger Vaughan of Clyro, co. Radnor.

iii. Sybell, married John Seaborn of Sutton, co. Hereford.

iv. Anne, married Richard Wigmore of Lucton, co. Hereford, Bailiff of the Monastery of Leominster. Died *circa* 1580.

i. Thomas Monington of Sarnesfield, married Anne, daughter of Richard Seaborn of Sutton; she was living in 1602. Her husband died before 5 March, 1602-3. His will dated 23 October, 1597, proved in the Consistory Court of Hereford, 29 April, 1603, is as follows:—Thomas Monyngton of Sarnsfylde in perfect health. If my wife keep herselfe unmarried she shall have the use of half my household stuff during her life—then to son Richard. To my son Richard the other half of my household stuff, and if Richard shall die before he cometh to lawful age my son Thomas shall have the said household stuff. To Anne my wife

[1] It is probable that this John is identical with John Monington of the City of Hereford, gent., whose will is dated 7 and 14 Sept. 1625. He devises messuage called Shellwicke's Court and lands in Shellwicke, Houldmer, Hampton Bushopp, or the suburbs of the City of Hereford, or elsewhere in the County of Somerset (? error for *Hereford*) to wife Katherine for life, remainder to Richard Monington of Merston, co. Hereford and his heirs males, remainder to John Monington brother of the said Richard and his heirs males, remainder to James Monyngton another brother of the said Richard, remainder to William Monington of Webley, gent., remainder over to right heirs. To every of my sisters children except Sibbell the daughter of Thomas Oviatt £5 apiece. To repair of the church of Holdmer 10s. My sister Margaret Hunt to take no benefit by my will. To my cousin Richard Pearle 10s. My brother in law Oviatt's children. Cousins Anthony Pembridge, Esq[r], and Thomas Lotchard of Pembridge, gent., executors. Adm'on with will annexed in P.C.C. 28 July 1651 to Peter Oviat, nephew by the sister, both executors being dead. (148 Gray). He died 15 Sept. 1625, and was buried in Hereford Cathedral. Dingley's History from Marble, p. 194. *Cf.* Robinson's Mansions of Herefordshire, p. 264; Weaver's Visitation of Herefordshire, p. 64.

all my kyne. I have made a feoffment for the levying and gathering £500 to the marriage of my daughter Catharyn, the money to be levied out of my lands in Sarnsfyld, Lyttle Sarnesfyld, excepted the Lye Coort, and also out of my land of Brydge and Brydgmylls. All my rents in Almely to my daughters Sybell and Anne for term of 16 years. Son Thomas shall have £10 out of my manor of Sarnsfyld for term of his life. My cosyn and servant Alles Moyngton shall have the new mylls in Sarnsfyld for term of her life. To daughter Catheryn 20 poundes of my goods. To son Thomas 20 pounds of my goods. To my brother Richard Monyngton four pounds of annuity for term of his life out of my manor of Sarnsfyld if he shall not make claim to the lands in Weobley w^ch I sold to John Smyth. To Thomas Poytheres my servant two of my best oxen, and he to have a lease, the lease granted to Richard Hopley, Anne Hopley, and Myles Hopley being determined of Allhaston [Hallaston] within my manor of Sarnsfyld, for term of his life paying the rent reserved in the said Hopleys lease. John Mune my servant and Thomas Smyth my servant shall have a lease of my demeanes of the Hurst for the term of their lives, the lease *in esse* granted to Roger Phellpotes and his son being determined, paying the old rent. Son Thomas and daughters Sybill and Anne to have rents of the Lye Coort, Tadington, and Marston, to help to maintain them till my son Richard shall come to his full age. Son Richard to receive the rents of my lands in Dynnington and Byerley to help to maintain him in his minority. Wife Anne residuary legatee. To my brother William Monyngton my best bay gelding. To my brother in law M^r Roger Vaughan my turkesse rynge. John Braser and Steaven Braser shall have a lease of Ticketon for term of their lives or the longest liver of them after the determination of Harrie Parterich and his wifes lease, paying the old rent. Mentions the profits of my manors of Sarnsfyld and Brydge. Son Richard to have the lease of the Streete meadow. Anne my wife, my brother Richard Monyngton, and my brother William Monyngton executors. "Wrytten w^th myne owne hand" the 23 Oct., 1597. There is a bond with the will by all three executors dated 5 March, 1602.

