

## Coats of Arms in Berkshire Churches.

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## HUNDRED OF SONNING.

ARBORFIELD NEW CHURCH.

*West Tower. North Wall. Mural Marble.*

Pelsant Reeves, late of Arborfield House, Esquire ; *d.* 1764,  
aged 84.

- i. (Defaced but possibly) Gules a cheveron vairy gold and azure between three roses [argent]. REEVES.

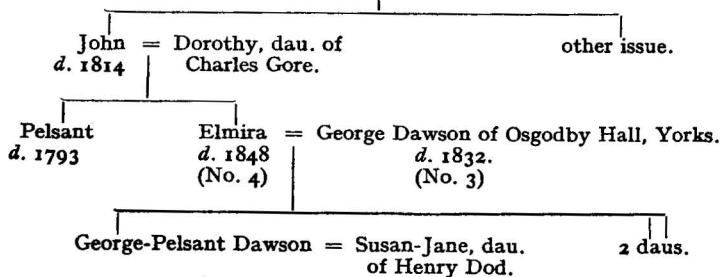
**Impaling :**

2. Argent(?) a fesse and in chief two lions' heads razed azure, a molet azure for difference. MASON.

He purchased the manor of Arborfield from the guardian of Richard Aldworth about the middle of the 18th century. He married Jane, daughter of John Mason, Esquire of Kent, by whom he had issue John (*d.* 1814), two other surviving sons, and three daughters who died in infancy. John, his son and heir, was owner of the manor in 1806 and married Dorothy, daughter of Charles Gore of Hockstow, Co. Linc., by whom he had an only surviving child Elmira (see No. 4 below and pedigree) [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 201; *M.I.*; *Papw. Ord.*, 423, 715.]

### KEY PEDIGREE OF REEVES AND DAWSON.

Pelsant Reeves = Jane, dau. of John Mason.  
d. 1764 (No. 1) | (No. 2)



*Mural Marble.*

George Dawson of Yorkshire ; *d.* 1832, aged 68. Monument erected by his son.

3. Ermine on a canton azure a stag lying down gold.  
DAWSON.

and in pretence :

4. REEVES.

He was the son of George Dawson (*d.* 1812), Esquire of Ackworth Park and Osgodby Hall, Co. York, (who was Governor of Masulipatam and second member of the Council of Madras) by his first wife Isabell, daughter of Francis Charlton, Esquire of Salop. He was Lieutenant, 1st Royals, a major in the North Yorkshire Militia, a deputy-lieutenant and married Elmira, sister and heir of Pelsant Reeves (Captain, 1st Royals, killed at Toulon, 1793) and only surviving child of John Reeves (*d.* 1814 ; see pedigree above). She inherited the manor of Arborfield and is said to have had a fortune of £10,000 ; her son, George Pelsant Dawson, sold the manor to Sir Charles Russell and the park and house to Sir John Conroy, Bt., in 1842. [Burke, *Gen. Arm.* ; *Land. Gent.* ; *V.C.H. Berks.*, iii 201 ; *M.I.* ; Ditchfield, P. H., *History of Dawson family* ; Berry, *Berks. Pedigrees* (1837), 125].

*Nave. West End. North Wall. Mural Bronze.*

Sarah, wife of the Rev. H. Hodgkinson, M.A., Rector of this parish, only daughter of George and Anne Courtup of Reading ; *d.*, with her infant son, 1804, aged 28, and in the 2nd year of her marriage.

5. Gold a cross cut off between four cinquefoils vert.

HODGKINSON.

and in pretence :

6. .... a fesse azure between three molets.....

No. 6 is possibly intended for *Argent a fesse azure between three stars sable* for Courthope or Courthop.

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ARBORFIELD OLD CHURCH.

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*Chancel. North side. Table tomb with three effigies.*

William Standen, *d.* 1639. Maria, his wife. Nicholas Love, their son ; *d.* in infancy, 1637. Monument restored in 1843 by Sir John Conroy, Bt.

1. South face : west : [Argent] on a chief dancetty [azure] a lion passant [gold]. STANDEN.
2. east : The same.  
Impaling :
3. Quarterly 1 & 4. Per saltire [azure and gold] a saltire ermine.  
BACKHOUSE.
4. 2 & 3. [Gules] two chevrons between three escallops [argent].  
PERKINS.
5. On effigy of child : Quarterly 1 & 4. .... a lion rampant.....
6. 2 & 3. Barry..... and  
.....on a chief  
.....three lions'  
heads razed.....

He was the son of Edmund Standen who bought the manors of Arborfield and Barkham from Thomas Bullock in 1589. William married Mary, fourth daughter of Samuel Backhouse, Esquire of Swallowfield, Co. Berks., by whom he had Nicholas-Love, who died in infancy, and another son. His grandson, William was dealing with the manor in 1678 and the latter's son Edward (*d.* 1707) in 1700. This Edward Standen (*d.* 1707) married Anne (see pedigree on p. 66), daughter of Richard Aldworth by whom he had a son Edward (*d.* 1730; see No. 7 below). [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 201; *M.I.*; *Papw. Ord.*, 562; *Harl. Soc.*, lvi, 159; Ditchfield, P. H., *Byeways in Berks.*, 48; *MS. Ashmole*, 850, 230].

#### *Mural Marble.*

Edward Standen, Esquire, son of Edward and Anne; *d.* 1730, aged 27.

