THE POLHILL, OR POLLEY, AND DE BOKELAND FAMILIES, DEDUCED FROM THE VISITATION OF KENT IN 1619, BY PHILPOT, AND OF 1633; FROM HASTED AND HARRIS' HISTORIES OF KENT, BERRY'S KENTISH PEDIGREES, AND ADD. MS. 5711, &c.

THE late eminent literary veteran and historian of Cornwall, the Rev. Richard Polwhele, of Polwhele, entertained an almost decided opinion, not only from the traditions of his family, but from other circumstances, that the Polhills of Kent were a branch of the Cornish Polwheles, which emigrated from the western into the eastern counties at a very early period; in ancient deeds of his family, the name is spelt sometimes Polwhele, and sometimes Polhill, and the manor of Polwhele in Domesday Book is called "*Polhel:*" this manor was occupied under *Edward the Confessor* by *Winus de Polhall* (Polwel or Polwyl). In the time of the Empress Maud, 1140, Drogo de Polwhele, who was her Chamberlain, had large grants of lands from her; and this Drogo is the ancestor of the Polwheles of Polwhele, and, upon the authority cited, of the Polhills of Kent and Sussex.

At what period of time this branch of the family settled in Kent it is difficult to say; but, as it is one of the most ancient in the county, it must have been at a very early period, at or previously to the reign of Edward III. for in a charter in the Brit. Mus. xxvi. 30, 7 Edw. III. amongst other names, appear those of "*Edmundi de Polle,*" and "*Richardi de Bocland,*" the name having been spelt sometimes *Polley*, and sometimes *Polhill.* Detling, in Hollingbourne, was their property and residence, a considerable portion of which took its name from this family, and was antiently, according to Hasted and other authorities, called "*Polley Street,*" which is still, or was very lately, the property of the Otford branch of the Polhills; here for ages they flourished, and were, as before stated, written Polley or Polhill, and there are yet lands in this parish called after them "*Polley Fields.*" In the time of Edward IV. the senior branch of the family resided at Preston, in Shoreham, one of the ancient properties of the De Bucklands, which they inherited by marrying

the heiress of that family; at a subsequent period, temp. Q. Eliz. their chief residence was the Frenches in Burwash, co. Sussex, and which continued to be so till recenter days; and the present Mr. Polhill of Howbury Park, co. Bedford, possessed a portion of the old family estates which he disposed of about seven years ago, but the principal estate descended, we believe, through a female heir to the Havilands.

Before, however, we proceed to give the descent of the different branches of the Polhills, it were as well to offer a brief account, as given by Hasted, of the very ancient family of the *De Boclands*, whose representatives the Polhills are:

"Great Buckland manor," says he, "is situated on the other or western side of the river Medway, &c. It is called so, corruptly, for *Bocland*, no doubt from the tenure of it. In the time of the Saxons such land was hereditary, and passed by deed, and was held by the Thanes or nobler sort, and it has the addition of *Great*, to distinguish it from the other parts of this estate now in the possession of different owners; all which were anciently part of the demesnes of a *family which took its name from hence.*

"Buckland was originally granted by Hubert Walter, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the reign of King John, to *Alan de Bocland*, by the description of one yoke and ten acres of land, with its appurtenances, in Maidstone, to hold in frank fee, and not in gavelkind, as they had been held before. His grandson, *Walter de Boclaunde*, held this estate in the 55th of King Henry III. anno 1270; a *nuper obiit* was brought in the above year before the Justices itinerant, by *Alan de Boclande*, against his elder brother *Walter*, above mentioned, for a moiety of this estate, the tenure of the same having been changed by the Archbishop, without the consent of the Chapter of Canterbury. But this plea was overruled, and judgment passed for the defendant. His descendant, *John de Bocland*, died possessed of it in the 3rd of King Edward III. and was succeeded in it by his son *Sir John de Bocland, Knt.* a person of some note in that reign."

After the reign of Henry IV. this family no longer possessed this estate; but that of *Preston* in Shoreham continued in the family until by a female heir it descended to the Polhills. Of this property, after describing it, Hasted thus writes:[a]

[a] Vol. iii. p. 4. 8vo.

" At the latter end of King Edward the Third Preston was become the estate and residence of *Sir Thomas de Buckland*, who both himself and his ancestors were possessed of good estates elsewhere in this county; they bore for arms, Argent, an eagle sa. beaked and unguled or; which coat is now quartered by the family of *Polhill*. *Thomas de Buckland*, with his wife, lies buried here in a chapel of their own founding. [b] His descendant *Thomas de Buckland*, in the latter end of King Henry the Sixth, left an only daughter and heir *Alice*, who carried this estate in marriage to *John Polley* alias *Polhill*, of Polhill Street, in Detling, where this family was originally situated, bearing for arms, Arg. on a bend gules three cross-crosslets or, &c. John Polhill, the eldest son, resided at Preston, which continued in his descendants, who seem to have removed their residence in general to Burwash in Sussex, where several of them lie buried." Such is Hasted's account of Preston. This estate was sold by the ancestor of the present Mr. Polhill of Howbury to Paul D'Aranda, Esq. who died possessed of it A. D. 1712, and thus finally passed away from the Polhill family, after having been possessed by them and the De Bucklands between four and five hundred years.

