

## The Heads of Winterborne and of Newbury, Co. Berks.

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NOTE.—*This article will be found to comprise reference to no fewer than Thirty-Six different families, namely those of:—Andrews, Baily, Birch, Blagrove, Brookman, Budd, Dicker, Gray, Hanson, Hawkins, Head, Hedgis, Hill, Latham, Lippyeatt, Lock, Merriman, Meslyn, Money, Nunn, Osgood, Page, Paradise, Penrose, Pococke, Savage, Sherwood, Smith, Southby, Spicer, Tull, Vincent, Watts, Williams and Wright.*

THE History of the Royalist Family of Head of Winterborne near Chieveley, Co. Berks, has never yet to my knowledge been written. Nor, indeed, is it my purpose here to record it in anything like the full detail which I possess, but only so far as may be of value in the confirmation of the line of the Heads of Newbury—several of whom were Mayors of that town—as scions of the same family. Great care has been requisite owing to the extreme partiality, in two branches (including the Newbury branch) for the Christian name of Laurence, a name which—as will presently appear—came in from Laurence Money (*ob. c. 1605*), the father-in-law of James Head of Winterborne (*ob. 1641-2*) and ancestor of the late Mr. W. E. Money, F.S.A., the well-known Historian of Newbury. The Progenitor of the Family was:—

### Generation I

RICHARD HEDE or HEAD of Winterborne, who was born at some time in the 1400's and whose Will, dated 25 May, 1530, was proved in *Arch. Berks.* 1530. This—be it noted—is the earliest extant Will of any of the divers families of Head in the County. He therein expressed his desire for burial at Boxford in the County, a desire which was doubtless carried out.

By his wife Annes, *i.e.* Agnes, *née* ——— (living 25 May, 1530), he had issue six children, three sons and three daughters, namely:—(1) *Henry*,—(2) *John*,—(3) *Thomas*,—(4) *Joan*,—(5) *Sibill*,— and (6) *Christian*.

Of these the second son, John Head, whose Will—wherein he describes himself as “John Hedd of Winterborne within the parishe of Cheveley”—was dated 2 September 1599 and proved 13 December 1599, married Julian (*sic*) *née* ——— (living 2 September 1599), by whom he had issue which need not concern us here.

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It is the third son who here concerns us, namely :—

## Generation II

THOMAS HEAD whose Will—wherein he describes himself as “Thomas Hedd of Wynterborne Davers, Co. Berks, Yeoman”—was dated 21 September 1609 and was proved at Oxford in *Arch. Berks.* 5 October 1613. He was buried at Winterborne on 2 October 1613.

He married Alice *née* —, who, predeceasing him, was buried at Winterborne on 14 February 1610-11.

By her he had issue four sons, namely :—(1) *James*,—(2) *Richard*,—(3) *Gyles*,— and (4) *Henry*.

The Nuncupative Will of the last-named of these—describing him as Henry Head of Winterborne Davers, Co. Berks—was of date 1 September 1599 and was proved by his widow Sybill Head (afterwards wife of — Tull) in *Arch. Berks.* 4 October 1599.

But it is the eldest of the four with whom we are here concerned, namely :—

## Generation III

JAMES HEAD of Winterborne finds mention—together with two of his hereinafter mentioned sons, Laurence and Henry—in the Latin Court Roll of 2 April 1628, whereof I gave details in my letter on “The Heads of Winterborne” published in the *Reading Mercury* of 14 November 1925. He was buried at Winterborne on 19 March 1641-2.

He married at Chieveley, Co. Berks, on 4 June 1599, Grace *née* Money, baptized at Chieveley aforesaid 31 May 1574, a daughter of Laurence Money of Chieveley, Yeoman, whose Will, dated 2 October 1602, was proved in *Arch. Berks.* 3 October 1605, and of Grace *née* —, his wife, who was buried at Chieveley (as “Grace Money, Widow”) on 29 December 1623.

