Et triennio pro preside rexit
Academia Literis
Bello Virtute
Aula Candore animi
Magistratu Prudentia
Celebris,
ubique bonis charus, sibi et negotiis par.
28 Maii 1672
nave prætoria contra cosd. Belgas
fortiter dimicans,
ictu globi majoris transfossus occubuit.
Fratres habuit,
præter Gulielmum præcoci fato defunctum,
Edvardum et Franciscum
utrumque copiarum pedestrium centurionem,
Qui fœdæ et servilis tyrannidis
quæ tunc Angliam oppresserat impatientes,
exilio prælato (si modo regem extorrem sequi exil: sit)
alter Parsiiis, alter Haga comitis,
ad cælestem patriam migrârunt.

Above are the arms of Nicolls: Azure, a fess between three lion's heads or; Crest, a tiger sejant.

F. M. Nichols.

Note.—For much of the materials from which the above account has been put together, I am indebted to the kindness of my friend, John Nicholl, Esq. F.S.A.

Documents relating to the family of Nicholl, of Essex, with their Pedigree.

The following deeds relating to property at West Wickham, in Essex, belonging to the family of Nicholl, were transcribed by the Rev. William Cole in 1755, from the archives of Lord Montfort.

[MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. 5823, fol. 100.]

Sciant, &c. q̃d nos Ric̃us Wymund ⁊ Brangwyna filia Walt̃i Curteys dedim⁹ Joh̃i fit Joh̃is Nichole de Waldene ⁊ Joh̃i fit Joh̃is Sewale de Wykeh̃ ões tras ⁊ ten̄ que h̃uimus de jure hereditario

in divsis locis ⁊ campis in Wykehā, cū messuagiis, domibꝫ, edificiis, homagiis, wardis, releviis, escaetis, redd, communiis, viis, chaceis, pascuis, pasturis, sepibus, fossatis, libtatibꝫ ⁊ oībꝫ aliis ptiñ aut spectantibꝫ, hend ⁊ tenend, &c. imppetm. Hiis testibus, Wymundo clerico, Joħe Sewale señ, Ričo Nichole, Joħe de Lymbery, Willo Wymund, Joħe de Bernhā, Willo le Harpeur, Willo de Nostrefeld, Joħe de la Bour, Willo de la Lee, Rogo Doget, Ričo fit Michis de Horsethe, Alano fit Johis Sewale, Robto Colyn, Willo fit Simonis Underwood, Simone le Tayllur, Joħe Underwode ⁊ aliis. Data apud Waldene in coñ Essex die Mercurij prox post fm Exalt Sce Crucis anno r. r. Edwardi fit r Henrici tricesimo primo.

Oībꝫ, &c. Brangwina que fuit uxor Ričī Wymund de Waldene, &c. novitis me concessisse, &c. Johi fit Johis Sewale de Wykhā totū jus meū in oībꝫ illis ris ⁊ teñ que idm Johes het ex dono Ričī Wymund quondā viri mei, &c. No date.

Oībꝫ, &c. Johes filius Johis Nichole de Waldene Saltm in Dño. Novitis me ꝯcessisse Johi filio Johis Sewale de Wykhā totū jus meū in oībꝫ ris ⁊ teñ que idem Johes filius Johis Sewale ⁊ ego huimus ꝯjunctim ex dono ⁊ feoffamento Ričī Wymund ⁊ Brangwine filie Walri Curteys in villa ⁊ campis de Wykhā, &c. Data apud Wykhā die Lune pxa post fm Sči Michis anno r. r. Edwardi filii Regis Henrici tricesimo primo. Hiis testibus, Joħe de Lymbery, Joħe Sewale seniore, Willo le Harpour, Joħe Atteboure, Rogo Doget, Robto Colyn, Willo de Nostrefeld, Simone le Taillur, Robto Dod ⁊ aliis.



"Seal of brown wax, has a lion rampant grappling with a dragon, and round it wrote S. JOH'IS FIL. JOH'IS . . . so that it is impossible by this impression to determine whether it belongs to John the son of John Nichole, or John the son of John Sewale, though it is most likely it belongs to the first, as he is the granter." As the instrument was a deed *poll* (not an indenture) it would only be executed by the maker, John Nichole; and Mr. Cole subsequently found another deed with the seal of John Sewale, bearing his coat of arms, Fretty, in chief a sea-whale. This was used in 1376 by Joan, wife of Sir Thomas Shardelowe, supposed to have been Sewale's daughter.

The Will of George Nicholl of Littlebury, dated the 2nd day of December, 1484.

In the name of God, amen. The secunde day of the moneth of Decembre, the yere of our Lord God M[l].cccc.lxxxiiij. and the secunde yere of the reigne of King Richard the Thirde, I, George Nicholl of the paryshe of Lytilbury, in the counté of Essex, being hole in mynde and good memorie, thanking be Almyghti God, make and ordeigne this my present testament and last will in maner and fourme folowing, that is to say: First and principally I bequeth and recomende my soule to Almyghti God, my Creator and Saviour, and to our blissid lady, Seint Marye the Virgine, his moder, and to alle the holy companie of Hevyn; and my body to be buried in the parysh church of the Holy Trinitie of Littlebury aforesaid, whereas I am a parisshoner, that is to say, byfore the auter of Seint Peter, in the south ile of the same church. Item, I bequeth to the high auter of the same chirch for tithes forgotten or necligently witholden, in discharge of my sole, x s. Item, I bequeath to the mayntenying of the gylde of Seint Petyr in the same church, and to have my soule praied for, vj s. viij d. Item, I bequeath to the mayntenynge of the torches in the same chirche amonge the parisshour ther to be praied fore, vj s. viij d. Item, I bequeth to the mayntenynge of the rode light in the same chirche, iij s. iiij d. Item, I bequeth to every prest beynge at dirige at my burying, and at masse of requiem on the morrow, iiij d., and to the parysh clerk ther ij d. Item, I bequeth to every poor man and woman being at my said dirige and masse, to pray for my soule, j d. Item, I bequeth to the priour of the Abbey of Walden xx d. to pray for my soule, and to every monk of the same place being a prest to pray for my soul, xij d. Item, I bequeth to the iiij. ordre of frieres in Cambrigge xx s. that is to say, to every order of them v s. to pray for my soule. Item, I bequeth to the chirch werks of Lyttelechestirford, to have my soule praied for there, vj s. viij d. Item, I bequeth to the chirch werks of Baldock, to have my soule praied for ther, vj s. viij d. Item, I bequeth to the chirch werks of Strathall xx d. to have my soule praied for. Item, I bequeth to John Nicholl, my sonne, the elder, my best gown furred. Item, I bequeth to William Nicholl, my son, my violett gown, and the hoode belonging thereto. Item, I bequeth to Margerie, my wife, alle my hors and cartes, w[t] alle the harneys that belongith to them, and all my cataille and stuff of household

