

## Genealogical Notes, etc., relating to Families of Parker.

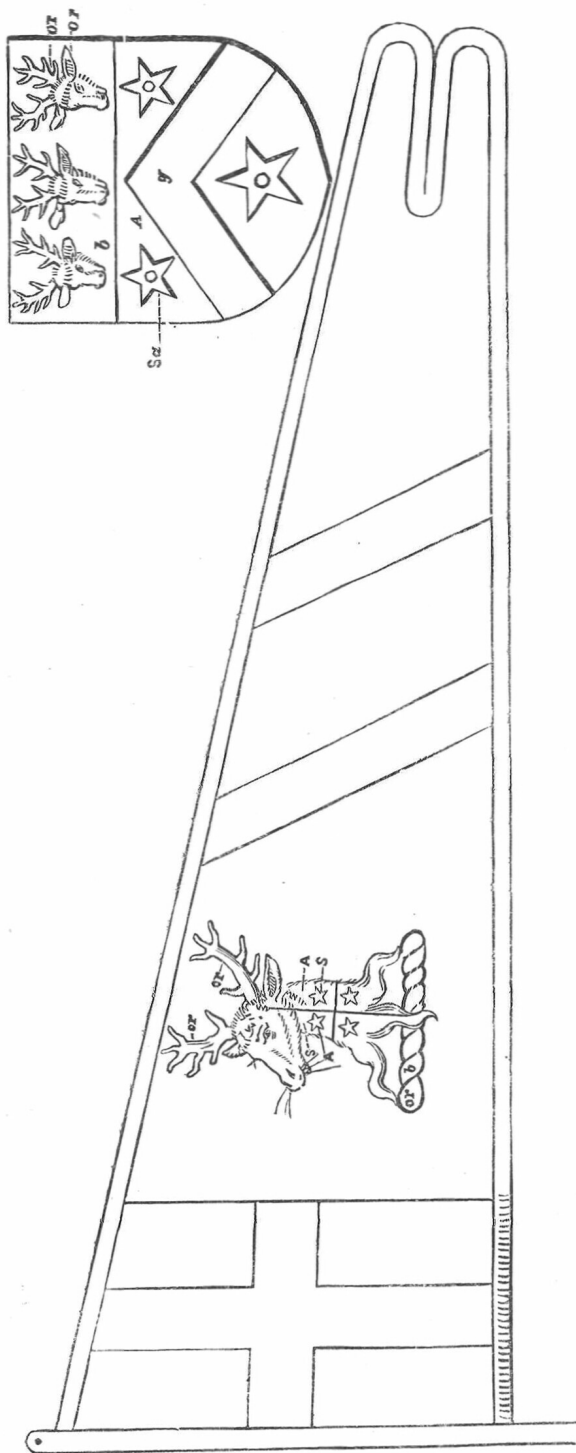
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### ARMS.



AMONGST the Standards recorded to have been borne by gentry in the time of Henry the 8th, in a MS. the College of Arms marked I. 2, compiled between 1510 and 1525, is one of "William Parker de Norton Leys, Darby," on the which is represented a crest, *On a wreath or and azure, a stag's head erased, quarterly sable and argent, charged with four mullets countercharged.* In the margin are arms, *Argent, a chevron gules between three mullets sable pierced; on a chief azure as many stag's heads caboshed or.* Who the owner of this standard was does not now appear.\* There was a William Parker, of the Norton Lees family, who was Sewer to Henry the 8th, and who in some of the pedigrees is described of Luton, in Bedfordshire. The armorial ensigns here given, however, were not identical with those we find to have been allowed at the herald's visitations to the principal family of Parker of Norton, which were, *Gules, a chevron between three leopards' faces or,*—Crest, *a leopard's head erased at the neck and*

\* Amongst the "Captaynes and Pety Captaynes," with the badges on their standards, of the army and vanguard of the king's lieutenants entering into France, 16th June, 5 H. VIII. 1513, was Robert Darley of the county of Derby, who bore on a red ground a demi buck per pale *or* and *argent*, with horns countercharged, charged on the neck with three bars wavy *sable*, issuing from a wreath *gules* and *argent*. His "Pety Captayne" was John Parker. (*Cottonian MS. Cleopatra, C.V., fol. 59—64*).



STANDARD AND ARMS OF WILLIAM PARKER.

*affronte, or, ducally gorged gules.* Both coats appear to have been used;\* and when, in 1775, a grant of arms was made to the Parkers of Woodthorpe, descended from those of Little Norton, the heralds founded their armorial ensigns on the coat with the stags' heads, with a collared talbot's head for a crest. (See copy of Grant, *postea*.)

1433. 12 H. VI., Robert Parker, de Norton, John Parker, de Norton, William Parker, de Shirland, among "The names of the gentry of the county of Derby," returned by the commissioners (Glover's *Hist. Derby*, vol 1. app. p. 60. Ed. Noble.)
1586. 1st June, 28th Elizth. Deed between Anthony Babington of Dethyck, co. Derby, esq., and Thomas Barten, of Woodceytsdale, in the parish of Norton, in the said county, tanner—£100—concerning the moiety of one messuage, lands, &c., in Little Norton, in the occupation of one John Parker of Little Norton (same premises as described in the deed of 6th June—*postea*). Warranty by said A. Babington against all former deeds, leases, &c. (except a lease dated 10 July, in the 25th year of the said Queen's reign, made by the said A. B. to the said John Parker of the said premises for 21 years) and that he A. B. and Margarie now his wife would further assure.
1586. 6th June, 28th Eliz. (*Latin.*) 'To all, &c., I Anthony Babington, of Dethyck, in co. Derby, esq., for a certain sum paid by Thomas Barten of Woodceytsdale, in the parish of Norton, tanner, have given, &c., to

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\* In a pedigree of Lowe of Alderwasley, co. Derby, in Addit. MS. 6666, fo. 137, Joan or Jane (Johanna) Lowe, born 11 April, 1475, is stated to have married a John Parker of Norton Lees, whose arms are given as those annexed to the standard. And at the Visitation of London, 1568, a William Parker of London, gent., described as son of John Parker of Daintry, co. Northampton, gent., "descended of Parker of Norton co Derby," passed the same arms, with a slight difference in the crest.

the said Thomas Barten, and his heirs, the moiety of one messuage or tenement in Little Norton, and of all lands, &c., after mentioned in Little Norton aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of John Parker, of Little Norton aforesaid, or his assigns, viz. : one close arable, called Hothe land, containing 2a. 3r. op., lying in High storth, one close of arable called Lyard close, one close called Hole storth, one close called Pingle, lying near Lowkedge yate, 3a. of land by estimation lying in a field there called Lowkedge, 3a. of meadow by estimation lying in the common fields of Little Norton, 1 rood of arable lying in a close called Ley, two closes called Moscarre, one other close called Leigh, one wood called Johnsett wood, and six closes of meadow and pasture land called Johnsett wood closes, adjacent to the same wood, and the moiety of his houses, buildings, barns, stables, orchards, gardens, &c., to the said messuage belonging.—Attornies to deliver possession ; my well-beloved in Christ, Robert Holland, clerk, and William Stanyforth. Witnesses, Wm. West—Thomas Widmerpoole—Peter Tryppet—Jasper Fysher\*—Hary Butlar.†

Possession given 27th June inst., in presence of Thomas Creswycke, John Bower, John Lee, Chryster Barten, Anthony Mawse, John Bartene.

1587. 1st Feby., 29 Eliz. Bond. Francis Babington of Kyng-

\* Jasper Fisher was an Attorney at Rotherham, and no doubt the Jasper Fisher, gent., who, on the 6th June, 1586, married at Norton, Bridget Parker. [1586. June 6. Jasper ffisher gen. & Brigetta Parker.]

