



Here lyeth
the Body of James Bonwicke
Esq^r. Counsellor at Law
one of Exemplary Life & Piety
lamented by all that knew him
a great loss to the Poor
to whom he was a Benefactor
he departed this life In hope
of a joyfull Resurrection
the 14th of May 1729.

Here also lyeth Martha his
Beloved Wife who died January
the 19th 1735 Aged 42 Years.

As likewise Dorothea their
Daughter who died September
the 23rd 1735 Aged 6 Years.

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LEDGER TO
JAMES BONWICKE, Esq., COUNSELLER AT LAW, 1729,
AND WIFE MARTHA, 1735.
MICKLEHAM CHURCHYARD, SURREY.

ON A LEDGER

TO THE MEMORY OF

JAMES BONWICKE, ESQ., IN MICKLEHAM
CHURCHYARD, SURREY.

WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF THE BONWICKE FAMILY.

By ALFRED RIDLEY BAX, F.S.A.

THE ledger (of which the accompanying plate is a reduced representation) covers a low tomb in the churchyard of Mickleham, immediately beneath the east window. It is a slab measuring 71 by 35 inches, with chamfered edge; the shield of arms in the upper part seems to have been untouched since the date when it was placed there, but the inscription has been recut of late years. It is to the memory of James Bonwicke, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to his wife Martha, and their infant daughter Dorothea. He was a Member of the Middle Temple, and of the yeoman family of Bonwicke, of Surrey. The Subsidy Rolls of 18 Eliz. (1576) show that there were Bonnyckes or Bonwicks living at Lingfield, Burstow, Horley and Betchworth, at that period.¹ This branch appears to be the only one which rose to any importance, producing several able scholars; some of the family became clergymen and suffered for their sympathy with non-juring principles, others adopted the profession of the law. They almost alone retained the final e in the name. It is hard, with our modern views of constitutional monarchy, to understand (however much we may respect) the scruples of the non-jurors and their idea that they remained bound by their oaths in their fealty to a sovereign who had entirely disregarded his

own vows and was trampling systematically on the liberties of his people.

The Grant of Arms issued from the Herald's College, 3rd February, 1671, was "to John Bonwick of Mickleham in Surrey Bachelor in Divinity and Benjamin Bonwick one of the Captains of y^e Trained Bands sons of Benjamin Bonwick of Rigate." Chequy, or and sable, on a chief gules, two estoiles of the first. Crest, a Lion's head erased gules, charged on the neck with an estoile as in the arms.

Probably the descent and connections of James Bonwicke will be better understood when set forth in the following pedigree:—

The earliest ancestor who has been identified at present is—

(I) RICHARD BONWICKE, of Horley, ycoman, who in the 44th Elizabeth (1602) settled Erbridge Manor on his son Benjamin, then of the Inner Temple. He is probably identical with Richard Bonwicke, of Horley, who married Joan —, and by her had a numerous family, of whom (although his baptism is not recorded at Horley) Benjamin Bonwicke was probably one. He may have been born at Horne.

(II) BENJAMIN BONWICKE became of Reygate.

In the books of the Inner Temple he is stated to have been admitted in November, 1595, and is described as then of Horne, in the same county. By his wife Katharine, daughter of the Rev. Richard Day, of Chipstead, co. Surrey, he had—

(III) JOHN BONWICKE, born 3rd November, 1622, of Christ's College, Cambridge, curate of Reigate; instituted Rector of East Horsley by the Archbishop of Canterbury, 5th February, 1662-3; resigned it in 1669, apparently on his presentation to the Rectory of Mickleham, which he held from 23rd June, 1669, to his death in 1698.

Among the Domestic State Papers of King Charles II, under date Dec. 4 (?), 1660, is the following Petition endorsed—

TENTATIVE PEDIGREE OF BONWICKE, OF REIGATE, NEWDIGATE, AND MICKLEHAM, CO. SURREY.

RICHARD BONWICKE, of Horley, co. Surrey. Yeoman, settled Erbridge Manor, 44 Eliz. (1602) on his son Benjamin.

Benjamin Bonwicke, in co. Surrey, Gentleman, of the Inner Temple. Buried at Reigate 9th January, 1633-4, as "Mr. Benjamin Bonick the older."

Katharine, daughter of Richard Day, of Chipstead, co. Surrey, Clerk.

John Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate on 4th December, 1622, as "John, s. of Benjamin Bonwicke, Gent." Of Christ's College, Cambridge. Curate of Reigate; appointed Rector of East Horsley by Archbishop of Canterbury; instituted 6th February, 1662-3; resigned it in 1669; instituted to Rectorcy of Newdigate 23rd June, 1669; Rector of Mickleham, which he held for 29 years. Buried there, 3rd November, 1698, under black marble gravestone.

Dorothy, daughter of John Miles, of Rygate, in co. Surrey, Gentleman. Died at Mickleham, 9th February, 1711.

Susan Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 13th January, 1623-6, as "Susan, d. of Ben. Bonwicke." Buried there 15th September, 1626.

Benjamin Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 3rd October, 1627. "Ben. son of Ben. Bonwicke, gent."

Thomas Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 19th March, 1630-1, as "Thomas, s. of Benj. Bonwicke, gent."

Sarah, daughter of Thomas Bladt, of Rygate, Gentleman.

Benjamin Bonwicke, of Rygate, baptized 3rd October, 1627. "One of ye Captains of ye Trained Bands." Kinnersley Manor, Horley. "In 1675 Kestible and Petty conveyed to Benjamin Bonwicke, who was a Captain afterwards Major of the Train Bands in the county." He died 13th November, 1707, aged 81 (M. I.).

Mary, daughter of John Waltham, of Shalford, in Surrey, Gentleman. Married 9th May, 1651. She died 6th December, 1703, at 72 (M. I.).

John Bonwicke, b. ? died young.