Thomas Monington had besides the children mentioned above, a son James. Catharine married John Harper of Chilston, co. Hereford. Sybill married Nicholas Barnesley of Bosley, co. Worcester.

Richard Monington, the son and heir, of Sarnesfield. Matriculated at Gloucester Hall, Oxford, 8 May, 1601, aged fourteen. Student of the Inner Temple 1604. Entered his pedigree in the 1634 Visitation of Herefordshire. Living 1641. Died before 1645. Married first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Francis Stonor of Stonor, co. Oxford, by whom he apparently had no issue. He married secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Winter of Lidney, co. Gloucester, Kt.[1] Her will as "Elizabeth Monnington of Sarnesfield, widow, and relict of Richard Monnington late of Sarnesfield, Esq.," is dated 6 October 15 Charles II. (1663). Makes her daughter Anne Monnington universal legatee and sole executrix. She proved in Consistory Court of Hereford 3 Feb. 1667. Witnesses, J. Barthron, Rowland Adams, Alice Fowle.

[1] *See* Visitation of co. Gloucester, edited by Fenwick and Metcalfe, p. 206.

Inventory £457 - 16 - 8. The date of probate in the Act Book is *13* Feby. Mrs. Monnington was a popish recusant, and her estate was sequestered in 1649,[1] a lease of this estate was granted to Rowland Adams for twenty five years, if her recusancy so long continue, at £135. From the fact of Rowland Adams appearing as a witness to her will it is, perhaps, not unfair to infer that there was some collusion between them.

The issue of Richard Monnington by Elizabeth Winter, was Edward Monnington, aged about twelve years at the Visitation of 1634. Died *sine prole;* John Monnington of Sarnesfield; and Anne, who proved her mother's will, and was alive in 1683.[2]

John Monnington of Sarnesfield, married Gaynor, daughter of . . . Roberts of Llanarmon in Yale, co. Flint. She died 24 March, 1688-9, and was buried in the church at Sarnesfield as appears by a monumental inscription given above. They had issue one son, Thomas Monnington of Sarnesfield, and two daughters, Elizabeth, buried at Sarnesfield 17..., and Mary married to Thomas Berrington[3] of Cowarne, co. Hereford.

Thomas Monnington of Sarnesfield, married Mary Tylden, and dying 4 May, 1709, was buried in Sarnesfield Church as appears by monumental inscription given above. His will, undated, as Thomas Monington of Sarnesfield, is as follows:—To be buried with as much privacy and little expence as decency will permitt. If I dye at or near Sarnesfield I desire to be enter'd near my Honour'd mothers' grave. Gives annuity of £25 to sister M^rs^ Elizabeth Monington and charges it upon his farm of Lower Dewall in the parish of Dilwyn in the tenure of John Herring or his under tenant, and on farm called the Birches in the parishes of Eardisland and Weobley in the tenure of James Davies at the yearly rent of £10. To said sister Elizabeth Monington for her life half of the rents accruing from the lands which were my mothers in the parish of Lanarmon in Yale in the co. of Flint, and half profitts of those houses in the Burrough of Weobley purchased by my said mother, other moiety to his two daughters Mary and Elizabeth for their lives, and after the decease of their aunt the whole for their lives, and after their decease to "my heirs for ever." To my son Edward Monington £300 at my death or on his attaining the age of 21, and also the present reserved rent of the farm of Marston in the tenure of M^r^ Greenley for his life. To my four daughters Mary, Elizabeth, Frances, and Gaynor £2 000 equally amongst them at 21. Mentions the deed of settlement made upon my marriage with my present dear wife. To daughters Mary and Elizabeth £100 apiece being in consideration of a legacy of £50 each left in my hands for their use by their Godfather Doctor Gorden. To my other two daughters Lewesia and Catharine, both under age, £400 charged upon the lands called the Parks of Almeley. To Elizabeth Adams a yearly rent charge of 40^s^ being a legacy left her at the request of my aunt Ann Monington upon

[1] *See* Calendar of the Committee for Compounding, p. 3195; also Records of English Province, S.J., by Henry Foley, vol. iv, p 488.