DESCENT.

The following were the principal branches of this family, viz. the *Polhills* of Preston and Burwash; the *Polhills* of Otford, Detling, and Chipstead; the *Polhills* or *Polleys* of Wrotham, who intermarried with the Byngs of the same place, ancestors of the Viscounts Torrington; the *Polhills* of Philpots in Tonbridge, and Tonbridge Priory; and the *Polhills* of Shoreham Castle.

John Polhill, alias *Polley*, of Detling in Hollingbourne, co. Kent, Esq. the representative of this ancient family, was born circa 1420; in the Visitation of 1619 he is called " Thomas;" he married, as before stated, Alice, daughter and heir of Thomas de Buckland, Esq. of Preston, and of Leedsdown, near Mepham, co. Kent, by whom he had three sons, viz. John Polhill, of Preston, the eldest son; Thomas Polhill, of Shoreham Castle, the second son; and Christopher Polhill, the third son, of whom nothing is recorded in the Visitations, and it is presumed he died s. p.; we will first trace the descendants of

[b] Weever, p. 331.

Thomas Polhill, Esq. the second son: he married Joan, daughter of ..... Miller, Esq. of Wrotham in Kent (ancestor of the Millers of Horsemayles Crouch in Wrotham, and of Oxenoath, Baronets, and the Millers of Buckland in Surrey, and afterwards of Sandon, co. Herts; now represented by the Miller Mundys of Shipley, in the county of Derby, and through whom the present Earl of Lincoln, eldest son of the Duke of Newcastle, is maternally descended, there having been three marriages between the Millers and the Polhills of Preston and Wrotham);[c] and by her left issue John Polhill, Esq. of Shoreham Castle, eldest son; Thomas Polhill of Wrotham, second son; David Polhill of Otford, third son; Robert Polhill, fourth son; and William Polhill, fifth son.

John Polhill, Esq. of Shoreham Castle, the eldest son, left issue three sons, (but we have not ascertained whom he married,) viz. *Robert, Thomas,* and *Abraham.* Robert, the eldest son, married Mary, daughter of Richard Barrett, of Maidstone, Esq. by whom he left issue two sons, viz. Thomas Polhill, of Burwash, co. Sussex, Esq. who died and was buried there 1 Aug. 1637, and by his wife Faintnot, daughter of .... Ticehurst, to whom he was married on the 11th Dec. 1616, and who remarried 2nd Aug. 1642, John Pierce, Esq., he had his eldest son Edward born 6th September 1617, the celebrated author; John, born 11th April 1619; Thomas, baptized 6 Oct. 1622; and Jane, baptized at Burwash, 1622.

Thomas Polhill, the second son of John Polhill, of Shoreham Castle, left issue two sons and one daughter Margaret. Thomas, his second son, married and left issue a son George.

Abraham, the third son, died s. p.

II. *Thomas Polhill,* the second son of Thomas and Joan Miller, of Wrotham, left issue a son and heir Thomas Polley, alias Polhill, of Wrotham, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Daniel, of Farningham, Esq. and by her had one son and two daughters; Elizabeth, the elder daughter, married Thomas Cooke, Esq. a younger branch of the Cookes of Wickham, co. Sussex; Dorothy, the younger, married Thomas Birchenstey, Esq. second son of Thomas Birchenstey, alias Birstey, Esq. of Birchenstey, co. Sussex. Sir Thomas Polley or Polhill, of

[c] Vide Clutterbuck's Herts.

Wrotham, Knt. his only son and heir living 1619, married Elizabeth, daughter of George Byng, Esq. of Wrotham, co. Kent, ancestor of the Viscounts Torrington, Baron Strafford, and the Byngs of Middlesex (v. Hasted), and by her had issue three sons and three daughters, Jane, Martha, and Elizabeth, the last of whom died 20 July 1686, and was buried at Shoreham. George Polhill, the eldest son, died 19 Oct. 1678, ætat. 66; and his wife, whose name is not given in the pedigree, died on the 30th Aug. 1682, and was buried at Shoreham, and it is presumed s. p. Thomas, second son, ob. s. p. 9th Feb. 1667, ætat. 54, and was buried at Shoreham. William P. died an infant, A. D. 1619.

III. *David Polhill,* Esq. the third son of Thomas Polhill and Joan Miller, was of Otford, co. Kent; he married Alice, sister and heir of Francis Sandbach, Esq. of the Inner Temple (v. Hasted), and dying 20th Elizabeth 1578, left issue two sons and two daughters. Elizabeth, the elder daughter, married Matthew Petley, Esq. of Downe, one of the King's Parliament; Jane married John Dawtrey, Esq. Sergeant at Arms, second son of Sir John Dawtrey of Morehouse, in Petworth, co. Sussex; George Polhill, the second son, ob. s. p.

