

## Zouch of Codnor.

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REFERENCE to the pedigree of Zouch, as given in different ways by Glover, Pilkington, and Lysons, shows that some uncertainty and confusion exist as to the later generations. The Sir John who is said to have sold the estates in 1634 and removed to Ireland, afterwards emigrating to Virginia, was ten years of age in 1569. In those days emigration would be an enormous and unlikely undertaking for a man certainly over seventy-five years of age, however robust he might be. There is evidence, on the other hand, that this Sir John died twenty-four years before the sale of the estates, in the disposing of which his son, described only as John Zouch, is said to have joined his father. Now, this son was undoubtedly the last Zouch of Codnor, the Sir John who, in conjunction with his son John, sold the Codnor estates, and who for years past had been selling and leasing property and rights as if want of money oppressed him. If pecuniary embarrassments forced the alienation of the estates, it might be in the year 1634 as well as any other; but a reason for the transaction taking place in that particular year is manifest when it is seen that the last John Zouch above named was twenty-one years of age in that year.

The confusion in the printed pedigree arises from the omission of a generation, the children of Sir John Zouch and Isabella his wife, some, at least, of whose names appear in the following evidence.

Inability to search other sources of information for the purposes of this article leaves some points uncertain, and merely matters of conjecture and suggestion. With deference, therefore, the following amendments, including a few alterations of details and dates, are set forth, not as a complete pedigree, but as an

augmentation of the pedigree given in Glover's *Derbyshire*,<sup>1</sup> with which it should be compared.

George Zouch, ob. 3 and 4 Philip and Mary. He married, first, Anne Geynsford; second, *Helen Lane*.<sup>1</sup> By both he had issue, but no child is mentioned by the name of Helen.

Sir John, married *Elizabeth Whalley*.<sup>1</sup>

Sir John, married Maria, daughter of Sir *Henry Berkeley*.<sup>2</sup>

The last of the family to reside at Codnor was John Zouch, *Esq.*, son of Sir John, son of Sir John, son of Sir George.<sup>3</sup>

The three following items are from manuscripts now in the possession of Sir Henry Bemrose:—

38 Eliz. John Zouch Esq. *senior*.

39 Eliz. John Zouch *Esq.*

39 Eliz. Dame *Elinor*, widow of Sir John Zouch.

The Heanor parish registers reveal important evidence:—

? 1560 "Mrs. Hellen Trappers sometimes Mrs. (? Zouche) of Butterley was buried in ye chansell of hey[nor]."

The word transcribed "Zouche" is very indistinct, but appears to be this name; moreover, the family vault of Zouch was in the chancel of Heanor church.

156 $\frac{6}{7}$  "Luce Zouche was buried the xx<sup>th</sup> day of februarie."

160 $\frac{7}{8}$  "An Zouche gent<sup>n</sup> Daughter of Sr John Zouche Knight was buried ye 8<sup>th</sup> day of februarie."

1610 "Sr John Zouche knight was buried ye 3<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill."

1611 "Elianor wife to ye Righte Honorable Lord Edward Zouch Barron was buried ye third day of Aprill."

161 $\frac{11}{12}$  "A sonne of John Zouche Esquire of Codnor casell and Iszabell his wife was buried ye 15<sup>th</sup> day of Januarij."

"A sonne" is written over "John ye son" erased; an alteration arising, undoubtedly, from a superficial

<sup>1</sup> Vol. ii., pp. 343 and 344.

<sup>2</sup> Glover ii., p. 343.

<sup>3</sup> Pilkington's *Derbyshire*, ii., p. 229.

consideration and misapprehension of an *apparent* inconsistency between this entry and the following:—

16 $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{2}{3}$  “John ye sonne of John Zouche Esquire and Iszabell his wife of Codnor Castell was born ye first day of Februarij and was christened the xxv<sup>th</sup> of ye same monthe at ye Castell of Codnor aforesaid.”

1618 John Brunt and An Hilton married; servants of “Mr John Zouch.”

163 $\frac{0}{1}$  “George Zouch sonn to the Righte Worshipfull Sr Jhon Zouch was buried the xix<sup>th</sup> Daye of Marche.”

1632 “Isabell Zouch Ladye and wife to the Right Worshipfull Sr John Zouch of Codnar Casstall was buried the Nintinthe Daye of Octobar.”

I.—From the above evidence it appears that George Zouch married twice, first Anne Geynsford, and second Helen Lane. But, unless there was a Helen Zouch, not given in the pedigree, possibly sister of George, it would seem that either Helen, widow of the said George, married again and took the name of Trappers, or, as is more probable, she had the name of Trappers, not Lane, when she married George Zouch, and as his widow went to reside on the Zouch estate at Butterley. That she was a Zouch or the *widow* of a Zouch is indicated by the burial in the chancel at Heanor.

(a) Lucy, daughter of George Zouch, is evidently referred to in the burial entry of 20th of February, 156 $\frac{4}{7}$ .

II.—Sir John, son of George Zouch. From the Bemrose MSS. it is clear that he died before 1597, and that “*Dame Elinor*” was his widow. Thus he either married “*Elinor*” Whalley, not Elizabeth, or he married a second time.

Of their children—

(a) Eleanor married Edward, Lord Zouch, of Harringworth, and was buried 3rd April, 1611.

He was succeeded by his son,

III.—Sir John, born 1559 (Glover ii. 343), who was obviously the John Zouch, senior, of 38 Eliz. (Bemrose MSS.), knighted, apparently, before 1608 (the date of Ann Zouch’s death). He was buried 3rd April, 1610. His wife was said by the

Rev. Charles Kerry to be Maria, daughter of Sir Ralph Berkeley, differing from the Sir Henry of the printed pedigree.

Amongst his children it would seem that there must be added

(a) An, who was buried 8th February, 1607.

The title "gentlewoman" shews her to have been an adult; while "daughter to Sir John Zouche" points out her father as the knight who, living at the time of her death, died in 1610.

He was succeeded by his son,

IV.—Sir John, who married Isabella, daughter of Patrick Lowe, of Denby. She was buried 19th October, 1632. The Heanor registers shew this John Zouch to have been described as "Esquire" in 1612 and 1613; "Mr" in 1618; and to have been knighted before 1631.

Of their children—

(a) John was buried 15th January, 1611½.

(b) George was buried 19th March, 1631½. "Sonn to the Righte Worshipfull Sr Jhon Zouch."

(c) John, born 1st February, and baptized 25th of the same month, 1613½.

This child would have attained the age of twenty-one years in 1634, and so could join his father in the sale of the estates.

Isabella should appear in this generation.