† Henry or Harry Butler was Steward to Gilbert 7th Earl of Shrewsbury. He is mentioned in 1609 in the Talbot correspondence, printed in "*Hallamshire*," page 96, and in the MSS. at Longleat, Wilts: *penes* the Marquis of Bath. In the church of Rotherham there is, or was, the following inscription which probably relates to him. "Here lyeth the body of Henry Butler, who departed this life 13 Oct. 1639, who in his lifetime made this monument for himself, his wife, and children, viz : Cassandra, wife of H. B. died 22 July 1608, Joan, d. of H. B. died 18 July 1606, infant. Gilbert their son died 9 Sept. 1608, infant."



stone, co. Notts, esq., to John Parker of Little Norton, co. Derby, yeoman. Condition that if the said Francis Babington in consideration of £126. 13. 4 to him to be paid as follows, £60 upon the day of the date, and £66. 13. 4 at Pentecost ensuing, at or in the hall of the manor house of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. John Darcy, knight, Lord Darcy, in Astone, co. York, make to the said John Parker a sufficient assurance in the law of the moiety of one messuage in Little Norton aforesaid, six closes of land, a wood called Johnsette wood, and Johnsett wood fields, and certain other lands therein named, lying in Little Norton, and in the several tenures of the said John Parker and of one James Bullocke, "and heretofore or late in the tenure or occupacone of Thomas Parker father unto the said John," as shall be reasonably required, so that the said F. B. be not compelled to travel out of the county of Derby for the making of any such assurance, then this obligation to be void. Witnesses, Edward Rye, John Mycok, Richard Crosbie, Wm. Foxe, John Bright, &c.

1587. 13 June, 29 Eliz. Omnibus, &c., Thomas Barten de Woodceytsdale, in co. Derby, tanner. Conveyance of above mentioned property to John Parker. Jasper Fisher and Wm. Foxe, attornies, to deliver possession. Witnesses, Francis Babington, Thomas Furnehill, Robert Holland, John Valyaunce, George Mirfyn, John Mycok.

1587. 13 June, 29 Eliz. Bond from Thomas Barten to John Parker of Little Norton, yeoman, for peaceable enjoyment of the moiety of a messuage and certain lands, and a wood called Johnsett wood, in Little Norton and Norton, which the above bounden Thomas Barten lately had of the feoffment of Anthony Babington, late of Dethicke, in said county,

esq.—Gartrude, the now wife of the said Thos. Barten mentioned. Witnesses, Francis Babington, Robert Holland, &c.

1589. 21 Feby., 31 Eliz. To all, &c., Anthony Kirke of Greenhill, yeoman, &c.—Recites that Hierom Kirke of Greenhill aforesaid, esq., demised to one Frances Kirke, mother of me the said Anthony Kirke, and to me the said A. K. one messuage, lands, &c., at Greenhill, in Norton, for divers years, which said Frances, and also Thurstan Kirke, her late husband, were dead, and now, I the said A. K., have the whole estate in the said lease; assign over to Anthony Blythe, of Greenhill aforesaid, esq. Witnesses, Edwd. Gill, John Parker of Little Norton, James Bayte, Willm. Rawlinson, William Mawer, Phillippe Bayte, sen., Phillippe Bayte, jun., Thomas Bullocke, jun., and Henry Taylor.

1591. 21st Sept., 33 Eliz. Deed between John Bullocke of Darley, in co. Derby, Esq., and John Parker of Little Norton, co. Derby, yeoman. Being tenants in common in several closes, &c., in the parish of Norton, called the Lea Maskers, Johnsett wood field, Ryddinge, Johnsett noll, the Mawe land, the Hie field, and Howl storthe land, a piece of wood ground called Johnsett wood, and other lands in Little Norton meadow, the yard in the holding of Wm. Mawer, Norcroft, Shipley Lowage, and Lowage gate, Hie Storthe, Lyarde land, the Lea, being parcel of the land of Wm. Rawlynson, they had agreed to make a division in severalty as therein named. Witnesses, Henry Tayler, James Bullock, Robert Boothe, Willm. Simpson, James Bayte, William Rawlynson.

1595. 8 Jany., 38 Eliz. Anthony Blythe of Birchett, in par. Dronfield, co. Derby, esq., to Philip Gill, eldest son of Edward Gill of Norton, yeoman. Witnesses,

Wm. Lee, John Barten, John Blythe, Edwd. Moore, Anthony Kirke, Thomas Bullock.

1595. 8 Jany., 38 Eliz. Conveyance from James Bullock to Leonard Gill.—Mentions that John Bullock, late of Darley, co. Derby, esq., granted lands called Clay Lands, to James Bullock, late of Greenhill, deceased, brother of the said John, and father of said James, party thereto, 21 Jany., 34th Eliz.

1601. 22nd August, 43 Eliz. Indenture between John Parker of Little Norton, in co. Derby, yeoman,\* on the one part, and Thomas Bright of Carbroke, in the parish of Sheffield, and county of York, yeoman, on the other part. The said John Parker covenanteth to and with the said Thomas Bright, that John Parker,† eldest son of him the said John Parker, shall and will marry and take to his wife, Dyonise, daughter of the said Thomas, if she will thereunto consent; and the said Thomas Bright covenants for his said daughter in like manner. John Parker covenants to grant unto Henry Bright of Wherlow, co. Derby, yeoman, John Stanyforth of Darnall, in the said county of York, yeoman, Gabriel Parker of Oakes, in the parish of Norton, in the said co. of Derby, yeoman, and George Bullus of Nepesend, in the said co. of York, yeoman, all and every the messuages, lands, &c., of him the said John Parker, in Little Norton and Norton—one third part to the use of

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\* He was baptized at Norton, 4th Sept., 1575. "Johannes parker filius Johannis parker de lytle norton yeoman. Johannes parker generosus, Johannes Bright, Anna Bright, consponsatores."—(*Norton Register.*)

† Married at Norton, 24 August, 1601.

"The marriage of this John Parker with Dionysia Bright must have been of promising auspices, for the Brights were at that time a family advancing in consequence, and she belonged to the best branch of it. Her brother, Stephen Bright, when he had a grant of arms was described as a gentleman of £1000 a year estate, and much esteemed by the neighbouring gentry; and his son, Colonel John Bright, was created a baronet after the restoration. Another of her brothers, John, was Vicar of Sheffield."—(*Mr. Hunter in letter to Mr. Jackson.*)

the said John Parker the younger and the said Dyonise, for their lives, remainder to their heirs male; remainder to George Parker, second son of said John Parker, the party, and his heirs male; remainder to William Parker, third son of the said John Parker, and his heirs male; remainder to the right heirs of the said John Parker, the son, for ever. Residue of said premises to the use of John Parker the elder for life; remainder to John Parker the younger, and his heirs male; with like remainder to George and William, as before. Portions charged for daughters. And, if the said John Parker, the son, shall happen to die without issue male, "the said Dyonise not being privimt. or grossmt. enseint\* with one or more son or sons, &c." Covenant by said John Parker the elder, for one year after the solemnization of the marriage, to find the said John Parker the younger, and Dyonise, and their child and children, sufficient meat, drink, and lodging, if they will be content to continue in the house with the said John Parker the elder, and so on if longer, he John Parker the elder having the use and enjoyment of the third part of the lands. And if the said John Parker and Dyonise be minded to depart from the house of the said John Parker the elder, and to live in house by themselves, then they to have the third part. Covenant by the said Thomas Bright, that on the day of the solemnization of marriage, he will pay to the said John Parker the younger, £20, and at the end of one year after other £20, "att or in the south porch of the parish church of Norton †

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\* Closely, or heavily, with child.

† The arrangement stated in old deeds for making payments of money in church porches, was not one of mere legal form only, but it appears to have been in some cases for a real purpose. An instance of this is given in an account of some disputes in the family of Shakespeare, of Rowington, Warwickshire, detailed in *Notes and Queries*, 3rd S., XII., p. 81, Aug. 3, 1867. There

aforesaid, betweene one & fower of the clocke in the afternoone of the same day, and at the end of one whole yeare then next following" other £20, and at the end of every year £20 till he shall have paid the whole sum of £100. And also that whensoever the said John Parker the younger and Dyonise shall go to house by themselves, he will give unto them "one cowe w<sup>th</sup> a calf following her, & some howshould stuff, such & so much as hee of his fatherly goodwill shall thinke good to bestowe of them."\* Witnesses, Jasper Fysher, George Bullus,

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certain property had been settled, subject to an annual charge of £4, to be paid half-yearly, at Michaelmas and Lady-day, in the porch of Rowington Church, between the hours of ten and two. The Parties concerned, it is stated, met there, and the money was told out on a bench in the church porch.