John Polhill, of Otford, Esq. the eldest son, married three wives. By his first wife, Ann, daughter of William Morse, gentleman, he had no issue; and he had no issue by his third wife Alice, daughter of Robert Hodsol, of Wrotham, Esq. descended from the ancient family of the Hodsols of Halywell, co. Kent;[d] but by his second wife Frisiwith, the daughter of Robert Cawston, of Orpington, co. Kent, Esq. he had two sons and one daughter, viz. Anne, who married firstly, Thomas Gilman of London, mercer: secondly, William Nutt, of Mays, Esq. Counsellor at Law; and thirdly, Thomas Milles, of Norton Court and of Davington Hall, Esq. Customer of Sandwich, Keeper of Rochester Castle, and Esquire of the Body to James the First. He was the nephew of Glover, Somerset Herald, and grandson of Richard Milles, of Hotfield, Esq. and was sent by Queen Elizabeth as Envoy to Henry the Fourth of France, for which service he had an augmentation to his armorial bearings.[e] She died in 1624 at Davington, and was buried in St. George's church, Canterbury. John Polhill, the second son, died s. p.

[d] Vide Hasted, vol. ii. p. 67.

[e] Vide Noble's Coll. of Arms, and Hasted.

David Polhill, of Otford, Esq. was the elder son, and served the office of Sheriff for the county in the 16th of Chas. I. He married two wives: his second wife was Anne, daughter of Robert Byng, of Wrotham, Esq. by whom he had David Polhill, Esq. his second son, who married Martha, daughter of Herbert Hay, of Glyndbourne, co. Sussex, Esq. by his wife Frances, daughter of John Culpepper, Esq. of Farvington; but whether he had any issue, or not, we have not been able to ascertain; none is mentioned by Berry in his Sussex Pedigrees. His daughters by his said wife were, Anne, Mary, Elizabeth, Martha, and Frances. His first wife was Margaret, daughter and coheir of Stephen Theobald, of Seale, co. Kent, Esq. by his wife Catharine, daughter of Richard Caryll, Esq.[f] whom he married in the year 1600, and by her he had his elder son and heir John Polhill, of Otford, Esq. who was 16 years of age in 1621, and one daughter, Nisel, who married Thomas Courthope, of Stodmarsh, Esq. (v. Hasted.)

John Polhill, the son, married Jane, daughter of . . . Porter, Esq. by whom he had David Polhill, of Otford, Esq. his son and heir, born in 1633, and who purchased Chipstead Place, a fine view of which was published by Harris in his History of Kent. This gentleman served the office of Sheriff in 1662; he married Martha, daughter of Herbert Hay, of Glyndburne, Esq. who remarried Sir James Langham, Bart. and dying in 1665, s. p. left his estates to his second brother, Thomas, the continuator of the line. Robert, the third son, died s. p. in 1699; John Polhill, the fourth son, ob. infans. He had also one daughter, Anne, married to George Petty, Esq.[g]

Thomas Polhill, Esq. the second son, was of Clapham, in Surrey, and was born in 1636. He sold the Chipstead estate: he married in 1666, Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of Henry Ireton, Esq. of Attenborough, co. Notts, Lord Deputy of Ireland, by Bridget, daughter of Oliver Cromwell; the other coheiresses married Loyd, Bendish, and Carter;[h] and dying in 1683 left issue, 1. David Polhill, Esq. of Otford and Chipstead, his successor. 2. Henry Polhill, born 1677, ob. 1753 cœlebs. 3. John, who died young. 4. Thomas Polhill, died young. 5.

[f] Hasted, 8vo. vol. ii. p. 55.
[g] Ibid. vol. iii. p. 30.
[h] Lysons' Mag. Brit. Derbyshire; Ireton, of Little Ireton, &c.

Charles Polhill, Esq. born 1679, Commissioner of Excise, who married Martha, daughter of Thomas Streatfeild, Esq. of Seven Oaks, and died s. p. in 1755, and Jane and Bridget who both died young.

David Polhill, Esq. the eldest son was born in 1674, and was Sheriff of the county in 1715. He repurchased the Chipstead estate in 1701. In 1708 he represented the county in Parliament: he was Keeper of the Records in the Tower, and represented Rochester in Parliament at the time of his death, which took place on the 15th Jan. 1754, in the 80th year of his age. He married three wives; first, in 1702, Elizabeth, daughter of John Trevor, of Glynde, in Sussex, Esq. great-granddaughter of John Hampden: she died s. p. in 1706. His second wife was Gertrude Pelham, sister of Thomas-Holles Duke of Newcastle, who also died s. p. He married thirdly, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of John Borrett, Esq. of Shoreham, co. Kent, a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, by Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Sir John Trevor, of Denbighshire, Secretary of State to Charles II., by Ruth eldest daughter of John Hampden; by this lady, who died in 1783, aged 87, he had five sons and one daughter, Elizabeth, born March 4, 1727, ob. 1815. Thomas Polhill, the second son, died unmarried; Henry died an infant; John died unmarried. The eldest son, Charles Polhill, Esq. of Chipstead, was born the 8th May 1725; and married first, in 1756, Tryphena Penelope, daughter of Sir John Shelley, of Michelgrove, Bart. who died in 1756, leaving an only daughter, Tryphena Penelope, born 25th June 1756, the wife of Charles Stafford, Esq. and dying in Feb. 1795, left two sons, Charles Stafford, and Thomas George Stafford. He married, secondly, Miss Patience Haswell, by whom he left issue five sons and one daughter; viz. George, his successor; 2. Charles Polhill, born 3rd April 1768, died cœlebs 16 March 1795; 3. David, born 14 May 1769, ob. 19 June 1770; 4. David, born 30 Nov. 1771, ob. Oct. 1785; 5. Thomas Alfred Polhill, born 5 April 1774, lost from the Guardian, Capt. Riou, in the South Seas.