[2] She gave evidence upon the trial of Charles Kerne, a seminary priest, for High Treason in 1679. *See* The Trial, &c., of Andrew Bromwich and William Atkins together with the Tryal of Charles Kern. London, 1879, fol. pp. 20. Records of the English Province, S.J., by Henry Foley, vol. v. p. 908.

[3] *See* Burke's Landed Gentry, 2nd Edition, Supplement, p. 18.

her death bed, for which she hath a lease from me. To my present dear wife Mary Monington all my plate. To my son Thomas Monington all those few books I have, a bed, etc., and the furniture of the middle room. To wife Mary Monington and son Thomas Monington subject to the trusts following, all my lands called the Parks of Almeley in the parish of Almeley, co. Hereford, my farm of Marston in the parish of Pembridge, my farm of Lower Dewall in the parish of Dilwyn purchased of Roger Herring and now in the tenure of John Herring, lands called the Birches purchased of one Mr Cox, lands purchased of Stephen Dewall in the parish of Sarnesfield, lands purchased of Thomas Hopley of Sutton in the parish of Sarnesfield, messuage known by the name of Witham's farm in Woodmanton in the parish of Sarnesfield in the tenure of the widow Adams, and all other my lands, in trust to pay debts and childrens portions, with remainder to said son Thomas Monington and his heirs. No executor named. Adm'on with will annexed in Consistory Court, Hereford, to Mary Monington his relict, and Thomas Monington his son 15 July, 1709. Inventory £1096 - 4 - 7.

An abstract of the above mentioned deed of settlement in the handwriting of Thomas Monington is in my possession. It is dated 8 May 1683, between Thomas Monington and Anne Monington of the 1st part, Mary Tilden of the 2nd part, Gaynor Monington mother of Thomas Monington of the 3rd part, Edward Ange and Thomas Ange of the 4th part, John Belson and Jonathan Barthrop of the 5th part, William Whorewood and Charles Wintour of the 6th part. It does not disclose the parentage of Mary Tilden, nor the probable fact that she was a second wife.

Of the daughters mentioned in Thomas Monington's will Elizabeth married Thomas Williams of Holywell, co. Flint, and had issue. Catherine became a nun; made her religious profession 3 Feb. 1729, then aged twenty six, died 26 Dec. 1733, at Rouen. Thomas Monington, the eldest son, appears to have been of intemperate habits, and was sent abroad by his family, and his brother Edward obtained possession of the Sarnesfield estate, his unfortunate history is too long to enter into here. It is sufficient to say that he died in Flanders, unmarried, leaving a will dated 9 Dec. 1727, now in my possession, which does not appear to have been proved.

Edward Monington, the second son and last heir male of the family, was a merchant trading with Portugal, and apparently possessed of considerable property. He married first, 27 May, 1727, Anne, daughter of Humphrey Steare, of St. Andrew's, Holborn. She is mentioned, as also her husband, in her father's will, dated 20 August, 1728, proved in P.C.C. 29 July, 1729; also their son, Robert Monington, who died young. Edward Monington married secondly Bridget, daughter of John Webbe, of St. George the Martyr, Queen's Square. She died 11 Feb. 17..., aged forty-nine, and was buried at Sarnesfield. M.I. He died 14 April 1741, aged forty-nine, and was also buried at Sarnesfield. His will dated 10 Oct., 1736, was proved in P.C.C. 13 June, 1741, by Bridget, his relict. (160 Spurway.) Of his two daughters Anne Teresa and Bridget, their monumental inscriptions which precede this note give all that need be said here. There is a hatchment still remaining in the church which is no doubt that of Bridget. John Webbe above

mentioned had a brother Thomas Webbe of Brook Green in Hammersmith, who had a son John Webbe of Sutton Place, co. Surrey, and Sarnesfield Court, who took the name and arms of Weston, and is the John Webb-Weston to whom Ann Teresa Monington gave the Sarnesfield estate. He had issue, Thomas Joseph Webb-Weston[1] who assumed by Royal Licence 1829 the name, but not the arms of Monington. He died without issue, and the estate passed to the issue of his sister, Anna Maria, wife of William Thomas Salvin of Croxdale, co. Durham, whose issue sold it to William Worsley Worswick in 1878, and he to its present proprietor in 1891.

