

T E M P L E,

“ an extra-parochial mansion within the hamlet of Whellesburgh, some time part of that manor, was granted by one of the old earls of *Leicester* unto the Knights Templars; who usually called their lands after that name of *Temple*, or else gave the addition of *Temple* unto them; as *Temple Bruer*, *Temple Balshall*, *Temple Rothley*, and many others. This land was after granted (by the Templars) unto one whose family, of this place, was called *Temple*, and was of great account and livelihoods¹ in these parts, whose descent I have before set down in *Shepey Parva*².”

In 1279, the following inquisition occurs:

“*Templum est de feodo Wintonie; et Henricus de Templo tenet in eadem tres virgatas terre in dominico. Item in villenagio tres virgatas terre, quas quatuor servi tenent de eodem. Item in liberâ tenurâ tres virgatas terre, quas Willielmus de Temple tenet de eodem, una cum quâdam culturâ que vocatur Hongebur. Et dictus Henricus tenet dictam tenuram de Templariis de Balsall, et dicti Templarii de heredibus Wintonie, et heredes de rege. Dicti tamen Templarii tenent in purâ eleemosynâ; et habent visum franciplegii et regale, et non dant scutagium. De warrenâ et aliis capitulis nihil*³.”

In a book of fifteenths and tenths granted by the

laity in 1416, *Templum* was rated at 5s. 6d.; and in the subsidy of 1445 at the same sum, but an abatement was then made of 1s.

Robert Temple, of *Temple Hall* in the parish of *Sibbesdon*, near *Whellesburgh*, is noticed in *Harl. MSS.* 807; and in 1178. p. 72.

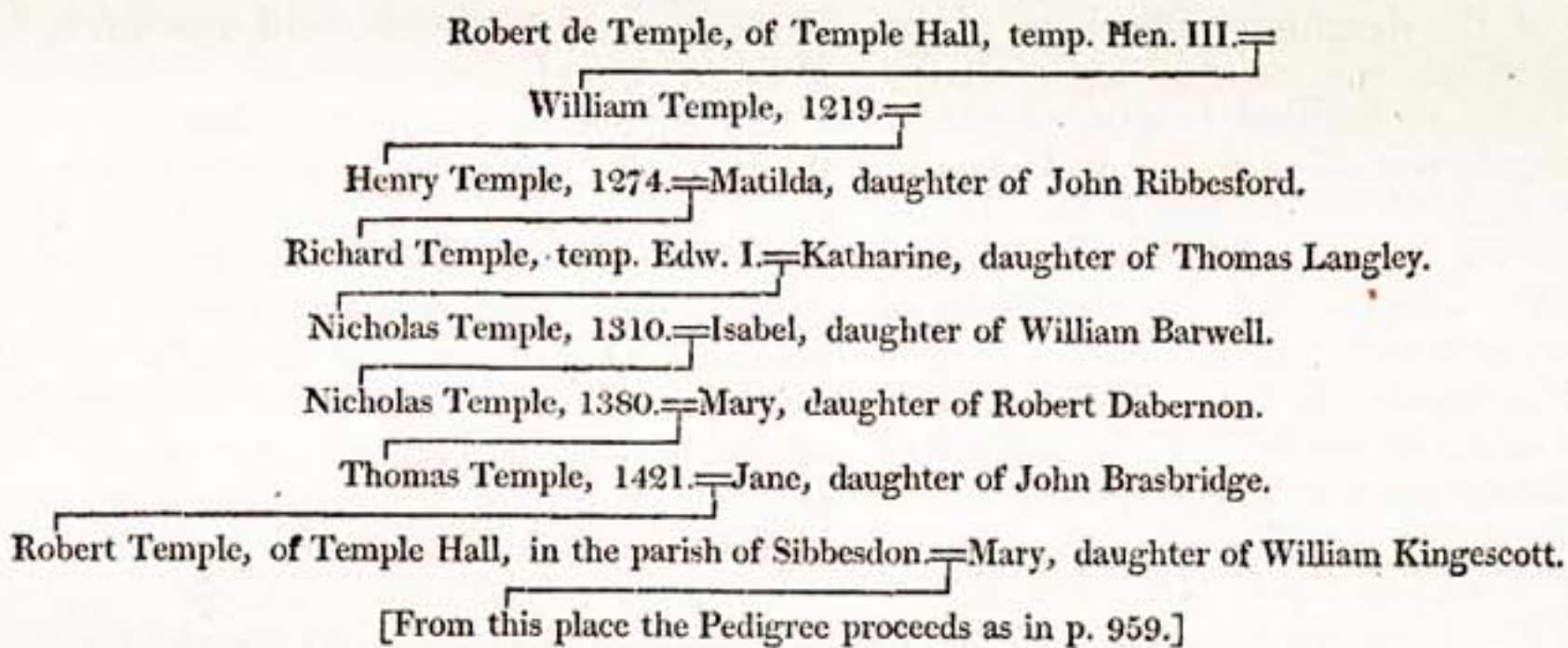
“The name and family of *Temple* continues here unto this day (1622); and from hence, about the time of king *Henry the Sixth*, did spring the family of *Temple*, of *Stow* in *Buckinghamshire*⁴.” Here *Mr. Burton* has added in *MS.* “The owner hereof (1630) is *Peter Temple*, esq.”

Nov. 17, 1645. At a common hall, *Peter Temple*, esq. was chosen a freeman of *Leicester*, and by virtue of the king's writ to the high sheriff of *Leicestershire*, and the high sheriff's precept (instead of *Thomas Cooke*, esq. lately elected one of the burgesses of the same borough, and so thence, by judgment of the *House of Commons*, is adjudged incapable to sit any longer there as a member of the same during this present Parliament) *Peter Temple*, of *Temple Hall*, esq. co. of *Leicester*, was chosen burgess of the said Parliament.

Sir William Temple, secretary to the famous earl of *Essex*, and grandfather to the celebrated *sir William Temple*, was a younger son of this antient family.

PEDIGREE of TEMPLE⁵, of TEMPLE HALL; from the Visitation of 1619.

Arms: Argent, on two bars Sable, each charged with three martlets Or, *Temple*; Plate CXLVII. fig. 25.



¹ Altered in *Mr. Burton's MS.* to “estate.”

² Altered in the *MS.* to “here set down.”

³ *Inq.* 7 *Edw.* I.

⁴ *Burton*, p. 282, in some of the printed copies; but in others this sentence stands thus: “There is a *Temple* which is now owner of this land, but whether of this house I cannot say; for that (as I am informed) he came originally from *Barton* under *Nedewode*, in the county of *Stafford*, and in the time of *Henry the Eighth* came to this by purchase, and beareth another coat, different from the antient *Temples* of this place.” The article as printed above, in the text, appears to have been a correction of the former, substituted by cancelling a leaf of the original edition, the only instance of the sort which I have met with.

⁵ See the early part of this Pedigree enlarged (from the *Chetwynd MS.*) in p. 959.

