

Gerards of Trent

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Ref #1: History And Antiquities Of The County Of Somerset, by Rev. John Collinson; Vol II., pp.384-387.

“Trent”

“... but here is a clock and five bells’

The bells bear the following inscription: - ... 5. This bell was made by the parishioners of Trent in 1604. William Gerard, esq; and Thomas Loscomb, benefactors.”

“On the north side of the church is an aile, which formerly belonged to the Gerard and Wyndham families. The entrance into it is through a very curious arch, the bend of which is painted all over with laurel branches and leaves, among which are forty armorial shields, representing the alliances of the families of Coker and Gerard.”

“Between the windows, on the north wall, is a mural monument inscribed, - 'Here lye buried the bodies of Tristeram Stroke, of Trent, esq; and Alice his wife, daughter unto Robert Bingham, of Bingham's-Melcomb, esq; which Tristeram dyed the 18th of August 1532, and left four daughters his heyres: Joane, the wife of Richard Compton, esq; Ann, the wife of Jon Larder, esq; Isabel, the wife of Alexander Seymour, esq; and Mary, the wife of William Gerard, esq.'”

“In the north aile (formerly the burial-place of the Gerard and Wyndham families) are the following inscriptions on large coarse flat stones, which seem to have been brought from Ham-hill quarry.

'Heere lyeth the body of William Gerard, of Trent, esq; who dyed the --- of January, anno 1567.'

'Heere also lyeth the body of William Gerard, esq; grandchilde to the other William Gerard, who dyed the 1st of May 1604.'

'Heere lyeth the body of Ann Gerard, daughter of William Gerard, esq; by Mary his wife, daughter of Sir Christopher Allen, of the Mote in the county of Kent, knt. She was buried the 25th of January 1596.'

'Heere lyeth the body of Mary Gerard, the wife of William Gerard, esq; daughter and coheyre of Tristeram Storke, of Trent, esq; who dyed March 18, 1577.'

'Heere also lyeth the body of Thomas Gerard, esq; son of William Gerard and Mary his wife. And neere unto him lyeth Isabel his wife, who was daughter and coheyre of Leonard Willoughby, of Toners-Piddle in the county of Dorset, esq.'

Against the west wall, at the end of the north aile, is an ancient handsome mural monument of black and white marble to another William Gerard, most probably the son of the former, ...

On another marble monument: --- 'Anna uxor Thomas Gerard, arm.; filia Robert Coker, ar. Obijt in partu, Junii XXV Ano Dom MDCXXXiii, vixit annos XxiX diemq; ...

Anne, the second daughter of this Thomas and Anne Gerard, marrying Colonel Wyndham, by her the estate came into his family. He was created a baronet by King Charles II. and died in the year 1676. His son Sir Francis, lies in a vault made for him under the aile, and against the middle of the north wall is an elegant monument of white marble, upon the table of which is the following inscription: ...”

Ref #2: Some Dorset Manor Homes With Their Literary & Historical Associations, by Sidney Heath and W. De C. Prideaux, London 1907; p.177

“Mr. Batten takes up the history of the manor where Collinson left it, and for the greater part of the histories of the families which follow I am indebted to his admirable paper already alluded to.

In the reign of Henry VIII., the manor of Trent was in the possession of the family of Storke, of which family, perhaps, that of Starky of Lancashire, connected by marriage with the Gerards of Ince, may be a variety, both bearing for their arms a stork. They probably held the lands as lessees under the Priory.

From early times the family was connected with Somerset and Dorset. In the twentieth year of the reign of Henry IV., John Storke was party with Tristram Burnell to a fine of lands in Yeovil and Chilthorne, and in 1476 Alice, his widow, died seized of lands in Bagber, in Sturminster Newton.