except alle that which I have before and hereafter assigned and bequethed, and also I bequeth un to hir alle my malt and barle, whete, otes, and pesyn now being in my dwelling-place, saving I will that myne executours at myne interement and xxx^{ti} day, and in the meane tyme, shall take and spend thereof as muche as shall convenyntly nede about my said interement and xxx^{ti} day. Item, I bequeth to the said Margery, my wife, my dosyne cloth wollen at hir elecion, and halfe a dosin of black hyre carsey. Item, I bequeth to William Nicholl, my sonne, all my salecloth, he paying unto the said Margirie, my wife, xx li. within ij. yere next after my decesse, that is to say, that day xij. month whereon I shall happune to deceasse, x li., and that day xij. month next after that another x li. Item, I bequeth to Thomas, my sonne, xij. marks in money, to be deliveryd to him within a yere next after that he comith oute of his apprentice hode. Item, I bequeth to John Nicholl the younger, my sonne, x. marks in money to pray for my soule. Item, I bequeth to Richard Nicholl, my sonne, xx. marks in money, to be deliveryd to him within a yer next aftre that he cometh oute of his apprentice hode. Item, I bequeth to George Nicholl, my sonne, x. marc in money to pray for my soule, and a coverlet of green next the best, a materas next the best, a paire of blanketts, ii. paire of shetes next the best, harneysid girdill, a masor next the best, and iiij. silver spones, to pray for my soul; and over that I bequeth to the said George, my sonne, x. marc more in monye, if it may be convenyently born and spared of my goodes. Item, I wil that I have an honest preste of good and honest conversacion and governaunce to singe and say his masse and other divine service in the said chirch of Lyttlebury for my soule, my friends soules, and all Cristen soules, by the space of ij. yeres; and I bequeth to the same prest for his labour xvj. marc, that is to say, for either yere viij marc. Item, I bequeth unto the said George, my sonne, a wasshing basin and a lavour next the best. The residue of alle my goodes, dettes, and catailles, after my detts paid, my burying paied, and this my present testament fulfilled, I geve and bequeth hooly unto John Nicholl, William Nicholl, and George Nicholl, myne executours, and ther overseer I make and ordeyne Sir Raynold Hasilbeche, prest. Theise being witnesse, Maister Robert Bradbury, Simon Calwell, and Thomas Motte.

Item, this is the last wil of me, the said George Nicholl, testatour, as to the disposicion of all my londes and tenements, as well freehold as copiehold, wher soer they be; that is to say, first, I wil that the said Margirie my wife shall have to hir and to hir assignees, during the spaces of ij. yeres next aftre my deceasse, if she so longe kepe hir solie and unmaryed, the place that I nowe dwelle in, with alle my londes, medues, and pasturys, as wele frehold as copiehold, within p̄ishes and boundes of Lyttlebury, Strathall, and Elmdon, except alleway all suche londes or medues as hereafter by me othervise bequethed and assigned. And I woll that incontynent aftre the said ij. yeres been past, if she so long be unmaried, and els as sone as she wt̄in the same ij. yeres be married, alle the said place, wt alle the landes, medues, and pasture, to hir afore bequethed shall remayne unto Willi̅ Nicholl, my sonne, to hold to him and to his heires and assignes for ev̄more, he yulding unto the said Margerie my wife yerely xx s. alle the tyme that the said Margerie my wife be thenne sole and unmaried. Item, I woll that the said Margarie my wife, during her lief, shall have my place in Walden, whiche sumtyme was John Heynes; and I will that aftre hir decease the same place shall remayne unto Guye my sonne and to the heirs of his bodie lawfully begotten; and if it happen the said Guye my sonne to dye withoute heirs of his bodie lawfully begotten, I wol that thenne the same place be sold by myne Execuetours to the best avauntage that they canne, and the money comyng of suche sale shalbe equally devided bytwene Annes and Ann my daughters; and if it happen the said Guye withoute such said heirs, and the said Annes and Anne, in the lief tyme of the said Margerie my wife, to decease, I wol that thanne incontinently after the decease of the said Margerie my wife the said place be sold by myne Executours to the most avauntage that they canne, and the money coming of such sale I woll shalbe equally devided amonge my sonnes thenne being alive. Item, I will that the said Margery my wife have to hir and to hir assignes for terme of lief my vj. shoppes in the Boucherye Row of Walden, and also my medue that was Thomas Barkers, and my medue called Cokks Pightell, in Walden, she paying and serving the king and lord of alle maner dueties out of them or of any parcel of them, and also she to kepe all maner reparacions of the same; and I will that after

hir decesse all the said vj. shoppes shall remayne unto my sonnes named to be myn Executours above wreten, to hold to them and to ther heires and assignes for evermore; and also I woll that aftre hir decesse the said medue, callid Cokks Pightell, shall remayne unto William my sonne and to his heirs for evermore, and after the decesse of Margerye my wife the said medue, late Thomas Barker's, shall remayne unto the said John Nicholl the elder my sonne and to his heires for evermore. Item, I woll that the said John Nicholl the elder my sonne, immediately aftre my decesse, have to him and to his heires my barne in the Abbey lane in Walden, and also half an acre of medue whiche was Shymmyngs, lying in the north ende, in the parishe of Walden aforesaid, and also my place in Hyckston, holden by copie of court. Item, I woll that William Nicholl my sonne have to him and to his heirs my place in Lytlebury that was Robert Cambriggs, he paying unto Thomas Nicholl my sonne viij. marc in money within a yeare next aftre that the said Thomas comith out of his apprenticehode. Item, I will that my place in Walden, callid the Lyme Kylle, and my place in Lyttleburye, called Pratts, remayne hooly to myn Executours, that they with the same may content and fulfill the bequests by me aforemade. Item, I will that George Nicholl my son have my place in Walden, in the market ende, that was John Semers, with thappourtenaunce, as well frehold as copiehold, to him and to his heirs for evermor. Item, I will that the said Margerie my wife have to hir during hir lief my ij. tenements in Baldock, and after hir deceasse I will that my said tenement ther most estirlye standing shall remayne unto the said Agnes my daughter, and that my said tenement there most westirlye standing shall remayne unto the said Anne my doughter. I wol that the said Guye my sonne, whenne he comith of age of xxij. yer, shall have to him and to his heires for ever my place in Lyttlebury, that sumtyme was John Stones, with alle the lond that I bought with the same place and iij. roddes of medowe which were Bankes, and ij. acres of lond lying at the Teyntour, whiche I bought of Agnes Colwell, and if it happen that the said Guye my sonne to dye within the said age of xxij. yere, I will that thenne the said Margerie my wife have the said place with the apourtenaunce, to hold to hir during hir lief; and I will that after hir decesse the said place with thappourtenaunce be sold by myne executours, and the