Ambrose Bonwicke, b. 29th April, 1662; educated at Merchant Taylors' School; chosen scholar of St. John's Oxford, 11th June, 1669; Librarian 1670; B.A. 1st February, 1672; M.A. 18th March, 1675; B.D. 21st July, 1682; incorporated at Cambridge M.A. 1678; ordained deacon 21st May 1678; priest 6th June (Trinity Sunday), 1680; Master of Merchant Taylors' School; after his dismissal for refusing to take oath of allegiance, established a private school at Headley. Died 20th October, and buried 26th October, 1722, in chancel of Mickleham Church. Will dated 26th July, 1722. Proved 18th January, 1722-3.

Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Stubbs, Citizen of London, sometime of St. Peter's, Cornhill. Died 6th, and buried 7th December, 1722. Administration of her goods 8th January, 1722-3.

Henry Bonwicke, b. of SS. Gregory and St. Paul, London, Bookseller. Died and buried 18th March, 1706.

Rebecca, his wife.

Benjamin Bonwicke, b.; chosen Scholar of St. John's, Oxford 19th May, 1675; LL.B., B.C.L. 11th May, 1681; Fellow of his College. Second Under-Master of Merchant Taylors' School. Buried in chancel of Mickleham Church 14th December, 1687.

James Bonwicke, b.; probably the James Bonwicke, B.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, admitted Sizar 7th September, 1670; Scholar 12th April, 1678. Of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. Died 14th May, 1729.

Martha, daughter of . . . Braco? of Mickleham; after her husband's death of London. Will dated 9th January, 1735.

Augustine Bonwicke, baptized at Newdigate 4th June, 1665; buried at Mickleham 25th June, 1683; ye 8th and youngest child.

Elizabeth Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate on 31st July, 1647, as "Elizabeth Bonwicke, d. of Mr. John B. Clerk."

Phillipa Bonwicke, baptized at Newdigate 1st August, 1662; died 25th June, 1688; buried in her brother Augustine's grave in chancel of Mickleham Church, 27th June, 1688.

James Bonwicke, baptized at . . . 1st October, 1721. Principal legatee under his mother's will. His will is dated 20th December, 1749, proved in P. C. C. 8th April, 1754.

Dorothy Bonwicke, baptized at . . . 27th March, 1729, died 23rd, buried 27th September, 1735.

James Bonwicke.

Phillipa Bonwicke.

John Bonwicke, her cousin.

Phillipa Bonwicke.

Benjamin Bonwicke, born at Reigate 28th August; baptized there 10th September, 1657. Buried there 9th October, 1661, as "Benj., s. of Mr. Ben. Bonwicke."

Sarah Bonwicke.

Elizabeth Bonwicke.

Katherine Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate, 28th September, 1659.

John Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 7th February, 1661-2.

William Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 2nd May, 1663.

Mary Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 15th April, 1664.

Richard Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 11th May, 1666.

Rachel Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 14th July, 1667.

Susanna Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 29th July, 1668.

Benjamin Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 6th January, 1669-70. (Second of the name.) Matrie, St. John's College, Oxon, 5th March, 1685-6, then aged 16.

Sarah, his wife, adm. to her husband's estate 24th February, 1736-7.

John Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 29th April, 1672.

Sarah Bonwicke, b.; died 18th December, 1801, aged 91 years (M. I.).

Charles Mason, Gentleman, Lieut. R.N.

Mary Bonwicke, = Samuel Daplock, b.

Ambrose Bonwicke, eldest child, b. 30th September, 1691, at the Master's House, adjoining Merchant Taylors' School, London, and baptized at St. Lawrence Pountney, 18th October, 1691. Admitted to School 11th January, 1702-3; Captain of School 1709; would have been elected to St. John's College, Oxford, but for declining to read prayers for the sovereignty. Admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, 25th August, 1710; chosen Scholar of his house. Died from bursting of a blood vessel 5th May, 1714, at. aet. aue 23. Monument in chancel of All Hallows, Cambridge.

Mary Bonwicke, baptized at Headley 21st September, 1636.

Elizabeth Jones.

Philip Bonwicke, baptized at Headley 12th December, 1697; elected Scholar of St. John's, Cambridge, 10th July, 1719; Baker Exhibitioner 2nd November, 1713. Died of the small pox 14th March, 1714-15, at. aet. 18. Monument in All Hallows, Cambridge.

Rev. Thos. Cockrill?

Rev. John Cockrill.

Elizabeth Cockrill.

Dorothy Bonwicke, b.; Wildmnn. baptized at Headley 20th May, 1699; called "Thea" in will of James Bonwicke, whereby she took bequest of £60.

Henrietta Bonwicke, baptized at Headley 9th January, 1701, of Leatherhead, spinster. Bequest under brother James' will. Her will dated 15th October 1760, proved 13th May, 1762.

Winifred Bonwicke, baptized at Headley 18th January, 1702; took bequest of £30 under brother James' will.

Mary Cooke.

Thea Cooke.

James Bonwicke, baptized at Headley 21st December, 1703, of the Parish of St. Faith, Citizen and Stationer of London. Bequest of books and cabinet of medals under his father's will. His will audited; affidavit made 23rd February, 1724, by James Bonwicke, senior, and James Bonwicke, junior, of St. Faith, in St. Paul's Churchyard. Proved at London 24th July, 1726, by oath of William Bowyer.

John Bonwicke, b.; took £200 on his father's death on condition that he gave security to his mother that he would betake himself to business and not trifle.

Augustine Bonwicke, baptized at Headley 2nd February, 1708. Probably died young.

“To my honoured friend William Godolphin Esq^r at Whitehall.”

S^r—This bearer M^r John Bonwick is made known to me (by some papers of D^r Hammond and another Learned friend likewise deceased) to be a person of very great merit and worthy of the degree of Bachelour in divinity : I rest

your very affectionate friend

HUMFR. SARUM.

To the Kings most Excellent Maiestic

The humble Peticoñ of John Bonwicke Clerke late of Reigate in the Countie of Surrey now Rector of Newdigate in the said county

Humble Sheweth

That your Peticoñ^r for his continued Loyaltie to his Sovereign and his zealous ascerting of the Doctrine and discipline of the Church of England having left his subsistance att Christ's Colledge in Cambridge about the yeare 1643 betooke himselfe to Oxford, and there took upp Arms for your Ma^{tie} Royall father of blessed memorie marching in the Western Army untill the second Battell at Newberry where hee was taken, strip'd, imprison'd, and almost starv'd in Newberry Church, and from thence with others barefoote (*sic*), barbarouslie driven to London howse and there suffered for manie weekes hard imprisonment.