In a deed, dated 23 Nov., 7 Jac. I., 1609, Sir Vincent Skykker, Knt., of Westminster, mortgages the Thornton-College estate, in Lincolnshire, for £1200, and undertakes to repay the money "at or on the font-stone in the church of the Inner Temple, neere Fleetestreete, in the suburbs of the citye of London," upon the days therein specified.

\* A similar covenant is contained in a settlement made by Robert Rockley, esq., of Rockley, co. York, 10 Nov., 9 Eliz., 1657, on the marriage of William Rockley, his son and heir, with Jane, daughter of Matthew Wentworth, esq., of Bretton. William and Jane were to live for two years with the father of the bride at his house at Bretton, and when they began to keep house each father was to give them £20 to the purchase of furniture.—(Hunter's *South Yorkshire*, II., p. 285.)

Again, in a settlement made 8th July, 13th Car. 2nd, 1661, by William Beilby, esq., of Micklethwaite Grange, otherwise Wetherby Grange, in the parish of Collingham, co. York, and Susan his wife, on the intended marriage of his eldest son and heir apparent, John Beilby, with Barbary Lowther, daughter of Sir John Lowther, Bart., after providing for an allowance of £25 a year, it was arranged, that from and after the solemnization of the said intended marriage betwixt the said John Beilby and Barbary Lowther, they should, with one man and one maid-servant, and such children as they should have, live in the house with Wm. and Susan Beilby, and have necessary meat, drink, and lodging, fitting and convenient for their quality and degree, for so long time as the parties should mutually consent. Should either party dislike such cohabitation, and the younger couple should with their family repair to some other place to live in, then an allowance of £50, in respect of "dyett and entertainment," over and besides the before mentioned £25, was agreed to be made to them.

A curious illustration of life and manners occurs in a deed in the possession of Miss Griffith, of Carreglwyd, North Wales, whereby a gentleman of Denbighshire, in the reign of James the First, whilst settling a landed estate on his son in tail male on the eve of his marriage with a gentleman's daughter, stipulated that during his life the young man should "worke and labour" for him "as a labourer," and that the bride should during the same time "labour and work" for him as domestic servant.—5th Report, Commission on Historical MSS., 1876. Appx. p. 406.

Henry Bright, Thomas Begger, John Stanyforth,  
Hugh Rawlynson, Robert Rollenson.

1606 (on the outside said to be 1605). 25th March, 4 James. Deed, between John Parker of Little Norton, in the parish of Norton, co. Derby, yeoman, and John Parker, his son and heir apparent of the one part, and James Bate of Jordenthorpe, in said parish, yeoman, and Jane Bate, daughter of the said James Bate, of the second part.—In consideration of a marriage to be had between said John Parker the younger and Jane Bate,\* by assent of their parents, John Parker the father covenants in consideration of the said marriage and the good love he beareth to Cyssley his wife, and the natural love and affection to all his sons and issue, and for the continuance of his lands in his name and blood, that one-third of a messuage, viz., one parlour wherein is a chimney, and of one chamber over the same parlour, being within and parcel of his mansion dwellinghouse, in Little Norton, and of three bays of a “new shyfted or builded” house or barne, in Little Norton aforesaid, and also of the closes, called Bromestorth, Would storth, Long storth, Thistle storth, Houle storth, Johnsettwood Knowle, Healowe meadow, three lands in Lowage, lying on the east side, next to the said James Bate’s ground, shall be to the use of John Parker the younger and Jane, for their lives, with certain remainders over to George Parker, 2nd son, and William Parker, 3rd son, of John Parker the father. Residue to the use of John Parker the father for life, and afterwards of a third part of the same

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\* Married at Norton, 2nd July, 1606. The Bates were a good family at Jordenthorpe. This marriage brought the Parkers into connection with the Blythes of Norton Lees: William Blythe, of that place, marrying the widow of William Bate, brother of Jane, who was Alice, daughter of William Holland of Ecclesall.

- premises to the use of the said Cysseley for her life, &c. Declaration that if, after the death of the said J. Parker the father, the said Cysseley shall refuse to have the said 3rd part for her dower, then the said John and Jane to have the same for the dower of Jane. Covenant by James Bate, to pay then to John the father £20, and £30 to John the son after the marriage. Witnesses, John Bullock, Richd. Stansall, Phillip Stansall.
1606. Admitted of the Inner Temple, London, Thomas Parker, Lea Hall, Bradborne, Derbyshire.
1607. March 1st. Will of John Parker, of the Parish of Norton, co. Derby, gentleman, names servants Catherine Norris, Beatrix Norris, Leonard Norris; son Francis Parker, sole executor; his kinsman and friend William West overseer. Proved at Lichfield by said Francis Parker, 13th April 1607.
1607. 22 Oct., 5 James. Inquisition at Chesterfield, *p.m.* John Parker late of Hymsworth esq. deceased. Seized of Lees hall in Norton, certain new mylnes, &c. the Highley milne,\* messuage called Hymsworth hall &c. Died 5th April last. John Parker esq. his son and next heir, and of the age of 40 years and more.
1615. Dec. 16, 13 James I. Will of John Parker, of Norton Lees, co Derby esq.—to be buried with my ancestors in the parish church of Norton.—mentions farms in occupation of Robert Eyre and John Greene, water wheels and scythe wheel—my wife Mary—my son John Parker—my two daughters—to my son John that gilt bason and ewer which his god-father Gilbert

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\* In Depositions of witnesses in a cause in the Exchequer, 1586-7, concerning the manor of Ecclesall, Richard Roberts of Sheffield, yeoman, aged 45 years, stated that John Parker gent. had corn mills, grinding wheels, and iron smithies in his own ground in Derbyshire upon the water running between Derbyshire and Ecclesall, and that he and his ancestors had paid to the Earls of Shrewsbury for the same 8d. yearly rent.

Earl of Shrewsbury gave him at his baptizinge, when he is 21.—My very loving brother Mr. Francis Parker a ring of gold set with a ruby, which I have usually worn. Wife Mary executrix. Tuition of children to Mary Parker. Proved 10 April, 1616. Inventory, annexed, made 4th January 1615-16, of John Parker the elder of Lees Hall esq. (*Lichfield Registry.*)

1615-16. 22 March, 13 James. Inquisition taken at Chesterfield *post mortem* John Parker esq.—Seized of capital messuage called Le Lees Hall in Norton, &c., now in the occupation of Mary Parker, widow. Also of certain water-wheels called Sithe Wheeles or Cuttler Wheeles—Died at Norton 25th Dec. now last.—John Parker his son and heir, who is under age, viz. of the age of six years and more. The capital messuage lands &c. were held of Charles Blithe esq. as of his manor of Norton. The premises in Sheffield held of Gilbert Earl of Shrewsbury, as of his manor of Sheffield.

1616. 25 May, 14 James. Inquisition at Chesterfield *p.m.* John Parker of Little Norton co. Derby, yeoman. Seized of a messuage and lands, 40 acres, in Little Norton and Norton, late the lands of Anthony Babington esq. deceased. By deed 22nd Aug., 43 Eliz. 1601, he had enfeoffed Henry Bright of Whirlor, John Staniforth of Darnall, Gabriel Parker of the Oakes, and George Bullas of Nepesend co. York, yeomen, of all the said messuages, lands, &c., to hold, as to one third part, to the use of John Parker junior son of the said J. P. and Dionysia his wife, for their lives, and the life of the longer liver, and their heirs male; remainder to George Parker 2nd son of the said John Parker senior, remainder to William Parker 3rd son of said John Parker senior; remainder to right heirs of J. P. junior. As to residue of premises, to John Parker senior for life; remainder to John Parker



junior ; remainder to George and William P. ; remainder to right heirs of J. P. junior. Premises containing 40 acres were held of Charles Blyth esq. as of his manor of Norton in free socage, and rent of 8s. 3d. per annum, suit of court of the manor twice a year, and were of the value beyond reprises of 40s. Lands formerly Babington's held of the king as of his Honour of Tickhill, annual value 30s. John Parker senior died 12th April 13th James (1615), and John P. junior his son and next heir, aged 38 years and more at the time of the death of his father.