George Polhill, of Chipstead and Orford, Esq. eldest son and successor, was born 2 May 1767. He sold Chipstead Pllace to Sir Henry Meux, Bart. and on the 24th June 1804, he married Mary, daughter of Robert Porteus, Esq. of Southampton,

great-neice of Dr. Beilby Porteus, late Bishop of London, and by her has issue Charles Polhill, born 8th October 1805; Frederick Campbell Polhill, born 25th Sept. 1809; George Polhill, born 14th Feb. 1813; Henry Western Onslow Polhill, born 26th June 1815; and Mary Elizabeth Campbell Polhill, born 25th Sept. 1809.

IV. *Robert Polhill*, the fourth son of Thomas Polhill and Joan Miller, is stated in the Visitation to have left a son William, and several other children, of whom no further account is given.

V. *William*, the fifth son of Thomas and Joan Miller, left a son Richard Polhill, of Philpots, in Tunbridge, Esq.; he married Sindonia, daughter and heir of William Childrens, Esq. of Philpots, co. Kent, by a daughter and heir of . . . Millersh, descended through the Petleys of Trowmer and Downe Court, by the heiress of Philpots, of Philpots in Tunbridge, [i] and had issue by her one son, William Polhill, gentleman, who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Codde, of Wateringbury, co. Kent, Esq. and was father to

William Polhill, who was aged 16 years in 1621, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Marsh, of Langdon, gentleman, and widow of Paul Lukyn, Esq.; her will bears date A.D. 1670; from this William Polhill descended the Polhills of Philpots and Chatham, for a further account of whom, v. Hasted. The tradition in this branch of the family was, that one of them had been Bow-bender to Queen Elizabeth, and there was long preserved (says Hasted) at Philpots a bow beautifully ornamented, said to have been given to the family by that Queen.

Having thus traced the descendants of Thomas Polhill and Joan Miller, the second son of John Polhill, alias Polley, and Alice de Buckland, it will be necessary to revert to the descent of the senior branch of the family, which is represented by Frederick Polhill, Esq. of Howbury Park, co. Bedford, viz. to the issue of John Polhill, Esq. of Preston, eldest son of John and Alice de Buckland. Whom he married the Visitation does not state, but he was succeeded by

Thomas Polhill, of Preston, Esq. called "John" in the Visitation of 1619. He took to wife Margaret, daughter of Thomas Chapman, Esq. of Totesham Hall in Farley, co. Kent, one of

[i] Hasted, 8vo. vol. ii. p. 55, & vol. v. p. 224.

the Grooms of the Chamber to King Henry the Eighth, and had by her his son and heir

John Polhill, of Preston, Esq. who died at Shoreham, ætat. 39, and was buried at the *Frenches* in *Burwash*, co. Sussex, the 26 August 1611. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Fowle, of Wadhurst, co. Sussex, Esq. a branch of the ancient family of the Fowles of Riverhall and Rotherfield, of which family was the last Prior of St. Saviour's, Southwark. The issue of this marriage was four sons, viz. John, Edward, Robert, and Nicholas.

I. John Polhill, of Preston and Burwash, Esq. eldest son and heir, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Young, Esq. of the family of the Yonges or Youngs of Wadhurst, in Sussex, and dying on the 15 Sept. 1613, was buried at Burwash. He left issue John Polhill, Esq. of Preston and Burwash, his successor, who married Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Gilbourne, of Shoreham, Knt. by his wife Anne Purefoy, of Drayton, co. Leicester, and sister to Mary, wife of T. Petley, Esq. of Filston; and dying 12 May 1651, in the 39th year of his age, was buried at Shoreham, in Kent, leaving issue one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Henry Buskin, Esq. of the family of Buskin, of Gore Court, co. Sussex; and two sons, John Polhill, of Preston and Burwash, Esq. who died 3 June 1689, s. p. and who was buried at Burwash (this John Polhill sold the Preston estate to the D'Aranda family); and 2. Edward Polhill, who died s. p.

