

ART. IV.—*A Sandwith-Grindal Pedigree.* By W. N. THOMPSON.

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OF the chief statement in the pedigree below, which is taken from a copy sent to me by Major R. L. Sandwith, viz., that John Sandwith married a sister of Archbishop Grindal, there seems to be no confirmation. It has hitherto been known that the Archbishop had a sister Elizabeth, the wife of William Woodhall, and a brother Robert; he mentions several of their children in his will as his nephews and nieces; he also mentions several of the officers or servants of his household, amongst whom occurs Robert Sandwich* of Stillington, to whom he leaves "a Ring, Price thirty shillings," but does not style him nephew.

It is probable that Robert Sandwith's mother was a Grindal, but not so near as sister to the Archbishop.

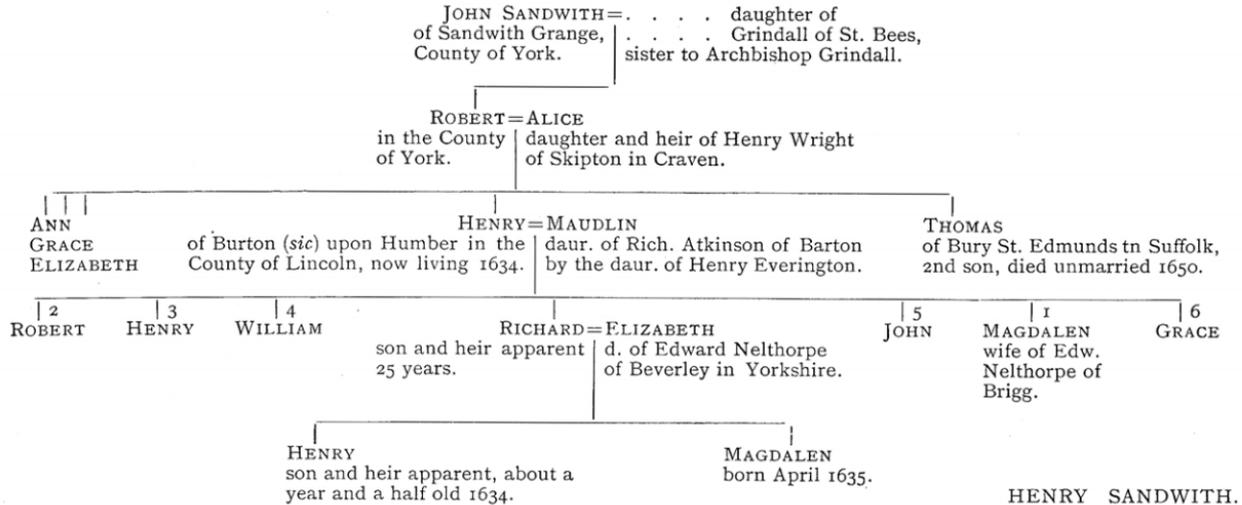
It is true this pedigree was certified by Henry Sandwith, grandson of the Sandwith-Grindal marriage, and it may be supposed that a man would be likely to know who his grandmother was. But we have an instance to the contrary: in the Visitation pedigree of Wybergh in 1665, Thomas Wybergh (æ. 35, 5 April 1665) certified that his grandmother, the wife of Thomas Wybergh of Clifton and St. Bees, was ". . . Sister to Edmund Grindale, Archbishop of Canterbury" (*Visitation Pedigrees of Cumb. and Westm.* ed. Foster, p. 148); whereas we know she was the Archbishop's niece, being Ann, eldest daughter of his brother Robert, and widow of William Dacre †

* *Sic* in the printed copy in Strype's *Life*. Major Sandwith informs me that Robert Sandwith had a lease of the Archiepiscopal tithes at Stillington.

† Thomas Wyber and Ann Dacre married at St. Bees, Oct. 13, 1586.

Gibbon's Visitation of Lincolnshire, 1634.

SANDWICH. { *Arms.*—Azure, a fleur-de-lis argent; a chief indented or.
Crest.—Out of a mural crown or, a demi lion rampant azure, holding a fleur-de-lis or.



Extracted from copy at College of Arms by R.L.S. in Dec. 1902.

(Jackson, *Papers and Pedigrees*, i., p. 64). And I dare say similar instances could be found.

On the value of 'Visitation' evidence generally see J. H. Round's *Studies in Peerage and Family History*, *passim*.

The following extract from the *Letters and Papers of Henry VIII.* (iii., pt. 2), which was also sent me by Major Sandwich, is of considerable interest, the Will^m Gryndale therein mentioned being probably the Archbishop's father :—

" 20 Oct. }
1523. } Dacre to Surrey.

" Sends a letter from Rob^t Alenby, Prior of S^t Bees in Cowpland, late Prior of Wedrall & of S^t Mary's York, which he received by Ric. More & Will^m Gryndale, men of good reputation in S^t Bees. Was told by them, that the servants of the latter being in the Isle of Man on Sunday week, saw 30 sail between it and Ireland and that they kept watch for them that night and Monday till noon, on the island and the mainland &c. &c."
