

## Brass at Wytham, Berks.

THE identification of a Brass is very important, and where Heraldry is present, identification is certain.

The above brass luckily has its shields preserved: A bend between two mullets impaling three roundels in bend. In Morley's 'Berks Brasses' a good illustration of the Brass is given and the arms are rightly named as Wytham impaling Golafre, but, unfortunately, the bend and mullet shield was by someone imagined to be Browning and the Brass dated 1455. The Brass represents Roberb de Wytham of Wytham and his wife, the daughter of Golafre. He died 1406. The armour compared with Sir William Prelatte's Brass, 1462, at Cirencester, and others, late fifteenth century, but it may have been put up long after Robert de Wytham's death. The son of the Wytham and Golafre marriage married Alice d. and h. of W. Dauncy, and her son, grandson of the Wytham and Golafre marriage, inherited Wytham and probably put up the Brass to his grandparents. The succession is clearly given in 'The Victoria County History of Berkshire.' With regard to the shield with the bend and two mullets, it is blazoned in a fine quartered shield of Denton as the seventh and last quartering, but is unnamed, or a bend Nebule argent and sable between two mullets pierced of last; and, when working on the Barry pedigree for the arms in Hampton Gay Church I had to trace all intermarriages and discovered the above. It is then quite evident whose was the Brass in Wytham Church, and that William Browning, a second husband, had no connection with the place. Those arms were never borne by any family named Browning.

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