In the Churchyard.

In Memory of Thomas Stephens who died Aug. 22th 1807. Aged 48.

In Memory of Richard Stephens late of Woodmington[2] in this parish who died Jan. 29th 1795. Aged 59 years. In Memory of Eldanor[3] the wife of Richard Stephens who departed this Life Sept. 30th 1817. Aged 72 years.

In Memory of Edward the Son of Richard and Eleaʳ Stephens of Woodmanton who died July 3rd 1815. Aged 44. Also In Memory of Joseph the Son of Richard and Eleanor Stephens who died Septʳ 17, 1816. Aged 38.

In Memory of Eleanor the beloved wife of Thomas Ferrar late of Llanthew Court near Brecon, who died March 30th 1860. Aged 75 years.

In Memory of Ann the Daughter of Samuel & Sarah Farrar. She died May yᵉ 1st 1784. Aged 13 months.

Here lieth the Body of William (?) Ricketts of Sarnesfield who died ...

Here lieth the Body of Emma Ricketts Daughter of William and Ann Ricketts of Sarnesfield who died 13th Janʳʸ 180 ... Aged 28. R.I.P.

Here lieth the Body of Will. Ricketts of Sarnesfield who died the ... of Janʸ 1818. Aged 78 years.

Sacred to the memory of Richard Stephens who died March 6th 1824. Aged 54 years.

In Memory of Elizabeth Morgan who died ... Apr. 1763. Aged ...

In Memory of John Hall of Woonton Almeley who departed this life Nov. 11, 1831, aged 59 years. Also Anne relict of the aforesaid John Hall who departed this life August 16th, 1857. Aged 75 years.

Here lieth the Body of Elizabeth Meredith, Spinster, Who died 2 day of December 1740. Aged 29 years. I.H.S.

I.H.S. In Memory of Roland the son of Francis Price by Bridget h ... who died ... 1775. Aged ... Requiescat (in pace).

In Memory of ... Price who died ... Aged 72.

In memory of Ann daughter of William and Susann Mapp of Hope under Dinmore, who died August 21st 1862. Aged 18 years.

In memory of Samuel, Caroline, Catherine, Sarah, and James Hall, the beloved children of John and Anne Hall all of whom died in infancy *at Hopleys Green Farm, Almeley.*[4]

In memory of Frances the beloved wife of William Jones of the George Hotel, Swansea, and late of Broxwood Court Farm, Herefordshire, who died Sepʳ 16th, 1873. Aged 51 years.

In affectionate remembrance of Eleanor Hall who departed this life December 14, 1876. Aged 68 years.

[1] Burke's Landed Gentry, 2nd Edition, p. 876, 1562.
[2] *i.e.* Woodmanton.
[3] "Eleanor" in Parish Register.
[4] The words in *italics* are not blacked in with the rest of the inscription.

In Memory of John Ricketts of this Parish who Died Jan^{ry} 30th 1827. Aged 84 years. Also of Elizabeth wife of John Ricketts who died January 7, 1871. Aged 80 years.

In Memory of Randolph Baker. He departed this life the 27 April, 1752. Aged 87. Also in Memory of William Baker.[1] He departed this Life the ... Dec^{br} 1774 Aged ..6.

Our glass is rund our Work is don
Here lies the Father and the Son.

On a small stone. E † B.

Here Lieth ye body of James Preece he died Decem^{r} ye 13, 1742.

C. Taylor. Aged 62 years. 1839.

On a small stone—H.D.

On a small stone—W.B. 1742.

In Memory of Joseph the Son of Joseph & Mary Hall who died 6 May, 1785. Aged 16 years.

Here lyeth ye body of William Brown, he died july ye 20 1742. Aged 24.

Here lieth the body of William Brown, he died August ye j, 1742. Aged 52.

Here Lieth the Body of Jone ye wife of David Evans, she died August ye ... 1742. Aged ..