Now your Peticoñer, having often ventured his life for your Ma^{ties} Restoraçoñ and thereby likewise been debarr'd of his Degree in the Vniversitie, belonging to his yeares and function and so of preferment in the Church for which he hath bene a great sufferer

Your Peticoñer most humble praies that

Your Ma^{tie} would bee grationslie pleased to graunt him your Letters Mandatory to the Vniversitie of Cambridge for A Degree of Bachelour of Divinity

And your Peticoñer (as in duty bound) shall ever pray &c.

Wee whose names are here under written doe certifye : That John Bonwicke of Reigate in the county of Surrey, Clerke, hath always bene and is, Orthodoxe in his judgem^t and Doctrine; of a good exemplary life; and conversaçoñ : Loyall to his Sovereigne; zealous in the discipline of the Church of England (for w^{ch} he hath bene a great sufferer) and able and fitt to have the cure of Soules In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names the seaventh day of July in the yeare of our Lord Christ 1660

JER. TAYLOR, D.D.
JOHN WYLDBORE.

GEO. WILDE, LL.D.
GEO. KENT.
JO CASTILLION, TH: B.
GUALT JONES, S. Theol: Bacc :
PHIL. KING, D.D.
JOHN COLE, D.D.

These are to certifie that John Bonwicke of Reigate in the County of Surrey, Clerke, for his continued loyalty to his Sovereigne and his zealous asserting of the Discipline and Doctrine of the Church of England having left his subsistance at Christ's Colledge in Cambridge about the yeare 1643 betooke himselfe to Oxford and there tooke up armes for King Charles the first of Blessed memory Marching in the Westerue Army untill the Second Battell at Newberry, where he was taken, stript, and almost starved in Newberry Church, and from thence wth others barefoote most barbarously driven to London house, and there suffered for many weekes hard imprisonm^t, and having at len^hth wth great expense obtayned his freedome rather than take the engagem^t 2 or in the least comply wth the ffaction and rebellious though potent and prosperous, refused the proffers of severall Livings of great value and tooke on him a cure of but 20^{li} p annū w^{ch} is all he (who hath often ventured his life for the restauracōn of King Charles the second) hath to sustaine himselfe his wife and six small Children.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto
Subscribed our names 3

RAPH^e FFREMAN^e a MORDAUNT. b
FR. VINCENT. c
FRAN. AUNGIER. d
EDM. BOWYER. e
ROB^t. PARKHURST. f
ADAM BROWNE. g
NICHOLAS CAREW. h
GEO. EVELYN. i

In response to this appeal we find among the Domestic State Papers, 1662, Dec. 4, Whitehall, The King (Charles II) to the University of Cambridge. Requests them to confer on John Bondwick (*sic*) rector of Newdigate, Surrey, and 3 others, the respective degrees which they were prevented from taking by their loyalty in the late unhappy times, all statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

He died at Mickleham, and was buried there beneath a black marble gravestone, on the south side of the altar, having the following inscription⁴:—

HIC POSITÆ SUNT RELIQUÆ JOHANNIS BONWICKE S.T.B. ET ISTIUS ECCLESIE PER ANNOS XXIX RECTORIS QUI NATUS EST III^o NOV. MDCXXII SEPULTUS III NOV. MDCXCVIII ET CONJUGIS DOROTHEÆ QUÆ OBIT IX FEB. AN. ÆT. XC. SAL. MDCCXI.

This stone and those to his children are not now to be found; I was informed by the Rector that they are

either covered or were removed when it became necessary, on sanitary grounds, to refloor the Church.

By his wife Dorothy, daughter of John Myles, of Rygate, Gent., he had—

(1) John Bonwicke, of whom nothing more seems known, and who probably died young.

(2) Ambrose Bonwicke, b. 29th April, 1652,⁵ educated at Merchant Taylors' School; chosen Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford, 11th June, 1669; appointed Librarian, 1670; B.A., 1st February, 1672; M.A., 18th March, 1675; B.D., 21st July, 1682; incorporated at Cambridge, M.A., 1678; ordained deacon, 21st May, 1676; priest, 6th June, 1680 (Trinity Sunday); became Master of Merchant Taylors' School, but was removed for non-juring scruples in 1691. After his ejection he established a private school at Headley, and had Mr. William Bowyer (the famous printer) as one of his pupils. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Stubbs, Citizen of London, sometime of St. Peter's, Cornhill. He died 20th, and was buried 26th October, 1722, in the chancel of Mickleham Church. In the Register of Burials at Mickleham there is the following entry:—

“ 1722 The Rev^d M^r Bonwick of Hedley Oct^{br} y^e 26th.”

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF REV. AMBROSE BONWICKE.

(P. C. C., 3 *Richmond*.)

I Ambrose Bonwicke an unworthy Priest according to the Admonition of our Church in her Order for the visitation of the Sick being now by the blessing of God in good health do by this my last Will and Testament dispose of that Temporall estate he has been pleased in much mercy to bestow on me I have been a miserable sinner God he knows and unworthy of the least of those many mercies he has vouchsafed me all my life long yet humbly hope for the greatest of all even the salvation of my poor soul thro the merits of our Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ In prospect of whose coming to judgment and of the general Resurrection I desire (if it may be Done without too great Charge and Trouble) that my Body may ly among those of my dear Relations particularly in Mickleham Churchyard at the east end of the Church and near the South wall of the Chancell—to my dear wife all that my Messuage or Tenement and farm And all those Lands Tenements and Hereditaments