By his said wife, who survived him for many years and was herself buried at Winterborne (as “Grace the relict of James Head”) on 9 April 1661, James Head had issue nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom save one were baptised at Winterborne as follows, namely :—(1) *Grace*, baptised 23 February 1599-1600, afterwards wife of John Watts,—(2) *Christian*, baptised 7 November 1601, afterwards wife of Gyles Blagrove,—(3) *Mary*, baptised 20 May 1604, who was apparently living unmarried 31 March 1639,—(4) *Thomas*, baptised 14 December 1606 who before 1637 married Sibell *née* —,—(5) *James*, baptised 16 April 1609, of whom presently,—(6) *Laurence*, baptised 24 March 1611-12, of whom presently,—(7) *Elnora* (i.e.

presumably Elenor), baptised 14 February 1612-13, who was apparently living unmarried 7 June 1635, —(8) *Henry*, baptised 21 March 1615-16 or 21 May 1615, whose wife Ann *née* — was buried at Winterborne on 31 March 1665, he himself surviving her and being there buried on 26 November 1678,— and (9) *Adam*, whose baptism is not found either at Winterborne or at Chieveley, but who was undoubtedly one of the sons of the said James Head and Grace *née* Money his wife (as will readily be seen from the full details set forth in my said letter in the *Reading Mercury* of 14 November 1925) and whose Will dated 24 December 1643—wherein he describes himself as “Adam Hedd of Winterborne Danvers in the parish of Chieveley, Co. Berks, Yeoman”—was proved by his widow Mary Head in *Arch. Berks.* on 16 September 1646. This Adam Head had apparently, also, a residence in Newbury, for he seems to be the Adam Head of Newbury mentioned in the late Mr. W. E. Money’s work on the Two Battles of Newbury, page 115, as having been one of those residents who signed the Proclamation in 1641.

Of such nine children the two with whom we are here concerned are James and Laurence;—and I will deal with such of their respective descendants as are or may be here material under separate sub-headings A and B.

### Generation IV.

#### A.—Newbury Line.

JAMES HEAD—baptised at Winterborne 16 April 1609 as aforesaid—removed fairly early in life to and established himself in Newbury. It is he who, in my opinion, was the Mr. Head at whose house in Newbury (*per* the late Mr. Walter E. Money’s *History of Newbury*, 1887, pages 560 sqq.) Lucius Cary, Viscount Falkland, fighting on the Royalist side, stayed the night preceding the First Battle of Newbury, fought on 20 September 1643. I am aware that in Miss Edna Lyall’s historical novel she names such host as Adam Head, but in such regard I think her to have been inaccurate. Reverting to James, he was Rector’s Churchwarden of Newbury in 1647 and was there buried on 15 January 1659-60. From a letter which I received from the late Mr. Money in 1917, I gather that he was regarded as an important man in Newbury and that the great bell of Newbury was tolled at his funeral.

He married twice: both times at Newbury; firstly, on 4 March 1632-3 Ann *née* Williams, there buried on 9 August 1651, and secondly on 5 January 1656-7 Elizabeth *née* Smith, by which latter he had no issue.

By his said first wife he had issue nine children, five sons and four daughters, all baptised at Newbury as follows, namely:—(1) *James*, baptised 25 June 1634-5, who appears to have died

quite young,— (2) *Joseph*, baptised 23 April 1636, of *whom presently*,— (3) *Anne*, baptised in November 1637, who appears to be the Ann Head buried at Newbury on 9 August 1651,—(4) *James*, baptised 16 January 1640-1, —(5) *Elizabeth* baptised 25 March 1642, of *whom presently*,— (6) *Grace*, baptised 16 July 1643, who was buried at Newbury on 8 February 1649-50,— (7) *Edward*, baptised 14 February 1644-5 who, predeceasing his wife, Ann *née* —, was buried at Winterborne or Chieveley (entry of burial in both Registers) on 22 April 1701,— (8) *Mary*, baptised 22 October 1647,— (9) *John*, baptised 1 December 1648, who appears to have married at Chieveley on 4 January 1686-7 “Mrs. Anne Pococke” who, surviving him, married thirdly John Birch, and died before 14 May 1718 (Administration of that date in *Arch. Berks.*).

