

## The Earliest Head of Winterborne and His Second Son's Descendants.

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**I**N my articles entitled "*The Heads of Winterborne and of Newbury, Co. Berks.*" (*Berks. Archaeol. J.*, 47, 46-55, 1943; 48, 15-30, 1944-5) I dealt only with one line of the Heads of Winterborne, my main object then being to leave on record for posterity, with all the material proof, the descent of the Heads of Newbury from the Heads of Winterborne.

For that purpose I gave all the relevant descendants of Thomas Head of Winterborne Davers, Co. Berks., yeoman, buried at Winterborne on 6/10/1613, third son of Richard Hede (Head) of Winterborne, who died in 1530.

I now amplify such records by dealing with the other issue of such Richard Hede (Head).

For the sake of clarity I will bring in such Thomas Head again in his proper place, but for his issue and descendants I would ask readers to refer to my above-mentioned earlier articles.

Calling such Richard Hede (Head) "Generation I," let me now proceed as follows:

### Generation I.

RICHARD HEDE (HEAD) of Winterborne aforesaid, died in 1530 and was probably buried, as was his desire, in the Church of Boxford, Co. Berks. His *Will*, dated 25/5/1530, wherein he appointed "Raffe Hed" (probably "Rafe Head of Leckhampstede, Co. Berks": Administration of whose estate was granted in Arch. Berks. in 1559) and "Thomas Hyll" Overseers—this being the earliest known Will of any Head of the many families of Head in this County—was proved in Arch. Berks. ("A. 131") in the same year, 1530.

By *Annes, i.e. Agnes, née* —, his wife, who was living on 25/5/1530, he had issue six children, namely, three sons and three daughters all named in his said will, as follows:

### Generation II.

1. HENRY HEAD, living on 25/5/1530 and 2/9/1559. He is not, in my opinion, the same person as Henry Head of Peasmer (*i.e.* Peasemore) Yeoman, whose first marriage took place in or before 1538 and who was there buried (as "Henry Head, Farmer," ) on 30/5/1587 and whose Will dated 21/5/1587 was proved in October of that year. Nor was he the Henry Head who was

buried at Winterborne on 28/9/1599; for this latter was—as I have earlier shown—one of the sons of his brother, the above-named Thomas Head, of Winterborne Davers.

2. JOHN HEAD, living on 25/5/1530. His *Will*, dated 2/9/1559, wherein he described himself as “John Hedd of Winterborne, p. Cheveley” and expressed his desire for burial “in the Churchyard of Cheveley,” and whereby he appointed Julian his wife Executrix, was witnessed by Giles Langley, Vicar of Chieveley, Thomas Hedd and Harrie Hedd (the two latter described as “my brethren”), all three of whom he made his Overseers, and was proved on 13/12/1559.

By *Julian née* —, his wife, who was thus living on 2/9/1559 and presumably also on 13/12/1559, he had issue six children, namely, two sons and four daughters of whom presently.

3. THOMAS HEAD already above-mentioned. He was living on 25/5/1530 and on 2/9/1559. He held the “estate of and in situ of Wynterborne Davers Manor.” He was buried at Winterborne on 6/10/1613. His *Will*, dated 21/9/1609, wherein he described himself as “Thomas Head of Winterborne Davers, Co. Berks, Yeoman,” and whereof he appointed Adam Blandy, Gyles Hatt and Richard Pocock trustees, was proved in Arch. Berks on 5/10/1613.

By *Alice née* —, his wife, who was living on 21/9/1609 and was buried at Winterborne (as “Alice Head wife of Thomas Head”) on 14/2/1610/11, he had issue four children, all sons, for whom and whose descendants I may refer to my above-mentioned earlier articles.

4. JOHAN, *i.e.* JOAN, *née* HEAD, living on 25/5/1530, of whom I know no more.

5. SIBILL *née* HEAD, living on 25/5/1530, who—before the Visitations of Co. Oxford, *i.e.* either that of 1566 or that of 1574—married *Thomas Haydocke* of Bampton (or query Banyton), Co. Oxford, Gent., eldest son and heir of Alexander Haydocke. (See the Visitations of Co. Oxford: Harleian Society's Publications, Vol. V.) Of such marriage there was “as yet no issue Haydocke” at the time of the above-mentioned Visitations of Co. Oxford; but whether by that is meant the said Visitation of 1566 or that of 1574 I am not able to say.