1618. April 20th, 16th James. Inquisition at Sleaford, co. Lincoln, *post mortem* Robert Parker, late of Burton-Pedwardine, co. Lincoln, yeoman. He died 26th January last before the taking of this inquisition, at Burton aforesaid. Judith Parker, aged 18 and more, Susan P. aged 17 and a half, Ann P. aged 14 and more, Alice P. aged 12 and more at the death of their father. (*Miscell. Inq* : Part 4, No. 96.)
1620. 11 April, 18 James. Bond from James Bullock of Bewcheif co. Derby gent. to Leonard Gill of Norton, yeoman, for performance of covenants in indenture then dated.—Witnesses, Wm. Plessington, Leonard Webster, Ja : Creswick, Wm. Lee.
1621. 7th Sept., 19th James. Inquisition, at Derby, *post mortem* Robert Parker yeoman, deceased. Found, that before the death of the said Robert Parker, Thomas Parker his father was seized of a messuage and lands in Kirke Ireton, and enfeoffed Samuel Parker and Thomas Toples to the use of the said Robert his then son and heir apparent. Said Thomas P. died 28th Aug. 12th James (1614) ; and afterwards, on the 6th January 17th James (1619-20), Robert Parker died without heirs of his body. Messuage &c. were held of the king, as of his manor of Wirksworth. Alice Cooper, widow, Elizabeth Valance wife of Luke

Valance, and Anne Twigge, wife of Henry Twigge, were sisters and heirs of the said Robert Parker, and daughters and heirs of the said Thomas Parker.

1625. Roll of Subsidies 1st Charles, Derbyshire. Perwiche. William Parker gent., in goods, £4 10s. 8d.

1628. 24 Nov, 4 Charles. Deed between John Parker the elder of Little Norton co. Derby, yeoman, of the one part and Gabriel Parker\* of Hymesworth in Great Norton, and Thomas Parker of Holmesfield in the aforesaid county, yeoman, of the other part. The said John Parker the elder "as well for the establishing of his lands and tenements and of his inheritance in the posteritie name kindred and bloude of him the said John, as also for the advancement and preferment of John Parker his eldest sonne, and for a joynture to bee made to and for Anne now wife of the said John Parker the elder, in case shée fortune to survive the said John her husband," &c., enfeoffed the said Gabriel and Thomas in messuages, lands, &c., in Little Norton, and Great Norton, now or late in the tenure of the said John Parker the elder and of George Parker his brother, a moiety thereof to be held to the use of said John Parker the elder for his life, and after his decease then to the use of said John Parker the younger, eldest son of him the said John Parker, the feoffor, his heirs and assigns; except and reserved to the said Anne Parker "one parler and one chamber in the nowe mansion house of the said John meete and fitt for hir the said Ann to lodge and dwell in."—the other moiety of the premises to the use of the said John Parker the feoffor until such time as

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\* 5 May 1618. Feoffment. Gabriel Parker of the Oakes in par. Norton, co. Derby, yeoman, to Thomas Hudson of Hymesworth in the same parish, yeoman,—£16—an acre of land parcel of the Oakes meadow in Norton. Witnesses, Willm Blythe—Edward Steven—Edward Hudson—J. Creswicke.

the said John Parker the younger shall be married, then to him. Witnesses (*inter alios*) George Parker, William Parker.

[Date effaced.] Will of John Parker esq. of Norton—to be buried at Norton—Anne my wife—daughter Anne, then under 18, to have gilt bason and ewer—sister Elizabeth Cave—nephew John Strelley, son of Henry Strelley, gent.

Inventory, annexed, of John Parker esq. who died 25th December 1630. [Much of this will is eaten away and effaced.] (*Lichfield registry.*)

1631. 31 Aug., 7 Charles. Inquisition at Chesterfield *p. m.* John Parker gent. deceased.—Seized of Lees hall in Norton, &c., water wheels called Sythe Wheels in Norton.—Mary Parker widow deceased.—Tithes of grain, hay, wool, lamb, woods, &c., lately purchased by said John Parker of Francis Parker of London gent.—Said John Parker on 25th Dec. 1630 made his will.—Anne wife and Anne dau of said J. P. — Appointed said Anne his wife and his kinsman (*cognatum suum*) John Bullocke son and heir of John Bullocke of Norton esq. and William Blythe of Norton-lees yeoman, executors. Died at Lees hall 25 Dec. 1630.—Ann P. dau. and heir, at time of inquisition aged two years and four months.—Ann widow of J. P is now at Lees hall "*in plenâ vitâ.*"

1632. 19th June, 8 Charles. Deed between John Parker, the elder, of Little Norton, in the parish of Norton, co. Derby, yeoman, and Anne his wife, and John Parker the younger of Little Norton, yeoman, son and heir apparent of the said John the elder on the one part and John Morwood of the Okes in the county of York gent. and Edward Urton alias Steeven, of Hymsworth in said co. of Derby, yeoman, on the other part.

In consideration of a marriage intended to be had and solemnized between said John Parker the younger and Elizabeth Roberts, dau. of Geoffrey Roberts gent. deceased,\* and for a jointure for the said Elizabeth in case she should survive the said John Parker the younger, and for a jointure to be likewise made for the said Anne, in case she survives the said John Parker the elder her husband, it was agreed to levy a fine of all the messuages lands &c. of the said John Parker the elder and Anne, and John Parker the younger, in Little Norton and Norton aforesaid, such fine to ensure as to "the Hall or Fierhouse† of the nowe mansion house of the said John Parker the elder in Little Norton aforesaid with the entry leading into the same, the parlor on the south side of the said hall, the chambers over the said hall parlor and entry the buttery and milkhouse adjoining to the said hall, all the outhouses and buildings standing on the south side of the said fould, the moitie or one halfe of the kitchen, the

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\* "The marriage with Elizabeth Roberts brought the family of Parker into no very distant alliance with the Morewoods, one of the most ancient Hallamshire families, and who were at that time accumulating great wealth by commerce at London and in Derbyshire. She was also allied by her mother Gertrude Morewood with other families of gentry in and about Norton, or, more generally, in the country around Sheffield." (*Mr. Hunter, in letter to Mr. Jackson.*)

† This expression occurs in a deed, 6th July, 1680—"All that ancient message or firehouse, wherein one Christopher Moorhouse now dwelleth, and also one firehouse called Broomhouse, &c. Also all that ancient message or firehouse wherein one John Briggs now dwelleth &c., situate at Netherdale in the county of York."

In a paper "On the Sanitary State of England during the Middle Ages," by James Russell, M.D., Birmingham (*British Medical Journal*, No. 268, p. 169), it is said—"The house included a hall, often of considerable dimensions, to which indeed from its occupying the principal position in importance the inclusive term of 'domus' or 'house' was sometimes applied.....In the Middle Ages, the hall,—the 'great house place'—was situated either on the ground floor, or frequently over a lower vaulted story, which was sometimes half sunk in the ground, and was variously used as a store room, brewery, or even when purposes of defence rendered it necessary, as a stable. In farm-houses it was appropriated to the use of the cattle. The hall, as already stated, was the chief feature in the edifice throughout the Middle Ages, and indeed after their close; hence, the term became vernacularly extended, in Saxon and Norman

moitie or one halfe of the threshing flore of the barne, and the moitie or one half of all foldes, curtelages, gardeines, and orchards, belonging to the said messuage or mansion house, and 11 closes of land called Wall storthe, Long storthe, Thistle storthe, Broomestorthe, Piggman storthe, Round storthe," &c., (being estimated to be half of all the said messuage lands &c.), to the use of said John Parker the elder for his life, and after his decease, then, as to the said hall parlor and entry, with the chambers over them, and the said buttery and milkhouse, to the use of said John Parker the younger and Elizabeth, during the life of the said Anne wife of the said John Parker the elder &c.,—remainder to the use of said John Parker the younger and his heirs male, by the said Elizabeth, remainder to William Parker, younger son of the said John Parker the elder and his heirs, remainder to the right heirs of the said John Parker the younger for ever. As to remainder of all said premises, being the other half, to the use of said John Parker the younger and of the said Elizabeth, in name of her jointure &c.,—remainder over to William, &c. Anne, wife of said John Parker elder, after his death, shall not only have out of the rents of five of the closes mentioned the yearly sum of £8, but also

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times, to the entire of the mansion, a custom perpetuated to our own day.....  
 .....In the hall of the Saxon theyne the fire was kindled in the centre of the hall; the smoke made its way out through an opening in the roof, or by the door, windows, or eaves of the thatch. The lord and his hearthmen sat by the same fire at which their repast was cooked, and at night retired to share the same dormitory, which served also as a Council-Chamber. Although the fire-places form a very interesting portion of existing remains of mediæval houses up to the beginning of the 14th century, the lord's *solar* was the only apartment excepting the kitchen, provided with this necessary accommodation. After that date fire-places increased in number. In the halls, as in the more humble dwellings, the fire was kindled on a hearth in the middle of the room, the smoke finding a vent through the louvre in the roof. Chimneys were unknown in cottages until the reign of Elizabeth—"

Richard Byrchett, of Pesemershe, in his will d. 24 July 1516 gives to Parnell his wife the chamber that she lyes in "and lyberte at y<sup>e</sup> fyer in y<sup>e</sup> house." (*Test. Vetust.* Vol. II. p. 785.)

quietly enjoy one parlour and a chamber called the New Parlour and New Chamber, for her habitation, and convenient way and passage to and from the same at all times during her life, for her jointure.