#### 7. STANDEN.

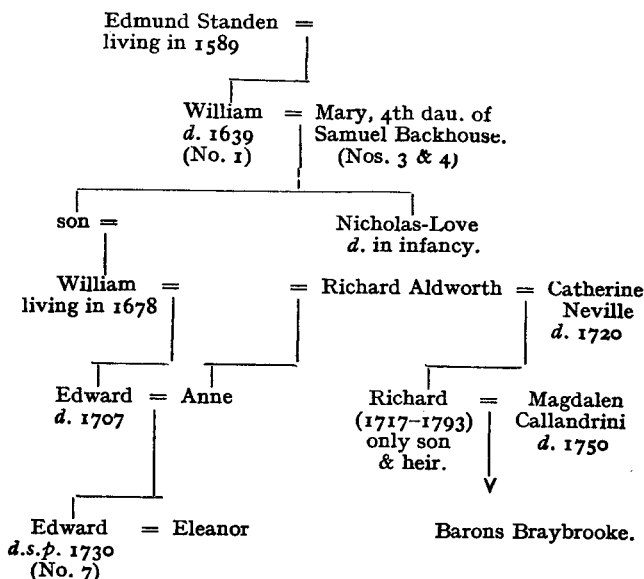
Impaling :

8. Paly silver and gules three crescents gold.

He was the son of Edward Standen (*d.* 1707) by his wife Anne, daughter of Richard Aldworth (*d.* 1738) of Stanlake, Co. Berks. He is said to have been the lover referred to in the ballad of "Molly Mog of the Rose" which Gay, Swift, Pope and Arbuthnot wrote between them at the Old Rose Inn in Wokingham. He married Eleanor who, as sole executrix, proved his will on April 7th, 1731; after her death the manor of Arborfield passed to Richard Aldworth

(1717-1793), the half brother of Edward's mother Anne and father of Richard, 2nd. Lord Braybrooke. Richard's guardian sold it to Pelsant Reeves (see Arborfield new church, No. 1). [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 201; *G.E.C., Compl. Peer.*, ii, 9; Ditchfield, P. H., *Byeways of Berks.*, 48, 119-120].

## KEY PEDIGREE OF STANDEN.



[*G.E.C., Compl. Peer.*, ii, 9; Collins, *Peer.*, viii, 159; *V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 201].

*South Window. Glass.*

9. Quarterly gold and vert on a fesse ermine [here diapered] between three running stags countercoloured a fret gules. HARGREAVES.

John Hargreaves (d. 1873) of Broad Oak, Co. Lanc., and Hall Barn Park, Co. Bucks., bought the manor-house and park in Arborfield in 1855 for his son Thomas, who was high sheriff for Berkshire in 1867 and died in 1891. The latter's widow continued to live at the manor-house until her death in 1918; afterwards the house passed to other hands. [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 202; *Land. Gent.*]

*West Chapel. North Wall. Mural Stone and Marble.*

Sir Edward Conroy, Bt., d. 1869, aged 60.

10. Azure an open book silver edged gold on a chief battled gold the badge of Ulster. CONROY.

He was of Llanbrynmair, Co. Montgomery, and of Kiltristan, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, and was the eldest son of Sir John Conroy, Kt. and Bt., and lineal representative of the Chiefs of the native Irish sept of O'Maolconry, Co. Roscommon in the province of Connaught. He was born in Dublin 6 December 1809 and married in July 1837, at Kensington, Middlesex, the Hon. Lady Alicia Parsons, daughter of Laurence, Earl of Rosse, and by her had issue an only son, John Conroy, born 16 August 1845. [*M.I.*; Papw. *Ord.*, 340].

*West Window. Glass.*

## 11. CONROY.

*East End. Mural Marble.*

Sir John Conroy, Kt. and Bt.; *d.* 1851, aged 65.

## 12. CONROY.

He was the eldest son and heir of John Ponsonby Conroy (*d.* 1797), Esquire of Roscommon, by his wife Margaret, daughter of Francis Vernon Wilson, Esquire of Tully, Co. Longford. He was of Bettyfield, Co. Roscommon, and of Llanbrynmair, Co. Montgomery, and married Elizabeth, daughter and sole heir of Major-General Benjamin Fisher, and woman of the bedchamber to the Duchess of Kent. The issue was Edward (born 1809; see No. 10 above), three other sons and two daughters. Sir John was equerry, private secretary and keeper of the privy purse to the Duchess of Kent and purchased the newly built manor house and park in 1842 from George Pelsant Dawson (see No. 3, Arborfield new church). [*Burke, Hist. of Commoners*, i, 491-2; *Ditchfield, P. H., Byeways of Berks.* (1920), 121; Papw., *Ord.*, 340].

*Stone Achievement.*

## 13. CONROY.

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### RUSCOMBE.

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*Nave. West End. Mural Marble.*

Letitia, wife of Reginald Fellowe (*sic*) of London, merchant, and daughter of Nathan Knight, Esquire; *d.* 1706, aged 21. Catherine, wife of the same Reginald Fellows and daughter of Stephen Jermyn of Tottenham, Middlesex, by whom he had issue two sons John and Reginald; she *d.* 1716, aged 26.

1. (Defaced but giving) [Azure] a fesse nebuly ermine between [three lions' heads razed having mural crowns gold].

FELLOWS.

Impaling :

2. [Argent] three palets [gules] and on a canton gules [a spur gold]. KNIGHT.

The following appears in the parish register concerning Letitia, wife of Reginald Fellows, merchant of the parish of St. Christopher the Stocks in London : " brought from Reading and buried in linnen and the forfeiture paid " under the Act of 18 Charles II, c. 3 (1678) which was repealed in 1814. [Treacher, *Lt., Berks. Arch. Journ.*, xii, 53 ; *V.C.H., Berks.*, iii, 408 ; *Papw., Ord.*, 765, 1014.]

