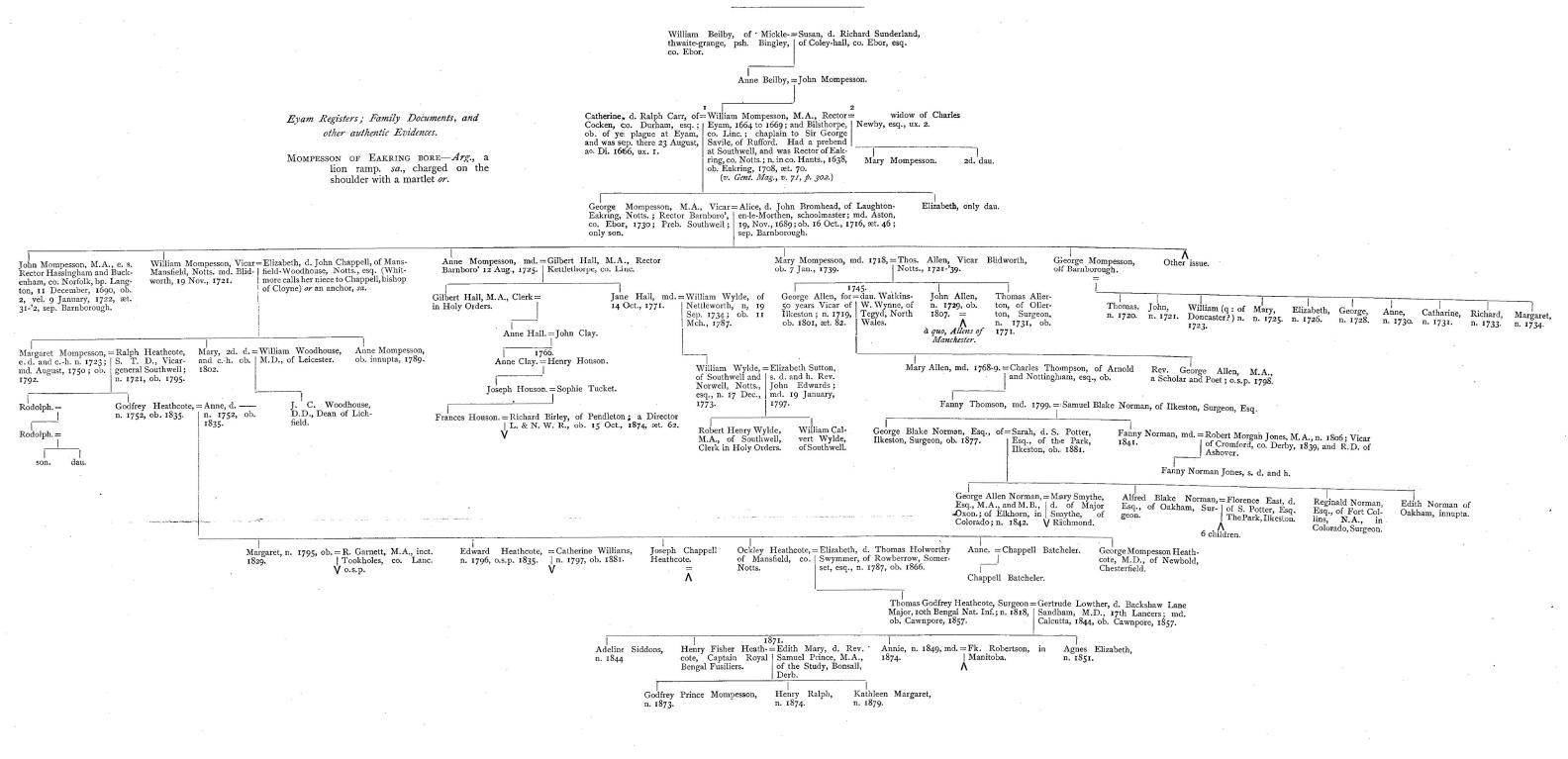
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F many of the descendants of Mompesson, our Derbyshire Borromeo, but too little is known; and this pedigree is launched with a view to opening up the subject and eliciting further information. Few events in history move us more forcibly than the harrowing tale of the little land-locked village in the Peak voluntarily sacrificing itself to the awful ravages of the "pestilence that stalketh in darkness," in order to save its neighbours from a similar fate; and nothing more touching has ever been written than the letters to his children of him who had passed "through the cloud and whirlwind of Death" in announcing to them the doleful news of their dear mother's departure on August 23rd, anno mirabili 1666.