commonly called or known by the names of Burford and Boxland scituatē in the parish of Mickleham aforesaid and all other my freehold messuages Lauds Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever within the said parish of Mickleham during her naturall Life if she continues a widow so long and upon her Decease or Marriage to my son James and his Heirs he paying within six months after he comes to the possession of the said Estate £200 to his Brother my son John To which son John I bequeath moreover £200 to be paid him as soon after my Death as he shall betake himself to business leaving his Mother's house and giving security that he will not Returne—to my five Daughters Elizabeth, Dorothea, Winefrid, Henrietta and Margaret (my daughter Mary being already provided for) to every one of them £400 to be paid on the Day of Marriage if they marry with their Dear Mother's consent and continue dutifull to her till that time—to St John Baptist College in Oxford £5—to the Library of Merchant Taylors School in London 20^s/—to my dear friend the Reverend Mr. William Musson and to my brother Mr. Samuel Stubbs to each of them 20^s/ for a Ring and to the poor of Reygate half a certain sume of money which my dear Wife knows of and the other half to be divided betweene the poor of Headley and of that parish where I shall be buried to be distributed among such persons only who usually frequent their parish Church and have therein received the Holy Sacrament within a Twelve month before the time of such distribution unless disabled by some bodily infirmity I leave my Medals with the Cabinet whereiñ they are and all my Books to my son James and to my Dear Wife thankfully acknowledging her constant affection and Dutifull carriage towards me. I bequeath all my other goods and chattells whatsoever (*sic*) I appoint her likewise Executrix in which if any doubt shall arise I humbly desire my Dear Brother James Bonwicke Esq^r to Determine it to whose determination I charge all my Dear Children upon my Blessing to submit and whosoever will not acquiesce therein shall Loose all Right and Title to any of the aforementioned Bequests I desire my said Dear Brother to accept a poor Legacy of £5 which I hereby bequeath him.

26 July 1722.

AMBR. BONWICKE.

Witnesses—William Cawthorpe, Nicholas Williams, Robert Arthur.

“18 Jan. 1722 Commission issued to John, Elizabeth, and Dorothea Bonwicke his children to administer the Will left unproved by Elizabeth Bonwicke his widow she having died before taking upon herself the burden thereof.”

Mrs. Elizabeth Bonwicke, his widow, died 3rd December, 1722, and was buried at Mickleham 7th of same. Adñion of her goods was granted to her children a few days earlier than they proved their father's Will, but in the same month, viz., on 8th January, 1722-3.

They left—

(a) Ambrose Bonwicke, eldest child, born 30th September, 1691 (2), at the Master's House, near the Merchant Taylors' School; baptized at St. Laurence Pountney. "Ambrose Bonwick, son of Ambrose and Elizabeth Bonwick, was baptized October y^e 18th, 1691." He was admitted to the School 11th January, 1702-3; became Captain in 1709; would have been elected to a Scholarship at St. John's College, Oxford, but for his scruples in declining to read the prayers in the School for the Queen (Anne) from the Communion Service. He was admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge, on 25th August, 1710, and afterwards chosen Scholar of his house. He died (leaving behind him a high reputation for piety), from the bursting of a blood-vessel, 5th May, 1714, at the age of 23.⁶ A sketch of his life, with extracts from his correspondence, was published after his death anonymously, being ascribed to Mr. Wm. Bowyer, but, as was afterwards discovered, really from the pen of his father, under the title of—

"A PATTERN for Young Students IN THE UNIVERSITY set forth in the LIFE OF MR. AMBROSE BONWICKE sometime Scholar of ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE IN CAMBRIDGE. London Printed J. and J. BONWICKE and STEPHEN AUSTEN. 1729."

A second edition was published at Oxford by J. H. Parker in 1846.

A more recent edition, with copious notes by Professor J. E. B. Mayor, M.A., appeared at Cambridge in 1870.

A monument was erected to him in the chancel of All Hallows Church. An Ode to his memory, by his friend Launcelot Newton, Fellow of St. John's, is preserved in Nichols' *Lit. Anecdotes*.

(b) Mary Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 21st September, 1696; married Edward Jones.

(c) Philip Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 12th December, 1697, was elected a Scholar of St. John's, Cambridge, 10th July, 1713. He died of the small-pox 14th March, 1714-15, at the age of 18, only surviving his brother eight months. A few lines added to the epitaph to his brother commemorate him.

(d) Elizabeth Bonwicke, b.
 She appears to have married the Rev. Thomas Cockrill, father of the Rev. John Cockrill. By the Will of her brother James, she takes £20 at his death and £40 on the birth of her first child.

(e) Dorothea Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 20th May, 1699; called "Thea," by her brother James in his Will; by it she takes a bequest of £60; married a Mr. Wildman.

(f) Henrietta Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 9th January, 1701, "youngest of the Twins." Became of Leatherhead. She also received a legacy under the Will of her brother James.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF HENRIETTA BONWICKE.

(P. C. C., 184 *St. Eloy*.)

I Henrietta Bonwicke of Letherhed in the County of Surry, Spinster being mindful of the mortality of this Life I give to my Brother in Law the Reverend Thomas Cockrill one Guinea for a Ring—to my nephew the Reverend John Cockrill and to my Cozens William Stubbs Philippa Maria Stubbs and Philippa firminger £5 each for mourning—to my Nieces Elizabeth Cockrill, Elizabeth Jones, Mary Cooke and Thea Cooke £20 each and to the said Elizabeth Jones the Box of Linnen in my Garret (except the pair of sheets therein) and I release my nephews what they owe me—to my friend Gerrard Dutton fleetwood Esquire all my Household Linnen china and pictures and my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my sisters hereinafter named—to my friend Mrs. Wood wife of Mr. Nicholas Wood my spark Diamond Ring as a token of my Respect—appoint my cousen James Bonwicke Bookseller Exeutor of this my Will and do desire and direct him to be a Trustee for my sister Cooke—do give to my said Cozen James Bonwicke Twenty Guineas for his trouble in the execution thereof and if my said Exeutor shall die before my said sister Cooke becomes perfectly recovered then I do appoint my said Cozen William Stubbs to act as a Trustee for my sister Cooke in the same manner until she recovers from her Insanity to whom I direct my sister Cooke's money to be paid over in trust for her and I desire they will take the advice and assistance of the said Gerrard Dutton fleetwood in the execution hereof. All the rest and residue to my two sisters Mary Jones and Winifred Cooke equally to be divided between them . . .