*North Wall. Mural Marble.*

Sir James Eyre, Kt. ; *d.* 1799, aged 65.

3. Two shields. Argent on a cheveron sable three quatrefoils gold. EYRE.

and in pretence :

4. Argent three cinquefoils [gules]. SOUTHWELL.

He was the son of the Rev. Thomas Eyre (*d.* 1753) of Wells, Co. Somerset, Prebendary of Salisbury. He was educated at Winchester College and St. John's College, Oxford ; he was called to the bar in 1755 and practiced chiefly in the lord mayor's and sheriff's courts of London and was appointed Recorder in 1762 at the age of 28. Knighted in 1772 he was president of the court of exchequer in 1787 and chief justice of common pleas in 1793. He married in 1792 Mary, daughter and coheir of Henry Southwell, Esquire of Wisbech, Co. Cambridge, and purchased the manor of Ruscombe from Richard Palmer in 1787 and rebuilt Ruscombe House near Southbury Farm. His wife's reversion in the manor was sold to Mr. John Leveson-Gower ; on her death in 1825 she gave by will £50 to the poor of the parish. [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 204, 206 ; iv, 49 ; *Burke, Gen. Arm.* ; *M.I.* ; *D.N.B.*].

*Mural Marble.*

Walter Knight, Esquire, son of Walter Knight, Esquire of this parish ; *d.* 1774, aged 77. Anne, his wife, daughter of Robert Rich of Sonning in this County, Bt. ; *d.* 1733, aged 29.

5. Quarterly 1 & 4. Argent three palets gules and a bordure engrailed sable on a canton gules a spur gold. KNIGHT.
6. 2 & 3. [Gold] *here* Argent on a bend sable the steel armour of three mens' legs on the second quarter a martlet sable in chief for difference. BLAGRAVE.

His wife Anne was the second daughter of Sir Robert Rich (*d.* 1724), 2nd Bt. of Sonning by his wife Mary, daughter of Sir William Walter, Bt., of Sarsden, Co. Oxon. Lt. Treacher (*Berks. Arch. Journ.*, xii, 24) states that William Walter Knight, the last of his race, was buried at Ruscombe in 1799. [*Hart. Soc.*, lvi, 174 ; lvii, 166 ; *Burke, Ext. Bt.*, 440].

*Chancel. South Wall. Mural Marble.*

Richard Aldworth of Stanlakes in Wiltshire, Esquire ; *d.* 1680, aged 66. Anne, his wife ; *d.* 1705, aged more than 80.

7. (Defaced but giving) [Argent] a cheveron between five crosslets fitchy and three dragons' heads cut off at the neck with a crosslet in the mouth of each [gules]. ALDWORTH.

Impaling :

8. [Sable] three horses' heads razed [argent]. GWYN.

He was the eldest son of Richard Aldworth (*d.* 1638 as in the Visitation but in 1649 in *Misc. G. et H. (N.S.)*, iv, 173) of Wargrave, Co. Berks., by his wife Amy, daughter of Thomas Parsons of Great Milton, Co. Oxon. (see No. 14 below). During the Civil War he fought as a Royalist at Newbury and Bristol ; he was M.P. for Reading, a J.P. for the County and one of the auditors of the exchequer and married Anne, daughter and heir of William Gwyn (*d.* 1667) of New Windsor and an auditor of the exchequer. The issue was Richard (of whom below), five other sons and six daughters. Richard, his son and heir, was born in 1645, died *c.* 1707, was King's Remembrancer in Ireland and married in 1677 Mary, daughter and heir of William Crofton, M.P., of Temple House, Co. Sligo, by whom he had issue John (*d.s.p.* 1710 ; see No. 9 below), one other son and five daughters. The monument was erected by Charles Aldworth (*d.* 1720, third son of Richard who died in 1680), Camden Professor of History, Oxford, 1691-1720. See pedigree on p. 70. [*Harl. Soc.*, lvi, 155, 175 ; lvii, 50, 134 ; *V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 196, 255 ; *Misc. Gen. et Her. (N.S.)*, iv, 173-4 ; *M.I.* ; Information from the Rev. F. M. Dowland.]

*Mural Marble.*

John Aldworth, Esquire of Stanlake, Co. Berks. ; *d.s.p.* 1710. Mary, his wife ; *d.* 1766, aged 89.

9. On a lozenge : (Defaced)  
and in pretence :  
10. [Argent] two cheverons [azure]. TYRRELL.

He was the eldest son of Richard Aldworth (Will pvd. 1707) by his wife Mary, daughter and heir of William Crofton, M.P., of Temple House, Co. Sligo. He married Mary, daughter of James Tyrrell, Esquire of Shotover, Co. Oxon., by his wife Mary, daughter of Sir Miles Hutchinson, Bt., of Co. Chester. See pedigree on p. 70. [*M.I.* ; *Misc. Gen. et Her. (N.S.)*, iv, 173-4 ; *Papw., Ord.*, 541].

*South Wall Plate. Wooden shield.*

11. Azure three escallops gold. St. JAMES.

The church is dedicated to St. James to whom these arms have been assigned. [Dorling, E. E., *Heraldry of the Church*, 140-1].