During the reign of Henry VII., Tristram Storke (ob. 1532) was returned as one of the gentry resident in Somerset. He married Alice, daughter of Robert Bingham, of Bingham's Melcombe, by whom he had four daughters, his co-heiresses. By marriage with the heiress, Trent came into possession of the Gerards, a family of Dorset, who claimed, according to the monument erected to the memory of William Gerard in Trent church, to be of the same family as the Gerards of Bryn, in Lancashire.[a – see my notes below] John Gerard, of Friar Mayne, Dorset, temp. Edward IV., was the direct ancestor of the Trent branch, the elder line terminating in an heiress. William Gerard, grandson of William Gerard and Mary Storke, died May 1st, 1604, leaving Mary, his wife, and Thomas, his son, both of whom survived him, seized of 'one-third of the manor of Trent, and of 4 acres more in Trent,' and of the manors of West of Gerard's Waddon, Broadway and Nottingham, Dorset. In 1607, the benefit of the recusancy of Mary Gerard, of Trent, his widow, was granted by the Crown to David Stewart.

Thomas Gerard, son and heir of William, married, in 1618, Ann, second daughter of Robert Coker, of Mappowder, and their daughter and co-heiress Ann was the wife of Sir Francis Wyndham, who by that means became possessed of the Gerard portion of the manor and estate.

Another family, named Gerard or Jerard, in no way related to the former, was settled at Sanfford Orcas, and in the reign of Richard II., the heiress married Richard de Strode of Parnham, whose descendants quartered the arms of Jerard.”

Notes by Tom Jerrard relating to Ref. #2

[a] Continued references to the descent from the Gerards of Bryn which, as I have stated in other documents, is doubted by Hutchins and in my opinion is not fact. Refer to my document [WilliamGerardOfFriarMayne.pdf] for a further discussion of this opinion.

Ref #3: The Particular Description of the County of Somerset drawn up by Thomas Gerard of Trent, 1633; Somerset Record Society, Vol. XV., Introduction pages XIX & XX:

“William Gerard 'the great-grandfather,' of a family long settled in Dorset, married, temp. Henry VIII., Mary, youngest daughter and coheire of Tristram Stork of Trent. He died January, 1567-8, leaving for his heir Thomas of Waddon in the parish of Portesham, co., Dorset. By Isabell, daughter and coheire of Leonard Willoughby of Toner's Puddle, also in Dorset, he left at his death in 1583 William, born 1552. He married Mary, daughter of Sir Christopher Allen of Mote, co. Kent, and died on the first day of May, 1604. The Inquisition taken after his death recites that he was seised of one-third part of the manor of Trent in severalty, and the manors of West-Waddon, Broadway, and Nottinghamne in Dorset, and that by a settlement, made in 1584 and varied in 1587, the Dorset property was settled upon his widow for her life (she survived her son, and died December 30, 1634). Further, that his heire was his son Thomas, aged eleven on the 17th of March last past, i.e. 1592-3.

Thomas the author is very probably the person of that name who matriculated from Gloucester Hall, Oxford, June 18, 1610, though the age is given as sixteen, and not seventeen. The next thing known about him is his marriage, which took place in 1618, with Anne, the daughter of Robert Coker of Mapowder. By the dates given on her monument in Trent church, it appears that the bride was only fourteen years of age at the time of her marriage. Of this marriage there was issue one son, who died before his father, and seven daughters, of whom five survived as coheireesses.

The mother died on June 25, 1633, and was buried at Trent two days later (Par. Reg.). Thomas Gerard died on October 13, 1634, and was buried at Trent.

After the death of their grandmother on the 30th of December in the same year, the children would be taken charge of by their mother's family. The eldest, Elizabeth, aged twelve at her father's death, married Bullen Reymes, M.P., for Weymouth (see 'Som. And Dors. N. and Q.,' Vols. IV., V.). The

second, Anne, aged ten, married Colonel Francis Wyndham, younger son of Sir Thomas Wyndham of Kentsford in Somerset; this marriage took place in 1646. Ethelreda, the third, aged nine, married Edward Hyde of Westhatch in Wilts. Amy (or Anne), aged six, was never married. Frances, the youngest, aged four, married John Wynter of Dyrham, co. Gloucester. When Frances came of age in 1651, the property was divided by deed dated July 25, 1651; and Trent came to the second daughter Anna. Owing to the proved loyalty of her husband, the house provided a safe refuge for Charles II., after the battle of Worcester, September 3, 1651.”

Ref #4: Coker's Survey of Dorsetshire, published in 1732 by John Coker. (Though attributed to John Coker of Mappowder and Tincleton, in 1732, this book was actually written by Thomas Gerard of Trent in about 1625.); published by the Dorset Publishing Company 1980 with an afterword by Rodney Legg.

