ON THE DESCENT OF MEIGNELL AND CLINTON.

It having been hitherto received as a fact that Sir Thomas Clinton, of Amington, co. Warwick, knight, second son of John third Baron Clinton, of Maxtoke Castle, by his wife Idonea, eldest daughter and coheir of Geoffrey Lord Say, by Maud his wife, daughter of Guy Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, married Joan, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Hugh Meignell, knt. of Langley Meignell, &c. co. Derby, and that his daughter and heiress *Anne* married Sir Robert Franceis, of Foremark, co. Derby, knt., who died leaving two coheiresses, *Margaret* and *Cicely*, the former of whom married Nicholas Fitzherbert, of Tissington, co. Derby, esq. ancestor of the present Baronet, and the latter William Fitzherbert, of Upton, co. Leicester, esq. the second and third sons of John Fitzherbert, esq. of Somersall Herbert, co. Derby; and the accomplished Editor of the Scrope and Grosvenor Roll having, in a note therein, stated his belief that no such marriage with this Sir Thomas Clinton did take or could have taken place, it will not be uninteresting to investigate this point more *in extenso*, to show, not only the improbability of the best authorities being inaccurate herein, but that the Editor's opinion seems to have been formed, or rather to have been misled, by an assumption of a certain date, viz. the date of Sir Thomas Clinton's death, the period of which is not known, save upon a presumption of Collins. The following is the note of the Editor referred to:

"Collins and many pedigrees assert, that Sir Thomas Clinton married Joan, daughter and coheir of Sir Richard (Ralph) Meignell; that he had by her a daughter and heir Anne, who married Sir Robert Franceis, of Foremark, co. Derby; and that his widow remarried secondly John Staunton. That the deponent did not marry and have issue by Joan Meignell is unquestionable, for she was not born before 1380. She was the wife of John Staunton in the 21 Ric. II. (1398) and his widow 7 Hen. IV., so that Staunton must have been her first, and Thomas Clinton her second husband. [a] Her will, which is printed in Nichols's

[a] Escheats, 12 Ric. II., 21 Ric. II. and 7 Hen. IV.

Leicestershire, vol. iii. pt. ii. p. 709, and in the Testamenta Vetusta, was dated in 1452, whence it appears that she was then the widow of *a Sir Thomas Clinton.*"

Sir H. Nicolas admits that many pedigrees have represented the marriage to have taken place, which he denies the probability of: we believe all the writers are agreed, Miller, Burton, Collins, Edmondson, Dugdale, Nichols, &c. and that something more will be required than an assumed date to overthrow this almost universal unanimity; added to which, the pedigrees of the family of Meignell confirm it; it is clear, therefore, that either the Editor of the Roll has been misled, or the authorities referred to have been each and all alike deceived. The question then is, have they been so? Let us read what Collins says, as we suspect in his carelessness the doubt has originated; speaking of Sir Thomas Clinton, he thus narrates:

"Sir Thomas Clinton, the second son, was seated at Amington, in Warwickshire. On Jan. 7, 1386, 9 Ric. II. he had the King's protection to go in his service under the command of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, nominal King of Castile and Leon, into Spain, &c. &c. &c. The Duke did not return till the beginning of November 1389, 13 Ric. II. *It may be presumed that this Sir Thomas Clinton died in the expedition,* for he left by his wife Joan, daughter and coheir of Sir Hugh Meignell, of Langley Meignell, in Derbyshire, only a daughter, his heir, named *Anne,* married to Sir Robert Franceis, of Foremark, in com. Derby."

From this extract it will be observable, that the period of Sir Thomas Clinton's death is an assumed one, for which no authority is offered, nor am I able to supply the date of it; but it is clear, if the other authorities are to be depended upon, that he did not die in 1389, but that he must have lived many years after; and, if anything were wanting to show the great carelessness of Collins on this particular point, it would be from the circumstance that, whilst he represents the marriage as having taken place, he kills her husband at a time when she could not have been more than seven or eight years of age; hence has originated the obscurity, and the not unnaturally confident assertion of the Editor of the Scrope and Grosvenor Roll.

The Editor of the Roll also shows, that he had not been well acquainted with the marriages of Staunton and Clinton with Joan Meignell, or he would not have taken the pains to have

proved that her first husband was John Staunton, of Staunton Harold. If he had referred to Burton, &c. he would have found the fact as stated, and that Sir Thomas Clinton was her second husband. It appears, therefore, that because Collins, without any authority, chose to kill Sir Thomas Clinton upon the Duke of Lancaster's expedition, which returned in 1389, it has been assumed that he died in 1389.

The Editor of the Roll admits that Joan Meignell was the widow of *a Sir Thomas Clinton:* but what other Sir Thomas Clinton was there living between 1389 and 1450 save this one? and, as Joan was a widow at twenty-seven, there is nothing improbable that she should remarry a man somewhat older than herself. It must be borne in mind, that the coheiresses of such a family as Meignell would not be permitted to marry any but persons of condition; the customs, manners, habits, and tenures of the age in which they lived forbade it, to say nothing that they had been in wardship to Sir William Dethick, of Dethick, knt. the Treasurer of England, who married the other coheiresses to his own sons; and the fact that Joan was a widow when she remarried Clinton will not lessen the presumed condition of her husband, but rather, as the widow of Staunton, augment it: what knight of Clinton, again I inquire, then, was there, but this Sir Thomas Clinton, who could have married her? I must leave the Editor of the Roll to prove the negative, but *not upon the presumption* that Sir Thomas died in 1389.

It may be the confusion has arisen from one or two circumstances: If Sir Thomas Clinton died in 1389, he predeceased his father by ten years, who died in 1399; but it seems also that Sir William Clinton, his eldest son, died before him, and that his third son Edward died the same year as he did; it may be therefore that Collins has blundered amongst these deaths, and confounded one with the other. We also find another curious coincidence, viz. that Sir Ralph Meignell, Knt. the father-in-law of Sir Thomas Clinton, died 12 Ric. II. or in 1389, and it is possible that his death may have been mistakenly substituted by Collins as that of his son-in-law, only that the son-in-law Collins slew without authority, whilst this would suppose that he had some, although erroneously accepted. It would cer-

tainly not be a little remarkable, that the three sons should predecease their father; that the father, and one if not two of the sons, should die in the same year; that one of them should die ten years before the father, and that he and his reputed father-in-law should also die in the same year, whilst the widow should live sixty-seven years after her husband: all these things were very improbable, but that Joan Lady Clinton was not a widow so long, is proved by the fact that she was the widow of Staunton in 1406, subsequently to which she was the widow of Clinton. Now the father of Sir Thomas Clinton, John the third Baron, was born in 1326, and summoned to Parliament 41 Edw. III.: it is not over probable that his second son, Sir Thomas, was born before 1360—5, so that he would not have been in either case more than 45 or 50 years of age at the time of his marriage with Staunton's widow; it is possible he may have been older, and this may account for his having issue but one child.