15 Oct. 1760.

H. BONWICKE.

Witnesses—Nich^s Wood, Sarah Goddard.

Proved at London 13 May 1762 . . . by the oath of James Bonwicke the cousin and sole Exor.

(g) Winifred Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 18th January, 1702; married — Cooke. Took like bequest to her sister Dorothea.

(h) James Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 21st December, 1703; admitted to Merchant Taylors' School (?). Took a bequest of books and cabinet of medals under his father's Will; aged 18 at the time of his father's death. Entrusted with the superintendence and publication of the memoir of his brother Ambrose by his father.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF JAMES BONWICKE.

(P. C. C., 149 *Romney*.)

"I James Bonwicke being now by the blessing of God in good health"—[*opens with similar pious expressions as used by his father*]
—I give and bequeath to my Sisters Thea and Winny to each of them the sum of £60 To my sister Molly the like sum to be disposed for her own private advantage in a small settlement—to my Sister Betty the sum of £20 at my Death and £40 more at the birth of her first child—to my Sister Henny the like sum to be paid at my Decease and the other at the Day of Marriage one Moiety if they marry with Consent of my uncle James Bonwicke Esq^r—to my Br John £40 to be paid when he shall have been settled one whole year in some business with the approbation of my uncle—to my grandmother Stubs (*sic*) and uncle M^r Sa. Stubs and my Godson James Jones to each of them 40^{li} and to M^{rs} Sarah Norton 10^{li} to be laid out for her private use I desire alsoe that 20^{li} may be laid out in the building a monument for my dear ff: and son⁷ I desire that £100 may be disposed of to augment two poor livings particularly where my ffriends M^r B. C. M^r G. H. M^r R. N. or M^r M. B. may be incumbent and one other £100 whose annual produce for 8 years may be given to two poor children born in the year of my Decease in the parishes of Mickleham and to be nominated by the Vicar of Leatherhead and the Rectors of Mickleham and Headley I leave my Cab. of Medals to my Dear ffriend M^r N. Bowyer Jun^r to whom I bequeath all my other goods and chattells whatsoever I appoint him likewise Executor

25th February 1724 Appeared personally James Bonwicke Senior of the parish of S^t flraith's in S^t Pauls Churchyard London Stationer, James Bonwicke Junior of the same place Stationer, and William Cawthorpe of S^t Mary le Bow London Gentleman and deposed to the genuineness of the handwriting of the above Will on oath.

The Will was proved 24th July, 1725, by the oath of William Bowyer, the Executor named.

(i) Margaret Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 1st December, 1705; married Edward Andrews.

(k) John Bonwicke, query if identical with John Bonwicke, born , admitted to Merchant Taylors' School, 11th September, 1700. An attorney. Received a legacy of £200 under the Will of his father, on condition that he took himself to business, and would not return.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF JOHN BONWICKE.

(P. C. C., 4 *Boycott.*)

I John Bonwicke of Dorking in the County of Surrey—12 December 1737—I give unto my loving Brother-in-law “James Bonwicke All and singular my goods chattels and Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever In trust and to pay and apply the Interest thereof and so much of the principal as he” [or his Executors] “shall think proper” “for the use and benefit of my dear and loving wife Philippa during the Term of her natural Life and from and after her decease then in Trust to and for the use and benefit of my daughter Philippa And I desire to be buried in the most private manner that is possible without any supporters to the pall. And I hereby make my said Brother James Bonwicke sole Executor.”

On 28th January 1742-3 Appeared Personally Julius Cæsar of Doctors Commons gentleman and John Cæsar of the same place gentleman and made oath as to their acquaintance with John Bonwicke late of Dorking . . . gentleman deceased and as to the genuineness of the handwriting.

Will was proved at London same day by the oath of James Bonwicke, sole Executor.

(l) Augustina Bonwicke, baptized at Headley, 2nd February, 1708. Probably died young.

We now return to—

(3) Henry Bonwicke, third, and second surviving, son of the Rev. John Bonwicke. He was a Bookseller in St. Paul's Churchyard, “a man of great piety and probity” (Nichols' *Literary Anecdotes*, V, 119), served his time with Mr. Benjamin Took (*Life and Errors of John Dunton*, Lond. 1705). The Greek *Spicelegium in usum Scholæ Felstediensis sub. S. Lydiat Gymnasiarcho*, 12mo, was printed in 1698 for H. Bonwicke, at the Red Lion, St. Paul's Churchyard, and the edition of 1738 for J. & J. Bonwicke, at the same place and sign.

He appears to have married Rebecca They had James Bonwicke and Philippa Bonwicke, who seems to have married her cousin, John Bonwicke, and had a daughter of her own name.

He died in 1706, and the entry at Mickleham is as follows:—

“Mr. Henry Bonwick Bookseller of London was buried March y^e 18th 1706.”

Administration of his goods granted in P. C. C. to his wife Rebecca:—

“April 1706 Henry Bonwicke On 18th day Commission issued to Rebecca Bonwicke Relict of Henry Bonwicke late of the parish of St^t Gregory’s London deceased to administer the goods &c. of the deceased.”

His Widow was buried with her husband in 1726.

“1726 Rebecca Bonwick of London Dec^{br} y^e 24th.” (Mickleham Regr.)

WILL OF REBECCA BONWICKE. (P. C. C., 251 *Plymouth*.)