Legg afterword in part:

“The basic details are not as they seem. First, it was not written by the Reverend John Coker, to whom it is usually attributed. The author was in fact Thomas Gerard who lived in the manor house at Trent near Sherborne. Secondly, the date of publication was 1732 – by this time the manuscript was more than a hundred years old and its author had been dead almost as long.

The link between Thomas Gerard and John Coker is easily explained. At the age of 26, Gerard married a 14 year old girl from Mappowder, a Dorset village deep in the Blackmore Vale. She was Anne Coker, the daughter of Robert Coker, and it was a union between two landed families. Thomas entered a sphere of influence that raised him to the elite of the Dorset aristocracy. He was active in estate management and in 1629 sold the buildings of Sherborne School, with the town's remnants of former monastic ground, to the trustees of the Free Grammar School.

During the first half of the 1620s, Thomas made practical use of his fellow estate associates, Sir John Strangways, Sir Thomas Trenchard and Sir John Strode, and took notes from their family papers.”

“Thomas Gerard died at Trent, aged 42, in October 1634. His wife had died a year before, during childbirth, and their five daughters were at first looked after by their grandmother, Mary Gerard. She, however, had only a little longer to live and from Trent the children were taken to Mappowder by their aunt, Ann Holford Coker. The Gerards had become integrated with the Coker stronghold and with their possessions came the manuscript which was later to be passed off as the work of John Coker, Mappowder's rector.”

Ref #5: Dorset Record Office: Sherborne School [S235/C-S235/D]. The Development of the Site. The Old School House (1550).

“File-Deed of Feoffment; Ref-S235/D1/1/7; Dated-01 Dec 1629

1 Sir John Strangways of Melbury Sampford, knight, Sir Thomas Trenchard of Lytchett, knight, Sir John Strode of Chantemarle, knight, Thomas Gerrard of Trent, Soms, esq and William Coker of Mappowder, esq, son of Robert.”

Ref #6: Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills; First Series, privately printed for Frederick Arthur Crisp; 1887.

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“b. Collinson, II. 384. William Gerarde {or Gerard}, of Trent, Somerset, Esq. Will dated Jan., 12, 1567, proved Jan. 31, 1567. {2 *Babbington*}. My wife Mary, Extrix. My son Thomas. My daughter Julian Pagys. My daughter Elizabeth Martin. Witnesses, Thomas Eyer, parson of Sandford Orcas. Robert Elliott, parson of Trent, & Thomas & William Jerard.”

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“b. Collinson, II. 384. Mary Gerrarde, (*footnote- She was the youngest of four daughters & co-heir of Tristan Stroke, who was buried in Trent Church, 1532*) widow of William Gerarde, of Trent, Somerset.

Will dated Mar. 20, 1577, proved June 19, 1578. {27 *Langley*.} To be buried in Storke's Ile, in Trent Church. My daughter Julian Page, one feather-bedd, one yoke of oxen, &c. Mary, Ann, & Mabel Milbourne, daughters of the said Julian Page. My daughter Elizabeth Martin. Residue to Thomas Gerarde, (*footnote- Col. Wyndham, having married Ann, daughter of Thos. Gerrard of Trent, sheltered Charles II. At Trent, in his flight after the battle of Worcester.*) my son. William & James Gerarde, sons of the said Thomas.”

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“Collinson II. 386. Thomas Gerrard (or Jerrard), of Trent, Somerset, Esq. Will dated July 15, 1583, proved Feb 17, 1583-4, by his son William Gerrard. {27 *Butts*.} To be buried in the Ile belonging to my House, in the Church of Trent. Thomas Basket, John Skerne, Robert Frampton, George Turberville, Thomas Martyn, Richard Laurence, John Browne the elder, John Frampton, & Edward Knoyle, Esq^{re}, & others, to stand seized of my lands & manors of West Waddon, Brodewaye, & Nottingham, Dorset. My daughter Elizabeth Gerrard, £300. To my sons, James, John, & Thomas, £200 each. My son & heir, William Gerrard, Exor. Sir John Horsey, Kn^t, Raff Horsey, Edward St Barbe, & John Fitzjames, Esq^{re}, Overseers.”