Of such issue it is with Joseph, as also incidentally with Elizabeth, that we are here concerned.

### B.—Winterborne Line.

LAURENCE HEAD, baptised at Winterborne 24 March 1611-12 as aforesaid, became “Laurence Head, Senior, of Winterborne Davers *alias* Winterborne Danvers, Co. Berks, Gent,” to give him his description of himself in his Will presently to be referred to. In 1644 he there entertained King Charles, Prince Rupert and the Royal Staff, shortly after the Second Battle of Newbury (*V.C.H. Berks.*, IV, 65.) He was buried at Winterborne on 23 June 1697; his Will, dated 4 April 1696, being proved at Newbury in *Arch. Berks.* 5 May 1698.

He married at Winterborne on 20 July 1636 Elizabeth *née* Money of Bradley Court, in the parish of Chieveley, who was probably a cousin on his mother's side, and who, predeceasing him, was buried at Chieveley on 29 June 1683.

By his said wife he had issue eight children, five sons and two daughters, namely:—(1) *James*, baptised at Winterborne 26 August 1637, who apparently married in or about 1664 — *née* —, and was buried at Chieveley on 21 July 1665,— (2) *Grace*, baptised at Winterborne 12 May 1639, and afterwards wife of — Osgood,— (3) *Henry*, baptised at Winterborne in 1643 of *whom presently*,— (4) *Elizabeth*, baptised at Winterborne 19 May 1645, and afterwards wife of Richard Southby,— (5) *Edward*, baptised at Winterborne 13 March 1647-8, of *whom presently*,— (6) *Elinor*, baptised at Chieveley 5 April 1651, who married at Winterborne on 18 May 1693 The Rev. Richard Spicer and died on 24 October 1701,— (7) *Joseph*, baptised at Winterborne 22 October 1655, of *whom presently*,— and (8) *Laurence*, whose baptism has not been found at either Winterborne or Chieveley, and of *whom presently*.

## Generation V.

## A.—Newbury Line.

JOSEPH HEAD, baptised at Newbury 23 April 1636 as aforesaid, was Churchwarden of Newbury in 1682 and Mayor of Newbury in 1692. He was buried there on 12 July 1712. His Will, dated 7 July 1711—wherein he describes himself as “of Newbury, Co. Berks, Grocer”—was proved by his widow Winifred Head in the P.C.C. on 25 March 1711-12.

He married at Newbury on 1 October 1666 Winifred *née* Paradise, there baptised 26 May 1645, daughter of Thomas Paradise or Paradiice the Elder who was Mayor of Newbury in 1678 and was there buried on 30 November 1686, by Wynefride *née* —, his second wife. The said Winifred (Mrs. Joseph Head) survived her husband, and her Will, dated 9 April 1712, wherein she describes herself as “Winifred Head of Newbury, Co. Berks., Widow,” was proved at London in the P.C.C. on 28 November 1713.

By his said wife he had issue ten children, six sons and four daughters, the baptisms of all save the youngest having taken place at Newbury, namely:—(1) *Winifred*, apparently the child baptised 10 April 1667, and afterwards wife of Walter Lock,—(2) *Ann*, baptised 18 August 1668, and apparently buried at Newbury on 1 March 1672-3,—(3) *Joseph*, baptised 22 June 1670, of whom presently,—(4) *James*, baptised 17 February 1673-4, who married Sarah *née* — and who left a Will, upon my copy of which I cannot at the moment lay my hand but which I think was proved in 1721,—(5) *Thomas*, baptised 27 March 1676,—(6) *Elizabeth*, baptised 17 May 1678, who jointly proved her said mother's Will on 28 November 1713,—(7) *Laurence*, baptised 16 July 1680, of whom presently,—(8) *Susanna*, baptised 3 June 1682, and afterwards wife of Thomas Nunn,—(9) *John* baptised 23 December 1684, who became a Grocer at Newbury and was Mayor of Newbury in 1738 and was there buried (as “Mr. John Head, Alderman”) on 22 January 1754, having on 14 April 1707 married at Newbury Hannah *née* Gray (there buried on 4 March 1747) by whom he had eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, all baptised at Newbury from 31 January 1708 to 1 November 1728,—(10) *Benjamin*, born in or about 1690, but whose baptism has not been found, who became a Grocer at Newbury, was Mayor of Newbury in 1721 and was there buried on 30 October 1747, his Will, dated 21 February 1746-7, being proved at London in the P.C.C. on 23 November 1747; he having married thrice: as follows, namely, first, on 13 October 1711 at Newbury, Ann *née* Page of Newbury, there buried on 6 November 1734, secondly, Sarah *née* (apparently) Lippyeatt, there buried on 14 February 1736-7, and thirdly, Martha *née* Latham who