money comyng of such sale to be devided equally amonge alle my children; and I wol that the said Margerie my wife to keep and find the said Guye tille he come to the age of xxii. yer, shall have the rule and guyding of the said place and londes and to take the profittes of the same, she to kepe the reparacions of the same and to bere the out chargeis, and if she dye within the same tyme I wol that thenne myne executours have it in like forme. Item, I will that myne executours, with the issues and profitts of my place callid Barnard, yerely and cōtynuelly do holde an obite or annyversarye for my soule and my friendes soules, at suche tyme of the yere as it shall happen me to dessesse; and I will if myne executours in tyme comyng can bye sum other londes as goode in value and lesse in casuelte thenne is the said tenement called Barnards, that thenne myn executours do selle the same tenement, and with the money comyng of suche sale do bye suche other londes and provide as well as they can by ther discrecions with the issues of the same, or els with the issues of the said tenement called Barnard, myne obite may be kept contynuelly as is aforesaid. Wretin the day and yer first before specified. (Proved at Knole, 30 Dec. same year.)

In the will of John Nicholls the elder, of Walden, in the county of Essex, dated the 20th of November, 1515, and in the seventh year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, it is recited as follows:—

And for more surety writing with my own hands, first and principally I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and to his Mother our blessed Lady, both Virgin and Maid, and to all the whole Company of Heaven, and my body to be buried in the church of our blessed Lady of Walden, in the South Aisle, between my wifes Jane and Ayles; and a stone of marble to be laid upon my grave; and I bequeath to the high altar of the said church for my tithes negligently forgotten or withheld xx s. Item, I bequeath the day of my burial to the vicar then being at my dirge and at mass of requiem on the morue xii d. and to the parish priest viij. and to Master Mynet, Master Borough, and Sr Olyver vj d. apiece, and to every other priest iiij d. and to every clerk being in office ij d. and to every man and child that can sing and say, wearing a surplice j d.; and in likewise at my xxxtd day. Item, I will that my executors shall give that day of my burial in alms to each of the poor people, men, women,

and children being xiij. years of age, being in the church of Walden that day to pray for my soul j d. and to each of the young infants a farthing in bread. Item, I bequeath unto the abbey of Walden, for to sing a general dirge and a mass of requiem for me the day of burying and again at my xxx^ti^ day, first to my lord abbot their being vi s. viij d. and to his prior iij s. iv d. and to every monk being present xvi d. and to every novice vi d. and to the ringers of the bells of the same place xij d. Item, I bequeath to the same place, to be prayed for among all the brethren and sisters throughout the order, vj s. viij d. Item, I bequeath to the nuns of Ikelton, to be distributed among them, xx s.; that is, to the prioress v s. and the residue to be equally divided among the other nuns. Item, I bequeath to the prior of Roistone and his brethren x s.; that is to say, to the prior iij s. iiij d. and the residue to be distributed among them, for to sing a dirge and a mass of requiem for my soul, and over that to the reparation of the said church of Roiston vj s. viij d. Item, I bequeath to every house of the iiij. orders of friars in Cambridge x s. to have in every place a general dirge and a trental of masses sung the day of my burial and again on the xxx^ti^ day, if they shall have priests to do theer on a day, or els as shortly as they may; and also to the said iiij. orders xx s.; that is to say, x s. among them one year and x s. among them another year; that is to say, every half year to every of the places ij s. vj d. the which is in all in a year x s. Item, I bequeath to the priests and clerks of the church of Litilbury to have ij. dirges and ij. masses of requiem, the one mass within ij. days next after my burial and the other within ij. days next after the xxx^ti^ day by note there, x s. to be distributed among them, and over and beside the said x s. ij s. in bread and ale at each time. Item, I bequeath to the said church of Litilbury, to buy with a ornament that is most needful to be bought by the most honest of the said parish, v. marks. Item, I bequeath to the poor people of the same town of Litilbury there as most need is iij s. iiij d. to be delivered by my executors. Item, I bequeath to a honest priest of good name and fame to sing for my soul, my father's soul, and my mother's soul, and all my wives souls and good friends souls for the space of iij. years; that is to say, ij. years in Walden Church and one year in Litilbury Church xxiiij. marks and a gown cloth of black price xx s. Item, I bequeath to iiij. poor

priests of Cambridge x li. being learners in a college, to sing or say for me one year, either of them for a year, xl s. by the year. Item, I will that my executors cause that I may be prayed for yearly at Litilbury with my father and mother at the dirge. Item, I bequeath to the poor men of the almouse house in Walden, to be prayed for yearly among the brethren and sisters, one acre free land lying beyond the cross at the windmill. Item, to the poor men there vj s. viij d. at four high feasts, at each feast xx d. Item, I bequeath to my brother George, to be good friend to my wife and children, iiij li. and iiij. yards black to make with a gown price xx s. Item, I bequeath to my brother Richard Nicolls my best gown, of the color of sangwene furred with fechewes. Item, I bequeath to the said Richard, in money, xl s. and to his daughter Elizabeth, if she then be in life, x s. Item, I forgive unto my brother John Nicholls, of London, all such duties he oweth me, as well that his brother George is bound for him by a bill as other debts; and I bequeath unto the said John a gown furred with fox and over that x. marks in ready money, and his wife a gown of black price x s. and every child of his iij s. iiij d. Item, I bequeath to my son-in-law William Halls of Ipswich xx s. to buy him with a gown of black, and to his wife my daughter the best gown that was my wife's Jane Kersyys. Item, I will that the said William have my best cup, silver and gilt, and my black pouch of velvet, and to his wife six of my best spoons with the Apostles to her for ever, and in money xl s. and James Hall, his son, x s. Item, I bequeath to my son-in-law Aleyn Osborn a gown furred of mine, and his wife a gown of mine lined with satin of cipher, and I bequeath to the said Aleyn x li. of money. Item, I bequeath to my brother Richard Robkyn and his wife xxiij s. and iiij d. that is to say, to the husband xiij s. and iiij d. and to the wife x s. to buy them a gown cloth of black, and to his children x s. to be distributed evenly among them. Item, to Rob^{t} Hanstom one gown cloth black xiij s. iiij d. and to the wife of the said Rob^{t} one gown cloth black, price x s. and to the children of the said Robert x s. equally to be divided among them. Item, to the reparation of the church of Powleys in London, iij s. iiij d. Item, I bequeath to the reparation of Walden xl s. over and besides viij li. the which I laid out of my purse for the reparations of the said church, the which is owing to me, and the which sum of viij li. I bequeath to the said church.