Extracts from the Register of Sibbesdon :

BAPTISMS.

- 1579. John, son of John Temple, esq. March 7.
- 1585. Elizabeth, daughter of John Temple, esq. May 10.
- 1587. Susan, daughter of Thomas Temple, esq. Sept. 5.
- 1589. Peter, son of John Temple, esq. July 4.
- Hester, daughter of Thomas Temple, esq. Nov. 13.
- 1592. Peter, son of Thomas Temple, esq. Oct. 10.
- 1593. John, son of Thomas Temple, esq. Nov. 10.
- 1594. Martha, daughter of Thomas Temple, esq. Jan. 9.
- 1597. John, son of Thomas Temple, esq. Jan. 26.
- 1599. Katharine, daughter of Thomas Temple, esq. Nov. 15.
- 1602. Fanna-Sibilla, daughter of Thomas Temple, esq. born 21, baptized the 24th.
- 1603. John, son of Alexander Temple, gent. Sept. 8.
- 1604. Thomas, son of sir Thomas Temple, knt. April 13.
- 1609. Susan, daughter of John Temple, esq. April 15.
- 1613. Katharine, daughter of William Temple, gent. June 23.
- Peter, son of Alexander Temple, gent. Sept. 5.
- Ann, daughter of John Temple, esq. March 6.
- 1614. Thomas, son of sir John Temple, knt. Jan. 10.
- 1615. Thomas, son of Alexander Temple, gent. March 12.
- 1616. Dorothy, daughter of sir John Temple, Oct. 17.
- 1617. John, son of sir John Temple, Nov. 14.
- 1618. John, son of Alexander Temple, gent. July 5.

- 1618. Ame, daughter of sir Peter Temple, Jan. 16.
- 1619. Hester, daughter of sir John Temple, Sept. 5.
- Martha, daughter of sir Peter Temple, Jan. 10.
- 1620. John, son of sir John Temple, Nov. 6.
- 1621. Hester, daughter of William Temple, gent. Jan. 10.
- 1622. Edmund, son of sir John Temple, June 6.
- 1623. Mary, daughter of sir John Temple, Aug. 5.
- 1632. Hester, daughter of sir Peter Temple, March 29.
- 1635. Christian, daughter of sir Peter Temple, Aug. 8.
- 1636. Arabella, daughter of sir Peter Temple, Oct. 30.
- 1639. Martha, daughter of sir Peter Temple, Oct. 27.

BURIALS.

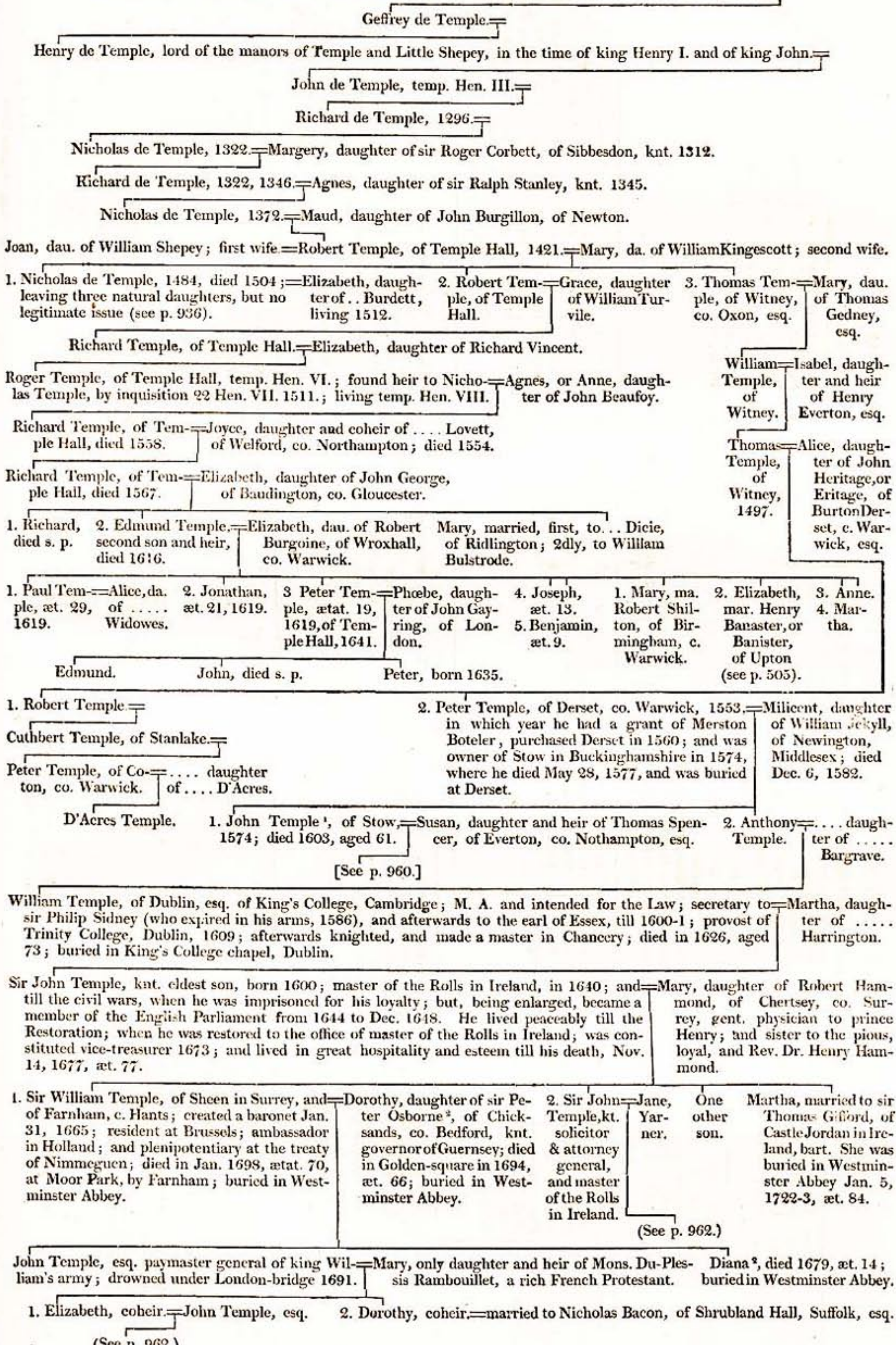
- 1577. Peter Temple, esq. May 18.
- 1602. Jana-Sibilla, daughter of Thomas Temple, Feb. 8.
- 1616. William Temple, June 13.
- 1617. John, son of sir Peter Temple, knt. Jan. 16.
- 1618. Alexander, son of William Temple, gent. Feb. 5.
- 1619. Alice-Penelope, wife of Alexander Temple, Nov. 18.
- Dame Martha, wife of sir Thomas Peniston, bart. Jan. 1.
- Dame Anna, wife of sir Peter Temple, Jan. 13.
- 1620. John, son of sir John Temple, Nov. 13.
- 1621. Martha Temple, Jan. 17.
- 1706. William Temple, of *Lilingstone*, Aug. 27.