died 23 June 1746 and was likewise there buried, by none of whom did he have any issue, with the result that by his said Will he left most of his considerable property to his said brother Laurence's son Laurence hereinafter mentioned.

ELIZABETH *née* HEAD, baptised at Newbury 25 March 1642 as aforesaid, married there on 5 June 1665 Thomas Paradise, eldest son of the above-mentioned Thomas Paradise or Paradise the Elder who was Mayor of Newbury in 1678 and was there buried on 30 November 1686, by — *née* —, his first wife. (Her said husband was thus a half-brother of the above-mentioned Winifred *née* Paradise wife of the above-mentioned Joseph Head of Newbury.)

### B.—Winterborne Line.

HENRY HEAD, baptised at Winterborne in 1643 as aforesaid, became of Exton, Co. Berks, but is described as "of Winterbourn" in the entry of his burial at Winterborne on 14 July 1688. In his Will, whereof I have a note from Mrs. Sainthill, whose husband's forebear in the line of Head was Adam Head aforesaid, and which was proved in the P.C.C. in 1688, he mentions:—"Joseph Head of Newbury, Grocer, Coz., and Overseer."

EDWARD HEAD, baptised at Winterborne 13 March 1647-8 as aforesaid, died shortly before 26 July 1723, having married at Winterborne on 10 or 17 June 1697 (10 June 1697 *per* the Chieveley register) Elizabeth *née* Pococke of Bradley, whom he survived. In his Will, dated 22 June 1715, he describes himself as "of Winterborn, p. Cheiveley, Co. Berks, Gentleman," and Administration with such Will annexed was granted in the P.C.C. on 26 July 1723. He therein and thereby devised his estates in Winterborne and Chieveley to "*my trusty and well beloved Friends, Joseph Head of Newbury, Co. Berks, Grocer, and*" another, as joint trustees.

JOSEPH HEAD, baptised at Winterborne 22 October 1655 as aforesaid, married — *née* (query Meslyn) and died before 4 April 1696. By such wife he had issue one child, a son, Laurence, *of whom presently*.

LAURENCE HEAD, whose baptism—as already stated—has not been found at either Winterborne or Chieveley, married at Stanford Dingley, Co. Berks, on 22 January 1671-2 Mary *née* Dicker and, predeceasing her, was buried at Winterborne on 26 April 1676, his Nuncupative Will of 22 April 1676 being proved in *Arch. Berks*, on 14 June 1676. In such Will he is described as "Laurence Head, junior, whilst he lived of Winterborne . . . deceased being sicke and weake in Body . . . lying in Newbery."

The importance of this Will lies in the fact that the witnesses thereto were :—*Joseph Head and Eliaabeth Paradise, both obviously of Newbury and the former being clearly the Joseph Head of Generation V. A, and the latter his sister Eliaabeth née Head of Generation V, A, the wife of Thomas Paradise the Younger.*

### Generation VI.

#### A.—Newbury Line.

JOSEPH HEAD, baptised at Newbury 22 June 1670 as aforesaid, became a Grocer at Newbury, was Mayor of Newbury in 1713, and was apparently the Joseph Head who was one of the Six Trustees appointed by Richard Cowslade of Newbury to administer his benefactions to Newbury (*per* the late Mr. W. E. Money's History of Newbury, 1887, pages 475 sq.). He was buried at Newbury on 6 April 1759; his Will, dated 25 March 1758, being proved at London in the P.C.C. on 8 December 1759.