Witnesses: Rowland Morewood, Frances Robartes, Ja: Creswicke.

1637. January 23rd. Will of John Parker the elder, of Little Norton, in the parish of Great Norton, co. Derby, yeoman—my eldest son John Parker—my eldest daughter Ann Eyre\*—my daughter Elizabeth Dungworth†—my daughter Jane Gest—my wife Ann Parker—my son William Parker—the latter sole executor. Proved at Lichfield by Wm. Parker 17th October 1638.
1637. 16 Oct., 13 Charles. John Hanson, of Hardwick, co. Derby gent. gives bond of £30 to prosecute grant of wardship and lease of lands of William Parker son and heir of John Parker yeoman, deceased, in the county of Derby. (Court of Wards and Liveries, Bonds, 65, page 214.)
1639. Nov. 29. John Parker, of Little Norton, yeoman, occurs as a trustee under a marriage settlement between John Barten the younger of Greenhill, yeoman, and Anne daughter of Humfrey Woodrove, of Woodsetts Dale in the parish of Norton.
1645. 29 April, 21 Charles. Will of Robert Parker, of Ruscoate, in par. Cardswell, co. Stafford, gent.—I have an estate of inheritance in a certain demesne mansion house called Hardwicke house, in co. Stafford—my brothers Francis, Roger, and Thomas Parker—wife

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\* She was the wife of Thomas Eyre, of Shatton, in the parish of Hope. Married at Sheffield 3rd Feb. 1629. (See *Dugdale's Visitation of Derby*. C. 34, fo. 66, in Coll. Arm.)

† Speaking of Morewood, a hamlet of the chapelry of Bradfield, Mr. Hunter says—“This, like its neighbour Dungworth, and indeed all the little hamlets throughout Hallamshire, had its resident family of its own name. The Dungworths removed from the neighbourhood about the time of James I.” *Hallamshire*, page 273.

- Elizabeth—Raph Browne senr. of Meyre, gent. and James Creswell of Hardwicke, gent. exors. Proved at London 21st April 1646. (Twisse, 50.)
1650. 24 March. Leonard Gill, of Norton, gent. and Edward Gill, of Carrhouse, in par. Rotherham gent. his son and heir apparent, to John Parker of Little Norton, yeoman. Conveyance of the freehold part of Clay Lands for £102.—Godfrey Froggatt gent. to deliver possession—Witnesses, G. Frogat, Robt. Stacie—Raph Turner—Peter Roades—Wm. Wadsworth—Possession delivered by G. Frogat, in presence of Thos. Biggen, Henry Rollinson, Edward Bigin—George Ross—William Bate—William Parker.
1666. 2nd Nov., 18 Charles II. Deed between John Parker of Little Norton yeoman, and William Parker, son and heir apparent of the said John, on the one part and Thomas Burley of Greenhill gent. James Bate of Greenhill, yeoman, and John Bright of Banner Crosse co. York, yeoman, of the other part. For £60 J. and W. P. mortgage Clay Lands. Possession given by Willm. Bate, Jo : Dand.
1670. 21st March, 22nd Chas. II. Deed between John Parker of Little Norton, yeoman, and William Parker of the same, son and heir apparent of the said John P. of the one part, and Thomas Burley of Grennhill in par. Norton, co. Derby, yeoman, and Robert Parkes of Knotcrosse in the parish. of Ashover, co. Derby, yeoman, of the other part. In consideration of a marriage already had and solemnized between the said William Parker and Anne his now wife daughter of Edward Parkes of Higham in par. Sherland co. Derby yeoman, the said John Parker and William Parker granted &c. unto the said Thomas Burley and Robert Parkes all and every the messuages, lands, &c., which by John Parker the elder, late father of the said John Parker party thereto, deceased, and Anne

his late wife, and the said John Parker party thereto, were by indenture dated 19th June 8th Charles I. granted unto John Morewood then of the Oakes in the county of York gent. deceased, and Edward Urton *alias* Steeven, then of Hymsworth in the said co. of Derby, yeoman, in trust, situate in Norton and Little Norton, to hold to the said Burley and Parkes, as concerning the hall or firehouse of the now mansion house of the said John Parker in Little Norton (excepting way and passage for the said John Parker and Elizabeth now his wife, and his and their servants, through the said hall or firehouse to and from the new parlour and kitchen there), with the entry leading into the same hall or firehouse, the parlour on the south side of the hall, the chambers over the hall parlour and entry, the buttery and milkhouse adjoining to the same hall, all the houses and buildings (except the moiety of the stable standing on the south side of the fould belonging to the mansion house, the moiety or half of the kitchen, the moiety or half of the threshing floor of the barn, and the moiety or half of all the foulds, curtilages, gardens, and orchards belonging to the said messuage or mansion house). And as concerning 11 closes, to the use of the said William Parker for life, after his decease to the use of Anne now wife of said Wm. Parker for her life, for jointure, with remainders, in default of issue, to Rowland Parker younger son of the said John Parker party thereto, remainder to John Parker son and heir apparent of the said Rowland Parker "younger"—remainder to Samuel Parker, second son of the said Rowland Parker "younger." Like uses as to the rest of the said estate. Witnesses, Edw. Parkes, Ben. Clarke, Jo: Hawden.

1671. 12 Feb. Deed between William Parker of Little Norton co. Derby, yeoman, on the one part and Cornelius



Clarke, of Great Norton in said co., esq. on the other, £12—demise of all that dwelling-house or tenement situate in or near L. N. aforesaid, and now in occupation of Mary Thornley, together with a croft or toft adjoining, for life of said Wm. Parker. Witnesses, Anthony Poynton, Wm. Biggin, Ben : Clarke.

1671. 6 March. Thomas Burley, James Bate, and John Bright, for £65 then due to them assign over their interest in last mortgage of Cornelius Clarke esq.
1672. 20 Aug., 24 Charles II. Deed between John Parker of Little Norton yeoman, and Anne his wife and James Bate of Greenhill, yeoman ;—for £67—demise of Lowigg Close, Great Meadow, and Hollow Meadow, to hold from 25th March next for 8 years. Witnesses, Jo : Dand, Tho. Barton, Richard Marsh.
1672. 10 Dec., 24 Charles II. Deed between John Parker of Little Norton, yeoman, and Cornelius Clarke of Norton esq. Recites that Leonard Gill and Edward Gill, gentlemen, or one of them, by virtue of an indenture of lease and exchange dated 7th March 31st Eliz: made by one John Parker to Anthony Blythe esq. deceased, stood possessed of one part of a close called Clay Lands in Norton for remainder of long terms of years which afterwards passed to Parker, and he, for £18 paid by Clarke, assigned the said Clay Lands, then in the tenure of Wm. Parker, to Clarke, for remainder of term of 700 and 600 years. Witnesses, Den. Nevile, Ben : Clarke, Arthur Dennis.
1672. 10 Dec. Deed between John and William Parker of Little Norton, co. Derby, yeomen, and Cornelius Clarke, of Great Norton esq. For £64, conveyance of Clay Lands, containing 3a.—Indemnity against claim to dower of Elizabeth, now wife of said John Parker, and Anne now wife of said William Parker. Witnesses, Den. Nevile, John Dixon.