II. Edward Polhill, second son of John and Elizabeth Fowle, was Rector of Etchingham, co. Sussex, and owner of the ancestorial estate of *Buckland*, in Leedsdown, co. Kent; he died 11 Oct. 1654, and was buried at Etchingham. His first wife was Deborah, daughter of Robert Bankworth, Esq. of Bow Lane, London, by whom he had an only daughter, and heiress to her grandfather Robert Bankworth, who married Sir Thomas Dyke, Knt. on the 20 Sept. 1636, and died in 1672, leaving issue. His second wife was Jane, daughter of William Newton, of Southover, near Lewes, Esq. an ancient of Gray's Inn, by his wife Jane, daughter of John Apsley, of Thackham, Esq. co. Sussex, and by her he had two daughters, Jane and Elizabeth, and one son Edward Polhill, born in 1622, a Counsellor at Law, who died s. p.

III. Robert Polhill, of whom hereafter.

IV. Nicholas Polhill, was the fourth son, and was the great-great-grandfather of Nicholas Polhill, of Chatham, who lived towards the end of the 17th century, and the father of Simon Polhill his second son, who was the ancestor of Simon, Edward, and Samuel, from one of whom, according to the pedigree, descended the Wiltshire branch.

We now return to the descendants of *Robert Polhill*, of Burwash (the third son of John Polhill, of Preston and Burwash), and Elizabeth Fowle, of Wadhurst. This Robert was born on 25 March 1599, at Burwash, in the 41st year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth; the Visitation does not state to whom he was married; but I have reason to believe she was a daughter of Nicholas or Matthew Poyntz, of Alderley, co. Surrey, Esq. He died I presume on the 26 Dec. 1661, as in the Register of "Buryals" at Burwash, is an entry of this date, of "Robert Polhill, of Burwash, gentleman." He left, according to the Sussex pedigrees, two sons, Edward, born at Burwash in 1617, and John, born 1632; but in the register of Baptisms accompanying this, Edward, born in 1617, is called the son of *Thomas*. It is quite clear there have been great omissions in the pedigree, as reference to the extracts from the Baptisms and Burials will prove. For instance: we find Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Polhill, born 29 Jan. 1629, evidently the daughter of this Robert; Edward Polhill, given in the pedigree, was not the son of Robert at all, but of Thomas Polhill, of Burwash, who died 6 August 1637,[k] and has been already named. He was the author of several works on Divinity, and a very eminent man in his day; the preface to his work on Schism, calls him "a very learned gentleman, and a Justice of the Peace, of very great esteem among all men of his own county." Robert, therefore, as far as I can ascertain, had one daughter, Elizabeth, who died 29 June 1629, and one son and heir,

John Polhill, of Burwash, Esq. born 6 Oct. 1633, and not in 1632, as stated by Berry; he married on the 29 July 1656, Jane, daughter of George Claggett, gentleman, who died 28 March 1704 (a branch of the old family of the Clagets of Malling), but, it is to be remarked, in the marriage register she is called "Mrs. Jane Claggett" and the question is, Was she a

[k] Vide Register of Burials.

widow? He had issue by her three sons and four daughters, viz. Mary, born the 12th April 1660; Elizabeth, born 6 April 1668; Martha, born 16 Jan. 1671, and Jane, born 28 April 1676. His sons were John Polhill, of Burwash, born 28 Aug. 1658, who married, and had issue two sons and two daughters, viz. John and Nathaniel, and Anne and Elizabeth, who, I suspect, died s. p. John Polhill, the father, died 5 Sept. 1707, and his son, or his grandson, John in 1745. From the register of Baptisms, I have reason to think this John married a second wife, Frances, as several baptisms occur of sons and daughters of John and Frances, but they are unnamed by Berry. The third son of John Polhill and Mrs. Jane Claggett was Nathaniel, born at Burwash, 27 Jan. 1665, and who died 22 June 1722. The second son of the said John was

Edward Polhill, Esq. of Burwash and Newhaven, the continuator of the line, born on the 12 April 1662 at Burwash; on the 6 Oct. 1687, he married Mary, the daughter of . . . . Gilham, gentleman, of Burwash, who died on the 4 Aug. 1747, and was there buried. He had by his said wife five sons, and three daughters, Jane, born 1692 at Burwash, ob. 1763; Mary, born 1693, at Burwash, ob. 1696; Elizabeth, born 1697, ob. 1698. The sons were, 1. Edward, born 1688, ob. infans; 3, John, born 1698, ob. infans; 4. Nathaniel, born 1702; 5. Robert Polhill, who died 4 Feb. 1706, and was buried at Burwash. The second son was

William Polhill, gentleman, born 1689, at Burwash, of Newhaven. He married Hannah, daughter of Stephen Lade, Esq. of Downham, co. Norfolk, married at Newhaven in 1721: she died at and was buried at Burwash, on 17 March 1760; he died and was buried there 10 April 1765, leaving issue three sons, Nathaniel, John, and William.

John Polhill, the second son, married, and left issue an only daughter, Hannah, who married Arthur Harris, Esq. of Maidstone, a branch of Lord Harris's family.