“*According to the Vis. Of Somerset, Thomas Gerard of Trent, marr^d Elianor Langton, sister of John Langton, Alderman of Bristol.*”

Notes by Tom Jerrard related to Ref.#6

Refer to my file [ThomasJerardOfChilton1559.pdf.]

Ref #7: Coker's Survey of Dorsetshire, published in 1732 by John Coker. (Though attributed to John Coker of Mappowder and Tincleton, in 1732, this book was actually written by Thomas Gerard of Trent in about 1625.); published by the Dorset Publishing Company 1980 with an afterword by Rodney Legg. Several pages as noted below:

Page 40 & 41.

“Adjoining to this, heretofore dwelt a Familie that, issueing from William del Mari (servant to King William the First, who gave him diverse Lands in his Tracke) successivelie varied the Names of Del Mari, De la Sea, and Meere, as it is most likelie from their Habitation soe neare the Sea. But the onlie Heire of them, in the beginning of Henry the Sixths time, was wedded to William Gerard.”

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“This Brooke runneth along by Blackingston, the Seate of William Bond aforesaide, a younger Brother of the Familie of Lutton; and from thence this Brooke runneth to Hide, appertaineing to Robert Gerard.”

Page 76.

“Walter Wells of Tinkledon, for soe was hee written, left one onlie Daughter, Margaret, married unto my Predecessour John Gerrard.”

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“Tonerspiddell, which Henry le Toner longe sithence owned as his Posteritie until Henry the Sixths time, when it came by an Heire generall to Sir William Turberville.

Sithence it hath beene the chief Seate of the Willoughbys, who deduce their Descent from the same Stocke, that Robert Willoughby, Lord Brooke, did. The Heires generalls of this Familie were, in the last foregoeing Age, married to Thomas Gerrard, Samborne, Heyman, Ceff, Newport, and Baynard; ...”

Notes by Tom Jerrard relating to Ref.#7

Refer to my document [WilliamGerardOfFriarMayne.pdf] for the quote from Hutchins 1st Edition Survey of Dorset.

Ref #8: The Particular Description of the County of Somerset drawn up by Thomas Gerard of Trent,

1633; Somerset Record Society, Vol. XV.,:

Page 176 to 178.

“Trent

This place which now gives me habitation. It was anciently a member of the Barony of Walter le Brett who held it in right of his wife the Lady Jone Brewer heire of Fleming, widowe of Lord William de la Brewer, and mother of a second William that dyed issulesse Anno 1232, and five daughters heires to their brother's estate; but in the meane time Trent by what conveyance I surely knowe not, fell to the noble family of Canteluppe one of which being founder of the Priory of Stodeley in Warwickshire gave unto it a third part and the other two parts unto his younger sonne Sir William de Canteloe. For the main branche of this family I need not speake much; the Lords of Abergaveny, the elder Earles of Pembroke, the Earles of Kent and Lord Zouches descended from them, show their nobility. Sir William⁽¹⁾ before named was father of Walter de Canteloe who in King John's⁽²⁾ time impleaded his uncle Robert de Canteloe for the mannor of Chillenton now Chilton Canteloe not farr of. His son Richard⁽³⁾ owned theis places and left them unto John⁽⁴⁾ his sonne; and he to his two daughters and heires Emma married unto Alane de Chasteline, and Margarie unto ... West. The elder daughter had Thomas le Chasteline,⁽⁵⁾ and he Jone his heire thrice married, yet left issue only by her third husband Robert de Wike whose heire generall not long after brought that part of Trent unto the ancient family of Steukley knights who made it their chiefe seate until by the heire of Aston they removed to Aston in Devon where they still remaine; but Sir Hugh Steukley in H.8 time sold his part of Trent unto John Young ancestor to the now owners of it.

From Margery West before spoken of came Sir Thomas West who in Edward the third's time exchanged his house and manor of Trent with John de Testwood for his manor of Testwood near Southampton, as by his deed in my custodie dated the fourtieth of Edw. 3 appears. Sealed with three leopards heads jesant flowerdeluces, y^e Armes of Cantelupe yet circumscribed with his own name. From him descended Sir Thomas West in our time Lord of and dwelling at Testwood.