*North Wall Plate. Wooden shield.*

**12. Azure five escallops in cross gold. BARKER.**

Stanlake Park was alienated from the manor of Stanlake in the first half of the 19th century and was purchased in 1847 by George Barker (*d.* 1868, son of Thomas Barker of Springfield House, Co. Stafford) from Sir Nathaniel Duckenfield and is still in the possession of the family. [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 255; *Land Gent.*; *Papw., Ord.*, 683; information from Rev. F. M. Dowland].

*Churchyard. South of Church. Brick tomb.*

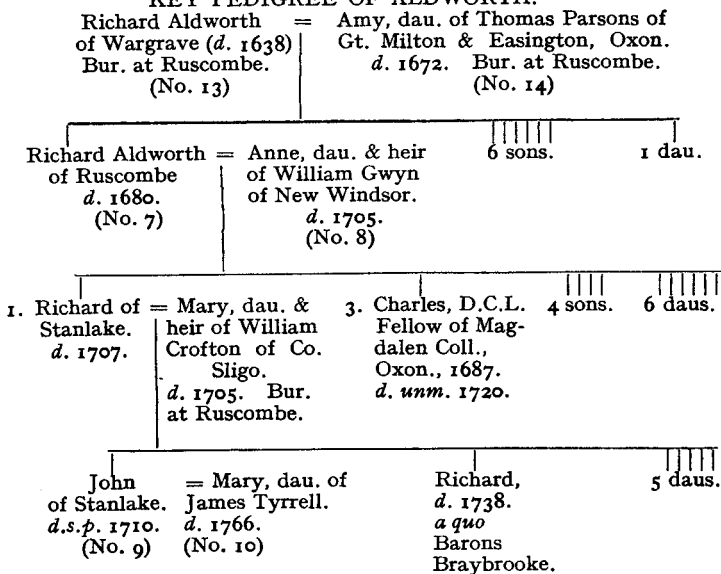
**13. ALDWORTH.**

Impaling :

**14. [Gules] two cheverons ermine between three eagles [gold]. PARSONS.**

See No. 7 above, illustration facing this page and pedigree below [*MS. Ashmole 850,241.*]

**KEY PEDIGREE OF ALDWORTH.**



**SANDHURST.**

*South Aisle. Ledger stone.*

William Chislett of Sandhurst, Berks, Esq; *d.* 1671, aged 50.

**1. Per fesse [argent] and [azure] a tower [gules] between four escallops [countercoloured]. CHISLETT.**



# Rushcombe.



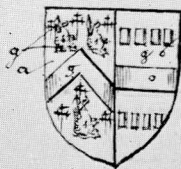
On the South side of the Church, (in the Churchyard)  
is a raised monument; on the top-stone whereof are  
these Emblems, & under them the following Inscription.



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Depositum | **RICI ALDWORTH**, | de Winton Pipard |  
in fam: Mille | Generosi, viri, pii | et integri, qui | fatior v  
cessit | 16<sup>o</sup> die Martij, | Anno Dni | 1630. |

Emblems painted in Glass, & set up in the Parlour  
Window: of Major Aldworths house. An<sup>o</sup> 1625.



Allworth of Allworth. Allworth & May.

Ruscombe  
[Richard Aldworth]

He was the last member of the Chislett family to be buried in the church but it is doubtful if the ledger stone covers the actual spot for it may have been moved during the restoration of the church in 1853 or 1868. The first mention of the family found is that of Alexander Cheslake who paid subsidy in Sandhurst in 1546 and whose will was proved in 1551; the family held College Farm in Sandhurst in 1613. It seems probable that this William Chislett was deputy auditor of the court of exchequer in 1667 and later the collector of usuary notes in the counties of Leicester, Worcester and Stafford; the parish register records his baptism in 1620. The register fee of 6s. 8d. was received by the churchwardens for breaking the ground in the church for his burial. [Papw., *Ord.*, 368; Kempthorne, G. A., *Berks. Arch. Journ.*, xxi, 59 : xxii, 29, 118].

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### SONNING.

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#### *North Aisle. Ledger Stone.*

William Payn, senior, of Eye in Sunning, Oxon., gent.; *d.* 1714, aged 59. Mrs. Dorothy Payn, his relict; *d.* 1726, aged 62.

#### 1. Defaced.

#### *Ledger Stone.*

Leonard Hooke of Early Court, Berks., Gent.; *d.* 1625. Ursula, his wife; *d.* 1658. Their daughter Ann, Lady Clarke placed the monument.

#### 2. [Quarterly sable and silver] a cross between four escallops [countercoloured]. HOOKE.

Impaling :

#### 3. Party.....and.....a bend [ermine].

[*MS. Ashmole, 850.*]

#### *Ledger Stone.*

Dorothy Hooke, daughter of Leonard Hooke and Ursula, his wife; *d.* 1651. Mr. Leonard Hooke, her father, with Robert and Samuell her brothers. Monument placed by Mrs. Anne Hooke, her sister, in 1652.

#### 4. On a lozenge : HOOKE.

#### *North Wall. Mural Marble.*

Lady Ann Clarke, *d.* 1653. John Williams, Bt., her brother, placed the monument, 1654. Ann Clarke, second wife of John Clarke, Bt., daughter of Leonard Hooke, Gent.; *d.* 1667.