Item, I bequeath to the Abbess of Barking to pray for me xx s. and to every of the nuns of the said house xij d. over and besides the said xx s. Item, to Master Wyatt, receyvour of the said place iiij. yards black, xx s. Item, I bequeath to each of the churches underwritten vj s. viij d. that is to say, to the church of Little Chesterford, Hadstokke, Wicken, Wendon-Magna, Arkysden, Kyrsall, Heyden, Ansty Hemoine, and Depden. Item, I bequeath to Johane, my wife, all such stuff of household as were hers at the time of that I married her, and that be not now wasted nor given away, with all her apparel that longeth to her body, and also all such apparel as was to every of my wifes in times passed, as girdels and beads, with rings to the same, not given away, sold, or wasted, and that now rests in my possession, except one gown of sangwene that was my wife's sometime, named Jane Kersye. Item, I bequeath to my wife aforesaid xx li. that is to say, in plate x. marks that is of my own, over and beside her own household, such as shall be necessary for her. Item, I will that the said Johan have and occupy to her own use for one year, that is to say, from the time of my death until the Feast of Michaelmas then next following, all my lands arable to be sown this year, as I have within the year fields of the town of Walden, and the lands to be sown at the cost and charges of the said Johane. Item, I bequeath unto John Nicholls, my son, l li. to be taken in cloth out of my shop of the same price that I bought it myself. Item, I bequeath to the said John, my son, and George, my son, all my stuff of household, except such stuff as I have bequeathed before in this my will, and such as I shall bequeath hereafter, evenly to be divided between the said John and George, my sons. Item, I bequeath to the said George, my son, l. marks in money, to be delevered to him by my executors within half a year next after he comes out of his apprenticehood, and if he die before he cometh out of his apprenticehood then I will that the half of the said l. marks be disposed of by my executors among my children equal, and the other part thereof for the wealth of my soul and of my friends souls. Item, I bequeath unto the said George x. marks in money, the which Master John Butteler, his master, is bound to pay me after that the said George shall come out of his apprenticehood, and if the said George die before that he cometh out of his apprenticehood, then I will that Alyn Osborne shall have the said x. marks. Item, I bequeath unto John Nicolls and John Smyth, to each of

them viij d. for each noble that they shall gather of my debts after my decease. Item, I bequeath unto my brother George Nicholls one featherbed, v. pair of sheets, iij. of my best cushions, one piece of silver, and vj. spoons of silver, the knoppes gilt. Item, I bequeath unto Thomas Watson, my loder, for his true service, one gown of tawney, furred with black shanks, and one cow that was in the hands of my wife's tenant of Dagname beside Barking. Item, I bequeath to Thomas Watson and John Nicholas of Barking all such loose goods as be mine aright in Bondysshe House that were my wife's, as it appeareth in a bill. Item, I bequeath unto Christopher Osborne, the son of Alyn, when he cometh to the age of xxij. years, x. marks, to be deliverd by my executors, and if he die or he comith to the age of xxij. I will that his brother dwelleth with my son Hall shall have the same at the same age. Item, I bequeath unto John Boyton xl s. in money; also I bequeath unto the said John a gown of sangwene, furred with a red service. Item, I bequeath unto his brother Thomas, in money, xx s. Item, I bequeath unto William Boyton, in money, v. marks, to be paid when he comith to the age of xx. years. Item, I bequeath to Anable Boyton v. marks in money, when she cometh to the age of xvj. years. Also I bequeath unto Thomas Carter my russet [gown?], furred with black lame. Item, I bequeath to Reynold Browne my violet gown, lined with satin of ciphers. Item, I bequeath unto John Butte a gown of russet that I wear a workaday, and a old doublet of worsted; also I forgive him all such debts as he oweth me, the which appear in my books. Item, I bequeath unto John Fuller my best doublet, a worsted, with one of my caps. Item, I bequeath unto John Smythymaw, of Bradburham, my camlet jacket, with a black hat. Item, I bequeath unto William Cokks wife as much black as will make a hood for her. Item, I bequeath unto John Cokks, the son of William Cokks, a quarter of barley. Item, the wife of Thomas Webb a hood. Item, I bequeath unto John Douce, of Litilbury, a jacket of mustredevelye. Item, I bequeath unto Margaret Lawe, of Arkysdene, a black gown lined with satin of cipher. Item, I bequeath unto Katherine Eusdon my short black gown. Item, I bequeath unto Jone, my wife, firewood for half a year after my departing. Item, I bequeath unto James Hall, the son of William Hall of Ippswich, one standing maser. Item, I bequeath unto John Smyth for to be true to my soul health xl s. in money, and a black gown of

xiij s. iiij d. and to Agness his wife, for to buy with a black gown, x s. Item, I bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Alyn Osborne, one featherbed, with other household, as much as a horse will carry. Item, I bequeath unto Johane and Isabell, my servants, to each of them one platter, and to each of them a pewter dish, and to each of them one saucer, and each of them one candlestick. And the residue of all my goods and chattels not bequeathed after my funeral done and my debts paid, and this my testament fulfilled, I bequeath to my executors to dispose for the health of my soul. And this my testament and last will I make and ordain my executors John Nicolls my son, George Nicolls my brother, John Smyth draper. Witness to this testament, Sir Olyvere Guddstone prest, Thomas Mydylton, Thomas Marteyne, Jamys Willyamson, Willm̃ Cokke, John Boyton, and others.—(Proved at Lambeth, 19 Feb. 1515.)