In order to search for further identification, let us see what Joan Clinton says in her will, bearing date 12 January 1457. She bequeaths to her feoffees all her manors in Warwickshire, Leicestershire, and Derbyshire, upon certain trusts: now, Warwickshire was the county of the Clintons, and though it will not prove the fact, because the Meignells had property in Warwickshire, it strengthens the probability that the only Sir Thomas Clinton which she could have married was Sir Thomas Clinton of Amington, in Warwickshire, to whom all the authorities of note have married her, and upon which a material doubt has now been thrown by the Editor of the Scrope and Grosvenor Roll, on the supposition that this Sir Thomas Clinton died in 1389, when Joan Meignell could not have been more than seven or eight years of age; but which supposition is manifestly erroneous, and contradicted by the authorities:—I therefore think there can be no doubt that Joan Meignell for her second husband took Sir Thomas Clinton, of Amington Castle, who died long subsequently to 1389; that Clinton's daughter and heir married Sir Robert Franceis, of Foremark, in Derbyshire, and that the two coheiresses of Franceis married Nicholas Fitzherbert, and brought him Tissington, and William Fitz Herbert, of Upton, his brother; and, as this accords with the pedigrees of

the distinguished families referred to, I shall annex their descents.

Tissington, the ancient seat of the Fitzherberts, belonged, at the Survey of Domesday, to Henry de Ferrers. In the time of Henry I. it was given by one of this family to the Savages; the coheiresses of Savage married Meignell and Edensor, whose heiress married Audeley. The manor was in moieties between Audeley and Meignell from 1275 to 1330, and Meignell's moiety passed by marriage to Franceis. (Lysons.)

From Sir Robert Franceis, who married the heiress of Clinton, by his second wife, the widow of John Fitzherbert of Somersall, esq. descends the present Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.

I shall conclude this with quotations from a document I had nearly overlooked.

In volume II. of Wolley's Charters, Brit. Mus. is a Roll of knight's fees for certain portions of the counties of Derby, Stafford, Leicester, Nottingham, and Warwick, but chiefly the former, commencing in temp. Edw. I. and ending circa 1400; the following are extracts therefrom:—

"*Tissington.*—Dña Johanna de Clinton ten. medietat' mañij de Tissington p. iiij^{te} pte uni. feod. milit."

"*Duffield.*—Thom̄s Clinton ten. xl. ac̄. terr. et prati quondā Will'i de Breydsall in Duffelde p. xx. pte uni. feod. milit."

Co. Warwick.

"*Aldestre.*—Hered. Joh̄is Clinton ten. mañriū de Aldestre p di. feod. milit."

It is singular that the only Warwickshire manor named in the Roll is Aldestre, which belonged to Sir John Clinton, Knt. evidently the third Baron, and the father of Sir Thomas; the "Johanna de Clinton" is, without doubt, Joane Meignell; all which strengthens, and almost confirms, the view of the case I have taken. This Roll I propose to communicate to a future number of the Topographer.

I would wish to make a few observations upon the arms of the Fitzherberts of Tissington, who bear, Gu. three lions rampant or, in addition to the arms of Fitzherbert of Norbury, which are the ancient bearings, whilst those which are borne at present in reality belong not to them, but to the Herberts Earls of Pembroke. A letter upon this subject occurs in the Gentle-

man's Magazine, in 1804, Supp. p. 1194; it treats upon the change in the Beresford arms, as well as in the Fitzherberts, &c. and, as a very interesting communication, it may be quoted entire:—

"Mr. URBAN,—The family of Beresford is not the only one in the kingdom whose coat-armour has been changed by the ignorance or knavery of the heraldic painters in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and her successors. I by no means intend to throw an indiscriminate censure on all the heralds of the above periods, as many were undoubtedly persons of very considerable ability, and unimpeachable integrity; but the great number of trumpery, ridiculous pedigrees, drawn up and signed by some of the heralds in these two reigns, which are still extant, serve to induce a belief that their authors were either fools or knaves. The Staffordshire and Derbyshire families of *Beresford* had certainly no connexion with the families of *Berefords* of Warwickshire; they had both local names, probably of similar import, but it by no means follows they bore the same coat-armour. The arms of the Beresfords of Staffordshire and Derbyshire are blazoned in several books of Heraldry, as being, Arg. a bear salient sa. muzzled, chained, and collared or; but I am inclined to believe they were originally only allusive, and designed to represent a bear fording through a brook or river, and that the muzzle, collar and chain, were of a subsequent introduction, much about the same time as the Marquess of Waterford's ancestor, Michael Beresford, of Westerham, co. Kent, Esq. left off the arms of his ancestors, and assumed those of the family of *Berefords* in Warwickshire, (Arg. crusilly fitchée sa. three fleurs-de-lys within a bordure engrailed of the second.) The very ancient and respectable family of the *Fitzherberts*, of Norbury, in Derbyshire, was prevailed upon by some herald painter of this period to relinquish its ancient coat-armour, viz. Arg. a chief vaire or and gul. over all a bend sa., and to assume, Gules, three lions rampant or, from a fanciful notion (which has been very satisfactorily refuted by your ingenious correspondent, Mr. F. Stanley, vol. lxvii. p. 645), of its being descended from Henry Fitzherbert, Lord Chamberlain 5th Stephen, ancestor of the Herberts of Dean, who bore the last-mentioned arms. It appears from the Visitation Book of Derbyshire 1569, that the Fitz-Herberts of Somersall Herbert, and Tissington (younger branches of the Fitz-Herberts of Norbury), at this time bore the lions in the principal quarter of their arms, and in the second quarter the ancient arms of the Fitzherberts of Norbury; it is probable, therefore, they had been prevailed on to relinquish their ancient paternal coat before the eldest branch had consented to such a measure. Another instance of a similar change of arms occurs in the ancient