As for John de Testwood de Trent by his exchange, he was father of a second John, and he of a third John whose inheritance fell by his only daughter and heire Isolda unto Thomas Lane, and this in the y^e samme manner to John Storke, whose predecessors had long remained in Dorsetshire and whose posterity florished here until Tristram Storke left four daughters his heires married unto Compton Seymer Larder and William Gerard my greate grandfather, from whom they {Mid. Engl. Variant for though} shee were the youngest sister the principall house of them is descended to myself.

There was a Chauntry in this Church founded by my predecessor John Testwood but thats vanished and I thinke it will hardly be worth your labour to view a little fort of earth made by mans hand for the most part which wee call Trent Barrow, seated on y^e East of y^e Village, seeing I can show you nothing but the place as never having found the rayser {?} or occasion.

(1) *cart. In cust. To. Lyte arg.*

(2) *Plita. 12 John.*

(3) *Inq. 1 E. 1.*

(4) *Esc. 23 E. 3.*

(5) *Ibid. 17 E. 2.”*

“Gerard's account of the early history of this place has been superseded by the papers on Trent (by Mr. J. Batten, 'Som. Arch. Proc.,' XX.) and on the Honour of Odcomb and Barony of Brito (by the Rev. T. Bond, same series, Vol. XXI.).

After the death of Walter Bret, c. 1198, descended from Ansgar Bret, the Doomesday tenant of Trent under te Earl of Moretain, his nephew and co-heir Walter Croc granted in 1200 to Richard Brewer, son and heir of William Brewer the elder, a moiety of the Bret barony. Richard died in his father's lifetime, and Trent came to his brother William. He also died without children, and his estates, subject to the dower of hs widow Jane, were divided between sisters. Trent fell to Grecia, wife of William de Broase,

whose son William again left only three daughters. Eva married William de Cantilupe, and their share was given to Studley Priory in Warwickshire. Their only son George died issueless in 1272. Eleanor married Humphrey de Bohun, and their third passed through Seford to he family of Chasteleyn, of whom Thomas (not Alan, as in our author) married Eva, daughter and co-heiress of John de Cantilue of Chilton Canteloe. Maud de Broase, wife of Roger de Mortimer, sold her third to Henry de Woolavington, a free tenant of the Cantilupes of Barwick. From that family it came to Sir Thomas West, husband to Margaret, the other daughter, and co-heir of John de Cantilupe, and thence to Gerard himself. For his family, see Introduction.”

“I have staid you long here. We will now if you please visitt some neighbour places, and our guide the River brings us immediately to”

Ref. #9: Notes & Queries For Somerset & Dorset; Vol. 4; Part XXX, p.266

“Item #217. Colonel Bullen Reymes, M.P. For Melcombe Regis.

Mr. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove has kindly placed in our hands a collection of papers and deeds relating to Dorset, and in particular to Gerard's Waddon in the parish of Portesham. From these the following memoirs have been compiled relating to a Dorsetshire worthy who became the possessor of Waddon in the 17th century – Col. Bullen Reymes. A few additions have been made from the Calendars of State Papers and other sources, which will be noted as they occur, but the great bulk of the material is from Mr. Chatyn-Grove's collection. The whole is interesting, as showing, from the original documents, the troubles in the life of a country gentleman during the period of the Interregnum. C.H.Mayo Thomas Gerard of Trent, in the County of Somerset, Esq., had issue by his wife Anne, daughter of Robert Coker of Mappowder, Dorset, a son William, buried at Trent, (*) 23rd April, 1628, and five daughters, viz., Amy, who died unmarried and under age, and was buried at Mappowder, 9th October, 1637, and four others who became co-heiresses of their father. These were Elizabeth, the eldest, married to Bullen Reymes, Ann married to Francis Wyndham of Awler, Somerset, Etheldread married to Edward Hyde of Westhatch, Wilts, and Frances the wife of John Wynter of Dyrham in Gloucestershire.

(*)From the Trent Register, kindly extracted by Rev. C.R. Tate, Rector.”

Ref. #10: Notes & Queries For Somerset & Dorset; Vol. XI; pp. 90, 91, 92, 93, 94

“Item #73. Portesham.