In the last will and testament of John Nicols, of Walden, in the county of Essex, dated the 9th Sept. 1555, and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on the 12th of October following, are mentioned—Margery, his wife; George Nicoll, his son; Thomas Nicoll, his son; Amable Hallidane, his daughter; John, son of Thomas Nicoll, his son. Property in Newport, Badberham, Walden, Littlebury, and Wendon; Thomas Hallidane, his son-in-law. Witnesses John Corbett, gentlemen, John Smith, sen^r, Thomas Birde the elder. (33 Moore.)

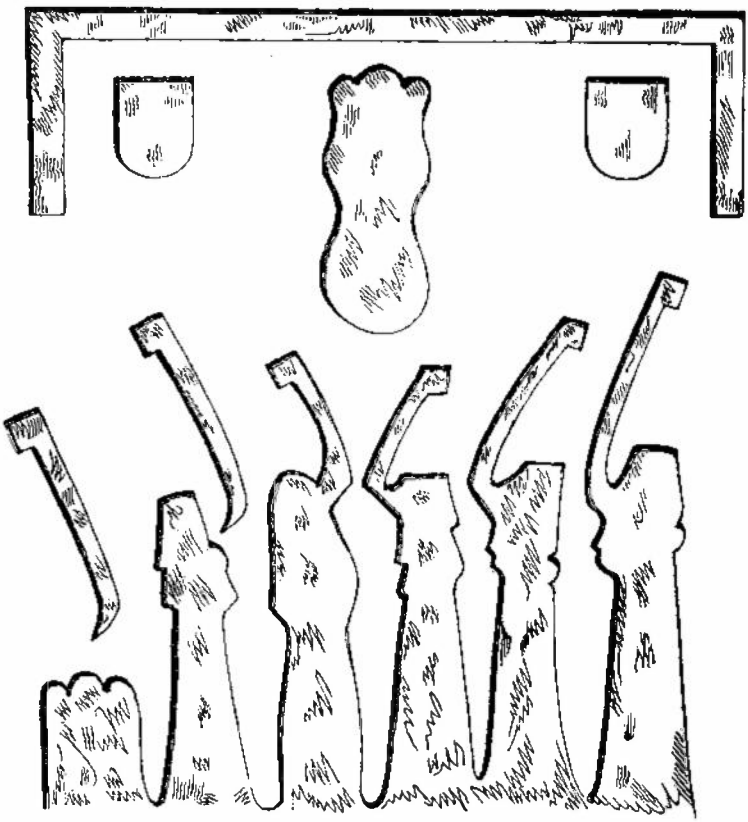
In the last will of Thomas Nicholls, dated the 15th Feb. 1615, and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on the 7th of March following, are mentioned—John, son of Guy Nicholls; Guy Nicholls, his brother; Thomas Nicholls, his brother; Ann Budd, his sister; Tobie Nicholls, son of Guye; Ursula Nicholls, mentioned in probate, mother, sole executrix. Overseers, brothers Guy and Simon Budd. (26 Cope.)

In the will of William Nicholls, son of George Nicholls, late of Saffron Walden, in the county of Essex, gentleman, of the East India Company's ship Ruby, and agent for the Hon^ble Company in 3^a Moloques, is mentioned Thomas Nicholls, his brother, sole executor. Will dated 2nd of August, 1622, and proved the 8th of Sept. 1623, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. (91 Swan.)

Weever, in his Funerall Monuments, 1631, records the following monument in Saffron Walden Church:—

Of your cherite prey for the soulys of Jon Nichols,
Alys, Jone, Alys and Jone his wyfs.
Johannes; Pater noster miserere nobis.
Alisia; Fili Dei redemptor mundi miserere nobis.
Joanna; Spiritus Sancte miserere nobis.
Alisia; Sancta Maria miserere nobis.
Joanna; Sancta Dei genetrix virgo virginum miserere nobis.

The gravestone, now despoiled of its brasses, still remains in the south aile of the church, where John Nicholls desired to be buried (see before, p. 550). It appears to have presented the singular group of the husband and his four wives, and also three children of the first, addressing their supplications to the Trinity, and the Virgin,—both of which were probably represented above their heads, the latter immediately below the former.



PEDIGREE OF NICHOLL, OF ESSEX, AND HADHAM, CO. HERTS.

John Nichole, de Walden, co. Essex.=.... Richard Nichole, mentioned as a witness in a grant of land made by John 31 Edw. I.

John Nichole, de Walden, co. Essex, by deed dated 31 Edw. I. granted lands in the town and fields of Wykham to John Sewale, of=....
Wykham. Ex Archivis D'ni D'ni de Montfort. Add. MS. No. 5823, fol. 100. Brit. Mus. Seal of brown wax, a lion fighting with a dragon, legend, S' JOH'IS FIL. JOH'IS.

George Nicholl, of Littlebury and Walden, co. Essex; will dated 2 Dec. 1484, 2nd Ric. III., proved at Knoll the last day of Dec. in same year,=Margery .....
and deposited in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, London. He left estates in Littlebury, Walden, Strethall, Elmdon, Hickston and Baldock, and made bequests for the repose of his soul, &c. to the churches and religious foundations of Walden, Littlebury, Cambridge, Little Chesterford, Baldock, and Strethall. He was buried in the parish church of the Holy Trinity, Littlebury, before the high altar of St. Peter, in the south aisle. Arms: Sa. a pheon ar. on a canton of the second a bird of the field, beaked or. Harl. MSS. 1146, 1367, 1432, 1452, and 1457.

John Nicholl, the elder, of Walden, co. Essex, gent.; will dated 20 Nov. 1515, 7th Hen. VIII., proved at Lambeth 19 Feb. following, deposited in Prerogative Court of Canterbury, London; buried in south aisle of Walden church, with brasses for himself and his four wives, Alice, Joan, Alice, and Joan. He left bequests for the good of his soul to the churches and religious foundations of Walden, Ickleton, Roiston, Cambridge, Littlebury, Barking, St. Paul's London, Little Chesterford, Hadstock, Wicken, Wendon Magna, Arkesden, Kyrsall, Haydon, Ansty, Hermoine, and Depden. Vide Will. Weever's Fun. Mon. Wright's Hist. Essex, &c.

=Alice.

John Nicholl the younger, of London.
Richard, a minor in 1484.
George Nicholl of Hinxton, diocese of Ely; will dated 15 Dec. 1515, proved 14th Nov. 1516 in Prerogative Court of Canterbury; property in Walden.
Guy Nicholl, under 22 years of age in 1484; property in Walden.

Agnes.
Ann.