family of the Staffords of Eyam, in Derbyshire, which bore, Ermine, on a bend gules three plates; but on the death of Humfrey Stafford, Esq. the last male line of the family, somewhere in or about the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth, his estate descended to his four daughters and coheirs, Alice, the eldest of whom, married John Savage, of Castleton; Gertrude married Rowland Eyre, of Hassop; Anne, the third, married Francis Bradshaw, of Bradshaw; and Katharine, the youngest, married Rowland Morewood, of the Oaks; the descendants of all which daughters, except Mr. Bradshaw, appear by the Visitation books of the county, and the same by monuments, to have relinquished the ancient arms of the Staffords of Eyam, and in their stead to quarter those used by some branches of the Staffords of Staffordshire, viz. Or, a chevron gules between three martlets sa. The Bradshaw family appear from the Visitation books to have quartered the ancient arms of the Staffords of Eyam; but, in the list of names to whom the different quarterings belong, these arms are there erroneously stated to belong to the family of *Folcher*."

The only remark I would make upon the above is, that the Fitzherberts of Norbury certainly do not use any arms but their ancient ones,[a] but that the Tissington Fitzherberts use the lions.

I avail myself of this opportunity to correct a genealogical inaccuracy in Lysons, in reference to a family whose ancestor is named in Table IV.; I allude to the Dakeynes of Biggin Grange and Stubbing Edge Hall. In the "Additions and Corrections," for the Magna Brit. of Derbyshire, published in 1817, is the following:

"P. cxxiv. I am informed that a principal branch of the family of Dakeyne, descended from Henry Dakeyne, Esq. who sold Stubbing Edge Hall in 1661, to William Michell, Esq. of Wingerworth, is now resident at Bagthorpe House, in Nottinghamshire, and that they now spell their name 'Deakin.'"

This is extremely inaccurate, as may be seen by a reference to a former article, where the ancestor of that branch is named;[b] but as it is due to Lysons to give satisfactory proof, I shall not only refer to the authorities in the Add. MS. but quote Dugdale's last Visitation in 1662, it being borne in mind, that the *Arthur* with whom the Visitation commences was the younger but adopted brother of *John*, who was disinherited by his father in 1613. The following is from Dugdale:

[a] Vide Burke's Commoners.

[b] Vide pages 178 and 193.

Arthur Dakin (Dakeyne) of Stubbing.

1. Henry Dakin. — 2. Richard.

Arthur, ætat. 19, 1662. — Richard.

By a reference to Noble and Glover's History of Derbyshire, the above will be seen materially augmented; we will briefly abstract it:

Arthur, first named by Dugdale, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Lacy, of Brierley, co. York, Esq. (1611), and died, leaving two sons, *Henry* and *Richard,* named above. Henry married Elizabeth, daughter of George Walker, of Mansfield, co. Notts, and dying in 1671, left issue eight sons and three daughters; five of the sons and the daughters died s. p.; Arthur Dakeyne, of Stubbing Edge, Esq. the eldest son, died in 1720, and by his wife Frances, daughter of Anthony Wolley, of Riber, co. Derby, left an only child, Frances, who married Captain William Hopkinson, of Wirksworth and Bonsol, co. Derby, whose posterity sold the Stubbing Edge estate, which had been repurchased by the last-named Arthur Dakeyne. [e]

Digby Dakeyne, the surviving brother of Arthur, left issue one son and two daughters, viz. John Dakeyne, of Mansfield, co. Notts, who died s. p.; Elizabeth, who also died s. p.; and Mary, sister and heir, who married Henry Gladwyn, Esq. of Stubbing Court, Wingerworth, co. Derby, whose issue was, first, General Arthur Gladwyn, the father of the present Colonel Dakeyne Gladwyn; and secondly, John Gladwyn, Esq. of Mansfield, whose only daughter and heiress, Dorothy, married Francis Eyre, of Hassop, Esq. who succeeded to the title of Earl of Newburgh, and was father to the present Earl. The issue of Richard, brother to Arthur first named in the Visitation, is extinct.

I apprehend I have made sufficiently manifest the error in Lysons. The Dakeynes or Deakins of Darley Dale and Bagthorpe, &c. as was shewn in pp. 178, 193, were descended from John Dakeyne the elder, but disinherited brother of Arthur, who succeeded to the Derbyshire estates; and the Dakeynes or Deakins of Bagthorpe are, it is believed, the senior representatives of this family.

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[e] Vide Part II. Topographer and Geneal. pp. 178, 193, notes.

TABLE I. MEIGNELL (MEYNELL) OF MEYNELL LANGLEY, CO. DERBY.

(Harl. MSS. 6128, 1093, 5809; Shaw's Staffordshire, vol. iii.; Nichols's Leicestershire; Lysons.)

Thomas Clinton, Knt. married Joan Meignell.

Geoffrey le Savage had half a knight's fee in Hintes, co. Stafford, lord of Hintes. (Testa de Nevill.) = ...

Geoffrey le Savage. = Letitia, daughter of Seward de Arderne, son of Turketil Earl of Warwick.

Helias. Geoff. le Savage, ob. 1221. = ...

Geoffrey le Savage, of Bagginton Castle, co. Warwick, lord of Hintes, ob. 1231. = Petronilla, daughter of Hugh le Despencer.

- Geoffrey, ob. s. p.
- Robert, ob. s. p.
- William, Rector of Newton, ob. 1250.
- Lucy, marr. Thos. de Edensore. (Esc. 43 Hen. III.) = Joan, marr. Thos. de Herthill. (Lysons marries the heiress to Audeley.)
- Philippa, married to Hugh de Meignell, of Langley Meignell, Knt. 1251. (a)

John de la Ward, Knt. of Newhall, Stanton-Ward, and Heathcote, co. Derby. (Lysons, p. 264.) = Lucia.

Robert de la Ward, Steward of the Household to Edw. I. 1276—92, summoned to Parliament. = Ida, daughter of Robert Lord Fitzwalter, remarried to Hugh Neville, of Arnald, co. Notts.

William de Meignell, of Langley Meignell, Lord of Hintes, ob. 1313. =

Hugo de Meignell, miles, 7 Edw. III. = Joan, of Upton, daughter and heir.