I Rebecka Bonwicke of London widow being at present somewhat indisposed but of sound and perfect mind, memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being willing and desirous so to order and settle my affaires and Estate in my lifetime as to prevent (as much as in me lyes) all disputes and controversies which may happen or arise touching the same after my death it is my will and earnest desire that all my just debts shall be paid with what speed they can after my death And it is also my will and desire that my sonn James Bonwicke and my now partuer and kinsman James Bonwicke should be and continue partners in the Trade of a Bookseller dureing the remainder of the terme to come in the house called the Red Lyon^s in St. Paul’s Church yard wherein I now live under the termes and Agreements in the Articles of Copartnershipp betweene me and my said kinsman regard being had to the indorsement thereon made subscribed with my owne hand. And to that end I give and bequeath the said house unto my said sonn and my said kinsman to be by them enjoyed in comon dureing so long of the said terme therein to come as they shall continue in Copartnershippe together And if my said sonn shall refuse to continue the said Copartnershipp with my said kinsman dureing the remainder of the said terme then in such case I give the said house to my kinsman for his owne use dureing the residue of the time which shall be then to come in the said lease And I also order and direct that the household goods which are now in my said house shall remaine there dureing the said terme for the use and

benefitt of my said sonn and kinsmann or such of them as shall continue in the said trade, my said kinsman James Bonwick paying unto my said sonn One halfe part of the money at which the said goods shall be appraised by two indifferent persons or otherwise as they two shall agree And in case my said kinsman shall not thinke fitt to continue in the said house in partnershipp with my said sonn then I give the said house wholly to my said sonn with the household goods therein he paying to my said kinsman what he shall have before paid to my said sonn for the said household goods—to my loveing brother James Bonwicke Esq. of Mickleham in Surrey Tenn pounds for mourning for himselfe and wife and also my fathers and mother's pictures—to my said loveing sonn James Bonwicke and my loveing daughter Philippa All my Lynnen, plate, weareing apparell and China Ware to be equally divided between them share and share alike—to my Grand daughter Philippa Bonwicke Daughter of my said daughter Philippa the sume of £100. To be paid at the age of 21 years and the interest thereof to be paid to my said daughter Philippa Bonwicke in the meane time"—in case Grand daughter shall happen to die before that age then £100 amongst every child or children hereafter to be borne at 21, share and share alike—interest to go to daughter Philippa in the meane time—in case no child shall live to said age then said £100 to goe to said daughter Philippa to owne use—"to my sonn in law John Bonwicke Tenn pounds for mourning for himselfe and wife and child—to my daughter Katherine Essington who hath disoblged me one shilling only appoint my said loving sonn James Bonwicke sole Executor and I give him all my books, copies of books, and all other my personall Estate whatsoever not hereby disposed of

6 Dec^r A.D. 1722 9th George I.

REBECKAH BONWICKE.

Witnesses—W^m Poeklington W^m Dickinson his Clke.

I give to my partner and kinsman James Bonwicke the sume of fifty Pounds and do declare this to be part of my Will—

Witness—W^m Dickinson.

REBECKAH BONWICKE.

Proved at London 19 Dec^r 1726 by the oath of James Bonwicke the son and Exceutor named.

(4) Benjamin Bonwicke, born , chosen Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford, 19th May, 1675; B.C.L. 11th May, 1681; LL.B.; was Second Under-Master of Merchant Taylors' School.

Buried in the Chancel of Mickleham Church.

His father makes the following entry in the Mickleham Register :—" My son Benjamin Bonwicke LL.B. and Fellow of St. John Baptist's College in Oxon. was buried under ye steps and entrance from y^e Church into y^e Chauncell Decembris 14^{to} 1687."

The slab, according to the County historians, bore this inscription⁹ :—

H. S. E. BENJAMIN BONWICK LL.B. S. JOH. BAPT. OXON. SOCIUS ET FILIUS JOHANNIS BONWICK ISTIUS ECCLESIE RECTORIS EX DOROTHEA CONJUGE. VIR SUMMO INGENIO, JUDICIO PARI, AT MODESTIA PENE NIMIA, CUJUS MORES SUAVISSIMOS OMNES QUIBUS NOTUS ERAT JAM MAXIMÉ DESIDERANT; HUNC SÆVUS VARIOLARUM MORBUS NOBIS OMNIBUS FRÆRIPUIT ET DEO SUO REDDIDIT, QUEM SEMPER QUANTUM HUMANITAS PATIATUR, RELIGIONE NON QUERULA ET MULIEBRI SED TACITA ET MASCULA COLUERAT. ABI, QUISQUIS ES, ET SCITO TE PARITER MORTALEM—OBIIT A.D. III IDUS DECEMBRES MDCLXXXVII.

(5) James Bonwicke, born , of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, and of Mickleham. He died 14th May, 1729. His wife Martha, who survived him, took out administration of her husband's goods :—

“ June 1729. James Bonwicke. On the 5th day Commission issued to Martha Bonwicke widow, Relict of James Bonwicke late of Mickleham, deceased, to administer, &c.”

Mrs. Bonwicke died on the 19th January, 1735, at the early age of 42 years. They appear to have had, besides a daughter Dorothea—who with her father and mother is commemorated on the ledger represented at the beginning of this paper—an only son, James Bonwicke, who is principal and residuary legatee in the Will of his mother.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF MARTHA BONWICKE.

(P. C. C., 124 *Derby*.)

Martha Bonwicke late of Mickleham in the County of Surrey Widow, now residing in London being Indisposed and very weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory Imprimis, I will that all my Just Debts and the Charges of my funeral which I leave to the discretion of my Exeentor hereafter named be first paid and discharged. Item I give to my loving Brother James Braec and my good Sister his wife my Brother and Sister Bryon my kind and good friend Miss Sarah Dee Mrs. Lodge wife of the Reverend Mr. Henry Lodge and her sister Mrs. Jane Lodge, Mrs. Tooth and Mrs. Calverley To each and every of them a ring of one guinea value—to six poor widows at Mickleham aforesaid or within that parish such as my Executors shall judge most fit and proper twenty shillings each All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattells and Estate whatsoever unto my Dear Son and only Child James Bonwicke at his age of Twenty-one years And I commit

the Guardianship of him during his Minority to my said loving Brother James Brace appoint my said Brother James Brace and my said kind and good friend Sarah Dee Joynt Exeutors And I will that my Body shall be buried at Mickleham aforesaid as near to my late Dear Husband James Bonwicke deceased as conveniently may be. And I beseech Almighty God to have mercy on my Soul through the meritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour to whom with the ffather and Blessed Spirit the Holy and undivided Trinity be all Honour, Glory, Praise and Dominion now and for evermore Amen.