1675. April 15th. Will of George Parker, of Park-hall, co. Stafford, esq.,—to be buried in the chancel at Caves-wall, near my late deceased wife—my 5 children, Anne, being widow, William, Thomas\*, Robert, and Elizabeth Sleigh—to my daughter Levinge a silver can with cover affixed, which was given me by the Countess of Rutland—my daughter Parker, of Park-hall—my daughter Parker, of Leeke—my daughter Parker, of London. William and Thomas executors. Proved at Lichfield 11th April, 1676.
1678. 24 August, 30th Charles II. Will of John Parker, of Little Norton, co. Derby, yeoman.—William Parker and Rowland Parker, my sons 30s. each, in full, having already preferred them—Philip Challner,† my son-in-law, and Elizabeth his wife my daughter—Ann and Elizabeth my daughters-in-law, 10s.—to Thomas Burnley, of Grennell, in the parish of Norton, gent., 20s. as a legacy—John, Samuel, Phillip, William, and Sara, children of Rowland Parker my son—Thomas Burley, executor.
- Inventory taken 5th Sept., 1678, at £128 2s. 11d. Bond for the due administration &c. from Roland Parker, of Norton, and Joshua Barton, of Greenhill, clerk, conditioned that if the said R. Parker and Joshua B., the former son of John Parker, and the latter uncle to the children of Roland Parker, &c.
1681. July 4. Bond, Roland Parker, of Greenhill, yeoman, to Thomas Fletcher, of Holmehirst, to pay £4 on 4th July, 1683.
1682. Benjamin Parker nominated as one of the first "Brethren" of the borough of Derby, (an office between the

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\* Thomas Parker, of Leek, co. Stafford, father of Thomas Parker, 1st Earl of Macclesfield. His lordship in his will, 1723, mentions "the Parkers of Park Hall, my grandfather's seat, where his great grandson, the grandson of my father's elder brother, now lives."

† "At Darnall resided for many generations a respectable but not opulent family whose name was Chaloner or Chalner." (Hunter's *Hallamshire*, page 254.)

aldermen and the capital burgesses) in the charter  
5th Sept., 34 Charles II.

1683. 24 March, 31 Charles II. Lease from Ann Parker of Little Norton in par. Norton, co. Derby, widow, to William Parker the younger of Jordanthorpe in the said parish of Norton, of the hall or firehouse of the mansion or messuage house of William Parker, yeoman, deceased, late husband to the said Ann, in Little Norton, excepting way and passage to and for Edward Parker son and heir apparent of the said William Parker late owner thereof, when he the said Edward Parker and his family shall hereafter have occasion to make use thereof, that is to say, by over and through the said hall or firehouse to and from the new parlour and kitchen there, with the entry leading into the said hall or firehouse and the parlour on the south side of the hall, the chambers over the hall parlour and entry, and the milkhouse and buttery adjoining to the said hall, the moiety of the stable standing on the south side of the fould, the moiety of the kitchen, the moiety of the thrashing floor of the barn, and the moiety of all foulds, curtilages, gardens, and orchards belonging to the said mansion or messuage house, all the remainder of the said mansion, 11 closes of land called Wall storth, Long storth, Thistle storth, Broomstorth, Pigman storth, Roundstorth, Hoolestorth, Littlefield, Great meadow, Below meadow, and Lowedge, belonging to the said mansion, and now in the tenure of the said Ann Parker, from 24th March for 21 years, if the said Ann Parker shall so long live. Rent £19 10s. yearly. Covenant by Ann Parker that she will allow all military taxes as may be levied upon the premises by Act of Parliament for the use and service of His Majesty, and likewise will discharge the charges of her part finding of a foot-soldier in arms, and pay at the respective

musters during the said term chief rent, &c. Witnesses, Robt. Parker, James Bate, William Bull.

1683. June 18. Bond, Rowland Parker, of Greenhill, yeoman, to Robert Brownill, of Heeley, to pay £12 on 2nd Feb. next ensuing.
1688. April 3rd. Bond, Rowland Parker, of Norton, yeoman, to Sarah Bullock, of Chesterfield, widow, for £5 5 0.—Witnesses, Phil. Fanshawe, Ralph Adderley.
1693. Oct. 2nd. Rowland Parker, of the parish of Norton, co. Derby, yeoman, grants to John Parker, son and heir apparent of him the said Rowland Parker, for £119, all his lands and tenements at Greenhill and Woodseates, on condition that he pay certain debts, &c., according to schedule.
1695. 20 Nov., 7 Wm. III. Deed between Edward Parker, of Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick, gent., of the one part, and William Parker, of Little Norton, of the other part. Lease of a messuage, lands, and premises, in L. N., in the occupation of said Wm. Parker; a cottage or tenement, croft, and orchard, in L. N., in the occupation of Joseph Parker. To hold from 25th March next for 7 years, at £40 10 rent. Covenant by William Parker to pay rent. Covenant by said Edward Parker to pay all public taxes, &c., together with the duty for such part of the said premises as are held of the manor of Tickhill. Witnesses, Joseph Ranby, Fran: Parkes.
1698. Oct. 31. John Parker, of Greenhill, in par. Norton, co. Derby, yeoman (reciting a deed of 2nd October, 1693, whereby Rowland Parker, father of the said John, conveyed certain messuages and 35 acres of land at Greenhill and Woodseats, in the parish of Norton, heretofore the lands and premises of Elizabeth, late wife of the said Rowland and mother of the said John Parker, of the yearly value of £20),

in consideration of a marriage now had and solemnized between the said John Parker and Mary his wife, the daughter of William Staniforth, of Mosborough Moreside, in the parish of Eckington, co. Derby, sicklesmith, grants to the said Wm. Staniforth and Edmund Greaves, of Braddoe, in the parish of Hope, chandler, certain lands and tenements at Greenhill, to the use of the said Mary and John for life; remainder to their issue in tail male; remainder to the use of the said John Parker's last will. Witnesses, Marm: Carver, Thomas Boulsover, Martha Bolsover.

1701. April 1st. Will of John Parker, of Greenhill, in the parish of Norton, co. Derby, yeoman—my son, John Parker—my daughter, Elizabeth Parker—my wife, Mary Parker—my executors, Samuel Stannyforth and Edmund Greaves—my brothers, Samuel Parker and Phillip Parker, and sister, Sarah Parker. Proved at Lichfield 12th November, 1701.
1701. April 29. Tuition: Thomas Holden of Carburton, yeo., William Cooper of Budby, yeo., and Isaac Marshall of Palethorpe, yeo., bound. Conditioned, to educate, &c., Alice Parker, only daughter and heir of Elizabeth, the late wife of John Parker, who was formerly Elizabeth Cooke, late of Budby, deceased, 'till she is 18 years old.—(*Mansfield Peculiar*. From G. W. Marshall, LL.D.)
1703. 7th Jany. Lease from Edward Parker, of Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick, gent., to Joshua Calton, of Little Norton, yeoman, of a messuage, &c., at L. N., then in the occupation of said J. Calton, and a cottage or tenement in the occupation of Wm Parker. Witnesses, Phillip Parker, Jasper Rhodes.
1709. July 20. Sarah Hall, of Greenhill, widow, and Alice, her daughter, grant to William Joanes, of Greenhill, cutler, a cottage and lands in the occupation of John

Parker, Mary Parker, or his assigns. Witnesses, Martha Parker, Mary Parker, Thos. Jones.

1713. 2nd April. Will of Edward Parker, of Birmingham—sick and weak in body—recites that by his marriage settlement he had reserved a power of charging his estate in Little Norton with the payment of any sum or sums not exceeding £200 for the portions of his younger children—gave to Wm. Heatley of Birmingham, shortcutler, all his messuage, lands, &c., in Little Norton for 21 years, to commence after the decease of the survivor of him the said Edward Parker and Allyn his wife, upon trust out of the rents &c., to raise £200 for the portion, maintenance, and education of his 5 younger children, viz: for his daughter Ann £50, son Edward £35, son George £35, dau. Allyn £40, son Benjamin £40. Allyn his wife Extrix. Witnesses, John Sheldon, George Anderton, John Watkins.