- Hugo de Meignell, miles, 37 Edw. III. (c) = Alice, dau. of Ralph Lord Bassett, of Drayton, by Joan, dau. of Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick; cousin and heir of Roger Everdon. (b)
- Giles, ob. 1346.
- Cecilia, 1333, (Query, ux. Jo. de Mynors?)

Thomas de Meignell (MS. Harl. 6128), called "Robert" in Shaw, vide deeds therein.

Ricardus de Meignell. = Joan.

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1. Ralph de Meignell, of Langley Meignell, Newhall, and Hartshorne, co. Derby, 14 years old at his father's death, ob. 12 Ric. II. 1389. (Harl. MS. 6128, differs.) = Joan, survived.

Ralph, ob. v. p.

William de Meignell, ten years old at his grandfather's death, ob. 3 Hen. IV. (e)

4. Thomasine, 4th dau. and coheiress, married Reginald Dethick, second son of Geoffrey Dethick, of Dethick, esq. (d)

3. Margaret, married to Roger Dethick, third son to Geoffrey Dethick, of Dethick, co. Derby, esq.

Elizabeth, marr. William Aston.

John Staunton, of Staunton-Harold, co. Leicester, esq. 1st husb. = 1. Joan. = Thomas Clinton, knt. of Amington, co. Warw. 2d son of Sir John 3d Bar. Clinton.

1. Mary, married to Ralph Shirley, esq. of Shirley, co. Derby, and of Nether Etingdon, co. Warwick, the ancestor of Earl Ferrers, &c.

2. Elizabeth, 2d dau. and coh. marr. William Hazlerigge, of Noseley, esq.

Robert le Franceis, of Foremark, co. Derby, knt. = Anne, dau. and heiress.

1. Margaretta, dau. and coheir, marr. Nicholas Fitzherbert, esq. second son of John Fitzherbert, of Somersall-Herbert, co. Derby, esq. and had Tissington, &c.

2. Cicely, dau. and coh. married William Fitzherbert, esq. 3d son, and had Upton, &c.

(a) The Harl. MS. and Nichols somewhat differ, making Hugh de Meignell marry Philippa, daughter and coheir of Thomas de Edensore; but Shaw and Lysons' authorities seem superior. This Hugh de Meignell was steward to William de Ferrers Earl of Derby, from whom the horseshoes in his arms, and lord of Hintes in right of his wife. (Shaw, vol. ii. p. 14.)

(b) "Carta Rogeri de Everdon de Hartshorne qua confirmavit Hugoni de Meignell mil. et Aliciæ ux. ejus, et Thomæ filio eorundum Hugonis et Aliciæ, et heredibus de corpore prædicti Thomæ totum in Kingsley et apud Newhall." 24 Edw. III. Harl. MS. 6128.

(c) "Ego Hugo de Meignell miles dedi Ricardo de Meignell filio meo manerium meum de Langley Meynell." Anno 33 Edw. III. Harl. MS. 6128.

"Carta Ricardi de Meignell miles dat. apud Langley, anno 39 Edw. III." Harl. MS. 6128.

(d) "Attend that Sir William Dethick, Knt. being Treasurer of England, had custody of the abovenamed four daughters and heirs of Sir Hugh (Ralph) Meignell, and married them, viz. Joan to Clynton, Alice to Aston, and the other two to his sonnes Reginald and Roger Dethick, as witnesseth one Philip Dethick, a man of 80 years of age, but saith he (Reginald) had two daughters married to Bassett, and Johanne as married to one Tickell." (Harl. MS. 6128.)

Estates of Sir Ralph Meignell, 24 Edw. III. (Harl. MS. 6666, fol. 260—6.)—Co. Derby, Langley-Meignell, Newhall, Yeaveley, Stephull, Cromford, Shirley, &c. &c.; Staffordshire, Hintes, Packington; Warwickshire, Newton, Kingwood, &c.; Wigorn, Savagebury; Leicester, Burton Overy.

(e) Lysons makes this William to be the ancestor of Meignell of Yeaveley, from whom descended the Meignells of Whittington, Bradley, and Langley, but no evidence is offered.

TABLE II. CLINTON.

(Dugdale; the Peerages, &c.)

ARMS: Argent, six cross-crosslets fitchée sa. 3, 2, 1, on a chief az. two mullets or, pierced gules.

Robert le Franceis married Anne Clinton.

William de Villa Tancredi. = Maud, daughter of William de Arches, descended from Merza, sister to Gunnora Duchess of Normandy.

- 2. Renebald, had Clinton in Oxfordshire, by gift of the Conqueror.
- 3. William.
- 1. Osbert, whose line ended in an heir married to Cantiloupe.

1. Geoffrey, time of Henry I. Lord Chamberlain. He built Kenilworth Castle. =

- 1. Geoffrey, Lord Chamberlain. = Agnes, dau. of Roger Newburgh, Earl of Warwick.
  - Henry de Clinton. = Amicia de Bidun.
    - Henry, &c. s. p.
- 2. William. =
  - Simon.
  - Roger.
- Robert, Canon of Kenilworth.
- Sophrina, ux. Robt. de Verdon.

2. Osbert de Clinton. =

- 1. Osbert de Clinton had a grant of the manor of Coleshill, co. Warw. from Geoff. de Clinton, 1162. = Margaret de Hutton, remarried Richard de Beauchamp and J. de Abitot.
- 2. Roger, Bishop of Coventry 1148.
- 3. Hugh.
- 4 Maurice.

Osbert de Clinton, of Coleshill, lord of Amington, in right of his mother. = Elisant.

Thomas de Clinton, temp. Henry III. = Mazera, dau. and heir of James de Bisege, of Baddesley (Clinton).

- 1. Thomas de Clinton, eldest son. = Maud, dau. of Ralph Bracebridge, of Kinsbury, co. Warwick.
  - Ida, eldest coheir of Sir William de Odingselles, Lord of Maxtoke Castle, by Elà, dau. of Walter Fitz-Robert, and Ida, dau. of William Longespee, Earl of Salisbury. = John de Clinton, of Amington Castle, 28 Edw. I.; summoned to Parliament as Baron Clinton of Maxtoke 1298.
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- 2. Sir John Clinton, of Coleshill.
- 3. Osbert, s. p.
- 4. William.
- James Clinton, of Baddesley Clinton.