6. CHRISTIAN *née* HEAD, living on 25/5/1530, of whom I know no more.

### Generation III.

For the reasons already stated, I thus now confine myself to the issue and descendants of the said John Head (*ob.* 1559) and *Julian née* — his wife. They were as follows:

1. GILES HEAD, living 2/9/1559. His *Will* dated 24/10/1617, wherein he described himself as “Giles Head of North

Heath, Chieveley, Co. Berks., Yeoman," and mentioned that he had lands in Chieveley "lately purchased by him from Sir Thomas Parry and others," and whereby he left gifts to (*int. al.*) the poor of Chieveley and the poor of Winterborne, and whereof he appointed "my neighbours and friends Thomas Pockocke and Gyles Spyser my overseers," and which was witnessed by "Wm. Parker, Richard Pockock, John Pockocke (his mark), John Pockocke the sonne of Thomas (his mark)," was proved at Newbury, in Arch. Berks. on 16/4/1618.

He married, in or about 1589 or 1590, *Margaret, probably née Pippin*, and probably sister of "Ellen Pippin" who was "sister-in-law" of the said husband Giles Head. This Margaret had a nephew named Abraham Barber, son of — Barber, both of whom were living on 24/10/1617. She herself was also living on that date, the date of her said husband's Will. At the time of her death she was living at "North Heath p. Chieveley, widdowe." Her *Will*, dated 30/5/1638, which (*int. al.*) shews her to have had a niece Mary Paxworth and a nephew Mr. Richard Aldworth, both then living, was proved on 1/3/1641/2. The *Inventory* accompanying such Will shews such testatrix to have also had goods at Moreton.

Of such marriage there was issue two daughters, of whom presently.

2. JOHN HEAD, living on 2/9/1559 and on 24/10/1617, who, between such two dates, married—*née* —, by whom he had issue, of whom presently.

3. JONE *née* HEAD (the elder; cp. No. 6 below), living on 2/9/1559, who, before 24/10/1617, married — *Bartholomew*. Her husband was probably one or other of the two following Bartholomews, namely Richard Bartholomew and John Bartholomew.

Of these two, the former was "Richard Bartholomew of Hampstead Marshall, Co. Berks," *Administration* of whose estate was granted to "Joan Bartholomew the relict of the said deceased" in Arch. Berks (70, ii) on 7/2/1610. Inventory £25.5.0. Bond of the said Joan Bartholomew and of John Cranadage.

The other of the two was "John Bartholomew" of whom we learn in the following manner. On 30/9/1612 a *Will* was made by a Testatrix who, describing herself as "Joane Bartholomewe of Hampstead Marshall, Co. Berks, Widowe," therein expressed her desire for burial "in the Churchyard of Hampstead aforesaid," left "to my daughter Katharine £10 according to her father's Will to be paid to my Overseers to her use at the age of tenne years" and the residue of her property "unto my daughter Winnifride whom I make my sole executrix," and appointed as Overseers Richard White, John Croker and Richard Bartholomewe, all three of whom witnessed such Will. At the close of the Will

follows a long note in Latin, stating that this Will was not proved owing to such Executrix, so appointed, being in her minority and that, in consequence, *Administration* "of all the goods of the above-written Joan Bartholomewe deceased" was granted at Oxford in Arch. Berks. to "John Sadler nominated as an Overseer in the Will of *John*" (*sic*) "Bartholomewe deceased lately husband of the said Joan deceased and to Richard White John Croker and Richard Bartholomewe nominated as Overseers in the Will of the said Joan Bartholomewe deceased to administer during the minority of Katharine Bartholomewe and Winnifride Bartholomewe executrix of the Will of the said Joan deceased, the natural daughters of the said *John*" (*sic*) "and Joan Bartholomewe deceased. Inventory £46.15.0."

I ought to add, in passing, that there was a "Joan Bartholomew, widow, of Hampstead Marshall" whose *Will*, with inventory exhibited thereto dated 6/6/1621, is to be found in Arch. Berks, but I do not appear to have examined this. She may well have been the widow of the above mentioned Richard Bartholomew.