“The following are abstracts of some Documents relating to Waddon in the parish of Portesham, Dorset. Which we were allowed to make some time ago by the kindness of Mr. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove. They have been waiting for a place in *S. & D. N. & Q.* and will be helpful in regard to the history of the parish.

(a) An indenture tripartite by which William Martyn of Waddon, Dorset, and John Govytz of Winterborn Aysshton, in the same County, cousin and heir of Robert Martyn, Knt., grant to William Hyne, clerk, John Fauntleroy of co. Dorset, and Robert Veel and their heirs all lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, rents, services and reversions in Waddon aforesaid. Warranty. Sealed in the presence of William Payn. John Newburgh, sen., John Heryng, Robert Rempston, Hugh Deuerell and others. Dated at Waddon, the Saturday next after the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, 1 Hen. VI. {1423}. The three seals are broken.

(b) William Hyne, clerk, John Fantleroy of co. Dorset, and Robert Veel grant by indenture to William Martyn of Waddon, and Alice his wife and to the heirs male of the body of William, all lands, &c. in Waddon, which they lately had by feoffment of the said Willian and John Govytz of Wynterborn Aysshton, cousin and heir of Robert Martyn, Knt. Failing these heirs, the premises, after the death of William and Alice to remain to Walter Govtz, son of the aforesaid John Govytz, and the heirs male of the body of Walter, - and failing these, on the death of Walter, to remain to the said John Govtz and his heirs for ever. Sealed in the presence of John Neburgh, sen., William Payn, John Heryng, Hugh

Deuerell, Robert Rempston and others. Dated 7th July 1 Hen. VI {1423}. Three small round seals in red wax, (1) WH. (2) A human head, full faced with {?1F} on either side. (3) A calf with ROBERTVS above it.

(c) An indenture of 4 March, 29 Hen. VIII. {1538} by which Edwarde Twineho, Esq., of one part, bargains and grants to John Jerarde of the other part, that before the feast of All Synctys next coming, he will make to the said John Jerarde a sure estate in the law of all his lands, tenements and hereditaments in West Waddon, West Totton, and West Chykerell, Dorset, to him and his heirs, of the clear yearly value of iiij pounds, free of all incumbrances, except rents and services to the chief lord of the fee. He also grants to John Jerard, his heirs, &c., that he will do or suffer everything required in law to be suffered or done to assure the said lands to the said John Jerard. 'One Walter Bayley for soche interest and terme of sertayne yeres which he hath in ye premisses in West Totton and West Chykerell by the demyse and lease of the sayde Edwarde Twineho only excepted. And where the sayde Walter Bayley hath and holdeth certayne Lands and tenements with their appurtenances in West Waddon foresayde parcell of the commaundarye of Baddysley and Mayne by copy of Courte Role for terme of his lyfe' – the said Edwarde Twineho grants that the said Walter Bayley shall before next All Saints grant by surrender or otherwise to John Jerard, &c., his estate, &c., in the same lands, &c. And John Jerard bargains and grants to Edwarde Twineho that he will make to him and his heirs a sure estate in law of his lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Littell Chesylborne, Wyrdesforde and in Develyshe, Dorset, of the clear yearly value of iiij li, free of all incumbrances, &c., and do and suffer everything required in law &c., 'One Thomas Baskett esquier for such terme and interest which he hath in the premisses in Lyttell Chesylborne, Wyrdesforde and Develyshe foresayde for terme of certayne yeres yt to come only excepted.' {Copy}.

Examined and agreed with the original by William Hanam, Robert Seymer and John Bayley. 'M^d that this originall of this dede ramayneth in the hands of the peyres of the John Bayley wth home hath marryed on {e} Henry Gane sometime servant to Mr. James Hanam.'

(d) Deed by which Robert Freke and William Churchill for a certain sum of money to sell to Thomas Jerard of West Waddon, Dorset, and his heirs their messuage or tenement with appurtenances, and 28 acres of arable land, 2 acres of meadow in W. Waddon late or now in the occupation of William Jerard and formerly belonging to the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, &c., &c., in as full manner and form as Elizabeth now Queen by her letters patents under the great seal dated at Goramburye, 9 July, 14th of her reign granted *inter alia* to Christopher Hatton Esq., and as the later by this deed indented, dated 10 July in the same year, grant *inter alia* to said Robert Freke and William Churchill and their heirs.