5. Quarterly of 10 : 1. [Gules] three swords erect in pale [argent] pommels and hilts [gold].  
WOODCHURCH (afterwards CLARKE).
6. 2. Paly wavy [ermine and sable].  
CLARKE.
7. 3. [Argent] on a bend [sable] a rose [silver]. SHERT.
8. 4. [Argent] on a fesse [gules] between six martlets [sable] two martlets [gold]. DE LA HAY.
9. 5. [Argent] on a fesse between three water skins [sable] three drops [silver]. WINTERBOURNE.
10. 6. [Sable] a cheveron between three pelicans' heads razed [gold].  
GODFREY.
11. 7. [Argent *vel* gold] a saltire [azure].  
ALDERFORD.
12. 8. ....a cheveron.....between three leopards' (?) heads.....
13. 9. ....a fesse between three birds  
.....and on the fesse a crescent.
14. 10. ....on a bend.....between two lions.....a wyvern.....  
The badge of Ulster.

Impaling :

15. Quarterly 1 & 4. Quarterly i & iv. [Vert] three eagles in fesse [gold].  
WILLIAMS.
16. ii & iii. .... three lions  
passant.....
17. 2. ....three boys' heads cut off at the shoulder with snakes around their necks  
.....
18. 3. ....a cheveron between three fleurs-de-lys.....

Lady Ann Clarke was the daughter of John Williams, Esquire of Marnhull, Co. Dorset, and sister of Sir Edmund Williams, Bt.; she married Sir John Clarke (*d.s.p.c.* 1679), Bt. of Salford, Co. Warwick, the son and heir of Sir Simon Clarke (*cr.* Bt. by James I in 1617) by his first wife Margaret, daughter and coheir of John Alderford, Esquire of Abbots Salford, Co. Warwick. The arms Nos. 5-10 are found in Turville vicarage, Co. Bucks., and in Handborough church, Oxon. [Wotton, T., *Engl. Baronetage* (1727) i, 117-118; information from E. A. G. Lamborn; *M.I.*; Cocks, A. H., *Rec. of Bucks.*, viii (1901), 372; Papw., *Ord.*, 1056; G. E. C., *Compl. Baronetage*, i, (1900), 111].

### Mural Marble.

Cary Williams, Gent. and his sister.

19. Quarterly 1 & 4. [Vert] three eagles in pale [gold].

WILLIAMS.

20. 2 & 3. . . . . three lions passant . . . . .

This monument is by John Stone (*d.* 1699), the sculptor. Horace Walpole quotes the following from John Stone's account: 'formerly I made a little tomb of white marble, being an eagle with an escutcheon upon his breast, set up at Sonning in Barkshire for £7.' [Pearson, H., *Mem. of church and parish of Sonning* (Ed. Stephens, 1890), 31; *MS. Ashmole*, 850.]

### Mural Stone.

No inscription.

21. [Gold] on a bend [sable] the steel armour of three mens' legs. BLAGRAVE.

[*MS. Ashmole*, 850].

### East End in Vestry. North Wall Mural Stone.

Robert Wright, S.T.P., Oxon. Dated above 1605.

22. Party [gold and silver] on a chevron [azure] between three boars' heads cut off [sable] three roundles (bezants).

WRIGHT.

In the list of vicars of Sonning appears the following:—Date of institution "13 June 1604. Patronus: Anthonius Barker, of Sonning. Clericus: Venble. Robert Wright." The next institution took place, according to this list, on 26 September 1662. Pearson (*loc. cit.*) states that he died in 1605 and was vicar when the great west gallery was erected in the church. [Pearson, H., *Mem. of church and parish of Sonning* (Ed. Stephens, 1890), 225; *MS. Ashmole*, 850].

### South Chapel. East End. North Wall. Mural Marble.

Sir Anthony Barker, son and heir of William Barker; *d.* 1630. William Barker, senior; *d.* 1675. William Barker, junior; *d.* 1694.

23. Quarterly 1 & 4. Per cheveron engrailed [gold] and [sable] a lion [countercoloured]. BARKER.  
 24. 2 & 3. [Argent] three tilting spears upright [countercoloured] and a chief [sable]. BURLEY.

See No. 39 below.

*South Wall. Mural Marble.*

- Charles Rich, *d.* 1655, aged 3. Elizabeth Rich, *d.* 1656, aged 5. The children of Thomas Rich of Sonning, Esquire, and Elizabeth, his wife.  
 25. [Gold] on a ragged saltire [gules] five crosslets fitchy [gold]. RICH.

See No. 37 below.

*South Aisle. East End. Ledger Stone.*

- Thomas Cockayne, Gent., second son of William Cockayne, Esquire; *d.* 1711, aged 95.  
 26. [Argent] three cocks [gules]. COCKAYNE.

*South Wall. Mural Alabaster.*

- Katherine, Lady Litcott, *d.* 1630, aged 76.  
 27. On a lozenge: Quarterly 1 & 4. BARKER.  
 28. 2 & 3. BURLEY.

She was the second daughter of William Barker of Sonning (who may be the William mentioned in No. 44 below) and married firstly William Yonge (*d.* 1584), Esquire of Basildon, Co. Berks., by whom she had a son William (*d.s.p.* 1618; a baronet and sheriff of Berkshire, 1615). She married secondly Sir Christopher Litcott, Kt. (*d.s.p.* 1599; see Hanney, No. 1, Vol. xxxvi, 140) and after his death, remained a widow. In 1623 she gave a yearly rent charge of £5. 10. payable on messuages and farms in Streatley, Co. Berks., to provide a sermon on Good Friday and £5 to the poor of Basildon. In *MS. Ashmole* 850, 236 there are the two following tricks of the arms on the monument when Ashmole visited the church:—On the dexter side: *Argent a cheveron azure and a chief gules* (for Yonge of Basildon; see *Harl. Soc.*, lvii, 235) impaling Barker and Burley quarterly. On the sinister side: *Gold two bars vairy argent and sable* (for Litcott; see *Harl. Soc.*, lvii, 174) impaling Barker and Burley quarterly. [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 460, 463; *M.I.* in Basildon church, quoted by Morley, H.T., in *Mon. Brasses of Berks.*, 27; *Harl. Soc.*, lvii, 175].