Dated 9 January 1735. The mark of MARTHA BONWICKE.

Witnesses—Wm. Wigan, Sam Ashurst jun^r.

Proved at London 2 June 1736 by the oaths of James Brace and Sarah Dee spinster Exeentrixes (*sic*).

Their son is probably the James Bonwicke, of whose Will the following is an abstract:—

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF JAMES BONWICKE.

(P. C. C., 98 *Pinfold*.)

I James Bonwicke of the parish of S^t fliaith London Citizen and Stationer of London. I desire to be privately buried in the Vault under S^t Paul's Church belonging to the parish of S^t fliaith¹⁰ according to the discretion of my Exeutor hereafter named I give and bequeath all my personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto my kinsman James Bonwicke son of Henry Bonwicke deceased who is in Copartnership with me and make him the said James Bonwicke sole Exeutor

20 December 1749.

JAMES BONWICKE.

Witnesses—J. Caesar D^{rs} Coñons John Cæsar Doctors' Commons.

Proved at London 8 April 1754 by the oath of James Bonwicke the sole E^xor.

(6) Augustine Bonwicke, baptized at Newdigate, 4th June, 1665. Buried at Mickleham thus:—

“1683. Augustine (y^e 6th and youngest son and y^e 8th and youngest child) of John Bonwicke, B.D., and Dorothy his wife, was Buried January 25th, 1683.”

A third black marble slab, formerly in the Church on the south side of the altar, had as follows¹¹:—

HIC EODEM SEPULCHRO CONDITI JACENT PAR CHARISSIMUM AUGUSTINUS
 ET PHILIPPA LIBERI NATU MINIMI JOHANNIS BONWICKE S.T.B. ET DOROTHEÆ
 UXORIS, QUORUM ILLE IN CÆLUM CURSUM MATURAVIT FESTO S. JOHAN. BAPT.
 A.D. MDCLXXXIII HÆC AUTEM TAM DILECTI FRATRIS DESIDERIO CONTABESCENS
 POST QUINQUENNIIUM POSTRIDIE EJUSDEM FESTI IN AMPLEXUS EJUS RUEBAT
 A.D. MDCLXXXVIII.

PARCE PIAS ANIMAS NIMIO VIOLARE DOLORE ;
 NON POSSIT LACRYMAS ILLE, VEL ILLA, TUAS
 QUIN POTIUS GRAVIDIS QUANTUS FLUAT HUMOR OCELLIS,
 IN TUA, SI SAPIAS, CRIMINA TOTUS EAT.

(7) Elizabeth Bonwicke. (I know nothing about her beyond her name.)

(8) Philippa Bonwicke, baptized at Newdigate 1st August, 1662, as “Philippa D. of John Bonwicke (Rect^r of Newdigate) and Dorotheie his wife was baptized August 1^{mo} 1662.”

Her demise is thus recorded at Micklcham :—

“Philippa Daughter of John Bonwicke, B.D., R^r of y^e Pish of Micklehā and of Dorothy his wife who depted this life Junij 25 was Buried Junij 27^{mo} 1688 in her B^r Augustine’s Grave ith Chauncell under y^e uppmost south window.”

We now revert to the issue of BENJAMIN BONWICKE, of Reygate, and his Wife Katharine (Day).

Besides the Rev. John Bonwicke, they had a son :—

Benjamin Bonwicke, of Rygate, who was “one of y^e Captains of y^e trayned Bands.” Manning and Bray, in their *History*, Vol. II, p. 197, under Horley, write :— “Kinnersley Manor, Horley. In 1675 Kettleby and Petty conveyed to Benjamin Bonwick who was a Captain afterwards Major of the Train bands in this County. In 1708 Bonwick settled it on his intended marriage with Sarah”

He married first, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Blatt, of Reygate, gent., and by her he had—

Benjamin Bonwick, baptized at Reigate, 10th September, 1657 ; buried 9th October, 1661.

Sarah Bonwicke.

Elizabeth Bonwicke.

Katherine Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 28th September, 1659.

He married secondly, Mary, daughter of John Waltham, of Shalford, in Surrey, gent. The Rev. John Bonwick has recorded this marriage in the Registers of Newdigate, when he was Rector there, as follows:—

“My Bro. Benjamin Bonwick of Reigate gent. and Marie Relict of W^m Woodman of y^e same pish were married May 9, 1661.”

They appear to have had (with perhaps others):—

John Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 7th February, 1661–2.

William Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 2nd May, 1663.

Mary Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 15th April, 1664.

Richard Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate, 11th May, 1666.

Rachel Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 14th July, 1667.

Sarah Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 20th July, 1668.

Benjamin Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 6th January, 1669.

John Bonwicke, baptized at Reigate 29th April, 1672.

This list of the children, gathered from the Parish Register of Reigate, differs from those enumerated in the pedigree recorded at the College of Arms. Only one John is named, and Susan is given instead of Sarah in the latter record—but perhaps the others died young.

Major Bonwicke died in 1707, as appears from the inscription on a high tomb of Sussex marble close to the east wall of the chancel of the Church there:—

Here lyc^s buried the Body of
BENJAMIN BONWICKE, Esq^r and

Mary his Wife. She departed
this Life y^e 6th day of Decemb^r

A^o DNI 1705

ÆTATIS SUÆ 72

And he died y^e 13 day of

Novem^{br} A^o DNI. 1707.

ÆTATIS SUÆ 81.

A son of the second marriage of Major Bonwicke and Mary, his second wife—Benjamin Bonwicke—would appear to have married Sarah It is probably to him and not to his father that the County historians Manning and Bray refer, in the note under Kinnersley Manor, Horley (Vol. II, p. 197), where they remark that “In 1708 Bonwick settled it on his intended marriage with Sarah”

He was a Barister-at-Law. They seem to have had two daughters, viz:—

(1) Sarah Bonwicke, b., married Charles Mason, gent. and Lieutenant R.N., who pre-deceased her. She dying his widow, 18th December, 1801, aged 91 years.

(2) Mary Bonwicke, b., married Samuel Duplock.