PEDIGREE of TEMPLE, of TEMPLE HALL, WITNEY, and STOW; corrected and enlarged from authentic Documents in the College of Arms, 1811.

(The upper part of this Pedigree, to Robert Temple, 1421, inclusive, is from the Chetwynd MS.—The same period of time, as stated in the Visitation of 1619, is given in p. 958.)

Arms: Ermine, on a chevron Sable, three martlets Argent. Plate CXLVII. fig. 21.

Henry del Temple, third son of Leofric earl of Mercia by his countess Godiva, was owner of a manor called Temple, in the parish of Sibbesdon, near Bosworth, in the reign of William the Conqueror.

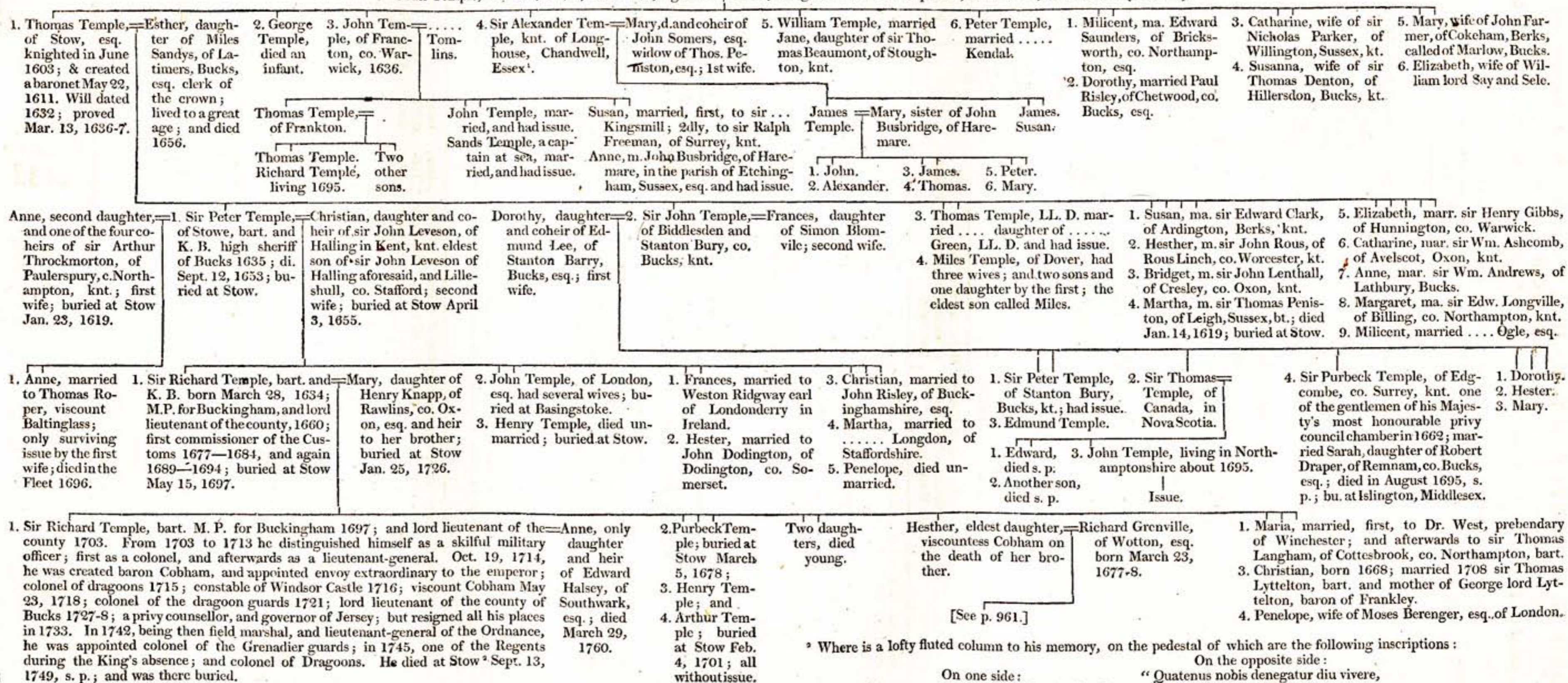


¹ This gentleman and his wife were buried at Derset; where, under an inscription, recording the names of twelve of their children, are these lines:
 "Cur liberos his plurimos,
 Cur hic amicos plurimos,
 Et plurimas pecunias,
 Vis scire cur reliquerit?
 TEMPELLUS ad plures abiit."

² In the South aisle of Westminster Abbey, by the West door of the Cloister, a small neat marble monument, is thus inscribed:
 "Sibi suisque charissimis;
 Dianæ Temple,
 dilectissimæ filiæ,
 Dorotheæ Osborn,
 conjunctissimæ conjugi,
 & Martha Giffard
 optimæ sorori,
 Hoc quaecunque monumentum
 poni curavit
 Gulielmus Temple, de Moor Park,
 in agro Surriensis, baronensis.
 Di. T. } obiit { 1679,
 Do. T. } { 1694, } ætat. { 14.
 Gul. T. } { 1698, } { 66.
 Mar. T. } { 1722, } { 70.
 { 84."

PEDIGREE of TEMPLE, of TEMPLE HALL, &c. continued from p. 959.

John Temple, of Stow, 1574; died 1603, aged 61.—Susan, daughter of Thomas Spencer, of Evertan, co. Northampton, esq.



² Where is a lofty fluted column to his memory, on the pedestal of which are the following inscriptions:

On one side:
 "To preserve the memory of her husband,
 Anne viscountess Cobham
 Caused this pillar to be erected,
 in the year 1749."

On the opposite side:
 "Quatenus nobis denegatur diu vivere,
 Relinquamus aliquid,
 Quo nos vixisse testamur."
 Inasmuch as the portion of life allotted
 to us is short,
 Let us leave something behind us,
 To shew that we have lived."

¹ His second wife was Mary, daughter of John Reve, of the Abbey of St. Edmund's Bury, Suffolk, and relict of Robert Bankworth, of London. After sir Alexander Temple's death she was married to John Busbridge, descended from Busbridge in Kent; and was living a widow in 1634.

PEDIGREE

Richard Grenville, of Wotton, co. Bucks, esq.; born Hester, eldest daughter of sir Richard Temple, of Stow, co. Bucks, bart. and K. B. on the death of her brother Richard Temple viscount and baron Cobham, without issue, Sept. 14, 1749; March 23, 1677-8; married 1710; died Feb. 17, 1726-7, and was buried there. she became viscountess and baroness Cobham, in virtue of the limitation in the patent, dated May 23, 1718, and was created countess Temple, with the dignity of earl Temple to the heirs male of her body, by patent, dated Oct. 18, 1749. She died Oct. 6, 1752, and was buried at Wotton.