*South Aisle. Floor Bronze.*

The Rt. Hon. Lord Stowell, *d.* 1836, aged 90.

29. [Argent] three lions' heads razed [gules] between the upper ones an anchor [sable] on a chief wavy [azure] a portcullis with chains gold. SCOTT.

and in pretence : two shields :

30. Dexter : Ermine two bars gold and a lion [azure].

BAGNALL.

31. Sinister : Gold a fesse sable between three wolves' heads razed [sable]. HOWE.

He was the fourth child and eldest son of William Scott (*d.* 1776), a coal-shipper of Newcastle on Tyne by his second wife Jane (*d.* 1800), daughter of Henry Atkinson, a local tradesman. He was born at Heworth, Co. Durham and was educated at Newcastle grammar school and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he matriculated in 1761; he became a Fellow of University College in 1765 and was Camden reader in ancient history, 1773-85; he went to London in 1777 and was called to the bar in 1780. A friend of Dr. Johnson, he was of short stature, "fair haired, corpulent in his later years, of benign expression of face and though slovenly in dress, very courteous and polished in manner." After holding various legal appointments he was, in 1798, appointed judge of the high court of admiralty and sworn of the privy council; he represented the University of Oxford in parliament from 1801 until the coronation of George IV in 1821 when he was elevated to the peerage as Baron Stowell of Stowell Park, Co. Glouc.; he resigned his various offices in 1828 on account of old age and lived until his death in 1836 mainly at Earley Court, Co. Berks., with his son-in-law and daughter, Lord and Lady Sidmouth. He was a F.S.A. and F.R.S. He married firstly in 1781 Anna Maria (*d.* 1809), eldest daughter and coheir of John Bagnall of Earley Court by whom he had issue four children of whom William (*d.v.p. unm.*, 1835) and Marianne (who married Lord Sidmouth) survived; through his first wife he came into possession of Earley Court. He married secondly, in 1813, Louisa Catherine (*d.s.p.* 1817), youngest daughter and coheir of Admiral, 1st Earl Howe, and widow of John, 1st Marquess of Sligo. "Scott was parsimonious and convivial, Lady Sligo domestic and open-handed. They lived unhappily....." He left a fortune of nearly £230,000 besides estates producing £12,000 per annum. His eldest brother was John, 1st Earl of Eldon, the Lord Chancellor. [Burke, *Gen. Arm.*; *D.N.B.*; *G.E.C.*, *Compl. Peer.*, vii (1896), 258].

*West End. Mural Alabaster.*

Robert Palmer, M.P., Berks., 1825-1859; *d.s.p.* 1872, aged 79.

32. Chequy gold and sable on a chief gules two molets gold. PALMER.

Richard Palmer, Rector of Blaby, Leicestershire, 1825 and of Purley, Berks., 1844; *d. s. p.* 1874, aged 79.

Henry Palmer, Rector of Little Laver, Essex. 1824; *d. s. p.* 1870, aged 71.

33. Below : dexter : PALMER, a crescent silver for difference.

34. sinister : PALMER, a molet silver for difference.

Elizabeth Palmer, *d.* 1861, aged 59. Third daughter.

Laura Frances Palmer, *d.* 1870, aged 64. Fifth daughter.

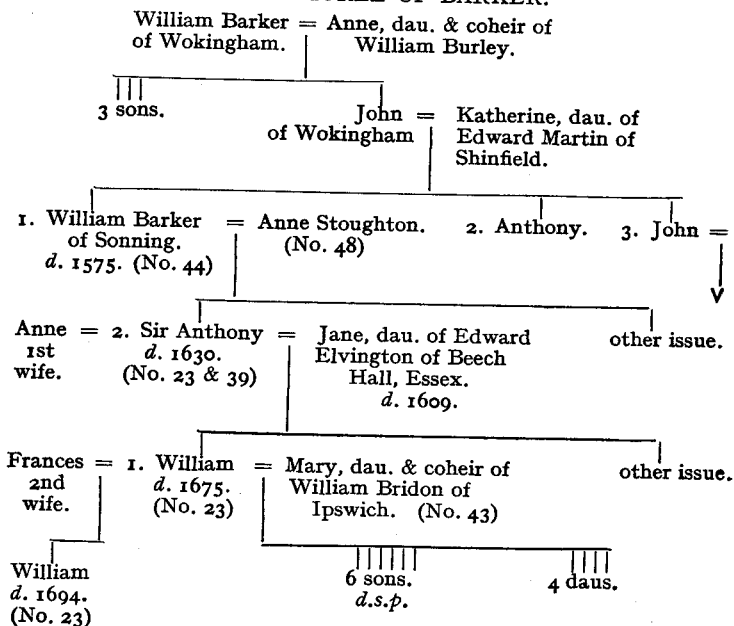
35. Below : on a lozenge : PALMER.

Susanna Caroline Palmer, *d.* 1880, aged 76.