Besides the family of whom we have been treating there were several others of the same name living in Reigate and its neighbourhood, the baptisms of the children of Richard Bonwick and Mr. John Bonwick being entered in the Parish Register of that place. That there was a connection between the families seems likely, as in the Will of Richard Bonwick, of Reigate, gent. (an abstract of which is given below), Benj. Bonwick is one of the witnesses.

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF RICHARD BONWICK.

(Commissary Court of Surrey, vol *Chapman*, fol. 17.)

16 September 1678. 30th Charles II. “I Richard Bonwick of Reigate in the County of Surrey, gent. being sick and weake in body but of good and perfect memory I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping assuredly through the mereyes and the only meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to be made partaker of everlasting life And my body unto Christian buryall—Unto my sonne Charles and unto my Daughters Mary, Sarah, Alice, Elizabeth and Anne five pounds a peece to each of them within one yeare next after my decease. All the rest of my goods and chattells whatsoever unto my wife Isabell and unto my sonne Richard who I make joynt Executors

The marke of the said RICHARD BONWICK.

Witnesses—Ben. Bonwicke, the marke of George Dewdney, John Ladd.

Proved 24 October 1678 by the oath of Isabella Bonwick Reliet of the deceased and one of the Exors—power being reserved to Richard Bonwick the other Executor.

In concluding this paper, I regret that my account of the descendants of Major Bonwicke is so imperfect, owing to the unwillingness of the Rev. J. N. Harrison, Vicar of Reigate, to allow a careful examination of the Registers; my warm acknowledgements are due for access generously accorded to the Registers of Newdigate and Mickleham, for the purposes of this pedigree, by the Rev. Launcelot S. Kennedy and the Rev. W. H. Harke, and to the Rev. L. J. Chamberlen for kindly searching the Registers of Headley for such of the children of the Rev. Ambrose Bonwicke who were baptized there, and the Rev. G. F. Wright, Rector of St. Laurence Pountney and St. Mary Abchurch, for permission to search the Registers for the entry of Ambrose Bonwicke's baptism; also to C. H. Athill, Esq., F.S.A., Richmond Herald, for kind assistance, and R. Garraway Rice, Esq., F.S.A., for some extracts from his MS. Collections relating to Surrey and Sussex.

NOTES.

¹ Alan de Bonwigh was witness to a grant of land called Brokefeld, in Billingshurst, co. Sussex, in an undated deed about 1302, and in another deed about the same date, when the name is spelt Alan de Bonwyk. Alan de Bonwike was witness to the grant of a virgate of land in Westgrenestede about 1305. ("Itchingfield," by Percy S. Godman, Esq., *Sussex Arch. Coll.*, Vol. XL, pp. 101 and 102.)

² The Engagement. "I do declare and promise That I will be true and faithful to the Commonwealth of England as it is now established without a King or House of Lords." On 2nd January, 1649-50, an Act was passed by the survivors of the Long Parliament, that every person, being either a Minister of Justice or exercising any judicial functions, or occupying any place of trust, or holding any office whatever, should sign a solemn Engagement to be true and faithful to the Government as then established. On 19th January, 1653-4, Cromwell, by an ordinance issued on that date, repealed the Act. In accordance with the requirement of the Act of 1649-50, the Engagement was taken freely throughout England. (See "Rye under the Commonwealth," by F. A. Inderwick, Q.C.; *Sussex Arch. Coll.*, Vol. XXXIX.)

^{3 a} Sir Ralph ffreeman, a Master of the Court of Requests ; probably the same person who represented Reigate in the Parliament at Oxford, 1680-1.

^b The Earl of Mordaunt.

^c Sir Francis Vincent, Bart., of Stoke d'Abernon and Fetcham, created a Baronet by James I, 26th July, 1620.

^d Francis Aungier, of Woking (afterwards Earl of Longford), son of the Hon. and Rev. Ambrose Aungier, D.D., and grandson of Sir F. Aungier, Knt., of East Clandon, Master of the Rolls in Ireland and Baron Longford in the Kingdom of Ireland.

^e Sir Edmund Bowyer, of Camberwell.

^f Sir Robert Parkhurst, Knt., of Pirford, in Woking, grandson of Sir R. Parkhurst, Lord Mayor of London, died 1674.

^g Sir Adam Browne, of Betchworth Castle.

^h Probably Sir Nicholas Carew, who married Susan, daughter of Sir Justinian Isham, and died 9th January, 1687-8.

ⁱ Probably George Evelyn, Esq., of Wotton.

⁴ Manning and Bray, Vol. II, p. 661.

⁵ The writer acknowledges that he is indebted for some of these dates to the valuable notes of Prof. J. E. B. Mayor's *Life of Ambrose Bonwicke*.

⁶ By the courtesy of the Rev. C. L. Acland, Vicar of All Saints (formerly All Hallows), Cambridge, I am able to add the burial entries of Ambrose and Philip Bonwicke from the Parish Register, thus:—

May y^e 9th 1714

[] Bonwick Student of S^t John's Colleg (*sic*) was then buried according to y^e s^d Act in y^e chancel.

March y^e 15, 171 $\frac{4}{5}$

Phillip Bonwick Student of S^t John's College was then buried by the Chancell door according to y^e said Act.

⁷ "ff and son," so registered, but "F and M" in copy of will printed in Prof. Mayor's edition of *Life of Ambrose Bonwicke*.

⁸ Deed dated 25th March, 2 Geo. II., by which Elizth King of S^t Faith's demises to James Bonwicke, sen^r. and James Bonwicke, jun^r. a messuage known as the Red Lyon for 14 years at £34. (*Bodleian Charters*, 155.)

⁹ Manning and Bray, Vol. II, p. 661.

¹⁰ In reply to my inquiry, the Rev. W. Sparrow Simpson, D.D., Minor Canon of St. Paul's, has kindly informed me that no memorial can now be found (if one was ever erected) in the crypt of St. Faith's Church in St. Paul's Cathedral, to those of the Bonwicke family, who were booksellers.

¹¹ Manning and Bray, Vol. II, p. 661.