To the Memory of Ann the Wife of Thomas Hall of the Farney Common in this County who died April 27, 1800. Aged 63 years. Also to the Memory of the said Thomas Hall who Departed this Life August the 29th, 1823. Aged 90 years.

On small stones—I S. S.P.

Elianer the wife of Thomas Hall, Sen^{r} Died Decemb^{r} the 3rd 1763. Aged 70. Anne y^{e} wife of Tho. Hall, Jun^{r} died Oct^{r} y^{e} 5, 1763. Aged 36.

In Memory of John son of John and Elizabeth Williams of Huntingdon Parish who died April 6th 1856. Aged 27 years.

In affectionate remembrance of Edward eldest son of Thomas and Ann Merrick. He died the 17th of October, 1884. Aged 57 years. His end was peace. Also Thomas second son of Thomas and Ann Merrick. He died the 2 of February, 1886. Aged 56 years.

Sacred to the Memory of Thomas Merrick (of Hyatt Sarnesfield in the Parish of Norton Canon) who departed this life the 11th day of February, 1852. Aged 54 years. Also of Ann his beloved wife who died October 9th, 1873, Aged 83 years.

In Memory of Agnes and Margaret the beloved daughters of the Rev^{d} Joseph Dudley, Rector of this parish. Agnes died July 8th 1865, aged 20. Margaret died Feb^{y} 19th 1866, aged 16. Also in loving memory of Eliza Jane wife of the Rev^{d} Joseph Dudley,[2] entered into rest Dec^{r} 30th 1888. Aged 74. And of the Rev^{d} Joseph Dudley, Rector of this Parish, who fell asleep at Aberystwyth, Sept. 28th, 1894. Aged 85.

I.H.S. In Memory of John Skryme of Woodmanton in this parish who died Jan^{y} 2nd 1873. Aged 49 years.

Sacred to the Memory of Elizabeth Susanna Jones who died April 24th, 1869, In the 19th year of her age. In Memory of Ann Elizabeth wife of William Jones, and daughter of Richard and Ann Skryme of Woodmanton Farm, Sarnesfield, who died Jan^{y} 16th 1880. Aged 60.

In Memory of Ann the beloved wife of Richard Skryme of Woodmanton Farm in this parish who died June 3. 1875. Aged 77 years. In Memory of Richard Skryme of Woodmanton Farm in this parish who died March 6, 1876. Aged 85 years.

In Affectionate Remembrance of Susan Ensoll who departed this life June 19th, 1873. Aged 40 years.

[1] Administration in Consistory Court, Hereford, of William Baker of the parish of Sarnesfield, Bachelor, 18 Jan^{y} 1775, to John Baker his brother, Elizabeth Baker, widow, his mother having renounced. Inventory under £2^{0}.

[2] At the time of his death he was the oldest beneficed clergyman in the diocese of Hereford.

In Memory of two beloved daughters of Evan and Mary Howells. Elizabeth died May 28, 1869, aged 10 years. Mary died May 31st, 1869, Aged 15 years.

Here lie the bodies of Alice Ruth Marshall, died 9 Novr 1870, aged 26. Caroline Emily Marshall died 9 Janr 1891, aged 48.

In Memory Jane wife of The Revd Daniel Phillips Powell Rector of this Parish who died May 12th 1835. Aged 72 years. Also of the above Revd Daniel Phillips Powell, B.A. who died September 27th 1851. Aged 86 years. Also to the Memory of Charles son of the Revd Daniel Phillips Powell and Jane his wife, Who died December 20th 1844. Aged 38 years.

Sacred to the Memory of The Revd Rees Lloyd of the Townsend in the Parish of Dilwyn in this county who died July the 18th 1862. Aged 60 years. Sacred to the Memory of Jane Dorothy widow of the late Revd Rees Lloyd of the Townsend House, Dilwyn, who died July 11th 1883. Aged 79 years.

The monument of John Abel, a well-known local architect, is a conspicuous feature in the churchyard. Its curious inscription has been frequently printed; lastly in Notes and Queries, 8 Series, vol. iv, pp. 203, 437, where references to various notices of him and his monument will be found. G.W.M.