Copy of an Indenture (*undated*) between John Parker, of Birmingham, co. Warwick, short cutler, of the 1st part, Wm. Higgs of Birmingham clerk, 2nd part, Gervas Nevile, of Chevet, co. York, esq., 3rd part, and Cavendish Nevile, vicar of the parish church of Norton, co. Derby, 4th part. For £600, then paid to said John Parker by the said Cavendish Nevile, and for the further sum of £600 to be paid by the said Cavendish Nevile, John Parker conveys to Gervas Nevile, in trust for the said Cavendish Nevile, two messuages, lands, &c., at Little Norton, then in the occupation of Joshua Calton. Mentions Edward Parker deceased, late father of the said John Parker.

1723. 29th May. Will of Thomas Parker, "whom his majesty has been pleased to honour with the title of Earl of Macclesfield."\*—Wife executrix—funeral without

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\* So created, 5th Nov., 1721.

ostentation at Shirburn—two daughters—recommend to my son that, if the male line of him and his sister fail, he will take care to remember the family of the Parkers, of Parkhall, which was my grandfather's seat, and where his great-grandson, the grandson of my father's elder brother now lives, with respect to the estate in Staffordshire. Two codicils. Testator died 28th April, 1732. Proved at London, 11th May, 1732, by Janetta Countess Dowager of Macclesfield relict of the deceased and sole executrix.

1735 19 May. Commission to George, Earl of Macclesfield the son, and administrator of the goods &c. of Janetta Countess Dowager of Macclesfield the sole executrix of Thomas late Earl of M. to administer *de bonis non*. (Bedford, 14. 3.)

1726. (Draft.) Deed between William Heatley, of Birmingham, co. Warwick, short-cutler, John Green of Birmingham baker, and Allen *alias* Ellen his wife, which said Allen *alias* Ellen is one of the younger children of Edward Parker formerly of Little Norton, co. Derby, ironmonger, and afterwards of Birmingham of the one part, and Cavendish Nevile, clerk, vicar of the parish church of Norton, co. Derby, of the other part. Recites an indenture of 2nd May, 7th King Wm. III. (1695), between the said Edward Parker of 1st part, William Turton of Clifford's Inn, London, gent., and John Pattison of London, haberdasher, of 2nd part, Henry Sedgewick, of Wild Green in par: Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick, gent., and George Cator of Sutton Coldfield aforesaid, gent., of 3rd part, and Allyn Blackham, one of the daughters of Benjamin Blackham late of Sutton Coldfield yeoman deceased, of the 4th part, whereby a messuage of the said Edward Parker in Little Norton and all the closes, &c., thereunto belonging then in the tenure of Wm. Parker, and a cottage or

tenement with a croft and garden thereto belonging, in L. N., then in the possession of Joseph Parker, were settled to the uses to be declared by the will of the said Edward Parker. Recites will of the said E. P. 2nd April 12th Anne:—that Allyn his wife died before him; and also that all the said five younger children (mentioned in the will) except the said Allen Green, were since also dead, whereby the said John Green in right of said Allen his wife was become legally entitled to the whole sum of £200. That said Cavendish Nevile about five or six years ago purchased the said property of John Parker son and heir apparent of the said Edward Parker deceased, and the said premises had been conveyed to Gervas Nevile late of Chevett, co. York, esq., since deceased, in trust for the said C. Nevile; and the said John Parker had also allowed £200 out of the purchase money to discharge that amount charged upon the said premises by the will of the said Edward Parker.\* That the said Allen *alias* Ellen

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\* It appears from "An account how J. Parker was paid for y<sup>e</sup> estate bought of him by C. Nevile," that the price given was £1199.

Letter dated Birmingham, July 16, 1720, from Wm. Higgs to Revd. Cavendish Nevile, Vicar of Norton, in which he says,—“Mr. Rann, the gentn. whom I desired to write to you in my absence, but I find did not, has had a call to London and returned but last night. I have just now seen him, and he tells me y<sup>t</sup> before he went, he made shift to light of an opportunity between two cockings to speak to Parker, who told him he must either take up more money or sell his estate, & y<sup>t</sup> Mr. Offley had offered him £1000 for it. Your name was not mentioned, & Mr. Rann is resolved y<sup>e</sup> next time he can catch him to bye at all adventures, as low as he can before y<sup>e</sup> young Rake hears y<sup>e</sup> price of land at present; & if you do not like y<sup>e</sup> bargain he has several Friends y<sup>t</sup> have lately been in Exchange Alley y<sup>t</sup> will leap at y<sup>e</sup> estate at any rates,” &c.

22 Dec. 1720, from same,—“Parker bellows, & says he will have ample satisfaction for nonpayment of y<sup>e</sup> money at y<sup>e</sup> time.”

From Mr. S. Cox, Coleshill, to Revd. Cavendish Nevile.

6 Feb. 1722. “About Michs I wrote to you at Norton and let you know that John Parker's brother was dead, and that his surviving sister was instituted to the whole money.” “I have laid out a great deal of money for boarding schooling & clothing Mrs. Parker.”.....“I was chosen and admitted Guardian to Mrs. Parker before a Judge.”

12 Sept. 1722. “As to the sister, I have both cloathed & boarded her above a year, & am yet like to bee at the same expence 'till shee can yet a



Green had then arrived at the age of 21 years, and was intermarried with the said John Green party to these presents. The said John Green and Allen *alias* Ellen his wife for £50, and £150 paid at and before the execution thereof did thereby release the premises from that charge.

1748. 10 Nov. The Rev. Cavendish Nevile (who died 18th Feby., 1749) by his will of this date devised his estate at Norton to Sir Lionel Pilkington of Stanley, co. York, bart., Godfrey Wentworth of Woolley co. York, esq., Henry Cavendish, of Doveridge, co. Derby, esq., and his brother Sandford Nevile, in trust to sell. Names his dau: Ann N., then under 21, and unmarried (she died May, 1755, unmarried)—wife Katherine N.—brother Sandford N. (who died before the testator, and left no children)—children of John Lister, of Sissonby co. Leicester esq., by Dorothy his wife, testator's niece—children of Wm. Nevile late of the city of York, eldest son of his uncle John Nevile deceased.
1749. 8 June. Indenture between John Parker, of Woodthorpe, gent., and John Parker the younger, eldest son and heir apparent of the said John Parker, &c.
1760. 5th March. Agreement, whereby John Beet of Chevet, steward or agent on behalf of Katherine Nevile, widow, and Sir Lionel Pilkington of that place bart.

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service, but have laid out no money upon the boy's account, John Parker having hitherto provided for him (hee is not like to live long, being far gone in a consumption) therefore I shall expect one halfe of the rent 'till wee see whether hee will live or dye."

22d Dec. 1722. "About Mr. Parker's sister. Her brother being now dead, the whole money is devolved upon her, & shee seemes an improveable Girle, & I would give her a suiteable education."

3d May, 1725. "I think Mrs. Parker is at age in June come Twelvemonth, and that Birmingham may be a suiteable place to pay the remainder of her fortune."

21st June 1725. "Soon after my last letter Mrs. Parker sent mee word shee should bee of age within a very little time. I sent to Sutton Coldfield (where shee was born) for a certificate, & thereby it appeares shee was there baptized 2nd June 1704."

2nd May 1726.—"Mrs. Parker is married lately."

sells to Isaac Biggin of Little Norton and John Rose of Whitelane end in par: Eckington co. Derby, farmers, for £1,560\* the freehold estate with the dwelling houses &c. belonging late Revd. Cav. Nevile with a little Spring wood called "Jonset Wood" adjoining the bottom of the said estate, along with the heirlooms now remaining in one of the dwelling-houses wherein the said Isaac Biggin then dwelt.

1764. 13 April. Indenture between John Parker of Woodthorpe and John Parker the younger, of the same place, of the 1st part, George Oates and Samuel Oates, both of Leeds, merchants of 2nd part, and Alice Marshall of Leeds, spinster, of 3rd part.

Reciting that a marriage was intended, by the permission of God, to be shortly had and solemnized between the said John Parker the younger and the said Alice Marshall.