36. Below : on a lozenge : PALMER.

They were the children of Richard Palmer (1765-1806) by his wife Jane (*d.* 1812), eldest daughter of Oldfield Bowles of North Aston, Oxon. Richard purchased the manor of Sonning and Holme Park in Sonning from Sir Thomas Rich in 1795 and the old house being demolished he built a new one; the family also acquired the fee of the parsonage and rectory by Act of Parliament in 1773. Susanna-Caroline his fourth daughter, who succeeded her brother Richard (*d.* 1874), left by her will proved in 1880 £5,000 to the vicar for maintaining the church fabric. A grant of arms, as here, was made to Richard Palmer of Wokingham, by Sir Edward Bysshe, Clarendon, dated 20 February 1664. This memorial was "erected by tenants and inhabitants of Sonning of all classes in 1876." [Lysons, *Mag. Brit.* (1813) i, 379; *V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 213, 223, 225; Burke, *Land. Gent.*; *Harl. Soc.*, lvi, 255; lvii, 190].

#### KEY PEDIGREE OF BARKER.



*Under Tower. Marble Monument.*

Thomas Rich, Bt., born in Gloucester and educated in London; *d.* 1667, aged 66. Thomas Rich, Esquire, eldest son of Thomas Rich, Bt.; *d.* 1663, aged 15. Elizabeth, mother and wife, of the Cockayne family.

## 37. RICH the badge of Ulster.

He was the son of Thomas Rich, alderman of the city of Gloucester, by his wife Anne, daughter of Thomas Machin of Gloucester. He married firstly Barbara, daughter of Gilbert Morewood of Seale, Co. Leicester, by whom he had issue Gilbert who died young; he married secondly Elizabeth, daughter of William Cockayne, alderman and merchant of London, by whom he had issue Thomas (*d.* 1663), Charles and Elizabeth (both *d.* young; see No. 25 above), William who succeeded him as 2nd Baronet and *d.* 1711, aged 57, and Mary, who married Sir Robert Geare, Kt. of Stocke, Co. Bucks. Sir Thomas was a Turkey merchant and during the civil war provided the King with money and helped the suffering clergy; at the Restoration he was created a Baronet. He acquired the manor of Sonning in 1654 from Laurence Halstead and Thomas Chamberlain which manor was held by the family until 1795 when it was sold to Richard Palmer. [*Harl. Soc.*, lvi, 273; *Burke, Ext. Bt.*, 440; *V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 212-3].

*Chancel. Floor brass.*

Laurence Fyton, sometime bailiff of Sonning; *d.* 1434.

38. Four shields: Silver on a bend azure three sheaves gold a molet gules for difference. FYTON.

[*Papw., Ord.*, 243; *Morley, H. T., Mon. Brasses of Berks* (illustration), 180].

*Floor Brass.*

Sir Anthony Barker, *d.* 1630, aged 72. Also the children of William Barker. Also Jane, wife of William Barker; *d.* 1609.

39. Above: Quarterly 1 & 4. BARKER.  
 40. 2 & 3. BURLEY.  
 41. Below: Quarterly 1 & 4. BARKER.  
 42. 2 & 3. BURLEY.  
 and in pretence:  
 43. [Argent] three hawks' heads razed  
 [sable] a bordure engrailed [azure  
 bezanty]. BRIDON.





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### EARLEY ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

*Exterior. North-West Porch. Stone Carving.*

1. Dexter : [Gules] three flaying knives upright  
[silver] with the handles [gold.]  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
2. Sinister : [Gules] two keys saltirewise [silver].  
ST. PETER.

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### EARLEY ST. PETER.

*Over Porch. Interior. Shields on Organ.*

1. Dexter : Gold a garter azure on a chief azure a mitre gold.
2. Centre : dexter : SEE of OXFORD.
3. sinister : SEE of SALISBURY.
4. Sinister : Gules two keys saltirewise gold.

*North Aisle. North Wall. Bronze tablet.*

Brian John Dunlop, Lieut. Grenadier Guards, third and elder twin son of Herbert William Dunlop of this parish ; killed in action in the battle of Pilkem Ridge, Flanders, 1917, aged 19.

5. ....a double-headed eagle.....

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### WOODLEY.

*Chancel. South Window. Glass.*

1. Royal Arms. Dated August 9th, 1902. Coronation of King Edward VII.

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### WOKINGHAM ALL SAINTS.

*North Aisle. North Wall. Mural Marble.*

Edward Cotton, Esquire ; *d.* 1682. Monument erected by his wife Elizabeth.

1. [Argent] a bend between three roundles [sable] a crescent on the bend for difference. COTTON.  
Impaling :

2. Gules three swords erect in pale [argent]. CLARKE.

He was the second son of Edward Cotton (*d.c.* 1652), Rector of Shobrook (Shobrooke), Co. Devon, by his wife Margaret, daughter of William Bruton of Hawtrey, Co. Devon. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Clarke, dyer of London. The following is found in the list of those summoned to attend the Visitation of 1665-6 : "Edward Cotton, Esq., Entr. (Esq. crossed out) has an Estate in Devonsh : & a Sojourner here." [*Harl. Soc.*, lvi, 188 ; lvii, 38 ; Papw., *Ord.*, 1109].

#### *Ledger Stone.*

David Cheap, Esquire, late Commander of H.M. Ship the Lark ; *d.* 1752, aged 55. Ann Cheap, his wife ; *d.* 1753, aged 32.

3. [Argent] three ears of wheat two and one [vert]. CHEAP.  
Impaling :  
4. [Or] a fesse [chequy azure and argent] in chief two crescents [gules] and in base a boar's head cut off at the neck [sable].  
CLERK.

[Burke, *Gen. Arm.* ; Papw., *Ord.*, 742].

#### *South Aisle. South Wall. Mural Marble.*

Humphrey Cantrell, senior, Gent. Also Humphrey Cantrel (*sic*), junior, Gent. Monument erected by the mother.