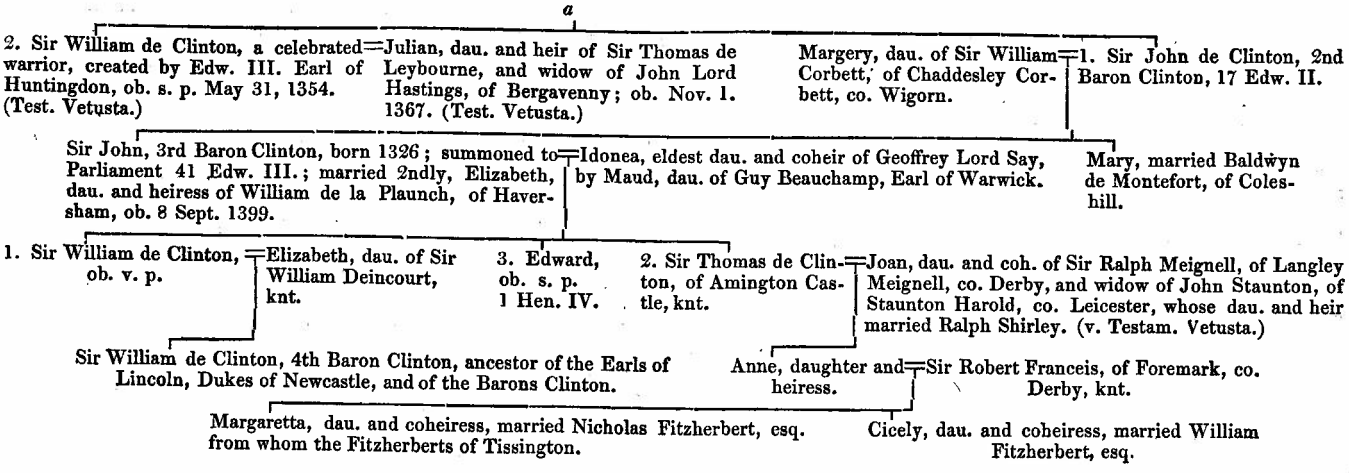

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2. Sir William de Clinton, a celebrated warrior, created by Edw. III. Earl of Huntingdon, ob. s. p. May 31, 1354. (Test. Vetusta.)
Julian, dau. and heir of Sir Thomas de Leybourne, and widow of John Lord Hastings, of Bergavenny; ob. Nov. 1. 1367. (Test. Vetusta.)
Margery, dau. of Sir William Corbett, of Chaddesley Corbett, co. Wigorn.
1. Sir John de Clinton, 2nd Baron Clinton, 17 Edw. II.
Sir John, 3rd Baron Clinton, born 1326; summoned to Parliament 41 Edw. III.; married 2ndly, Elizabeth, dau. and heiress of William de la Plaunch, of Haversham, ob. 8 Sept. 1399.
Idonea, eldest dau. and coheir of Geoffrey Lord Say, by Maud, dau. of Guy Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.
Mary, married Baldwyn de Montefort, of Coleshill.
1. Sir William de Clinton, ob. v. p.
Elizabeth, dau. of Sir William Deincourt, knt.
3. Edward, ob. s. p. 1 Hen. IV.
2. Sir Thomas de Clinton, of Amington Castle, knt.
Joan, dau. and coh. of Sir Ralph Meignell, of Langley Meignell, co. Derby, and widow of John Staunton, of Staunton Harold, co. Leicester, whose dau. and heir married Ralph Shirley. (v. Testam. Vetusta.)
Sir William de Clinton, 4th Baron Clinton, ancestor of the Earls of Lincoln, Dukes of Newcastle, and of the Barons Clinton.
Anne, daughter and heiress.
Sir Robert Franceis, of Foremark, co. Derby, knt.
Margaretta, dau. and coheiress, married Nicholas Fitzherbert, esq. from whom the Fitzherberts of Tissington.
Cicely, dau. and coheiress, married William Fitzherbert, esq.

Table III. Franceis of Foremark, co. Derby.

Arms: Argent, a chevron gules between three eagles displayed sable.

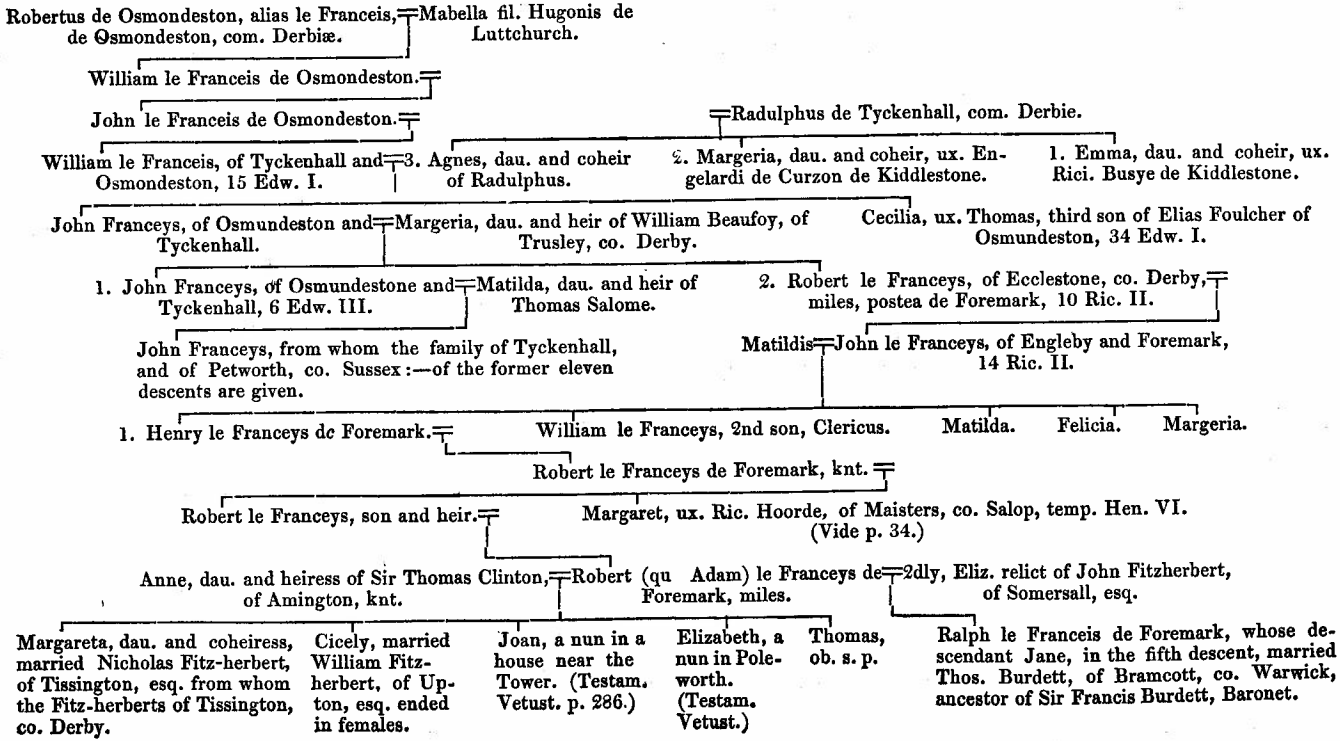


Table IV. Fitzherbert, of Tissington.