TO ALL AND SINGULAR to whom these presents shall come, THOMAS BROWNE esquire, Garter Principal King of Arms, and ISAAC HEARD esquire, Norroy King of Arms of the north parts of England from the river Trent northwards, send greeting. WHEREAS John Parker of Grey Stones in the county of York gent. late of Woodthorpe in the said county, son of John Parker of Norton in the county of Derby gent. whose father Rowland Parker was also of Norton aforesaid, and an officer in the army of King Charles the first during the Civil wars,† hath represented

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* Estate ...	£1450
Timber...	110
	1560

† This statement, for the insertion of which in the grant the authority is not now known, appears open to question. The parents of this Rowland Parker were married 9th July 1632, and his two elder brothers, John and William, were baptized respectively 23rd June 1633 and 11th October 1635. Rowland was baptized January 8th 1640-1; and supposing him to have been not quite an infant at that date, this would not allow of his being of sufficient age to have held a commission in the royal army.

unto the Right Honorable Richard Earl of Scarbrough deputy with the royal approbation to the Most Noble Edward Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, that his family have borne for armorial ensigns, Argent, a cheveron gules between three mullets, on a chief azure three buck's heads\* caboshed, and for crest a talbot's head collared ; but not finding them duly recorded in the Herald's Office, he requested the favor of his lordship's warrant for our granting and confirming the said arms, with such variations as may be necessary, to be borne by him and his descendants according to the laws of arms, and that the same, with his family pedigree, may be registered in the College of Arms. AND FORASMUCH as his Lordship did by warrant under his hand and seal bearing date the second day of November instant authorize and direct us to grant and confirm to the said John Parker such arms and crest accordingly. KNOW YE THEREFORE that we the said Garter and Norroy, in pursuance of the consent of the said Earl of Scarbrough, and by virtue of the letters patent of our several offices to each of us respectively granted under the great seal of Great Britain, do by these presents grant and confirm to the said John Parker the Arms following, that is to say, Argent, a cheveron pean between three mullets sable, on a chief azure as many buck's heads caboshed or : And for the Crest, on a wreath of the colours, a talbot's head couped argent, eared gules, collared pean, as the same are in the margin hereof more plainly depicted ;

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\* " Families using this name of office as their surname are found in every part of the kingdom ; indeed wherever there was a *park* there might be a *parker* : and the person holding that office would be likely to transmit the word to his posterity as their surname, when the convenience of such an invariable adjunct to the name began to be felt." (Hunter.) In the hundred of Beckingtree, Essex, John le Parker held half a hide of land by the serjeanty of keeping the park of the king and the Outwood, worth yearly half a mark. Richard the 3rd granted to Thomas Savile the office of *parker* of Belgrave, within the Isle of Axholme, and *palicer* of the same.

"What shall he have that kill'd the deer?  
 His leather skin and horns to wear.  
 Take thou no scorn to wear the horn ;  
 It was a crest 'ere thou wast born.  
 Thy father's father wore it ;  
 And thy father bore it ;  
 The horn, the horn, the lusty horn  
 Is not a thing to laugh to scorn."  
*As You Like It.* Act iv.

to be borne by him the said John Parker gent. and his descendants, with their due and proper differences, according to the laws of arms, without the let or interruption of any person or persons whatever. IN WITNESS &c., 10th November, A.D. 1775.

1778. Dec. 29. Will of John Parker of Graystones, in the parish of Sheffield, co. York, gentn.,—my nephews Matthew, William, and John Webster, £20 apiece—my half-brother William Sharmon my wearing apparel and £10, and £10 a year for life—my daughter Mary wife of Revd. Rowland Hodgson; my dau. Sarah wife of George Woodhead, £1,700 each, over and above what I have given them in my life—residue to my son John Parker—he sole executor. Mentions the real estates devised to him by the will of the late John Woodrove gentn.\* Proved at York 12th June 1779.

1790. Sep. 26. Will of John Parker of Woodthorpe, in parish of Handsworth, co. York, esq.†—By a deed and bond

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\* 1718. 10th Sept. Will of John Woodrove, of Woodthorpe, in par. Hannsworth co. York gent.—“being not very well in body, but of sound mind.”—To my kinswoman Mrs. Hannah Cade, lands &c. at Woodthorpe, Sheffield, Crooks, and Lidge Yate, Hallam, Graystones, Stanington, fee-farm rents at Bishop Wilton, lands at Hathersidge co. Derby, &c., for life—remainder to her children—remainder to my kinsman John Parker (son of John Parker, late of Greenhill, co. Derby, deceased) and his issue in tail—remainder to Wm. Jessop of Broomehall esq. for life—remainder to James Jessop gent. son of said Wm. Jessop in fee—my kinswoman Elizabeth Parker sister to the said John Parker the son £1 1 0—To said John Parker all his interest in property at Woodseats-Dale, in par. Norton—To my cousin Philip Parker 20s.—To Mary wife of Sampson Bayley, of Sheffield, 20s.—and to her son Samuel, 20s.—Mrs. Cade extrix and residuary legatee—Witnesses—Saml. Staniforth—Hen: Waterhouse—Edm: Waterhouse—

Mr. Woodrove was buried 26 Feb. 1718.

† 1761. March 4. John Parker esq., of Woodthorpe, appointed by Edward Duke of Norfolk Steward of his Manor of Sheffield in the Liberty of Hallamshire.

1768. July 30. Same appointed by Robert Earl of Holderness steward of his courts leet, baron, and other courts of Aston and Wales.

1772. May 25. Same appointed by Edward Duke of Norfolk for the manor of Worksop.

1777. Nov. 10. Same appointed by the Trustees of Charles Howard esq. commonly called Earl of Surrey, for the Sheffield courts.

The above John Parker was admitted of Lincoln's Inn 23 January 1746. Called to the Bar there 13 April 1752. Invited to the Bench of that Society 12th Feb. 1776 but declined. Died 6 January 1794.

dated 2nd day of this instant Sept. upon a marriage then intended (and since taken effect) between Mr. John Ellison of Thorne\* and my dau. Harriet, I became engaged to pay as a marriage portion £5,000.—to my dau. Maria £3,200 and a further £2,000.—to my son George, estate in the parishes of Addle, Horsforth, and Guiseley, co. York, which I purchased of Sir Wadsworth Busk, £3,000 at 21, and one of the two Tontine Inn Shares for which he is nominee—Wife Alice, coach and chaise and harness and use of household goods, plate, &c.—my wife by deed dated 21st Sept. inst. hath appointed to me and my heirs her real estates lying at Horsforth, Brookfoot, and Cookridge, Asholt, and Yeadon, in the parishes of Horsforth, Addle, Guiseley, and Otley, co. York, devises them to his said son George—residue of estates real and personal to his son Hught—both then under age. Wife and brother-in-law George Woodhead † Exors. Proved at York 17th April 1794. Witnesses, John Stacey—H. Cheney—George Littlewood.

1837. Will of George Parker, of Streetthorpe, co. York, dated 25 May 1837—my dear wife Diana Elizabeth—our two sons—my brother Hugh Parker esq.—my brothers-in-law George Cooke esq. and Richard Harvey Cooke esq.—Witnesses Thomas Walker—James Dunhill—John Crawshaw—Proved at York 6 Nov. 1839.

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\* See pedigree of Ellison, in Hunter's *South Yorkshire* Vol I, p. 179. Mr. Ellison died in 1810, and his widow 27 October, 1849.

† Admitted of Lincoln's Inn 12th June 1790. Called to the Bar 21st June 1797. Died 15 Nov. 1861. (See Biographical Memoir of him in *Gent: Mag: of that year.*) His eldest son, the Right Hon. John Parker, was admitted of Lincoln's Inn 3rd Feb., 1821, and called to the Bar 30th June, 1824. Representative in Parliament for Sheffield from 1832 to 1852. Died 5th Sept., 1881, in the 82nd year of his age. (See Biographical Notice of him in "The Reliquary," Vol. 22, p. 139.)

‡ George Woodhead esq. of Highfield, in par. Sheffield, died 17 Nov. 1813, aged 81. Sarah his wife, sister to John Parker, esq., of Woodthorpe, died 15th June, 1813, aged 80. (*Mon: Ins: Hansworth Church.*)

1854. Will of Diana Elizabeth Parker, of Streetthorpe co. York, widow.—my son George Parker—my grand-daughter Diana Parker—my brothers Colonel Richard Harvey Cooke, and the Rev. Harry Cooke—my son Henry Yarborough Parker—he sole executor—Witnesses, R. Dudley Baxter—Robert Hall—Proved at York 20th March 1854.