



Notes and Queries

RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

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

Notes.

FROM THE TREASURES OF READING ABBEY.—At the sale of the famous library of Sir Thomas Phillips, of Middle-hill, Worcestershire, and Cheltenham, the *Epistola Clementis Papæ ad Jacobum Hierosolimitanum Episcopum*, &c., 12th century MS., from the Scriptorium of Reading Abbey, fetched £50, the buyer being Mr. Quaritch. Another lot, *Augustinus (S.), de Quantitate Animi* and other tracts, 12th century MS. on vellum, quarto, formerly in the library of the famous monastery at Reading (it contains an anthem for St. James's Day set throughout to music), fetched £28 10s., Mr. Quaritch being also the buyer. It is to be regretted that these treasures could not be restored to Reading.

AMERICAN GENEALOGY.—Mr. V. C. Sanborn has sent us a valuable paper on the Pedigrees of the Sanbornes, or Sambornes, who came from Berks and Oxfordshire and were a distinguished family. Sonning and Moulsoford appear to have been their homes. Three brothers left England with their grandfather, Rev. Stephen Bachiler, in 1632. Perhaps some reader will kindly examine the registers of the above parishes and see whether there be any records of this family.—EDITOR.

POWELL FAMILY.—A branch of this family resided at Thatcham, and were connected, I have no doubt, with those at Englefield. I have various notes of the name should anyone desire to enquire into their Pedigree.—E. E. THOYTS.

POCOCK FAMILY.—Many of the Pococks of Oare are entered in the Thatcham Register, even as late as John Pococke of East Ilsley and of Ashmoor Green in Thatcham, who married Amy Tidbury in 1762 and had several children.—E. E. THOYTS.

PERKINS, OF UFTON COURT.—I have discovered a missing link in the Pedigree of this family. "Mr. John Parkins, of Ouf-ton, married at Thatcham Mrs. Mary Stafford" (1762). Who was this Mrs. Stafford, and had she two daughters?—E. E. THOYTS.

BOOKS FOR THE COUNTRY.—A very useful arrangement has been made under the Public Libraries Act by means of which a Parish Council may, on payment of a small subscription to the Reading Library, obtain the loan of a number of books for the use of the parish. Mr. Greenhough, the energetic librarian, will be happy to give full information on the subject.

AN ULTIMATUM.—At Great Farringdon, Berks, in an old Churchwarden's book of accounts, dated 1518, there is the form of then admitting Churchwardens (as I suppose) into their office, in the following words: "*Cherchye* Wardenys thise shal be youre charge to be tru to God and to the *Churche* for love nor favore *off* no man wythe in thyse parishe to withhold ani Righyte to the *Churche* but to Reseve the Dettes to hyt belongh or ellse to y^e Devell." C.K.W.
—C. GOLDING, Colchester.

TRANSCRIPTS FROM ORIGINAL ROLLS.—Want of space obliges us to omit a long list of transcripts, which have been made by Mr. N. Hone, principally relating to Bisham and the Hundred of Brynhurst. Anyone who is compiling historical notes relating to this district would be wise to consult Mr. Hone who has an unlimited store of valuable information.—EDITOR.

IN order to make my List of Berkshire Court Rolls as complete as possible, I should be much obliged for information as to the existence of any such in the county either in possession of their lawful custodians or in the hands of private persons. I may here mention that there are a series of Manor Rolls in the British Museum Library which I believe are now in process of being calendared.
—NATHANIEL HONE, Charlote, Raynes Park, Wimbledon.

Queries.

DELL FAMILY.—Can any one tell me where I can see a full Pedigree of the family of Dell of Aylesbury (I know Lipscombe's account), or give me any genealogical information respecting the following persons, most of whom seem to have belonged to Bucks: (1) William Dell, Chaplain to General Fairfax in 1646, Master of Gonville and Caius 1652, author of many religious works and one of the "eminent ministers" ordered by the Commissioners to give K. Ch. I. "spiritual assistance." (2) Susanna Dell, who married at Dover, 1660, Thomas Scot, Jurat of Dover. (3) Edward Dell summoned at Dover in 1670 for encouraging Dissenting Conventicles. (4) Mrs. Anne Dell, of "Beckonsfield," Bucks, married in 1672 John Lee, gt. (5) Thomas Dell, of Upton, Bucks, 1689. (6) John Dell, Brewer of Aylesbury, married 1752, Elizabeth daughter of Thos. Green. (7) John Dell, of Aylesbury, whose daughter, Martha Dell, married John Delafield. (8) Mr. Dell, of Aylesbury, mentioned by John Wilkes in 1764.—
CONSTANCE RUSSELL, Swallowfield, Reading.

JOHN DE ST. JOHN'S TOMB AT OSENEY.—Is it known which John de St. John was "buried north side of the Presbytery in an high and large tomb of marble with his wife?" In 1138 "John de St. John gave the site of the Abbey of Oseney." (Mon. Ang. tom, I., p. 552.)—CONSTANCE RUSSELL, Swallowfield Park, Reading.

RUSSELLS OF AYLESBURY.—From what stock did the numerous Russells which appear in the Registers of Aylesbury, commencing in 1577, descend? And can anyone explain the name of "Swinkefill Russell" which appears there in 1621 and 1622? Is it intended for "Wingfield Russell?" Who were Richard and Michael Russell whose names appear amongst the inhabitants of Aylesbury petitioning Parliament for a reward to be given to Thomas Scot and Richard Salway.—CONSTANCE RUSSELL, Swallowfield Park, Reading.

BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.—Can anyone enlighten me as to the origin and first use of the forms—Berks, Bucks and Oxon?—ENQUIRER.

AMERICAN GENEALOGY: KIRKLAND (OR KIRTLAND) FAMILY.—The home of this family was Newport-Pagnell, Bucks, as shewn by the will of John Kirtland dated 1616. Philip Kirtland probably lived at Sherrington, Bucks. Any early registers of this family will be welcome.—V. C. SANBORN, La Grange, Illinois, U.S.A.

OLD CUSTOMS.—Notes on old English customs, which still exist in different parts of the country, will be thankfully received.—EDITOR.

HUNNIS FAMILY.—Since inserting my last query on this old Berks family, October, 1894, I have come, in the History of Abingdon, upon the following boundaries: "Thonne on *hunneshwille*," a boundary of Brynningtune, Berkshire, 944, page 118, vol. I.; "Onbutan *Hunes dune*," the measurement of Stanmere, 948, p. 133, vol. I.; "Thaet to *Hunes Cnolle*," p. 143, vol. I.; "Thonnon to Hunnes Cnolle to Geocburnan"; the Charter of King Edgar of Wasingetune boundary. I should be glad if your local antiquarians could explain to me if these names would suggest an old residence of a family now extinct.—C. C. STOPES.

LOCKS AND WEIRS ON THE THAMES.—Could any of your readers suggest to me any sources in which I might find the earliest allusions to Locks, Weirs and Bridges on the Thames of Berkshire; I have already examined the Statutes, Parliamentary Rolls, Rotuli Hundredorum and Domesday Book; but in such a search, private papers, pictures, the records of boroughs, guilds and fraternities, give often most valuable information.—CHARLOTTE C. STOPES, Swanscombe, Kent.

OYSTER SHELLS AT READING.—Ashmole states in his Antiquities of Berks:—"In a field near Reading are five or six acres of oyster shells in the green sand two feet deep." Will you kindly tell me where this field is?—AUGUSTUS STRONG, Chippenham.