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| <p>1. Richard Grenville Temple, born at Wotton, Sept. 26, 1711, succeeded to the dignity of earl Temple, viscount Cobham, and baron Cobham of Cobham, co. Kent, on the death of his mother; M. P. for Buckingham 1734; and in the succeeding parliaments M. P. for the county; after which, until he succeeded to the peerage, Oct. 6, 1752, he served for the town of Buckingham, of which he was elected high-steward in 1756; appointed first commissioner of the Admiralty, 1756, which he resigned 1757; keeper of the privy seal 1757, and admitted of the privy council; lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum of the county of Buckingham 1758; Feb. 4, 1760, being first knighted, was installed K. G. May 6 following. He died Sept. 11, 1779, and was buried at Stow.</p> | <p>Anne, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chambers, of Hanworth, Middlesex, esq. by lady Mary his wife, dau. of Charles earl of Berkeley; married May 9, 1737; died April 7, 1777; buried at Stow.</p> | <p>2. George Grenville, esq. born Oct. 14, 1712; M. P. for Buckingham from 1741 till his death; one of the lords of the Admiralty 1744; one of the lords of the Treasury 1747; treasurer of the Navy, and sworn of the privy council, 1754; removed from the treasurership of the Navy Nov. 1755, and restored in Dec. 1756; removed a second time April 6, 1757, and again appointed June 27; secretary of state 1762; first lord of the Admiralty Oct. 6, 1762; first lord of the Treasury, and chancellor and under treasurer of the Exchequer, April 13, 1763, which he resigned July 10, 1765; also an elder brother of the Trinity-house. He died Nov. 30, 1770; buried at Wotton under Bernewood.</p> | <p>3. Henry Grenville, born April 4, 1714; buried at Wotton May 6, 1716.</p> | <p>4. James Grenville, esq. born Feb. 12, 1715; some time one of the lords commissioners of Trade and plantations, and deputy paymaster of his Majesty's forces, which he resigned in December 1755; one of the lords of the treasury, Nov. 1756, which he resigned in a short time; but, July 2, 1757, was reinstated at the Treasury board, and continued there till March 1761, when he was made cofferer of his Majesty's household; April 23, that year, was sworn of the privy council, and kept the place of cofferer till October following, when he resigned it; receiver of the crown and fee farm rents of the counties of Warwick and Leicester; M. P. for Old Sarum 1741; for Bridport 1747; and in 1754, and 1761, for the town of Buckingham; died Sept. 1763; buried at Butleigh, co. Somerset.</p> | <p>Mary, daughter and heir of James Smith, of Harden, Herts, esq.; married at Hayes in Kent April 8, 1740; died Dec. 1757; buried the 26th of the same month at Harden aforesaid.</p> | <p>5. Henry Grenville, esq. a twin (whose brother died soon after he was born), baptized Sept. 15, 1717; constituted governor of Barbadoes 1746, which he resigned in 1726; M. P. for Bishop's Castle 1759; for Thirsk 1761; in which year he was nominated ambassador to the Court of the Grand Signior; commissioner of the Customs 1765, which he resigned in August 1766; died at Bath April 22, 1784.</p> | <p>Margaret, dau. of Joseph Banks, of Reavesby Abbey, co. Lincoln, esq. married Oct. 11, 1757; died June 19, 1793.</p> | <p>6. A twin with Henry.</p> | <p>7. Thomas-Henry Grenville, born April 4, 1716; M. P. for Bridport 1746; killed in an engagement with the French fleet May 3, 1747; buried at Wotton.</p> | <p>Hester, Right hon. Wm. Pitt. [See p. 962.]</p> |
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Elizabeth, only child, born Sept. 1, 1738; died July 14, 1742; buried at Wotton.

Louisa, born Aug. 10, 1758. Charles earl Stanhope.

[See p. 962.]

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| <p>1. Richard Grenville, baptized in the parish of St. Giles in the Fields April 2, 1741; died an infant.</p> | <p>2. James Grenville, of Butleigh, co. Somerset, born in the parish of St. Giles in the Fields July 6, 1742; M. P. for Thirsk in Yorkshire; and for Buckingham; one of his Majesty's most honourable privy council; a lord of the treasury in 1782; created by patent, dated Oct. 20, 1797, baron Glastonbury of Butleigh, co. Somerset, to him and the heirs male of his body, and in default of such issue to his brother Richard Grenville, esq. lieutenant-general of his Majesty's forces, and the heirs male of his body.</p> | <p>3. Richard Grenville, born in the parish of St. Giles in the Fields March 1, 1744; M. P. for Buckingham; a lieutenant-general in the army, and colonel of the 23d regiment of foot.</p> |
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| <p>1. Richard-Percy Grenville, born March 12, 1752; died 1759; buried at Wotton.</p> | <p>2. George-Grenville-Nugent Temple, LL. D. K. G. and high steward of Westminster, born June 17, 1753; M. P. for Buckinghamshire 1778; succeeded his uncle, earl Temple, Sept. 12, 1779, in his English honours; took the name and arms of Nugent and Temple, by royal sign manual, Dec. 2, 1779, on the death of Robert earl Nugent; lord lieutenant of Ireland July 31, 1782; secretary of state 1783; was advanced to the dignity of a marquis 1784; a second time chief governor of Ireland in 1787; which he resigned in 1789; one of the tellers of the exchequer.</p> | <p>Mary-Elizabeth, eldest daughter and heir to Robert-Craggs Nugent earl Nugent in the kingdom of Ireland, born Dec. 12, 1758 (created baroness Nugent, of Carlanstown, in the county of Westmeath, with remainder to her second son, lord George-Grenville-Nugent Temple), whose honours were entailed on his lordship and his heirs; married April 16, 1775.</p> | <p>3. Thomas Grenville, in the Army, born Dec. 31, 1755.</p> | <p>4. William-Wyndham Grenville, born Oct. 25, 1759; Speaker of the House of Commons 1789; created Nov. 21, 1790, baron Grenville of Wotton; married July 18, 1792; elected Chancellor of the University of Oxford 1811.</p> | <p>Anne, only daughter of Thomas Camelford, and heir to her brother.</p> | <p>1. Mary-Hester, born Jan. 19, 1750; died Dec. 16, 1751.</p> | <p>2. Charlotte, born Sept. 14, 1754; married Dec. 21, 1771, to sir Watkin-Williams Wynn, bart. and has issue.</p> | <p>3. Elizabeth, born Oct. 24, 1759; ma. 1787, John-Joshua earl Carysfort in Ireland.</p> | <p>4. Hester, born Nov. 23, 1760, marr. by special licence May 10, 1782, to Hugh Fortescue, esq. son and heir apparent to Matthew baron Fortescue.</p> | <p>5. Catharine, born 1761; married June 10, 1780, Richard-Aldworth Neville, baron Bray-broke, by whom she had issue; died Nov. 6, 1796.</p> |
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Richard-Temple-Nugent Grenville earl Temple, born March 20, 1776. Lady Anne-Eliza Brydges, daughter and sole heir of the late duke of Chandos, and first descendant in blood from Mary queen of France, second sister of Henry VIII. married April 16, 1796.