(Harl. MS. 5809, 1093, 6128; the Baronetages, &c.)

Arms: Argent, a chevron vaire or and gules, over all a bend sable, Fitzherbert of Norbury.
Gules, three lions rampant or, Fitzherbert of Tissington.

Will'mus filius Herberti miles, primus antecessor; on the Roll of Battle Abbey. ═

Guil'mus fil. Herberti, cui Will'us Prior de Tutbury dedit Norberiam in com. Derbiæ.—Teste Will. de Ferrers, Earl of Derby, &c. ═

Will'us Fitzherbert, Lord of Norbury 1166. ═

Joh'es Fitz-Herbert. ═

Joh'es Fitz-Herbert. ═ fil. Will. Grendon, knt.

Sir William Fitz-Herbert, knt. Lord of Norbury, "dedit manerium suum de Norbury Henrico filio suo 1267." ═
In 1252 the right of free-warren was granted to him by Henry III.

1. Sir Henry Fitz-Herbert, Knight Banneret, 3 Edw. I.; represented Derbyshire in Parliament 1294, and 1307; Sheriff of Derbyshire and Notts 1263-4, from whom descends the present Thomas Fitz-Herbert, esq. the 26th Lord of Norbury, and 10th Lord of Swinnerton, in co. Stafford. ═ ..... filia Rad. Chaddesden.

2. Thomas Fitz-Herbert, ═ Lord of Somersall, co. Derby, living 56 Hen. III.

3. Ric. Fitz-Herbert, of Twycross, co. Leicester. (v. Burton and Nichols.)

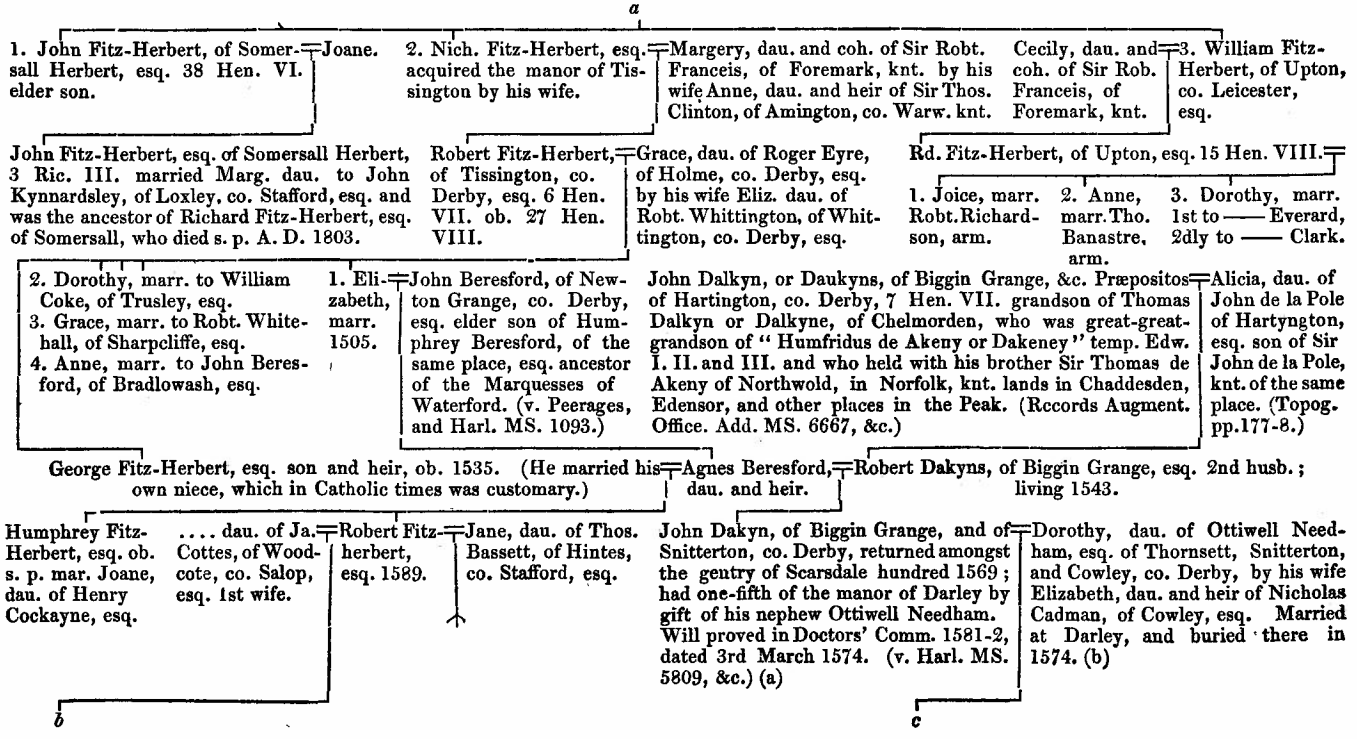
Nicholas Fitz-Herbert, of Somersall Herbert, esq. 27 Edw. I. ═ Maude.

John Fitz-Herbert, of Somersall Herbert, 32 Edw. III. ═ Eleanora.

Walter Fitz-Herbert, 7 Hen. IV. ═ Margery.

John Fitz-Herbert, of Somersall Herbert, esq. temp. Hen. V. ═ Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Robert le Franceis, of Foremark, co. Derby, knt. cousin and heir to Thomas Clunville.