They also constitute Richard Laurens, gent., and John Churchill, gent., their attorneys to deliver seisin of the premises 17 Sept., 14 Eliz. {1572.} {Copy.}

'Ex' et concordat' eu orriginali his testantibus, Willm Gerard Robt. Cox.' Endorsed 'M^d that this deede was signed and sealed by the wⁱⁿ named Robert Ffreke and Willm Churchill and by them deliu'ed as theyr deede to Thomas Hannam of the Middell Temple in London gent. To the use of the wⁱⁿ named Thomas Gerard in the pñts of Morgan Mone, John Clutterhey, Willm Thomas.' Livery of Sesin 21 Jany., 15 Eliz., by John Churchill, in presence of Edmund Larder, gent., Thomas Bartram, William Hervi, William Bartram, Hughe Bartram, Jefferye Samwais de Littell Waddon als Pitcher Waddon, husbandmen, John Perken, sen., George Stone, William Bugge, William Thorne, servant of the said Thomas Gerard, Francis Shardin, alien, William Harries, John Grante, William Blancombe, James Dameon, jun., and William Dameon and others.

(e) Indenture 29 Sept., 36 Eliz. {1594} between John Lamberte of Wynchester, gent., and Ralfe Wallys of Little Waddon, Portesham, husbandman, Willym Harvye of Little Waddon, do., and Henrye Whittroe of Corton in s^d parish, husbandman, - recites the Rt. Hon. Sir Wm. Powlett Kt., E. of Wiltes and Ld. Marques of Wynchester, and the Lady Agnes his wife, being fully seised, &c., in premises in Portesham sometimes in occupation of Henrye Samwaes, Alyce his wife, John Samwes and Thos. Samwes – also

Smedon, Golhill and Little Waddon – did by fine levied in Trinity term, 33 Eliz., grant to sd John Lamberte the sd tenements *to hold* from 29 Sept. 1590, for 61 year, at a yearly rent of 53s. 4d. Now the sd John Lamberte, for £420 grants the same to R.W., Wm. H., and H.W. For the residue of the term {signed} Lamberte. *Witnesses*, Morgan Hayne the elder, John Butler, Margan Hayne jnr., John Harffield, Edward Johnson.

(f) An indenture, 20th April, 37 Eliz., {1595} between William Gerard pf Trent, Somerset, Esq., and Mary his wife of the one part, and Ralph Stone of West Waddon, Dorset, Taylor, Margaret his wife, and Margaret their daughter of the other part – by which the said William and Mary – (after reciting a lease by Thomas Gerard, Esq., deed., and Isabell his wife, father and mother of the said William, 27 Mch., 13 Eliz., to George Stone and Johane his wife, remainder to ralph Stone their son for his life – of a tenement in West Waddon 'lying neere the chief mansion howse there,' a close of pasture of 3 acres, the first share of meadow lying in Brodemeade within West Waddon, and 'the pasture and feedinge and going of and for three kyne within the parish of Portesham at all tymes and places where the cattell and rudder beastes of the tenante and tenants of the said tenements and other premisses thentofore had byn wonte to pasture and fee in' – late in occupation of John Fortune. Since which time one common of pasture called Gollyee (out of which the pasture for three kyne was demised) has been divided in severalty, and one close called Gollyll, containing 3 acres, parcel of the said divided common is allotted to the said tenement. And Johane Stone is also deceased) for the sum of £20 lease to Margaret wife of sd Raphe Stone and sd premisses, to have and to hold, immediately after the death of George and Raphe Stone, for 80 years, if Margaret shall live so long, with remainder to Margaret the daughter for her life – yielding 10/- per annum, and one day's work at haymaking and one day's work at harvest, during the said term, at Waddon.

Signed and sealed by the three stones.