1. Richard-Plantagenet, viscount Cobham, born Feb. 11, 1797.

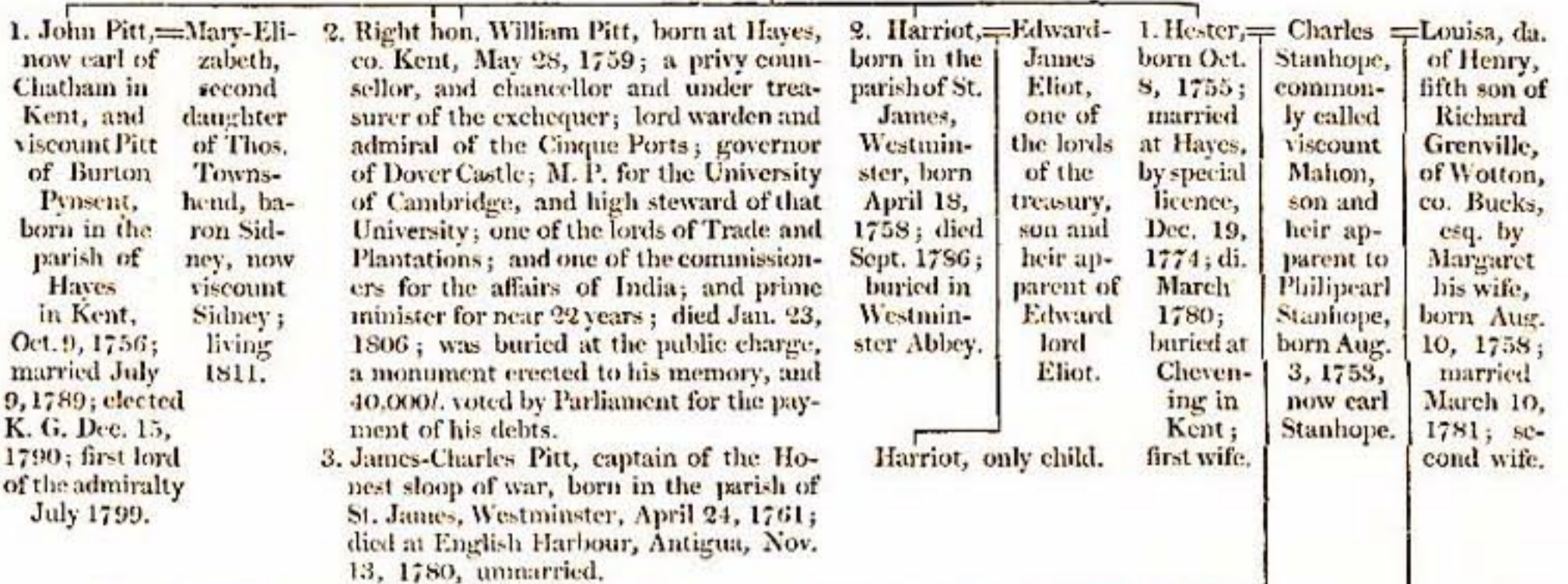
¹ Richard-Temple-Nugent Grenville (commonly called earl Temple) hath by petition, &c. that in consideration of his intermarriage with the lady Anna-Eliza Brydges, daughter and coheir of the most noble James duke of Chandos, deceased, and in pursuance of certain covenants in the settlement of the said marriage, he is desirous that he and his issue by his said

wife may take and use the surnames of Brydges-Chandos, and subscribe the name of Chandos before all titles of honour, and bear the arms of Brydges and Chandos as borne by the late James duke of Chandos deceased. By royal sign manual, dated 15 Nov. 1799.

PEDIGREE of PITT EARL of CHATHAM, continued from PEDIGREE of TEMPLE, p. 961.

William Pitt, esq. formerly groom of the bedchamber to his royal highness Frederick prince of Wales, father of his present Majesty; appointed vice-treasurer of England in 1740; and paymaster general of his Majesty's forces in the same year; twice secretary of state for the home department; and, on the 4th of August, he was created viscount Pitt of Burton Pynsent in the county of Somerset, and made lord privy seal the same day. He died at Hayes in Kent May 11, 1778; and was buried, at the public expence, in Westminster Abbey, June 9 following.

Hester, only daughter of Richard Grenville, of Wotton, co. Bucks, esq. and sister of Richard Grenville Temple earl Temple, married by the Bishop of Carlisle, by special licence, in Argyll-street, Nov. 16, 1754; created by patent Dec. 4, 1761, baroness of Chatham in the county of Kent, with the dignity of baron Chatham to the heirs male of her body, by her husband the right honourable William Pitt; died April 3, 1803.



