



Notes and Queries

RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

Communications are invited upon all subjects of Antiquarian or Architectural interest relating to the three counties. Correspondents are requested to write as plainly as possible, on one side of the paper only, with REPLIES, QUERIES and NOTES on SEPARATE SHEETS, and the name of the writer appended to each communication.

THE Editors express the earnest hope that a larger number of Correspondents will avail themselves of these pages, and thus help those responsible for the publication of this Journal to extend its usefulness. There are several Queries—inserted in the Journals for 1914—still remaining unanswered. It is hoped that some readers may solve them.

Notes.

MARRIAGES, CHANCE NOTES OF NORTH BERKS.—The following may interest some genealogist:—Marriages, chance notes of North Berks.—Wantage: Christopher Meeres, 1581; John Iremonger, 1591; a family named Arnold, 16th and 17th century; Edward Jennever, 1619. Burghfield; Harry Austen Deane, 1738; *Peter Norris, papermaker, 1762; Richard Coldham, gent., 1614. West Illsley: Thomas Calcott, gent., 1614; Robert Aldworth, of Abingdon, 1680. Yattendon; Richard Broughton, 1761; Thomas Blagrove, of Wantage, 1729; Mr. Edward Stafford, 1678. Mortimer: Sir Christopher Musgrave, Bart., 1711; John Bulley, 1725; James Morgan, Esqre, 1737; Thomas Pottinger, 1762. Englefield; John Englefield, 1590; Margaret Lambourne, 1631; Revd. William Bond, 1703. Pangbourne: Francis Williscote, gent., 1566; Richard Montague, 1579. Streatley: Robert Davis, of London, citizen, 1682; Ed. Sawyer, of Didcote, 1724.

COIN OF NERO AT WALLINGFORD.—An interesting addition has lately been made to the number of Roman coins found at Wallingford. Mr. Shepherd, who occupies a house in St. John's Road outside the south-west angle of the ancient fortifications, lately unearthed in his garden a brass Dupondius, of which the legend on the obverse is partly illegible, but the words NERO CÆSAR AUG. P.M. are very clear. The reverse has the letters s.c. (*senatus consulto*) with the usual figure of Victory between them. Coins of Nero were among the large number of those of various Emperors, from Augustus onwards, found in and immediately round Wallingford (excluding Dorchester), which were collected from 1862 to 1880 by Mr. W. R. Davies, as appears from the list given in Hedges' *History of Wallingford* (1, 141).—J. E. FIELD.

Replies.

WOOLFORD FAMILY.—The Antrums were millers at Mapledurham and, I believe, also at Whitchurch (Oxon). Richard Buckingham, son of Thos. Buckingham, was Vicar of Kingsclere before 1668, and married Sarah.—E. E. C.

* He worked Sheffield paper mill, Berks.

Queries.

WOOLFORD FAMILY OF PANGBOURNE.—Who was Antrum Woolford, who presented, I believe, the clock to Pangbourne Church? Timothy Antrum and William Woolford occur as witnesses to wills of the Buckeridge family about 1708. One of the oldest grave stones there records the death of William Woolford, January 9th, 1714, aged 69 years. I imagine that Frances, the wife of Richard Buckingham, who died at Pangbourne in September, 1708, may have either been a Woolford or Antrum. She died, or rather was buried, November 26th, 1719. Any help will be gratefully acknowledged.—A. STEPHENS DYER.

TULL FAMILY.—Wanted information regarding the descendants of Jethro Tull.—W. J. TULL.

Proceedings of Societies.

OXFORD ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—VISIT TO READING ABBEY.—On March 4th a visit was paid to Reading by this Society in order to inspect the ruins of the famous Abbey, which is associated in so many ways with our local as well as with our national history. On arrival at the Inner Gateway a brief account of the Abbey was given by Dr. J. B. Hurry, who, with the help of a ground plan, described the arrangement of the buildings comprising a religious house of the 12th century, and gave an outline of a few of the political and religious ecclesiastical events that have occurred within the walls of the Abbey. The party was then conducted through the ruins. During a halt in the Chapter House the well-known canon "Summer is icumin in," which has been described as "the most famous ancient musical composition in existence," was sung by a choir of pupils from Wilson House School, under the direction of Mr. G. Ledger, and with the assistance of some gentlemen who sang the "pes." The visitors expressed great delight at hearing this song, which was first written down at Reading Abbey about 1240, and which ranks as a great masterpiece of mediæval music. At the conclusion of the visit the party were entertained to tea by Mrs. Hurry. In connection with a vote of thanks, warm approval was expressed by the visitors of the wisdom shown by the Corporation of Reading in acquiring these ruins for the public, and in preserving them from further dilapidation.

BERKSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—On February 25th this Society had the pleasure of hearing a lecture from Mr. F. Anderson on "Constantinople." The fifth meeting of the Winter Session was held on Thursday, March 25th, when a lecture was given by the President on "Architectural Notes on the Churches of Frilsham, Yattendon, Ashampstead, Hampstead Norris and Aldworth." At the close of the lecture the members and their friends were entertained to tea by the President and Mrs. Keyser. The next lecture will be by Professor Carleton Williams on "The Old Hospitals of Berkshire."