He married twice apparently, both times at Newbury, first, on 18 April 1698 Sarah *née* Hedgis, and secondly, on 27 February 1714-15 Sarah *née* Wright.

He had issue—probably all by such first wife—four children, two sons and two daughters, namely :—(1) *John*, of Newbury, Grocer, who is doubtless the John Head excused from being Mayor of Newbury in 1747 (*per* the late Mr. W. E. Money's History of Newbury, 1887, pages 336 and 548) and who was buried at Newbury on 27 April 1755, his Will dated 20 April 1755 being proved at London in the P.C.C. on 15 May 1755; having on 21 April 1742 at Boxford, Co. Berks, married Mary *née* Watts of Woodspeen in the parish of Speen, Co. Berks, who, predeceasing him, was buried at Newbury on 4 September 1747,—(2) *Hannah*, who on 1 January 1743-4 at Newbury married Benjamin Merri-man of Newbury,—(3) *Jane*, who in 1739 at Sherborne St. John married Richard Budd of Newbury,—and (4) *Joseph*, living (quite young) on 9 April 1712.

LAURENCE HEAD, baptised at Newbury 16 July 1680 as aforesaid, was Mayor of Newbury in 1720 and was there buried on 7 May 1756, his Will dated 20 October 1749, with Codicil thereto dated 30 March 1750, being proved at Newbury in the Consistory Court of Sarum on 20 May 1756.

He married at Newbury on 24 June 1706 Jane *née* Hill, baptised at Newbury 4 May 1681, daughter (by Anne *née* — the second wife) of Adam Hill who was Mayor of Newbury in 1699 and whose Will, dated 28 September 1708, was proved at Newbury in *Arch. Berks.* on 10 May 1709.

By his said wife, who was buried at Newbury on 1 January 1759, Laurence Head had issue four children, two sons and two daughters, all baptised at Newbury as follows, namely:— (1) *Adam*, baptised 4 April 1707, who would appear to have died young,— (2) *Laurence*, baptised 14 February 1708-9, *of whom presently*,— (3) *Sarah*, baptised 4 February 1711-2, who was buried at Newbury, a Spinster, on 4 April 1794; M.I. erected to her in its Church by her grand-nephew The Rev. Thomas Penrose, D.C.L., grandson of her sister Ann,— and (4) *Ann*, baptised 21 September 1716, who in or about 1742 married The Rev. Thomas Penrose, the well-known Rector of Newbury, by whom she had issue including (a) The Rev. Thomas Penrose, the Poet, who was born in or about 1743 and died in 1779 at the age of 36, father of the above-mentioned Rev. Thomas Penrose, D.C.L., and (b) *Ann née Penrose*, born in or about 1744, who married James Pettit Andrews of Donnington Grove in the parish of Shaw-cum-Donnington, Co. Berks, F.S.A., and sometime one of the Police Magistrates at Westminster (*ob.* 6 August 1797, aged 59), half-brother to Sir Joseph Andrews, First Baronet, who died at Shaw Place on 29 December 1800, aged 74, and was buried in the Chancel of Shaw Church on 6 January 1801 (M.I. to him there<sup>1</sup>.) the issue of such marriage of the said Ann being three children, including Sir Joseph Andrews, Second and last Baronet., baptised at Shaw 23 November 1768 and there buried on 6 March 1822 (M.I. to him there<sup>1</sup>.)

## B.—Winterborne Line.

LAURENCE HEAD—son of the above-mentioned Joseph Head who died as aforesaid before 4 April 1696—was of Winterborne and by his Will, dated 7 September 1706, which was proved at London in the P.C.C. in or about November 1706, he left:— “*To every one of the sonnns and daughters of my Cousin Joseph Head of Newbury*” 10/- “*apeece*,” and “*unto the children of John Head of Newbury*” 10/- “*apeece to buy them rings*.”