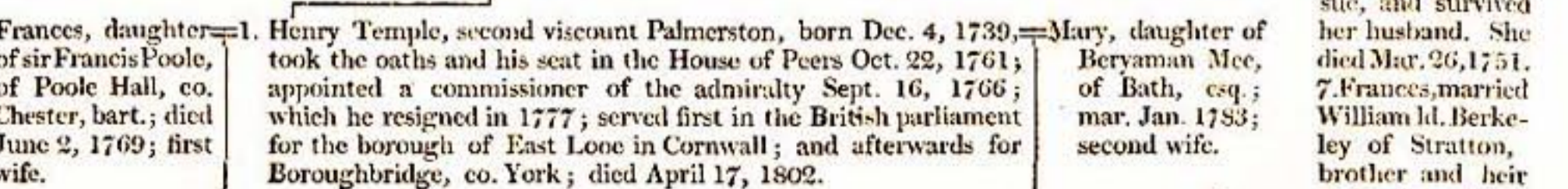
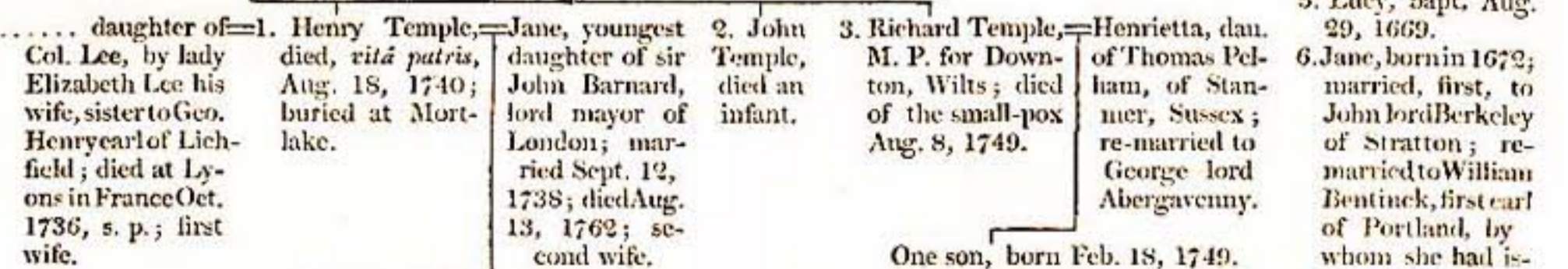
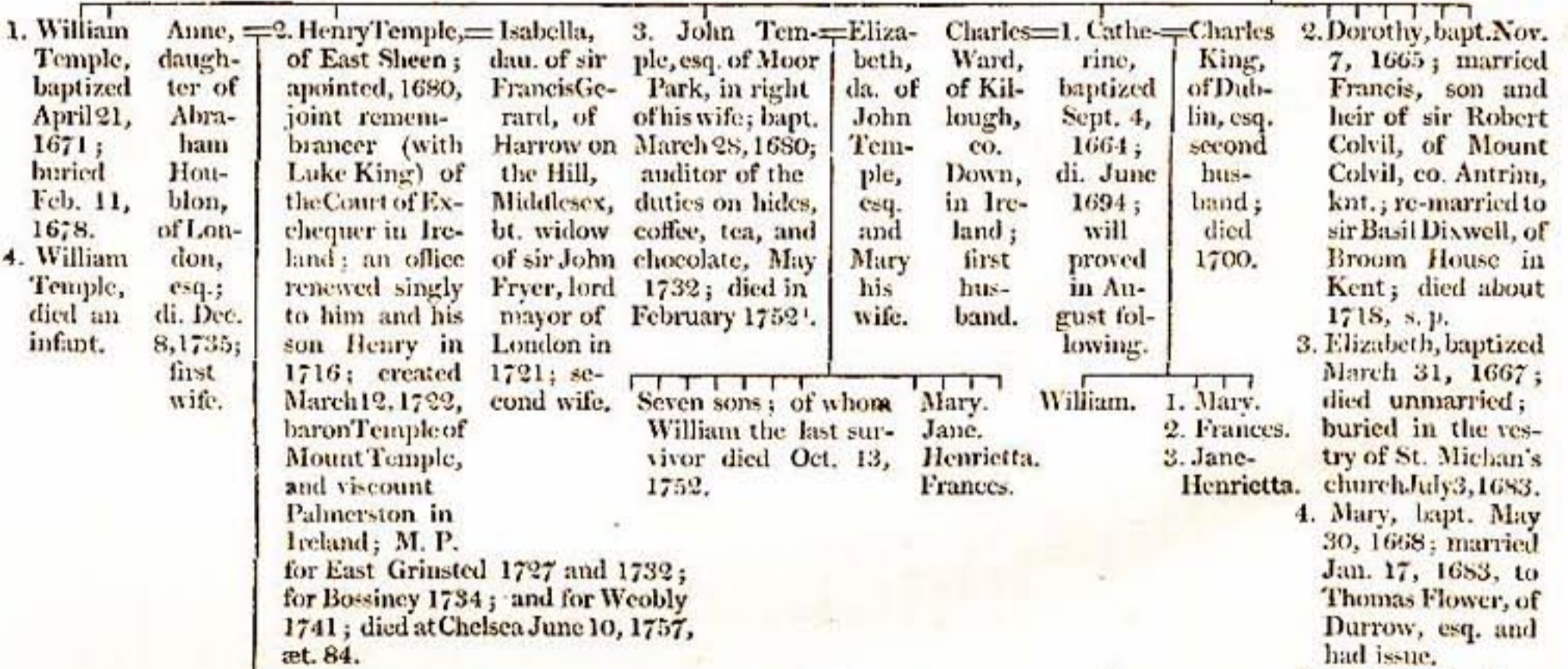
- 1. Hester-Lucy, born March 12, 1776.
- 2. Grizilla, born July 21, 1778; m. Aug. 29, 1800, John Tekell, of Hants, esq.
- 3. Lucy-Rachel, born Feb. 20, 1780; marr. April 26, 1796, Thomas Taylor, of Kent, esq.
- Philip-Henry viscount Mahon, born Dec. 7, 1781; married Nov. 18, 1803.
- Catherine-Lucy, fourth daughter of Robert lord Carrington.

Four sons.

PEDIGREE of TEMPLE LORD VISCOUNT PALMERSTON; continued from p. 959.

Sir John Temple (the younger son of sir John Temple, Master of the Rolls); solicitor general of Ireland 1660, and Speaker of the House of Commons there in 1661, before he was 30 years old; Attorney general 1684; attainted and deprived of his estate under king James; restored to his employment in 1690; was pressed to accept the highest office in the law, but retiring to an estate which he had purchased at East Sheen in Surrey, died there March 10, 1704, ætat. 72; and was buried at Mortlake.

Jane, daughter of sir Abraham Yarner, of Dublin, knight, master general, married Aug. 4, 1663.



A daughter, born May 17, 1769.

Henry-John Temple, third viscount Palmerston; born Oct. 20, 1784; living, unmarried, 1811.

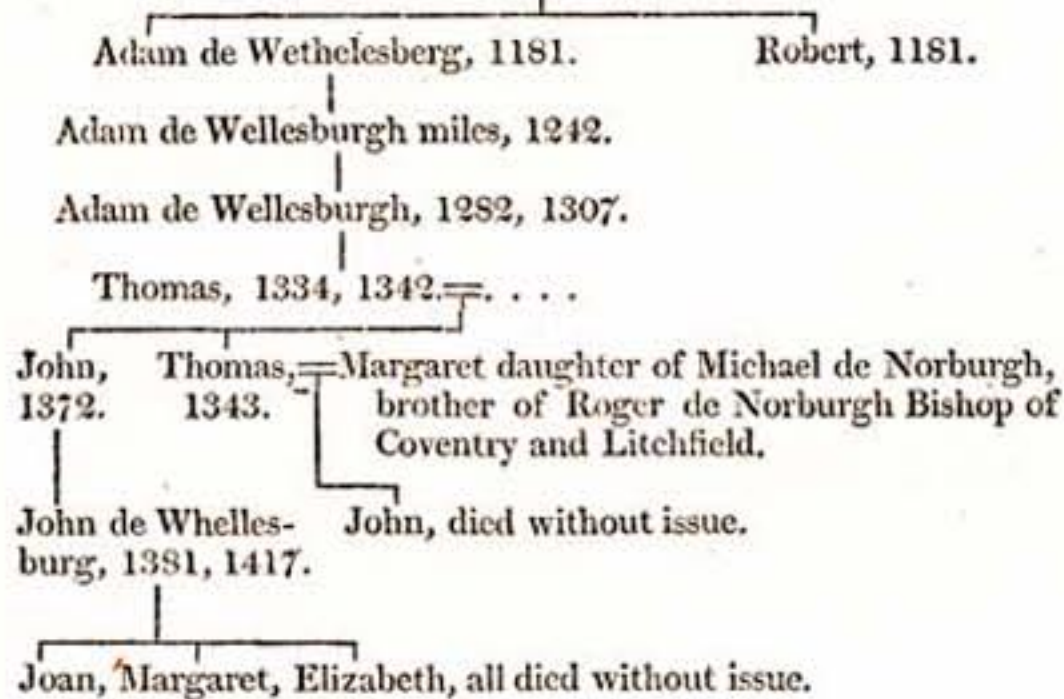
¹ He endowed a charter Protestant working-school, built in 1737 upon his estate at Roundwood in the county of Wicklow, with 41 acres of land for ever; and subscribed ten guineas annually towards its support during his life.