5. Argent a pelican in piety sable. CANTRELL.

From the pedigree in the Visitation of 1665-6 it appears that a Humphrey Cantrell (*d.* 1662) of Wokingham was the second son of Humphrey Cantrell of Woodley in Sonning, Co. Berks., by his wife Jane, daughter and heir of John Payne of Sonning. He married Lettice, daughter of William Hyde of Hurst, Co. Berks., and had issue by her Humphrey (aged 39 in 1664) and Anne, married to William Bird, painter-stainer of London. [*Harl. Soc.*, lvi, 78, 182 ; lvii, 38].

#### *Mural Brass.*

6. Gules four lozenges joined in fesse argent a molet gold for difference. (DAUBENEY).

C. W. Penny (*Quart. Journ. Berks. Arch. & Architect. Soc.*, ii (1892), 116-117) says "Besides the name *William Field* written upon it, I find also much more rudely scratched what appears to me to be *John Dawbnie*, and under it a date, 1625. There is also written below this another date, 1226, (*sic*) apparently by the same hand and instrument which inscribed the name of "*William Field*." The dress of the man and the boddice and ruff of the lady are very similar in pattern to those of Richard and Elizabeth Geale in Sandhurst Church. The date of that brass in 1608. Here, as there,

the letters of the inscription are of Roman type ; but here the squares of the floor, on which the figures kneel, and the faldstool between them are drawn in *perspective*, as is seen in late brasses of the 17th century. There is, as Ashmole remarked when he saw it, "neither Name nor Date to give any intelligence to whom this Brass belonged." But though this is true, there is the coat of arms.....which still retains the colours with which it was originally enamelled. These are : *Gules, four fusils conjoined in fess, argent ; in the middle chief, a mullet, or.* Now these are the well-known arms of the family of Daubeney..... Now if I have rightly read the name which is rudely scratched between the heads of the two kneeling figures of this Wokingham brass as Iohn Dawbnie, it is far more likely that it commemorates not William Field but some member of the Dawbeney family, to whom the coat of arms undoubtedly belongs. I cannot find in *Robson's British Herald* that the Fields have borne the arms delineated on the brass. The only other family that I can find with the same coat is that of De Carteret. But at the date of this brass the De Carterets lived in and were almost entirely confined to the islands of Jersey and Guernsey. Still it is not, of course, impossible that the person here commemorated is a De Carteret and his wife." The above was written, and quite rightly so, to confute the suggestion that the brass was of the date c. 1590. Papw., *Ord.*, 969 ; Morley, H. T., *Mon. Brasses of Berks.* (illustration), 248.

*West Tower. Ringing Platform. South Side. Mural Marble.*

Mrs. Sarah Nash, wife of John Nash, Esquire ; *d.* 1814, aged 43. Also John Nash, Esquire, formerly of Salters Hall, London, many years of this town ; *d.* 1819, aged 60.

7. Azure on a cheveron between three eagles' [ravens'] heads razed argent a roundle sable between four crosslets sable.  
NASH.

John Nash, whose will was proved in 1819 left the dividend on £300 consols to provide clothes for twelve poor old women, attendants at divine service ; he also left £50 in trust to keep the family tombs in the churchyard in repair. [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 234-5 ; *Burke, Gen. Arm.*].

*Nave. West side of second roof tie-beam from chancel arch. Carved.*

8. Two shields between the letters "I.E. 1631 T.S.".....a cheveron and a bordure (? sable).

*South-East pier. Painted on wood.*

9. Royal Arms ; supporters : leopard crowned gold and a dragon gold. Dated 1582 with "E.R." Queen Elizabeth. Restored and repainted.

### WOKINGHAM ST. PAUL.

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*North Aisle. East End. Mural Brass.*

John Walter of Bearwood, *d.* 1894. He built the church.

1. Argent sprinkled with drops of blood two swords gules saltirewise and a lion sable over all. WALTER.

He was the eldest son of John Walter (1776-1847, who purchased the Bear Wood estate in Hurst, Co. Berks.) by his second wife Mary, daughter of Henry Smith of Eastling, Co. Kent. His grandfather John Walter (1739-1812) was the founder of "The Times" newspaper. John (*d.* 1894) was M.P. for Nottingham 1847-59 and for Berkshire 1859-65 and 1868-85 and high steward of Wokingham; he pulled down the house in Bear Wood which his father had built in 1830 and erected a larger mansion. He married firstly Emily-Frances (*d.* 1858), eldest daughter of Major Henry Court of Castle-mans, Co. Berks., by whom he had issue six sons and one daughter; he married secondly Flora (*d.* 1917), third daughter of James Monro Macnabb of Highfield Park, Co. Hants., by whom he had issue five sons and one daughter. He owned land in Wokingham, Sandhurst, Barkham and Finchampstead. [*V.C.H. Berks.*, iii, 250; *Land. Gent.*].

### WOKINGHAM ST. SEBASTIAN.

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*Nave. South Wall. Mural Brass.*

Alexander Anderton Weston of Holme Grange; *d.* 1901, aged 79. Also his children, Dorothy, *d.* 1874, and William-Anderton, *d.* 1877, who were buried at Hove.

1. Quarterly 1 & 4. Gold an eagle displayed [sable] on the breast a molet. WESTON.
2. 2 & 3. Ermine on a chief azure five bezants in fesse. WESTON.

For No. 2, compare also Winterbourne No. 6 (*Berks. Arch. Journ.*, xxxviii, 162), and Newbury No. 6 (*loc. cit.*, 841).