William, the third son, born 1730, died 23 Aug. 1775, and was buried at South Malling. He married Mary, daughter of . . . . Lambe, Esq. who was born 1737, and died in 1789, and was buried with her husband; their issue was

1. *William* Polhill, born 9 Oct. 1762, at Milton in Holling-

bourne, co. Sussex. He was an officer in the army, and died at Gaudaloupe, 13 April 1794, s. p.

2. *John* Polhill, born 15 June 1766 at Southerham, and died 18 May 1767, buried at South Malling.

3. *Nathaniel* Polhill, bapt. 14 April 1775, at All Saints, Lewes; married Martha, daughter of Thomas Hilder, Esq. of Mountfield Park, co. Sussex; living at Poole, co. Dorset, in 1830; their issue is an only daughter, Martha Frances, born 15 Feb. 1807, at Lewes; married 16 April 1828, at Poole, co. Dorset, George Ledgard, Esq. son of George Ledgard, Esq. of Poole, banker, and has issue, Mary-Polhill, born 12 Nov. 1763, at Southerham, in South Malling, married Christopher Kell, Esq. and died 27 Feb. 1820, buried at St. Michael's, Lewes; leaving issue ten children.

Anne, born 8 May 1769, at Southerham, married R. Children, Esq. and died at Guildford, leaving issue four children.

Sarah, born 11 Jan. 1765, at Southerham; died 24 Oct. 1785; buried at South Malling.

Jane, born 12 April 1768, at Southerham, ob. 24 Dec. 1785.

Hannah, bo. 9 Jan. 1771, at Southerham, ob. 25 June 1771.

Elizabeth, born 7 Sept. 1773, at Southerham, ob. 10 March 1795, at Reigate.

We will now revert to Nathaniel Polhill, the eldest son of William Polhill and Hannah Lade, having traced the descendants of all the younger branches.

Nathaniel Polhill, of Burwash and of Howbury Park, co. Bedford, Esq. bo. 7 Jan. 1723, was an eminent tobacco merchant in the borough of Southwark, which he represented in Parliament at his death in 1782. He was also a banker in the city. In politics he was a Whig, and was the intimate friend of Sir George Savile and other celebrated men of that day. In his first contest for the Borough, 13 Sept. 1780, the candidates besides himself were Sir Richard Hotham and Mr. Thrale, and the numbers were, Hotham 1177, Polhill 1025, Thrale 769.

At the next election he was returned without opposition. At his death, which took place in 1782, he possessed estates in Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, and Bedford, besides a portion of the ancient ancestorial patrimony in Sussex. He married Elizabeth, only daughter of William Coppard, Esq. of Hastings, on the 5 March 1750; this lady died in 1782. Her father was five times

Mayor of Hastings. By her he left issue five sons and five daughters, and was buried at St. Saviour's Southwark.

Of the daughters, Hannah, born 2 Feb. 1752, died unmarried ætat. 17, in 1769; Elizabeth, ob. infans 1757; Martha, born 1755, ob. infans; Anne, born 1759, ob. infans; Mary, married the Rev. Charles Bond, of Margaretting, co. Essex, by whom she had issue three sons and four daughters. The sons of the said Nathaniel Polhill were,

I. *Nathaniel* Polhill, of Howbury Park, Esq. of Tolworth Court, co. Surrey, and of Burwash, who died in France in 1782, and was buried at St. Saviour's in Southwark, in 1783. He married Ursula, daughter of Ebenezer Maitland, Esq. who remarried James Ware, Esq. and by him had one son,

Nathaniel Polhill, of Howbury Park, Esq. who died unmarried in 1802; and Elizabeth, only daughter, who married Robert Joseph Chambers, Esq. Barrister at Law, the late Magistrate at Marlborough Street Police Office, who died May 10, 1843, aged 63, and has issue.

II. *John Polhill*, Esq. of whom hereafter.

III. *William* Polhill, born in 1751, ob. same year.

IV. *William*, born 6 March 1754, ob. cœlebs 1778.

V. *Edward* Polhill, of York Place, St. Marylebone, Esq. married Jane, daughter of John Spooner, Esq. of Barbadoes, and dying in 1838, left issue, two sons and two daughters, viz.

1. *Edward* Polhill, Esq. who married Anne, daughter of Thomas Graham, Esq. of Edmund Castle, co. Cumberland, in 1824, a cousin of Sir Sandford Graham, Bart. and has issue.

2. *William* Polhill, Esq. late an officer in the Life Guards.

Sarah, ob. unmarried 1828.

Louisa, married the Rev. Henley Acton, of Shillingstone, co. Dorset, and has issue.

John Polhill, the second son of Nathaniel, was a Captain in the 13th Light Dragoons, and highly distinguished himself during the Birmingham riots; for which he had a sword, and other valuable testimonials of approbation, presented to him by the inhabitants; on the death of his nephew, Nathaniel Polhill, of Howbury Park, in 1802, he succeeded to all the family estates. He married in 1792, Mary, daughter of James Bennett, Esq. of Walthamstow, co. Essex who died in 1836, and was buried at Renhold, co. Bedford. The said John Polhill died in 1828, and was buried at the same place, leaving issue.