W H E L L E S B U R G H,

a small hamlet in the parish of Sibbeston, gave name and seat to that antient family of *Whellesburgh*, who were also lords of the same, and bare, Or, three piles Gules; in a carlon Argent, a mullet Sable.

Willielmus de Wellesburia, temp. Rogeri ep. Cestr. 1121—1149. (Mon. Angl. I. 199.)

Adam de Wethelesberg, 1181.



In an Inquisition of 1279, it is thus stated:

“Whelesburou est de feodo Leicestrie; & Adam de Whelesburou tenet in eadem in dominico tredecim virgatas terre, & unum molendinum aquaticum, & unum cottagium. Item in villenagio quatuor virgatas terre, quas quatuor servi tenent. Item in libera tenurâ quatuordecim virgatas terre, quas octo liberi tenentes tenent de eodem feodo; quarum Adam rector ecclesie Whelesborou tenet sex virgatas terre, & ille sex virgatas terre tenet in villenagio de ipso Unde dictus Adam de Wellesberou tenet dictum tenementum de Hugone de Henbury in scutagio & servicio per medietatem unius feodi militis; & dictus Hugo de comite Leicestrie, & comes de rege. Dictus etiam comes habet visum franciplegii, & regale. De warrenâ & aliis capitulis nihil.”

In the Itinerary of 1280, Whellesburgh, Sibbeston, and Temple, answered collectively as one vill.

John de Whellesburgh, the last heir male of this house, in the 21st year of Richard the Second, sold this manor, and the manor of Drayton near adjoining, unto *Thomas Purefey*, and by another deed granted his arms unto him. The deed is this:

“A toutes ceus a queus cestes lettres verront au ourront, Jehan de Whellesborough saluz en Dieu. Saches que come Thomas Purefey eif le reversion des mannours de Whellesborough et Fennye Drayton, en le counte de Leicester, ove les appurtenances, moi le dit Jehan aver done et grant per ycestes a dit Thomas Purefey et ses heires en mesime mannour mes armes ove les appurtenances cy entirement come moy ou mes auncestours avouns use et port, a aver et tener les armes ove les appurtenances subditz a dit Thomas Purefey, ses heires et assignes, come de suis est dit, a toutes jours, sauns empechement de moye, mes heires, au auscun autre pur nous. Et jeo oblige moi et mes heyres a garranter les ditz armes oves les appurtenances a dit Thomas Purefey, ses heires et assignes, a tous jours. En testemoignause de queulx choses a cestes lettres jeo aye mise mon seale d'armes subditz. Cestes testmoigne; Monsieur Jehan de Clinton, Monsieur William de Esteley, chivaliers; Anketine de Houby, Johan Wicarde, et autres. Done a Fenne Drayton subditz, en le feast de St. Jake le Apostle, l'an le reigne le roy Richard le Second puis le Conquest le vintisme pirmier.” The seal is given in Plate CL. About the circumference is written, *Sigillum Johannis de Whellesborough*.

“This manner of granting arms in elder times

was very frequent, proved by many old examples yet extant; as that of *Thomas Grendall*, of Fenton in the county of Huntingdon, who gave unto sir *William Moigne* knight his whole arms (so he termeth it in his deed, dated at Saltrey, 15 Ric. II.); viz. Argent, on a cross Azure, five garbs Or; to have and to hold to him and his heirs for ever.

“Mr. Erdeswick, in his book of ‘The true Use of Armoury,’ fol. 17, reciteth two other examples in this kind; one of *Thomas de Heronville*, son of sir *John de Heronville* knight; who by deed, dated at West Bromwich, co. Stafford, 41 Edw. III. granted unto *Roger de Wirley* and his heirs his whole escutcheon of arms; viz. the escutcheon, Sable, two lions passant Argent, crowned Or, the shoulders of each charged with a fleur de lis Azure.

“The other is of *John de Dunville*, of Modberley in the county of Chester, who by his deed, dated at Modberley, 6 Ric. II. granted unto *Thomas de Holes* and his heirs his whole arms, viz. the escutcheon, Azure, a lion rampant Argent, collared Gules, &c. The deeds are expressed at large in Mr. Erdeswick's said book; who there also, for warrant of these grants, delivereth this reason; that, forasmuch as every tenant that held lands by a knight's fee was tied to do his lord escuage, or shield service, proportionable to the tenure he held by, it is agreeable to equity that he may give or leave his armour to such a person as he meaneth to make owner of his heritage, whereby he shall be bound to the same service that himself, by the same law, was charged to do, as having with the mark maintenance answerable thereto.

“Many other causes there are for the gift of the whole arms, as for valour, and good service performed in wars; as by *John Stuart* duke of Albany, and constable of France, grandchild to Robert II. king of Scots, to whom, for this cause, Charles VI. king of France, 1421, granted him the earldom of Fareux, and the seignery of Cancressaul, and also the whole arms of France, within a border Gules, charged with buckles Or. See *Jean le Feron*, in the Constables of France, fol. 29.

“For the like reason, *Blaise de Monluc*, the worthy Marshal of France, famous for his many warlike exploits performed, was, by the city of Siena in Italy, rewarded with the arms of the city, viz. Azure, a she-wolf rampant Or; which the citizens did in-treat him to bear in remembrance of that his admirable delivery and defence of their city against the fury and force of that mighty army of the emperor Charles V. laying siege thereto. See *Jean le Feron*, in his Chapter of the Marshals of France.”

In a book of fifteenths and tenths granted by the laity in 1416, Whellesburgh was rated at 1*l.* 3*s.*; and in the subsidy of 1445 at the same sum, but 9*s.* was then abated.

This manor soon after became the property of *John Noel*, esq. (second son of *Andrew Noel*, esq. of Dalby, and the immediate ancestor of the present Noble Owner) by marriage with *Ann* daughter and heir of *John Fowler*; who also, as grand-daughter and one of the coheirs of *Thomas Harvey*, esq. brought *Kirkby Malory* as part of her marriage portion; and *Elmesthorpe*, which had been the portion of another of the daughters of *Thomas Harvey*, was afterwards purchased by the family of *Noel*.

John Noel died June 3, 1593, seised of two fourth parts of three closes, with the appurtenances, in Whellesburgh, held of the Queen, as of the Honour of *Hinckley*, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, by the fourth part of a knight's fee; and of one fourth part of the manor of *Kirkby Malory*, held of

¹ Inq. 7 Edw. I.