## Generation VII.

### A.—Newbury Line.

LAURENCE HEAD, baptised at Newbury 12 February 1708-9 as aforesaid, became a Maltster in Newbury, was Mayor of Newbury in 1747 and again in the latter part of 1750, and was probably the Laurence Head whose name appears in the late Mr. W. E. Money's History of Newbury, 1887, page 348, amongst

<sup>1</sup> See *Berks. Arch. Journ.*, XXXVIII (1934), 143-5. *Ed.*



those of the witnesses to the proclamation of King George III at the Market Cross in Newbury on 1 November 1760. He died on 23 April 1774 and was buried at Newbury on 27 April 1774, his Will dated 1 June 1772, together with Codicil thereto dated 20 April 1774, being proved at London in the P.C.C. on 6 May 1774.

He married at Froxfield, Co. Wilts, on 9 February 1740-1, Martha *née* Savage, tenth and youngest child of Edward Savage of Froxfield aforesaid (whose Will dated 3 Dec. 1720 was proved at Marlborough in *Arch. Wilts.* on 4 February 1743-4) and of Elizabeth *née* Hanson of Hungerford, Co. Berks, his wife (whose own Will, dated 23 May 1764, was proved at London in the P.C.C. on 25 August 1764). The said Martha survived her said husband by some thirty-five years and, dying on 19 April 1809 aged 91 or 92, was buried in the vault of her son-in-law Benjamin Hawkins at Newbury on 26 April 1809 (M.I. to her there); —her Will, dated 27 March 1795, with three Codicils thereto dated 15 December 1796, 19 March 1797 and 27 January 1804 respectively, being proved in the P.C.C. on 19 June 1809.

By his said wife he had issue ten children, three sons and seven daughters, all baptised at Newbury from 4 September 1744 to 4 June 1759. Five of these died young and were buried at Newbury. The other five were, in their order amongst the ten, as follows:—(2) *Sarah*, baptised 17 November 1745, of whom *presently*,—(5) *Laurence*, baptised 13 July 1750, who apparently died, unmarried, before 1 June 1772,—(8) *Katharine*, baptised 3 June 1757, and afterwards wife of Thomas Sherwood of Brown's Lane, Spitalfields, Dyer,—(9) *Frances*, baptised 9 May 1755, who married at Newbury on 30 May 1779 Robert Brookman of Overton, Co. Hants, Surgeon and sometime Apothecary,—and (10) *Ann*, baptised 4 June 1759, who married at Newbury on 7 January 1791 Benjamin Hawkins of Newbury, Grocer.

### Generation VIII.

#### A.—Newbury Line.

SARAH *née* HEAD of Newbury, baptised there 17 November 1745 as aforesaid, married there on 3 October 1768 Richard Bailly of Newbury and formerly of Thatcham, Co. Berks, who was a Banker at Newbury (his firm being that of "Bailly and Vincent") and was Mayor of Newbury in 1773. He died on 3 October 1814, aged 70, and was buried at Thatcham; and his said wife, dying on 14 June 1823, was likewise there buried (M.I. to them both there).

These were the parents of (*int. al.*) the celebrated Astronomer *Francis Baily* (1774-1844), who was born and baptised at Newbury and buried at Thatcham. The M.I. to him at Thatcham was erected in his memory by the Royal Astronomical Society, which he had largely helped to found and of which he was President for the fourth time in the year of his passing. The Latin inscription thereon is set forth by the late Mr. W. E. Money in his "History of Newbury," 1887.

The present-day representative of this Baily line is Professor Francis Gibson Baily, F.R.S.E., a great grand-son of the Astronomer's second elder brother Dr. John Baily, who was baptised at Newbury in April 1772 and, dying on 26 March 1857 in his 86th year, was likewise buried at Thatcham, where an M.I. commemorates both him and his wife.