William Nicholl, mentioned in his father's will next after John the elder; estates at Littlebury, Strethall, Elmdon, and Walden.
Thomas Nicholl, mentioned next after his brother William.

John Nicholl, of Walden, co. Essex, gent. son and heir; will dated 1555,=Margery, dau. of .... Turner, of Walden, co. Essex.
proved 12 Oct. same year, in Prerogative Court of Canterbury. He left estates in Walden, Littlebury, Newport, and Wendon, co. Essex, and in Badberham, co. Cambridge. His mother was Alice, dau. to John Hanscom, Hanskame, or Hawscom, cousin and heir to Ralph Francis.

George Nicholl, a minor in 1515.

Elizabeth,=.... ux. Alen Osborne.

Christopher Osborne.

..... another dau.=.... mar. to William Hall, of Ipswich, co. Suffolk.

James Hall.

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George Nicholl, of Walden, co. Essex, Esq. son and heir. Vide Visitation of Essex by Wm. Harvey, Clarenceux, anno 1558, and Wm. Camden, Clarenceux, anno 1612. Harl. MSS. Brit. Mus. 1137, 6065, 1146, 1541, 887, 1367, 1457, and 1541. Arms: Ar. on a chev. az. between three wolf's heads erased sa. as many crescents erm. on a canton of the third a pheon of the field; impaling, Ar. a lion ramp. gu. over all a bend raguled or. Crest: A squirrel sejant sa. holding between his fore legs a pheon argent. = Margery, or Mary, dau. and coheir of ..... Steward, of Lond.

Thomas Nicholl, of Badberham, co. Cambridge, second son. = Joane, dau. of Nicholas Thurogood, of Hertford, co. Herts.

Amabell, or Mabell, ux. Tho. Hallidane, or Herydanes.

George Nicholl, of Littlebury, co. Essex, son and heir. Marian.

John Nicholl, son and heir.

..... Nicholl. = ...

Thomas Nicholl, of Hadham Parva,[a] co. Herts; will dated 1558, proved at Chelmsford, co. Essex, overseers William Town and Thomas Brett. = Elizabeth, dau. of .....

Thomas Nicholl. = ... Michael Nicholl. John Nicholl. Agnes. A posthumous child.

Anthony Nicholl, bapt. at Hadham aforesaid, 1581; mar. at Hadham aforesaid June 1, 1612. = Rebecca, dau. of ..... Brett.

Thomas Nicholl, of Bury-green, in Hadham aforesaid; bapt. there 1585; will dated 1641, proved at Chelmsford, co. Essex; property in High-Laver, co. Essex, and at Hadham; mentions his cousin George, son of his brother George, and his cousin Anthony; mar. Mary, dau. of .....

George Nicholl, bapt. at Hadham 1588. = ...

Jane, bapt. at Hadham 16 May 1590. Susan, bap. at Hadham July 20, 1593.

Ann, born at Hadham Feb. 12, anno 1613.

William Nicholl, bapt. at Hadham Dec. 15, 1616.

Zachariah Nicholl, bapt. at Hadham Jan. 30, 1619.

Anthony Nicholl, bapt. at Hadham anno 1622. = ... *b*

Susan, bapt. at Hadham 1630.

George Nicholl, of High Laver, co. Essex; ob. 1651, s. p.; will prov. in Prerog. Court of Cant. mentions his father and sister's property in Hadham aforesaid, and in Moreton, co. Essex.

Elizabeth. Agnes.

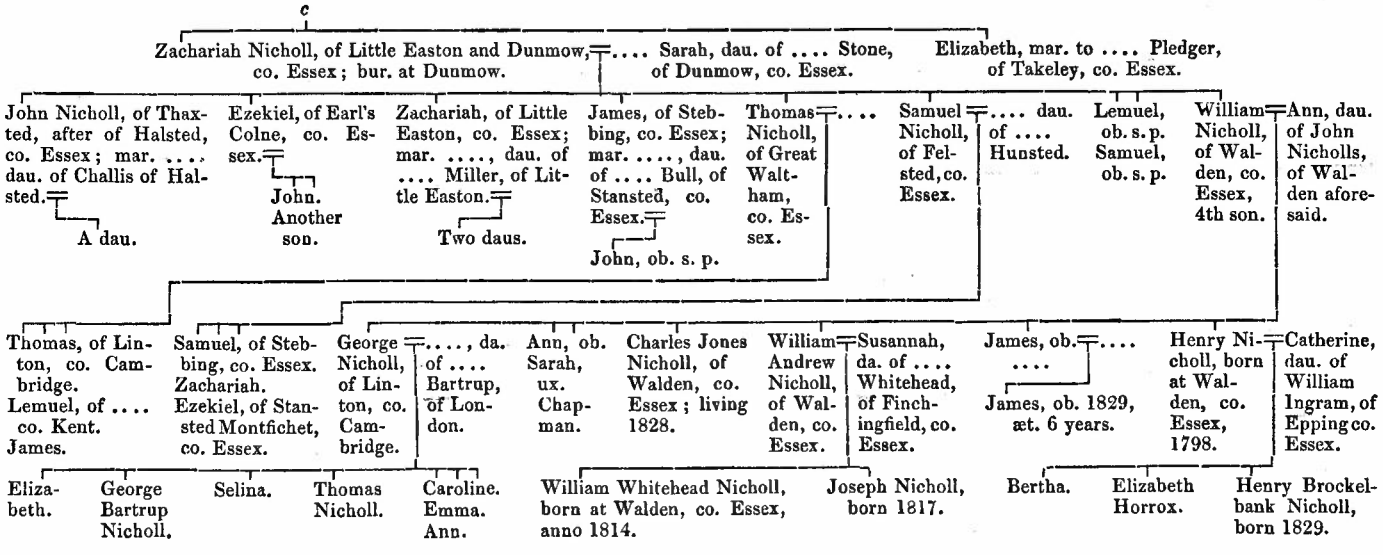
[a] Hadham Parva, on the borders of Hertfordshire, about ten miles from Walden.