1. *Thomas* Polhill, Esq. of Howbury Park, who died cœlebs, A. D. 1828, and was buried at Renhold.

3. *Charles* Polhill, the third, died unmarried 1813.

2. *Frederick* Polhill, Esq. of Howbury Park, the present possessor of the estates, and representative of the senior branch of the Polhills. He was returned for the borough of Bedford in 1830, after a remarkable contest with Lord John Russell, whom he beat by one vote, after a thirteen days' contest; and he still continues to represent it. He married, in 1824, Frances, daughter of the late John Deakin, otherwise Dakeyne, Esq. of Bagthorpe House, parish of Basford, co. Notts, by whom he has had issue,[1]

1. Frederick Charles Polhill, born 1826, an officer in the 6th Dragoon Guards.
2. William Henry, born 1827, died August 1832.
1. Frances Sarah, born 1824, died Aug. 1832.
2. Georgiana, born 1829.
3. Adelaide Amelia, died 1838.

X. Y. Z.

[1] The Dakeyne, Deakinne, or Dakyns family (for the name in the Visitations, &c. has been very variously spelt), was of considerable antiquity in the county of Derby, and there are many still in that county in different conditions of life. The immediate ancestor of the Deakins or Dakeynes of Bagthorpe, was John Dakeyne or Dakyns of Bonsol, co. Derby, born in 1588, the elder but disinherited son of Richard Dakeyne of Biggin Grange, Hartington, and of Stubbing Edge Hall, parish of Ashover, co. Derby, Esq. by his first wife, Catharine Strange, daughter of Patrick Strange, of Edinburgh, gentleman (a connexion of the Rothes family) favourite Maid of Honour to Mary Queen of Scots, and who attended her execution. He left all his estates to his younger son, *Arthur Dakeyne*, Esq. of Stubbing Edge Hall (vide Inquis. post mort. Ric. Daken, 11 Jac. I.) from whom descended that branch, which ended in 1720, in a female heir *Frances*, married to William Hopkinson, of Bonsol, Esq. a family which had been settled there from the time of Henry V. whose grandson and last male representative, a chemist and druggist at Leicester, died in 1731, and sold this estate. He had an only daughter, Frances, living at Leicester in 1790.

John Dakeyne, the aforesaid elder brother of Arthur, with other issue, left Thomas Dakeyne, of Bonsol, gentleman, his third son, who died in 1651, and was the ancestor of the present Dakeynes of Darley Dale, co. Derby, of which family was the late Daniel Dakeyne, Esq. of Holt House, Barrister at Law, an eminent antiquary, who collected extensive materials for a history of his native county, much of which is in Wolley's Collection in the British Museum.

John Dakeyne, of Bonsol, gentleman, the elder son, who died in 1680, was the father of John Dakeyne, or Deakin, born in 1661, whose only son, John Deakin, or Dakeyne,

REGISTRIES OF THE FAMILY OF POLHILL.

(*In addition to the article in p.* 180.)

THE following paper is copied from a volume of the Burrell MSS. Pedigrees for Sussex, (Brit. Mus. MS. Addit. 5711,) and relates to the Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages of the Polhills at Burwash, co. Sussex.

BAPTISMS AT BURWASH.

25 March 1599, Robert, son of John Polhill, Esq.
27 Feb. 1611, John, son of John Polhill.
6 Sept. 1617, Edward, son of Thomas Polhill.
1 Dec. 1605, Elizabeth, daughter of John Polhill.
11 April 1619, John, son of Thomas Polhill.
7 Sept. 1619, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Polhill.
30 April 1620, John, son of William Polley.
10 Sept. 1620, Debora, daughter of Edward Polhill.
19 Aug. 1621, John, son of Edward Polhill.
29 Sept. 1622, Edward, son of Edward Polhill.
6 Oct. 1622, Thomas, son of Thomas Polhill.
5 Oct. 1623, John, son of Edward Polhill.
5 Oct. 1624, Jane, daughter of Thomas Polhill.
24 Sept. 1626, Alexander, son of Edward Polhill.
25 July 1629, Mary, daughter of Edward Polhill.
29 Jan. 1629, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Polhill.
6 Oct. 1633, James, son of Robert Polhill.
26 March 1648, Edward, son of Edward Polhill.
20 Oct. 1648, Edward, son of Edward Polhill.
6 Sept. 1650, Agnes, daughter of Thomas Polhill.
[a] 1650, Mary, daughter of Edward Polhill, at the Bough.
1659, John, son of Mr. Edward Polhill.
12 April 1660, Mary, daughter of James Polhill.
1662, Edward, son of John and Jane Polhill.
1669, John, son of John and Frances Polhill.
14 July 1671, Henry, son of John and Frances Polhill.
1672, Edward, son of John and Frances Polhill, gent
1674, Elizabeth, dau. of John and Frances Polhill, gent.
1675, Edward, son of John and Frances Polhill, gent.

[a] The paper is torn away where these and some following dates are deficient.