Whichever of the two was her husband, there is no question but that the Joan *née* Head with whom I am here dealing had by him issue, of whom presently.

4. SYBELL *née* HEAD, living on 2/9/1559, who married —, and was living, so married but her husband's surname not given, on 24/10/1617.

There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently.

5. ALES, *i.e.* ALICE, *née* HEAD, living on 2/9/1559, to whom I will refer after mentioning the next daughter:

6. JONE *née* HEAD, the younger, living on 2/9/1559.

Of these two last-named daughters, *one* would appear to have married *Humfrey Bate* who was living on 24/10/1617, whilst the *other* would appear to have married, before 24/10/1617, — *Gardiner*.

I have a note of the following *Gardiner Wills and Administrations* in Arch. Berks, namely (1) John Gardiner of Hampstead Norris, Will, 1548 ("Dand. 225"); (2) Stephen Gardiner of the same place, Will, 1587 ("H. 100"); (3) Joan Gardiner of the same place, Admon. 1596 ("I. 405"); (4) Richard Gardiner of Newbury, Will, 1633 (unregistered); and (5) Joan Gardiner of Newbury, Admon. 1640 (unregistered); but I do not find that I have ever examined these, though any or all of them, especially the later ones, might clarify the position.

#### Generation IV.

*Issue of Giles Head of Generation III and Margaret (probably née Pippin) his wife:—*

1. ANN *née* HEAD, baptised at Chieveley on 21/12/1590, who was living (married: Pocock) on 24/10/1617, 30/5/1638 and 1/3/1641/2.

She married—*per* “The Victoria History of the Counties of England” Vol. IV, 1924—in 1611 *Richard Pococke*, who was born *circa* 1593, was living on 24/10/1617 and was 31 in 1624, eldest son and heir of Richard Pocock of Bradley Court, p. Chieveley, Co. Berks, who died at Chieveley in 1624 and whose *Will* bore date 28/10/1624. His own *Will*, dated 20/1/1652/3 was proved in the P.C.C. (“Alchin 283”).

There was issue of such marriage of whom presently.

2. MARGARET *née* HEAD, baptised at Chieveley on 7/3/1592/3 who was living, unmarried, on 24/10/1617, and (married: Smith) on 30/5/1638 and 1/3/1641/2.

She thus between 1617 and 1628 married — *Smith*, and there was issue of such marriage, of whom presently.

*Issue of John Head (of Generation III) and — née — his wife—*  
CHILDREN, HEAD, names not given, living on 24/10/1617.

*Issue of Jone née Head the elder (of Generation III) and —*  
*Bartholomew her husband—*

CHILDREN, BARTHOLOMEW, names not given, living on 24/10/1617.

*Issue of Sybell née Head (of Generation III) and — — her husband—*  
CHRISTIAN *née* —, living on 24/10/1617.

*Issue of either Ales (Alice) née Head (of Generation III) or Jone née Head the younger (of Generation III) and of — Gardiner the husband of the one or the other—*

CHILDREN, GARDINER, names not given, living on 24/10/1617.

### Generation V.

*Issue of Ann née Head (of Generation IV) and Richard Pococke her husband—*

1. RICHARD POCOCKE, eldest son, born before 24/10/1617, who was living on 24/10/1617 and 30/5/1638 and—*per* V.C.H. p. 57—(appointed Executor and residuary legatee of his father) 20/1/1652/3.

He married—*per* V.C.H., *ibidem*—*Letitia née Loder*, daughter of John Loder of Harwell, Co. Berks. She was buried (presumably at Chieveley) in 1655.

There was issue of such marriage which I will give presently from the V.C.H. *ibidem*.

2. ANNE *née* POCOCKE, born before 24/10/1617, who was living 24/10/1617 and 30/5/1638 and (mentioned in her father's Will) 20/1/1652/3.

3. MARGARET *née* POCOCKE, born before 24/10/1617, who was living 24/10/1617 and 30/5/1638, and (mentioned in her father's Will) 30/5/1638.

4. GYLES POCOCKE, born after 24/10/1617, who was living 30/5/1638 and (mentioned in his father's Will) 30/5/1638.
5. EDWARD POCOCKE, born after 24/10/1617, who was living 30/5/1638 and (mentioned in his father's Will) 30/5/1638.
6. GRACE *née* POCOCKE, born after 24/10/1617, who was living 30/5/1638.
7. JOHN POCOCK, living (mentioned in his father's Will) 30/5/1638.