² Burton, MS.

the Queen *in capite* by the hundredth part of a knight's fee; and of a fourth part of the rectory of Fleckney, held of the Queen *in capite* by the hundredth part of a knight's fee: And *William Noel*, esq: his son, was then 28 years old¹.

By an inquisition taken at Leicester, March 10, 1596, it was found that *Joice Purfey* widow died Aug. 31, 1596, seised of one moiety of the manor of Whellesburgh, and of lands in Whellesburgh, Shakerston, and Newton Nethercote, held of the Queen, as of the Honour of *Hinckley*, by the fourth part of a knight's fee: and that her son *George* was then aged 12 years, 11 months, and 11 days². This moiety was afterwards purchased by Mr. *Noel*.

Mr. *Burton*, in the year 1600, found these arms in the mansion of *William Noel*, esq. at Whellesburgh, placed there most probably by Mr. *Fowler*.

Argent, on a fess Gules, three escalops Or. *Jakes*. Plate CXLVII. fig. 18.

The same; impaling, Argent, three bears Sable, muzzled. *Langham*; fig. 19.

Gules, a chevron between three herons heads erased Argent, *Fowler*; impaling *Jakes*; fig. 20.

The same; impaling

The same; impaling

Or, three piles Gules; in a canton Argent, a mullet Sable. *Whellesburgh*; fig. 30.

"This manor," says Mr. *Burton* in 1622, "is now the inheritance of *William Noel*, esq. who is patron also of the church of Sibbesdon; and beareth, Or, fretty Gules, a canton Ermine³, fig. 31."

In the freeholders' book of 1630, *Peter Temple*, esq. is the only one entered from Whellesburgh.

The following Rental of the property of sir *John Noel*, bart. at Whellesburgh, was taken about the year 1680.

Robert Bennet, tenant for the Hall-house, and for the ground thereunto belonging, commonly called by these names, viz. one ground called the Township, four grounds called Homeyard, adjoining to the house, one ground called the Cow house, the Great field and the ground thereunto belonging, four meadows called the Long Meadows, and the New fields, and the meadows thereunto belonging; the rent of these is

£.	s.	d.
180	0	0

One ground called the Einsell, set since to him for	£.	s.	d.
	15	0	0
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George Smith, for one house and back-side, and three parcels of ground, viz. the Cow house, the Ruffe Close, and the Highway field

Robert Arnele for part of the two hills and meadows thereunto belonging, &c.

Thomas Jackson, for part of the two hills and the meadows thereunto belonging, at

Charles Haines, for the Queen's close and the meadow thereunto belonging

For one ground known by the name of the Hoo field, and the meadow thereunto belonging, at

Thomas Wallen, for one ground, commonly called Cotton Hookes

George Mallen's ground, called Mallen's close

Simon Seale, alias Burroughes, ground

George Milbyns, one meadow

Sum total

Rents at Kirkby Malory and other places

The total of the whole comes to

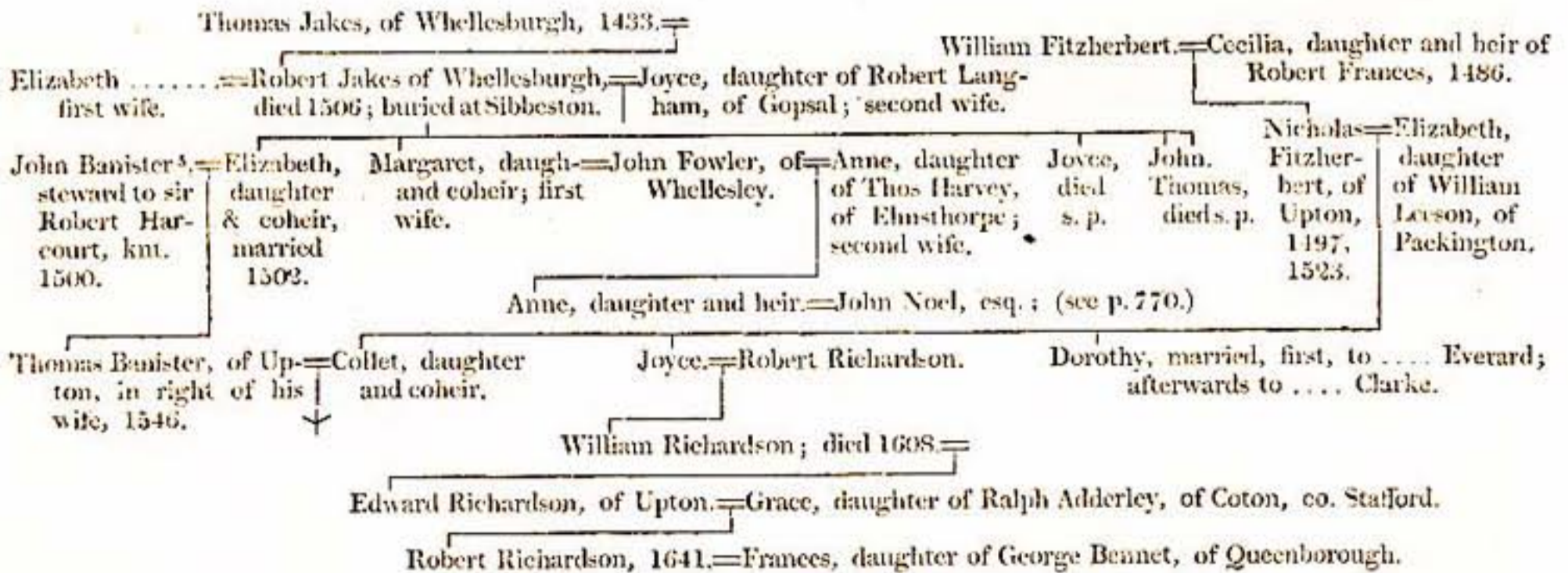
By the Return made to Parliament in 1801, Whellesburgh contained 6 houses; 6 families, consisting of 25 males, 20 females, in all 45.

In this small hamlet, in 1220, was a Chapel, which was then regularly served two days in a week by the mother church⁴.

The Meeting-house stands upon that part of the hamlet which is called *Temple Farm*. It was founded for Protestant Dissenters about 1710, chiefly by one of the *Abney* family (perhaps sir Thomas) who has appropriated a certain sum by will towards keeping it in repair. The same gentleman likewise left a legacy of 5*l. per annum* towards the support of the great Meeting in Leicester.

PEDIGREE of JAKES, of WHELLESBURGH; and FITZHERBERT, of UPTON.

Arms: Argent, on a fess Gules, three escalops Or. Plate CXLVII. fig. 18.



¹ Inq. 5 Sept. 35 Eliz.

² Esch. 38 Eliz.

³ Burton, MS.

⁴ See vol. I. p. lvii.

⁵ See before, under Market Bosworth, p. 505.