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1. John Fitz-Herbert, of Somersall Herbert, esq. 38 Hen. VI. elder son.
Joane.
2. Nich. Fitz-Herbert, esq. acquired the manor of Tissington by his wife.
Margery, dau. and coh. of Sir Robt. Franceis, of Foremark, knt. by his wife Anne, dau. and heir of Sir Thos. Clinton, of Amington, co. Warw. knt.
Cecily, dau. and coh. of Sir Rob. Franceis, of Foremark, knt.
3. William Fitz-Herbert, of Upton, co. Leicester, esq.
John Fitz-Herbert, esq. of Somersall Herbert, 3 Ric. III. married Marg. dau. to John Kynnardsley, of Loxley, co. Stafford, esq. and was the ancestor of Richard Fitz-Herbert, esq. of Somersall, who died s. p. A. D. 1803.
Robert Fitz-Herbert, of Tissington, co. Derby, esq. 6 Hen. VII. ob. 27 Hen. VIII.
Grace, dau. of Roger Eyre, of Holme, co. Derby, esq. by his wife Eliz. dau. of Robt. Whittington, of Whittington, co. Derby, esq.
Rd. Fitz-Herbert, of Upton, esq. 15 Hen. VIII.
1. Joice, marr. Robt. Richardson, arm.
2. Anne, marr. Tho. Banastre, arm.
3. Dorothy, marr. 1st to —— Everard, 2dly to —— Clark.
2. Dorothy, marr. to William Coke, of Trusley, esq.
3. Grace, marr. to Robt. Whitehall, of Sharpcliffe, esq.
4. Anne, marr. to John Beresford, of Bradlowash, esq.
1. Elizabeth, marr. 1505.
John Beresford, of Newton Grange, co. Derby, esq. elder son of Humphrey Beresford, of the same place, esq. ancestor of the Marquesses of Waterford. (v. Peerages, and Harl. MS. 1093.)
John Dalkyn, or Daukyns, of Biggin Grange, &c. Præpositos of Hartington, co. Derby, 7 Hen. VII. grandson of Thomas Dalkyn or Dalkyne, of Chelmorden, who was great-great-grandson of "Humfridus de Akeny or Dakeney" temp. Edw. I. II. and III. and who held with his brother Sir Thomas de Akeny of Northwold, in Norfolk, knt. lands in Chaddesden, Edensor, and other places in the Peak. (Records Augment. Office. Add. MS. 6667, &c.)
Alicia, dau. of John de la Pole of Hartyngton, esq. son of Sir John de la Pole, knt. of the same place. (Topog. pp. 177-8.)
George Fitz-Herbert, esq. son and heir, ob. 1535. (He married his own niece, which in Catholic times was customary.)
Agnes Beresford, dau. and heir.
Robert Dakyns, of Biggin Grange, esq. 2nd husb.; living 1543.
Humphrey Fitz-Herbert, esq. ob. s. p. mar. Joane, dau. of Henry Cockayne, esq.
.... dau. of Ja. Cottes, of Woodcote, co. Salop, esq. 1st wife.
Robert Fitz-herbert, esq. 1589.
Jane, dau. of Thos. Bassett, of Hintes, co. Stafford, esq.
John Dakyn, of Biggin Grange, and of Snitterton, co. Derby, returned amongst the gentry of Scarsdale hundred 1569; had one-fifth of the manor of Darley by gift of his nephew Ottiwell Needham. Will proved in Doctors' Comm. 1581-2, dated 3rd March 1574. (v. Harl. MS. 5809, &c.) (a)
Dorothy, dau. of Ottiwell Needham, esq. of Thornsett, Snitterton, and Cowley, co. Derby, by his wife Elizabeth, dau. and heir of Nicholas Cadman, of Cowley, esq. Married at Darley, and buried there in 1574. (b)
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Francis Fitz-Herbert, of Tissington, esq. = Elizabeth, dau. of Jo. Bullock, of Darley, co. Derby.

Two dau. married to John Beresford, esq. and to John Porte, esq.

John Fitz-Herbert, of Tissington, esq. mar. Elizabeth, daughter of Anthony Fitz-herbert, of Norbury, esq. ancestor of the present Sir Henry Fitz-Herbert, of Tissington, Bart. and of the late Lord St. Helen's.

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Richard Dakeyne, of Biggin Grange, and of Stubbing Edge, in the parish of Ashover, esq. living 1588; will dated 25 August, 8 James I. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Hunloke, of Wingerworth, esq. by whom he had no issue. In his will at Lichfield, his name is spelt "Dakin," but his signature thereto is "Dakeyne." = Katharine, d. of Patrick Strange, of Edinbro', gent. favourite Maid of Honour to Mary Queen of Scots, who by her will bequeathed to her 400 francs. (c)

1. John Dakeyne, of Ashover and Bonsol, elder but disinherited son, 25 years old at his father's death. (Inquis. post mort. Rici. Dakin, 11 James I.) ancestor of the Dakeynes or Deakins of Bonsol, of Attercliffe, co. York, of Bagthorpe, co. Notts, and of Darley Dale, co. Derby. (Vide pp. 178 and 193.)

2. Arthur Dakeyne, adopted heir of his father. = Eliz. dau. of John Lacey, of Brierley, co. York, esq. descended from the Barons of Halton.

Henry Dakeyne, of Stubbing Edge, esq. ætat. 48 A. D. 1662, ob. 1671, (v. Dugdale's Visit.) father of Arthur Dakeyne, of Stubbing Edge, esq. who died in 1720, aged 77, leaving by his wife Frances, dau. of Anthony Wolley, of Riber, co. Derby, gentleman, a daughter and heir Frances, married to Captain William Hopkinson, of Bonsol. (Topographer, part II. p. 193.)

(a) In Flower's Visitat. 1569, the name is spelt "Dakyn and Deakinne." In Harl. MS. 1484, "Daking." In the pedigree "Dakyn," for Derbyshire; and "Dakins," for Yorkshire. In another Visitation, "Daiking and Ducking," &c.

(b) The family of Needham had been settled at Needham in the Peak from the time of King John; William Needham, of Cranage, in Cheshire, Chief Justice of Chester 49 Edw. III. ancestor of the Earls of Kilmorey, was the younger brother of Thomas Needham, of Needham. (Harl. MS. 5809, 1569, 1517, and 1396.)

(c) Vide Grant of this lady's naturalisation, Add. MS. 6674; also Lysons, Derbyshire, p. 19.