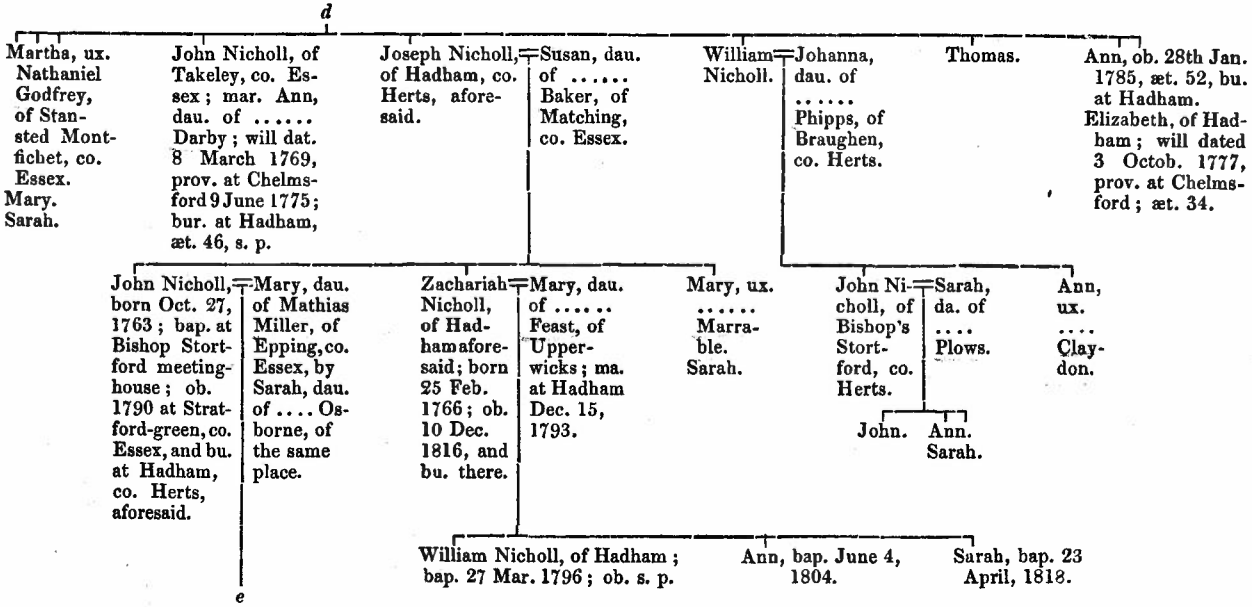
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- **William Nicholl**, bapt. at Hadham 1657. = **John Nicholl.**
- **Sarah.**
- **Mary.**
- **Elizabeth**, bapt. at Stansted Montfichet, co. Essex, 13 Dec. 1659.
- **Barbara**, born last day of Feb. and bapt. 8 March 1661, at Stansted Montfichet aforesaid.
- **Anthony Nicholl**, born 28 Oct.; bapt. Nov. 1, 1664, at Stansted Montfichet, co. Essex; ob. 1711 at Farnham, co. Essex; will proved at Chelmsford; mar. Darcy, dau. of ....
- **Zachariah Nicholl**, bapt. at Stansted Montfichet Nov. 20, 1667. = ...
  - **John Nicholl**, of Hazel End, Farnham, co. Essex. Deeds relating to ground of Stansted Montfichet Chapel. = ...
    - **Mary.**
    - **Sarah.**
    - **Thomas Nicholl.**
    - **John Nicholl**, of Hadham, co. Herts, aforesaid; bap. at Stansted Montfichet, co. Essex, 1696; will dated 4 Aug. 1752, proved at Chelmsford; ob. 6 Dec. 1756, æt. 59. = **Mary**, dau. of .....; ob. 18 Dec. 1774, æt. 73.
      - **Zachariah Nicholl**, of Hazel-End, in Farnham, co. Essex; will dated 28 July, 1743, proved at Chelmsford 1745. = ...
        - **Zachariah Nicholl**, of Old Barrington Hall, co. Essex; ob. 4 Feb. 1793, æt. 63. = **Elizabeth**, dau. of ....; ob. April 6, 1787, æt. 56.
          - **William Nicholl**, of Cambridge. = ..., dau. of .... Headland, of Stansted, co. Essex.
            - **Elizabeth.** = **Richard Clay**, of Gunston, co. Cambridge.
              - **George Clay**, ob. s. p.
              - **William Nicholl Clay.**
            - **Ann.** = **Thomas Francis**, of Birds Pastures, co. Cambridge, son of .... Francis, of Childerly.
              - **Zachary Francis.**
              - **Sarah.**
              - **Elizabeth.**
              - **Ann Nicholl Francis.**
          - **Thomas Nicholl**, of Old Barrington-hall aforesaid; ob. 1820, æt. 51. = ..., dau. of .... Clark, of Hatfield Regis, co. Essex.
            - **Ann**, mar. .... Mathews, of Good-Easter, co. Essex.
            - **Susan**, ux. .... Sanders.
            - **Elizabeth**, ux. .... Mathews, of Fifield, co. Essex.
            - **Mary**, ux. John Bingham, of Hatfield Regis, co. Essex.
        - **Susanna**, mar. James King, of Hatfield Broad Oak, co. Essex.
        - **Thomas Nicholl**, of Sawbridgeworth, co. Herts; ob. s. p.
      - **Zachariah Nicholl**, of Hazel-End, in Farnham, co. Essex; will dated 28 July, 1743, proved at Chelmsford 1745.
  - **Thomas Nicholl**, of Stansted Montfichet and Hadham aforesaid; will dated 18 Feb. 1735, proved at Chelmsford. = **Susan**, dau. of ....
    - **John Nicholl**, of Chrishall, co. Essex; will dated 10 Aug. 1738, proved at Chelmsford. Author of "The Method of Divine Grace, 1730."
    - **Arthur**, bapt. at Stan. Montfichet Jan. 1, 1675.
    - **Jeremiah**, bap. at Stansted Montfichet April 15, 1678.

See *c* p. 560.

