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

up; and the object of the writer of this is, to invoke attention to the subject, especially from those of your readers in Coventry, who, being on the spot, may perhaps have it in their power to furnish additional particulars to a pedigree in every respect worthy of it.

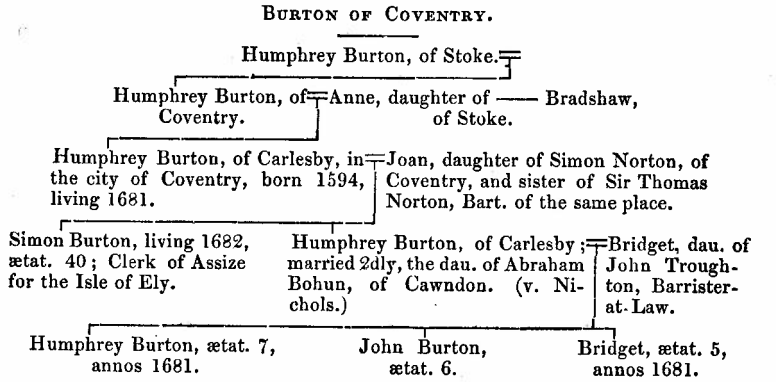
In this city in former times, as well as in many others, the younger sons of many distinguished families settled as merchants, and filled the highest civic dignities; of their number were, a branch of the Davenports of Cheshire, the Onleys, the Bonds, the Jessons, the Nortons, the Burtons, &c. who seem to have intermarried with each other.

The Burton family, independent of their great antiquity, was rendered illustrious from being of a house which had produced the Historian of Leicestershire, and his celebrated brother, the author of the Anatomy of Melancholy, which alone would justify the anxiety to rescue the various branches of this family from oblivion.

In the year 1681 Humfrey Burton, of Carlesby, in the city of Coventry, entered his pedigree at the Heralds' College, with two certificates attached thereto, authenticating his descent from the Burtons of Lindley, and praying the Earl Marshal, to grant to him the arms of the house of Lindley, as a scion thereof, and which was done. The certificates alluded to were made by Cassibelan Burton, of Lindley, grandson of the historian, and by Jonathan Burton, son of the historian. This pedigree is inserted in Nichols's Leicestershire, with the remark by the author, that he supposed that the Coventry Burtons were descended from the Burtons of Chesterfield, as he could not trace the precise connexion with those of Lindley. This remark was not made with Nichols's usual sagacity, seeing that the house of Lindley was not only the senior branch, bearing arms similar to the Chesterfield branch, but also arms peculiar to itself, which the latter did not bear, and that the arms of the Burtons of Lindley were granted to those of Coventry as *scions* of that house.

A close inspection of the Harl. MS. has led to the belief that the writer of this will have it in his power, in a future paper, to solve Nichols's difficulty as to the true source of the descent of this branch, and to propound a pedigree of a kind little suspected; he will endeavour to show, that, through a misreading of the manuscript, a blunder has been made with regard to two families, and that, despite of the certificates of Cassibelan and Jonathan Burton, the Coventry Burtons *were never Burtons at all, but a branch of the Barlows of Stoke, in the county of Derby.* In the meantime, it is very desirable to trace the descendants of the Coventry family, from the year 1681, issuing out of the marriage of Humphrey Burton, of Carlesby, with his first wife Bridget Troughton; the children of this marriage were Humphrey, John, and Bridget, of the respective ages of seven, six, and five years.

The issue and descendants of his second wife, who was a daughter of Abraham Bohun, of Cawndon, are given by Nichols; but the descendants of the abovenamed children are unknown to the writer of this, and, if any of your readers can aid him in this object, they will be adding to the accuracy of genealogical stores; to further this purpose, he offers the following descent from Nichols:—



The John Troughton married in the pedigree, was, I believe, one of the sons of Nicholas Troughton, of Linford and Hanslope, in the county of Bucks, by his wife Anne, daughter of Thomas Belgrave, of North Kilworth, co. Leicester; and the grandmother of this Nicholas was Jane, daughter of Richard Hampden, of Hartwell, co. Bucks.

The writer of this, therefore, desires to ascertain the descendants of John and Humphrey above named. He has an impression that they fell into decay, and that the daughter of one of them married a Mr. Whirledge or Wolryche, descended of the ancient Shropshire family of that name. In St. Michael's church, in Coventry, is a monument to a John Wolrich and his wife Maria Rogerson, it is presumed of the same family; he was Mayor of Coventry in 1660, and died in 1684. The Rogersons were drapers, and one of the family was Mayor of Coventry in 1590, and another in 1640; all which I collect from Hump. Wanley's collection in the Harl. MSS., and whose name reminds me, that this celebrated compiler of the first Harleian Catalogue was descended, on his mother's side, from the Burtons, she being a daughter of Humphrey Burton by his second wife, Judith Bohun.

It will be seen from the above, that the information required will greatly assist the investigation into a subject very interesting, much enhanced by so able a man as Nichols being at fault, and the writer is not without hope that the attention of your readers will not be in vain attracted.

Yours, X. Y. Z.

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-

frey Burton of Keresley, near Coventry, was born 1594. This Humfrey was elected Town Clerk and Coroner of the Coventry Corporation on December 8, 1636, which offices he relinquished Aug. 16, 1676, being then 82 years of age. (His son Simon succeeded him, who died in 1693. This Simon gave an old edifice, called Jesus Hall, to Trinity Church, as a residence for the Vicar: whether *he* left any children, I do not know.) Humfrey, the father, was an eminent lawyer, and compiled a book of Coventry Evidences for the Corporation, which still exists, and for which he was paid 50*l.* In 1681, he claimed the arms of the Burtons of Lindley. Humfrey Wanley gives the particulars of this in one of his MSS. in the British Museum. In 1683, he gave 20*l.* to the mayor of Coventry, to enable him to expend 8*s.* yearly, for bread to be distributed in St. Michael's church, to make up his father-in-law Mr. Simon Norton's bread four dozen every Sunday morning, and also 12*s.* to the Holy Trinity, for bread, as an addition to the gift of his uncle Mr. Thomas Jesson.

The second Humfrey Burton married for his second wife Judith, the daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Boun or Bohun of Coundon; Judith died Jan. 26, 1699, aged 39, and was buried in a vault in St. Michael's church, Coventry. They had several children.

To continue this branch of the pedigree (from the table given by X. Y. Z. at p. 495) it will be necessary to examine the parish registers of Coventry and Corley, wills, &c. for the name does not occur to me as of any particular eminence, from that time. There is a very respectable family of the Burtons still living at Keresley, descendants without doubt: and there are also Troughtons (an old family) still living in Coventry. Mr. Thomas Ball Troughton is the present town clerk.

John Woolrich (mentioned in p. 495) was mayor in 1660: but the statement that two others of the family were mayors in 1590 and 1640, is erroneous, the mayors bearing different names.

The Rev. Nathaniel Wanley, Vicar of Trinity church, married a daughter of Humfrey Burton, by whom he had Humfrey Wanley, the celebrated antiquary.

There was a Dr. John Burton, Head Master of Winchester School, who died in 1774.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

W. READER.

Note. At Southam Court, co. Glouc. the seat of the ancient family of De la Bere, are, or were formerly, portraits of Sir John Hales, of the White Friars in Coventry, and of his daughters, Dorothy, wife of Michael Rolte, esq. Joan, wife of Kinard de la Bere, esq. by Lely, and Mary, another daughter, by Lely.—Of the first John Hales see further in Ellis's third Series of Original Letters, vol. ii. 359; iii. 228.