(g) Indenture 3. Nov. 15 Jas. I. {1617} between (1) William Harvie of Little Waddon al' Pytcher Waddon, yeoman, (2) and Wm. Travers of Wytherston, yeoman, and Geo. Bowden of Maperton, Dorset, clerk, - recites the grants of Marquess of Winchester and of John Lambert – and whereas by indenture tripartite, 2 July, 39 Eliz. {1597} between (1) Henry Whitroe (2) Joan Wallis wid., exix od sd Ralf Wallis (3) and sd Wm. Harvie, in consideration that Henry Whitroe paid unto John Lambert £210, being half the sd fine, and the sd Raufe Wallis and Wm. Harvie paid each £105 – the sd Wm. Harvie to enjoy one half – deal of the premises – in lieu of which some lands were afterwards assigned – witnesseth that in consideration of a marriage to be solemnized between Ralfe Harvie, son of sd Wm. Harvie, and Ann Travers, dr of sd Wm. Travers – the said Wm. Harvie hath assigned to Wm. Travers and Geo. Bowdon, their exors. &c., the said lands, &c., to the use of sd. Raufe Harvie and Ann Travers.

(h) Indenture 2 Aug. 18 Chas. I {1642} between (1) Bullen Reymes the younger of St Martin in the Fields, Middx. Esq., and Elizth his wife, one of the drs and coheirs of Thos. Gerrard of Trent, Somt. Esq., - and (2) Sir Edward Southcott of St Martins in Fields. Knt., and Bullen Reymes the elder, father of sd B.R. The younger, of the same parish, Esq., in witnessing the sd B.R. The younger and his wife will levy a fine for cognizance de droit come ceo, &c., in court of Common Pleas, of a 4th pt of Manors of Broadway and Nottingham and Waddon, Dorset, and 4th part of a third pt, into three parts to be divided of Manor of Trent, Somt – and of 4th part of lands called Thornehill in parish of Broadway, Dorset – all heretofore the inheritance of Thos Jerrard – to the use of sd B.R. The younger and Elizth his wife, for life, and then of the heirs of their bodies, &c.

Endorsed 'Mr. Reymes, 25 July 1651. A deed of particon made betweene the coheires of Thomas Gerard, Esqr.'

(i) An indenture quinquepartite made 25th July, 1651, between Bullen Reymes of Trent, Somerset, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, of the first part. Francis Wyndham of Awler, Somerset, Esq., and Ann his wife of the second part, Edward Hyde of West Hatch, Wilts, Esq., and Etheldread his wife of the third part, John Wynter of Derham, co., Glouc., Esq., and Frances his wife of the fourth part, (the said Elizabeth, Ann, Etheldread and Frances being the surviving daughters and coheirs of Thomas Gerard late of Trent,

deceased) and Edward Phillips of Mountague, Somerset, Esq., Robert Coker of Mapowder, Dorset, Esq., and Nicholas Webb of Marshfield, co. Glouc., gent., of the fifth part, - whereby the parties, after reciting the lands, &c., of which the said Thomas Gerard was seised at his death, leaving the said daughters his coheirs, together with Ann Gerard, their sister, who doed without issue and under age, agree to the following partition of the same, viz., Bullen Reymes and Elizabeth, his wife, and their heirs and assigns, to have the capital messuage, farm, and demesne lands of West Waddon, alias Gerards Waddon in the parish of Portesham, Dorset, with all lands, &c., thereto belonging – Francis Wyndham and Ann, his wife, &c., to have the manor, capital messuage, farm and demesne lands, &c., of Trent, and the advowson of the church of Trent, - Edward Hyde and Etheldread his wife, &c., to have one full moiety or halfen deale of the manor, farms, and demesne lands, &c., of Broadway, Dorset, and John Wynter and Frances his wife, &c., to have the other full moiety, and for as much as the shares assigned to Edward and Etheldread Hyde, and to John and Frances Wynter, are less in value than those assigned to Bullen and Elizabeth Reymes and to Frances and Ann Wyndham, to the end that the said partition be made equal, and four latter pay to the four former the sum of £1300. Covenants between the parties.
Heraldic Seals.

Under Wyndham. (1) a chevron between three lions' heads erased, impaling three hares. (2) Quarterly, 1 & 4, a lion rampant. 2 & 3 a saltire.

Under Hyde. (1) same as No. 2. (2) same as No. 2.

Under Wynter. (1) a cross between 4 lions rampant. (2) gone.

Under Reymes. (1) gone. (2) A chevron between three lions rampant, crest, out of a coronet a plume of five feathers.

Under Coker. On a bend three

Under Webb on a bend.”