See *d* p. 561.


c
Zachariah Nicholl, of Little Easton and Dunmow, co. Essex; bur. at Dunmow.
.... Sarah, dau. of .... Stone, of Dunmow, co. Essex.
Elizabeth, mar. to .... Pledger, of Takeley, co. Essex.
John Nicholl, of Thaxted, after of Halsted, co. Essex; mar. .... dau. of Challis of Halsted.
A dau.
Ezekiel, of Earl's Colne, co. Essex.
John.
Another son.
Zachariah, of Little Easton, co. Essex; mar. ...., dau. of .... Miller, of Little Easton.
Two daus.
James, of Stebbing, co. Essex; mar. ...., dau. of .... Bull, of Stansted, co. Essex.
John, ob. s. p.
Thomas Nicholl, of Great Waltham, co. Essex.
....
Samuel Nicholl, of Felsted, co. Essex.
.... dau. of .... Hunsted.
Lemuel, ob. s. p.
Samuel, ob. s. p.
William Nicholl, of Walden, co. Essex, 4th son.
Ann, dau. of John Nicholls, of Walden aforesaid.
Thomas, of Linton, co. Cambridge.
Lemuel, of .... co. Kent.
James.
Samuel, of Stebbing, co. Essex.
Zachariah.
Ezekiel, of Stansted Montfichet, co. Essex.
George Nicholl, of Linton, co. Cambridge.
...., da. of .... Bartrup, of London.
Ann, ob.
Sarah, ux. Chapman.
Charles Jones Nicholl, of Walden, co. Essex; living 1828.
William Andrew Nicholl, of Walden, co. Essex.
Susannah, da. of .... Whitehead, of Finchingfield, co. Essex.
James, ob. ....
James, ob. 1829, æt. 6 years.
Henry Nicholl, born at Walden, co. Essex, 1798.
Catherine, dau. of William Ingram, of Epping co. Essex.
Elizabeth.
George Bartrup Nicholl.
Selina.
Thomas Nicholl.
Caroline.
Emma.
Ann.
William Whitehead Nicholl, born at Walden, co. Essex, anno 1814.
Joseph Nicholl, born 1817.
Bertha.
Elizabeth Horrox.
Henry Brockelbank Nicholl, born 1829.


d
Martha, ux. Nathaniel Godfrey, of Stansted Montfichet, co. Essex.
Mary.
Sarah.
John Nicholl, of Takeley, co. Essex; mar. Ann, dau. of ..... Darby; will dat. 8 March 1769, prov. at Chelmsford 9 June 1775; bur. at Hadham, æt. 46, s. p.
Joseph Nicholl, of Hadham, co. Herts, aforesaid.
Susan, dau. of ..... Baker, of Matching, co. Essex.
William Nicholl.
Johanna, dau. of ..... Phipps, of Braughen, co. Herts.
Thomas.
Ann, ob. 28th Jan. 1785, æt. 52, bu. at Hadham.
Elizabeth, of Hadham; will dated 3 Octob. 1777, prov. at Chelmsford; æt. 34.
John Nicholl, born Oct. 27, 1763; bap. at Bishop Stortford meeting-house; ob. 1790 at Stratford-green, co. Essex, and bu. at Hadham, co. Herts, aforesaid.
Mary, dau. of Mathias Miller, of Epping, co. Essex, by Sarah, dau. of .... Osborne, of the same place.
e
Zachariah Nicholl, of Hadham aforesaid; born 25 Feb. 1766; ob. 10 Dec. 1816, and bu. there.
Mary, dau. of ..... Feast, of Upperwicks; ma. at Hadham Dec. 15, 1793.
Mary, ux. ..... Marrable.
Sarah.
John Nicholl, of Bishop's Stortford, co. Herts.
Sarah, da. of .... Plows.
John.
Ann.
Sarah.
Ann, ux. .... Claydon.
William Nicholl, of Hadham; bap. 27 Mar. 1796; ob. s. p.
Ann, bap. June 4, 1804.
Sarah, bap. 23 April, 1818.

John Nicholl, F.S.A. of Islington, co. Middlesex, and Theydon Gernon, co. Essex; only son, born at Stratford-green, in Essex, aforesaid, April 19, 1790, and bapt. at West Ham, in the same county. Arms: Quarterly sa. and gu. a pheon ar. in the first quarter a falcon belled also ar.; Crest: a demi-lion ramp. guardant ar. guttée de poix, holding in the dexter paw a lily proper. Coll. of Arms. [e]

= Elizabeth Sarah von Rahn, eldest and only surviving dau. and heir of John Rahn, Esq. of Enfield, co. Middlesex, by Mary, dau. of Joseph Miller, of Nash-hall, in co. Essex, and granddau. of Robert Gough, of Battle-hall, and coheir of Henry Gough, of Stanford Rivers, both in Essex aforesaid; mar. at Enfield Oct. 5, 1822; lineally descended from August Caspar von Rahn,[b] whose ancestor, with his brother and sister, fled from their possessions at Rahnburg, in France, in consequence of religious persecution, about the commencement of the 17th century. The sister, Anne von Rahn, was placed in the Protestant convent of Lune, where she died in 1702, at the age of 83, having resided within its walls 72 years.[c] The brothers obtained protection from the Duke of Zell and Lüneburg, and received appointments in the forest service, and their descendants subsequently acquired the grant of an estate at Dolberg.[d] The great-grandfather of Elizabeth Sarah, August Caspar Von Rahn, was much esteemed by the Elector George Ludwig, afterwards George the First of England, and accompanied that monarch into this country, but afterwards returned to Germany, and died at an advanced age at Bremerlehe, leaving two of his sons behind him, who settled in the county of Middlesex. Arms: Or, a dexter arm issuing out of clouds on the sinister side of the shield, sustaining a sprig of three acorns, leaved, growing out of a stem fesse-wise in base and couped, all proper. Crest: On a front helmet barred a sprig of three acorns leaved proper. (Family Evidences; Documents in the Court of Fiefs, Hanover; Original Letter of the Baroness de Meding, Abbess of Lune, &c.)

- Elizabeth, born at Islington, co. Middlesex, 26 June, 1825; bapt. at Theydon Gernon, co. Essex.
- Edward Hadham Nicholl, born at Islington, 13 Mar. 1829; bapt. at Theydon Gernon aforesaid.
- John Nicholl, born at Islington, 3 Mar. 1832; bapt. at Theydon Gernon.
- Conrad Rahn Nicholl, born at Islington, 31 July 1834, bap. there; of Exeter Coll. Oxford.
- Mary Augusta Gough, born at Islington, 18 Mar. 1837, and bap. there.

[b] Act of Naturalization of John Gustav von Rahn, anno 11 George III. No. 212, and his will, proved in the Prerogative Court of the Bishop of London, Dec. 19, 1798.

[c] Original Letter, dated Convent of Lune, 12 Jan. 1843.

[d] In the year 1688, George William Duke of Brunswick and Lüneburg granted to George Conrad Rahn, and his descendants, an hereditary male fieftail of an estate at Dolberg, called Marschoff, in the bailiwick of Meinersen, dated at Zell on the 21 Dec. in that year. This fief is formally accepted by the feodary, who covenants to perform for his liege lord every thing in faith and without prejudice, in witness whereof he signs the bond and affixes his usual seal. This estate in 1830 was in the possession of George Rahn of Weenzen.