

Notes and Queries.

DR. WALTER BAYLEY PHYSICIAN TO QUEEN ELIZABETH
AND THE BAILY FAMILY OF THATCHAM AND NEWBURY,
CO. BERKS.

There are two families of Baily (spelt in a variety of ways) which are believed to be in fact but one.

NO. 1. THE DORSET AND OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY.

The first is the family descended from Henry Bayley of Warnwell Co. Dorset, the issue of whose marriage (which took place in or about 1527) was five sons and a daughter. The fifth of the five sons was Dr. Walter Bayley (1529/30—1592/3)—or “Baily,” to give the spelling of his surname as his own signature to his Will—Fellow of New College, Oxford, the well-known Regius Professor of Physic at Oxford University and Physician to Queen Elizabeth, concerning whom I recently wrote my article “Dr. Bayley and the Murder of Amye Robsart” published in the “Oxford Times” of 13/7/34, wherein I was able to make great use of Elias Ashmole’s “*Antiquities of Berkshire*” which appeared in 1736. I have traced the said Dr. Walter Bayley’s descendants at Ducklington near Witney, Co. Oxon., down to William Bayley of Ducklington, Demy of Magdalen College, Oxford, who was born in 1662 and dying in 1716 was buried at Ducklington on 12/5/1716.

NO. 2. THE BERKSHIRE FAMILY.

The second family is that of Bayly or Baily (now and for well over a century past spelt Baily) of Thatcham near Newbury Co. Berks, commencing with Richard Bayly or Baily of that place, Pikemaker, the date of whose birth may be given as approximately 1675 and whose first marriage took place at Thatcham on 13/10/1701. He is described as “Richard Bayly” of “Thatcham” on page 82 of the “*Roll of Freeholders of Co. Berks, 1727*” wherein he is described as a “Freeholder” voting in respect of “the Division” of “Thatcham.” He died in August 1753. By his second marriage, which also took place at Thatcham, namely on 12/8/1703, he became grandfather of Richard Baily

(1744-1814) of Thatcham and Newbury, Banker, who was Mayor of Newbury in 1773 and whose third son was the celebrated Astronomer Richard Baily (1774-1844) after whom "Baily's Beads" in the Sun are called.

TRADITIONAL DESCENT OF NO. 2. FROM NO. 1.

The tradition in this second family is that it is directly descended from the above Dr. Walter Bayley through one of his Bayley descendants in the male line and that such descendant purchased the property at Thatcham in or about the reign of Charles II. which commenced in 1660; and it is, at any rate, not without interest to note that the Thatcham family bore, in the main, the same armorial bearings as those which appear on the brass over the grave of the above Dr. Walter Bayley in the Ante-Chapel of New College, Oxford, the actual grant whereof will be found in the Queen's College Library in the University of Oxford, entitled:—"MS. *Queen's College, Oxford*, 137 (old numeration H. 36)."

I have used the expression "in the main" above, because Francis Baily the Astronomer and his youngest brother Arthur Baily (circa 1787-1858) bore the Arms of Baillie of Lamington, Co. Lanark, Scotland, and the same will be found upon the monument to the Astronomer in the Church of Thatcham aforesaid.

A DEFINITE ASSOCIATION OF THE DORSET FAMILY WITH NEWBURY.

That there was association of at least one branch of the above Dorset family with Newbury seems clear. For Raffe Bayley the fourth son of the above Henry Bayley of Warnwell, was almost certainly the father of the well-known Dr. Ralph Bayley, Fellow of New College, Oxford, who had a fine medical practice at Bath, Co. Somerset, (administration in *P.C.C.* 8/1/1646/7), whose younger son, Dr. Thomas Bayley or Baylie, born in or about 1613, practised in Newbury, Co. Berks, where in the prime of his years he died, a bachelor, in or about January 1647-8.

A LOST BERKSHIRE ADMINISTRATION.

Some assistance—one way or the other—might be gleaned from the grant of administration to the estate of "Richard

Bayley of Berks " granted in the P.C.C. in October 1662. Unfortunately the Administration Book for the year 1662 is missing, and indeed, as I learnt at Somerset House, it is one of (I think) three volumes of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury which never reached Somerset House. Can any of your readers tell me anything of him?

NOS. (1) AND (2) AS ONE? THE QUESTION.

If any one can supply the parentage of the above Richard Bayly or Baily of Thatcham, the Pikemaker, or supply any clue thereto, he or she may kindly help me very materially towards the eventual solution of the puzzle, which is one of much potential interest to those whose concern for Berkshire is not solely confined to its present or to its future, but embraces also its historic past.

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WORMSTALL FAMILY.

Wormstall [Wormestall or Wormisdale].—The article on the Cowslade Family which appeared in the Autumn, 1933, issue of this Journal reminds me of the Wormstall family, who were important people in Newbury and Kintbury during the 15th century, but of whom very little is known except that Henry, by his will, dated 2nd March, 1466, left money to establish the Grammar School at Newbury. Unfortunately this will cannot be found, although his son's—John—will (dated 1469) is still preserved at Canterbury; from the latter it appears that both father and son were buried in the parish church of Newbury, the whole of which was rebuilt at the beginning of the 16th century. For some while past I have been trying to collect some more information about this family and its name but have met with very little success and am wondering if any reader can supply me with any interesting points or references?

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COUNTRY HOUSES.

The following letter appeared in the issue of "The Times" dated the 17th November, 1934. If members of the Berkshire Archaeological Society will send to the Editor of the Journal any information bearing on the subject matter of the communication, he will collate it and forward it to Mr. Powys. :—

To the Editor of "The Times."

Sir,

The Society is anxious to obtain correct information as to the architecture and setting of the large country houses of national importance which have been destroyed since 1919; and, further, it is seeking information about country house park lands which have been divided into building plots and stripped of their timber since the same year. In addition to the above information the Society wishes to have a record of the number of these houses which, passing into new ownership, have been converted into clubs or schools. The replies to this letter should be sent to me at this address.

I am, your obedient servant,

A. R. Powys, Secretary.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings,
20, Buckingham Street, W.C.2.
November 14th.

THE MONUMENTAL BRASS SOCIETY.

The Editor is happy to announce that the Monumental Brass Society, which was founded in 1887 as the Cambridge University Association of Brass Collectors, has been reconstituted under the above title. The President is the Rev. R. W. M. Lewis, M.A., and the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer Mr. Reginald H. Pearson, of 267, High Holborn, London, W.C.1, to whom all communications, in the first instance, should be addressed. The annual subscription is 10/-, which entitles a member to a copy of each issue of the Transactions. The objects of the Society are to endeavour by every possible means to ensure the better preservation of

Monumental Brasses ; to promote the study of, and interest in, Monumental Brasses ; and to compile with a view to publication, a full and accurate list of all extant brasses, English and Foreign, and of all lost brasses whereof notices or illustrations are to be found.

THE TIDMARSH MISSAL.

It is devoutly to be hoped that the appeal of the rector of Tidmarsh that the early sixteenth-century missal, which was presented to his church in 1544 by one of the Leynham family, may find its way back to its proper home, will be successful. It is seldom an opportunity such as this occurs and there are innumerable instances where church treasures, especially silver plate, now rest in collectors' cabinets, rather than in the sanctified depository to which they were originally given. There are several memorial brasses to the Leynhams in Tidmarsh church, which is one of the most interesting of the smaller churches in the county, and has architectural features of outstanding merit.