Note. Since the preceding pages were written, I have had my attention directed to the pedigree of Francis, in the Harl. MS. 1093, which makes Sir Robert Francis marry *Isabelle, daughter of Sir John Clinton, knt. controller to Hen.* 6.; there is an evident mistake in the Christian name, as Joan Lady Clinton in her will calls her husband *Thomas*, which decides this point. With regard to Isabelle, her "daughter's daughter" as she speaks of her, I am not absolutely inclined to think the MS. at fault, as Lady Clinton in her will leaves to Margaret her sister cc marks. upon condition that she married "Robert Wele, the son of John Wele, gentleman, of Gloucestershire," and other MSS. sometimes give her sisters, Margaret to Nicholas, and Cicily to William Fitz-herbert, as well as reversing the order; there is, however, no obscurity in the facts, that the two brothers Nicholas and William, by each of them marrying some one of the sisters, Margaret, Cicily, and Isabel, obtained the estates of Tissington, co. Derby, and Upton, co. Leicester, formerly the inheritance of the Clintons; but the MS. 1093 states another fact: viz. that Sir John (Thomas) was Controller to Henry VIth. I have not means at hand to verify this statement; but if correct, it may lead to a solution of the obscurity, if such there be, with respect to the identification of the true Sir Thomas Clinton. Until the contrary shall be made manifest, I shall adhere to the opinion I have given in the text, and for the reasons therein stated.

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To the Editor of the Topographer.

SIR,—UPON looking over the Meynell pedigree inserted in this volume, I find, in a note, p. 358, on William Meynell, who died 3 Hen. IV. that "Lysons makes this William to be the ancestor of the Meynells of Yeavely, from whom are descended the Meynells of *Whittington* (which should be Willington), Bradley, and Langley, but no evidence is offered."

It appears by an Inquisitio post Mort. taken at Derby 50 Edw. III. No. 43, Escheats, that the manor of Yeavely was given by Richard de Meynell to his second son William for life; but in the 4 Hen. IV. by another Inquisition taken at Sawley, Sir Hugh Shirley possessed the manor in fee. In a MS. in the possession of the late Mr. Wolley, it is stated that Gerard Meynell, who represented the county of Derby 8 and 13 Hen. VI. was this William's son; and his grandson Gerard Meynell, of Willington, is mentioned in the Inquisitio post Mortem as holding lands in *Yeavely* under Ralph Shirey.

February 11th, 18th Hen. VIII. after reciting the various estates of this Gerard Meynell of Willington, viz. at Willington, King's Newton, and Melborne, it states at *Yeavely* lij acr. prati, lx acr. past. et vi acr. bosci cum pertinentibus; tenetq' de hærede Rad'i Shirley mil' per servicium suum; et val' per ann' lx sol' viii*d.* et Henricus fuit fil' et hæres.

11 Jan. 32 Hen. VIII. Henry Meynell died, and held lands in Willington, King's Newton, &c. and in *Yeavely* 111 acr. prati, 28 acr. past. et vi acr. bosci cum pertinentibus; tenetq' de hærede Rad'i Shirley mil' ut de manerio suo de Shirley, et val. liii sol. viii*d.* et Johannes fuit fil' et hæres, et fuit æt' xvi annor'.

John Meynell, obiit 4 Eliz. and after reciting his various estates, states as follows: In *Yeavely* iiii cott. centum acræ terræ, xx acræ prati, et centum acræ pasturæ, tenetque, &c. et valet per ann. lii sol' viii*d.*

I have stated these inquisitions to shew that *Yeavely*, which was granted to William Meynell by his father Richard, was continued to be held by the Meynells of Willington under the Shirleys until the time of Elizabeth, and the Meynells of Willington are the ancestors of H.C. Meynell Ingram, esq. of Hoar Cross, Staffordshire, and George Meynell, esq. now of Langley, near Derby. The pedigree of the Willington family is continued at the Heralds' College from the period when the Inquisitions cease to the time of Charles the Second. The Willington estate was sold by the late Hugo Meynell, of Bradley, grandfather of Mr. M. Ingram, I think, to Sir Henry Harpur, a few years since.

I have written this to shew that Lysons had authority for his statement, and, I may add, that the same arms are borne by the present Meynell family that Sir Hugh Meynell bore, viz. Vaire, argent and sable.

Richard de Meynell.=....

Ralph Meynell, father of the coheiresses. — Ralph. — William Meynell held Yeavely after the death of his mother for life, with remainder to the right heirs of Richard de Meynell. 3 Hen. IV. 1409, æt. 49; represented the co. Derby 12 Rich. II. =..

Sir Gerard Meynell, represented the county of Derby 8 and 13 Hen. VI. 1430. Wolley's MS. says he was son of William. =....

Ralph Meynell, ob. 14 Hen. VII. 1458. = Anne, daughter of John Hall, of Leicester.

Ralph Meynell, ob. 1499.=....

Gerard Meynell, of Willington, held *Yeavely* under the Shirleys. Inq. post mortem, 18 Hen. VIII. 1527. =....

Henry Meynell, of Willington, held *Yeavely* under the Shirleys, amongst other lands; æt. 36, 1527; died 11 Jan. 1541. =....

John Meynell, of Willington, held *Yeavely* under the Shirleys, and died 29 March, 4 Eliz. and also held other lands. Inq. post mortem. = Maud, dau. of Sir John Bradburne of the Haigh.

John Meynell, of Willington. (Heralds' College.) = Bridget, dau. of —— Markham, of Notts.

Francis Meynell, of Willington, from whom the Meynells of Hoar Cross, co. Stafford, and of Langley, are descended. 1618. = Anne, dau. of John Smith, of Chillington, but formerly of Leicestershire. Her mother was a Gifford.

Godfrey Meynell, of Willington and Langley; ob. 1667. = Dorothy, dau. of John Whitehough, of Whitehough and Yeldersley.

I have given thus much of the pedigree to shew authorities. I believe there are no Inquisitions to be found from *William* Meynell to Gerard of Willington (three descents); but there is no doubt they all held Yeavely from their common ancestor *William* under the Shirleys, who obtained it from the elder branch of the Meynells through marriage of the Shirleys with the Stauntons.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, G. M.

THE BURTONS OF COVENTRY.

Mr. Editor,

In Nichols's History of the County of Leicester a long account and pedigree is given of the ancient family of the Burtons of Lindley, and also the descent of a presumed branch of this house, the Burtons of Coventry; but there are certain obscurities and deficiencies attached to the descent of this latter branch, which it it very desirable should be cleared