*Issue of Margaret née Head (of Generation IV) and — Smith her husband—*

1. RICHARD SMITH, born after 24/10/1617, who was living 30/5/1638.
2. MARGARET *née* SMITH, born after 24/10/1617, who was living 30/5/1638.
3. ANNE *née* SMITH, born after 24/10/1617, who was living 30/5/1638.

### Generation VI.

*Issue of Richard Pococke (of Generation V) and Letitia née Loder his wife—*

1. RICHARD POCOCK, elder son, who was of Chieveley and died in 1694; his *Will*, dated 15/9/1693, being proved in the P.C.C. ("Box 43").

He married *Sarah née* —, who died in 1702.

There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently.

2. ROBERT POCOCK.

### Generation VII.

*Issue of Richard Pocock (of Generation VI) and Sarah née — his wife—*

1. ROBERT POCOCK, elder son, who apparently died *s.p.*
2. RICHARD POCOCK, younger son, who died in 1718; his *Will* being proved in the P.C.C. ("Tenison 165").

He married *Catherine née* — who was living at the date of her said husband's *Will*. There was no issue of the marriage.

3. SARAH *née* POCOCK, who was living (co-heiress of her brother Richard Pocock) in 1718, and who died on 6/5/1733.

She married *Christopher Capel* who was born in 1669 and who died on 15/5/1740.

There was issue of such marriage, two children, names not given, both of whom died *s.p.* before 15/5/1740.

4. ANNE *née* POCOCK, who was living (co-heiress of her brother Richard Pocock) in 1718. With regard to her first marriage, the writer in V.C.H. Berks, IV, 57 ff. is self-contradictory, and curiously enough seems unaware of her second marriage.

On p. 57 it is stated that she married John Head, and at the latter pages it states that she married Richard Head. In point of fact she married, as "Mrs." (*i.e.* Mistress) "Anne Pocock," at Chieveley on 4/1/1686/7 *John Head*, and this is proved by the fact that her father in his said Will of 15/9/1693 spoke of her as "my daughter Anne wife of John Head, Gent." This John Head, Gent., was a member of Generation VII of the Family of Head which commenced with John Head of Beedon, Co. Berks, whose *Will* dated 22/2/1543/4 was proved in Arch. Berks on 4/4/1544. That Family in its Generation VI became subdivided into separate Branches: the Heads of Hodcott in the parish of West Ilsley, Co. Berks, and the Heads of Langley in the parish of Hampstead Norris, Co. Berks; and in the next Generation of that family the Head of the Langley Branch was this John Head, Gent., who lived from about 1656 to about 1711/12.

The Heads of Langley continued through such marriage and it is to that Branch that Lord Northbourne belongs, though he bears the surname James, which had replaced in his line the patronymic, Head, some five or six generations earlier.

I do not propose to deal with the issue of such marriage, for fear of confusing such family of Head with that which is the subject of the present article: I have already given the history of the Heads of Hodcott and the Heads of Langley in *Notes and Queries* (O.U.P.), 25/9/1943, pp. 192-195, and 6/11/1943, pp. 281-284.

After the death of this John Head of Langley she clearly married again, her second husband being *John Birch*, as is apparent from the fact that in the *Administration* of her estate, granted to the latter in Arch. Berks. on 14/5/1718, she is described as "Anne Birch *alias* Head *alias* Pocock late of Hampstead Norris" (*Berks. Arch. Journ.*, 48, 22 ff., 1944-5).

Whether or not there was any issue of this second marriage I do not know.

### Result

Thus, the male line of Giles Head of North Heath, Chieveley, of Generation III above, died out; and, therefore, unless the male line of Head was continued through the descendants of his brother John Head, who was living on 2/9/1559 and 24/10/1617 as already stated, the male line of John Head of Winterborne (*ob.* 1559), of Generation II above, second son of Richard Hede (Head) of Winterborne (*ob.* 1530) died out; leaving the field to the descendants of Thomas Head of Winterborne Davers (*ob.* 1613) of Generation II, third son of such Richard Hede (Head) of Winterborne (*ob.* 1530).