Nov. 1679, Frances, dau. of John and Frances Polhill.
July 1681, Margaret, dau. of John and Frances Polhill.
Jan. 1684, John, son of John and Frances Polhill.
May 1687, Elizabeth, dau. of John and Frances Polhill.
11 Aug. 1688, Edward, son of Edward and Mary Polhill.
4 Sept. 1689, Mary, dau. of John Polhill and Frances, widow.
27 Dec. 1689, William, son of Edward and Mary Polhill.
28 Mar. 1692, Jane, dau. of Edward and Mary Polhill.
19 Mar. 1693, Mary, dau. of Edward and Mary Polhill.
23 July 1696, Elizabeth, dau. of Edward and Mary Polhill.
24 Mar. 1698, John, son of Edward and Mary Polhill.
22 July 1702, Nathaniel, son of Edward and Mary Polhill.
4 Feb. 1706, Robert, son of Edward and Mary Polhill.
24 Mar. 1708, Anne, dau. of John and Anne Polhill.

BURYALS.

16 July 1610, buried Sarah Polhill.
26 Aug. 1611, buried John Polhill, gent.
15 Sept. 1613, buried Mr. John Polhill.
6 Sept. 1616, buried Henry Polhill.
3 Nov. 1627, buried Mrs. Elizabeth Polhill.
17 July 1636, buried Robert, son of John Polhill.
1 Aug. 1637, buried Mr. Thomas Polhill.
7 Nov. 1639, buried Catharine Polhill.
10 Oct. 1646, buried John Polhill.
15 June 1649, buried Edward Polhill, son of Edward Polhill of Newhouse.
25 Nov. 1652, buried John, son of Edward Polhill.
5 July 1653, buried Thomas Polhill.
23 June 1657, buried Robert, son of Edward Polhill, Esq.
Dec. 1658, buried Elizabeth, wife of Edward Polhill.
23 April 1660, buried John, son of Edward Polhill, Esq.
26 Dec. 1661, buried Robert Polhill, gent.
17 July 1671, buried Henry, son of John Polhill, gent.
6 Feb. 1672, buried Edward, son of John and Frances Polhill.
3 Sept. 1675, buried Edward, son of John and Frances Polhill.
27 June 1678, buried Frances Polhill.
23 Jan. 1682, buried Margaret, dau. of John and Frances Polhill.
30 Sept. 1682, buried Percival Polhill.
9 Mar. 1684, buried D'na Martha Polhill, uxor Edwardi Polhill, armig.
28 Mar. 1687, buried Edward, son of John and Frances Polhill.
5 Sept. 1687, buried Elizabeth, dau. of John and Frances Polhill.

21 Dec. 1689, buried Edward Polhill, Esq.
31 Dec. 1690, buried Maria Polhill.
1 Aug. 1696, buried Mary, dau. of Edward and Mary Polhill.
25 Mar. 1698, buried Elizabeth, dau. of Edward and Mary Polhill.
28 Aug. 1704, buried D'na Jane Polhill.
23 Dec. 1707, buried Maria Polhill, wife of *(blank)*.
5 Sept. 1707, buried John Polhill, gent.
22 June 1722, buried Nathaniel Polhill, gent.
29 June 1722, buried Anne, wife of Nathaniel Polhill, gent.
9 June 1724, buried William, son of William Polhill, gent.
6 Jan. 1728, buried Mary, dau. of William Polhill.
23 Feb. 1732, buried Edward, son of William Polhill.
5 May 1745, buried John Polhill, gent.
4 April 1747, buried Mary Polhill, widow.
17 Mar. 1760, buried Mrs. Hannah, wife of Mr. William Polhill.
25 Mar. 1763, buried Miss Jane Polhill.
10 April 1765, buried William Polhill, gent.

MARRIAGES.

10 Dec. 1616, Thomas Polhill and Faintnot Tyshurst.
20 Sept. 1636, Mr. Thomas Dyke and Mrs. Sarah Polhill.
4 Nov. 1641, Robert Polhill and Mary Aptot.
2 Aug. 1642, John Pierce and Faintnot Polhill, widow.
29 July 1656, Mr. John Polhill and Mrs. Jane Clagget.
6 Oct. 1687, Edward Polhill and Mary Gilham.
(no date), Elizabeth, daughter of John Borret, Esq. married David Polhill, of Chipsted, Esq.

Sir William Burrell's pen appears to have been scored through some of the above, merely because he had made use of them in compiling his pedigree.

THE BURTONS OF CARSLEY, NEAR COVENTRY.

To the Editor of the Topographer.

Sir, In answer to the inquiries of X. Y. Z. at page 493, I send you a few particulars of the Burton family resident at Carsley, or Keresley, near Coventry, as it is now spelled (not Carlesby, for that must be a clerical error). Coundon (not Cawndon), Keresley, and Corley, are three parishes adjoining each other, and in the latter is an old church, in which is a flat stone recording the death of a Humfrey Burton, but which of the two I cannot recollect. X. Y. Z. says that the *first* Hum-