

Some Old Charters and Deeds.

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THE following deeds, which have been transmitted to the writer through the Bradshawes, seem sufficiently important to be given to the public. The first on the list (a photograph of which is given with this article) is undoubtedly of interest. It is a grant of land by one of the early Welsh kings. Dr. Cox, in his article on Ashford Church,¹ shews the connection between Griffin, one of the Princes of Powis, with our own county. His pedigree, given by Mr. Pym Yeatman,² shews him to be sixth in descent from Kynryn ap Gwyston, King of Powis, and, as is shewn in the deed, the son of Gwenunwyn, who had divided the ownership of the lordship of Powys with his uncle, Madoc, Lord of Oswestry. Gwenunwyn appears to have been constantly at war, at times fighting against King John of England, and at times being on his side. He was a prisoner at Shrewsbury in 1211, and was then forgiven, but twice rebelled, though in 1217 he was again fighting for King John. He married Margaret, daughter of the Lord Rhys ap Tudor, Prince of North Wales, by whom he had, among others, Griffin, his eldest son and heir, and Llewellen, who married Joan, daughter of King John of England.

In addition to giving his daughter in marriage to Wenunwyn's son, King John appears to have bought over this powerful chieftain by various grants of land in England, among which was the manor of Ashford. The charter making this grant

¹ *Derbyshire Churches*, by Dr. Cox, vol. ii., p. 47.

² *Feudal History*, section viii., p. 255.

is dated from Winchester, 6th April, 1200.¹ The manor was forfeited at one time in consequence of Wenunwyn's rebellion, but on his death Henry III. instructed the Constable of the Peak that his widow, Margaret, was entitled to a third of the manor in right of dower, and Griffin, his son and heir, seems to have had no difficulty in asserting his right to the whole manor. He married, about 1242, Avice, the daughter of John de Extraneus, by whom he had two sons, Owen and Griffith. He founded a chantry in Ashford church in 1257 for the spiritual welfare of himself, his wife, and family; and also one, five years later, at the adjacent chapel of Great Longstone. On his marriage he obtained the sanction of Henry III. to settle on Avice, his wife, as dower, the whole of the manor of Ashford; and, nine years later, he was also allowed by the King the favour of free-warren over his estates at Ashford. The exact date of his death is unknown, but he must have died during the reign of Henry III., for it was on his death that Henry bestowed the manor of Ashford on Eleanor, the wife of his eldest son, afterwards Edward I.

The second deed is a grant of land to Peter de Shatton, whose name appears in many deeds during the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II. Among the Wolley² Charters is a grant from William Blaunchard of Castleton to Peter de Shatton of a rent of two shillings, with a day's reaping in autumn, price 2d., from a tenement in Burgh (Brough), dated 33 Edward I. (1305).

There is also in this collection a release³ from John Fox of Offerton to Thomas del Clough of a messuage and bovate of land in Abney, dated 10 Edward II. (1317), to which Peter de Shatton is a witness. Both Shatton and Offerton are neighbouring townships to Abney.

The deeds numbered III. to XIV. are connected with the family of Wylde, which appears to have been settled at Abney as early as 1379, in which year there was a grant⁴ by Thos.,

¹ *Derbyshire Churches*, by Dr. Cox, vol. ii., p. 47.

² *Jeayes' Derbyshire Charters*, No. 515.

³ *Ibid.*, No. 2.

⁴ *Ibid.*, No. 1801.

son of John Gardyner of Castleton, to Richard Wyld of Abney of sixteen acres of land in Offerton. This probably started a branch of this family in Offerton. This same Richard had a grant¹ in 1392 of a messuage in Over Offerton from Joan and Agnes, daughters of Hugh de Birchfield. In 1421² Thos. del Bank conveyed to John Wyld of Abney a messuage and sixteen acres of land in Offerton—probably the same land conveyed to Richard in 1379. In 1499³ a grant was made to Thomas Wylde of Offerton and Elizabeth his wife of certain lands in the parish of Hope—probably Offerton—and there is evidence of a grant in 1503⁴ from Thomas Wylde to Thomas Barley, Esq., of all his lands, etc., in Offerton and Hope. It is not easy, with any degree of certainty, to form a pedigree from the deeds before us, and there is no appearance of any other evidence of the family. It will be noticed, however, that the Wylds, about the year 1490, left Abney for Castleacre, in co. Norfolk, which is four miles from Swaffham; and, so far as the evidence shews, held no land in Abney from that time. Neither has the writer any evidence of the Wylds of Offerton after 1503.

The deeds numbered XVI. to XX. are mainly leases granted by Nicholas Bagshawe, of Farewell, co. Stafford, the owner of the manor of Abney at that time. It was from him that the manor was bought by Francis Bradshawe in October, 1593,⁵ probably because it marched with the estates which were brought to him by his wife, Anne Stafford. He is a direct ancestor of Mr. Greaves-Bagshawe of Ford Hall.

In the deeds numbered XXII. and XXIV., it will be seen that one Charles Ashton of Thornhill, which is in the parish of Hathersage, is the chief person concerned. He is probably the Charles Ashton of Castleton, the first in the pedigree of the Ashtons given in Jewitt's *Reliquary*,⁶ the ancestors of the Ashton

¹ Jeayes' *Derbyshire Charters*, No. 1802.

² *Ibid.*, No. 1806.

³ *Ibid.*, No. 1448.

⁴ *Ibid.*, No. 1810.

⁵ Vol. xxv., p. 37, of this *Journal*.

⁶ Vol. xvii., p. 254.

Shuttleworths of Hathersage Hall. He is a far more probable ancestor than the George Ashton of Shepley, in Lancashire, given by Joseph Hunter in his *Familia Minorum Gentium*,¹ the date of whose death makes him an impossible father of Robert of Stoney Middleton, the next in succession.

In the last six deeds will be found an interesting account of the succession of owners of a house and lands in Great Hucklow, which, in 1616, were bought from the Woodruffes of Hope by Michael Burton of Holmfield, and in 1670 were in the possession of his cousin, Francis Burton, and sold to Robert Eyre, who left them to his nephew, John Froggart, from whom they were acquired by purchase² by John Bradshaw of Bradshaw. The Ellis Woodroffe in the first of these deeds (numbered XXV.) was the last male heir of a family of considerable antiquity in Hope. "Their pedigree," says Dr. Cox,³ "can be traced back with precision to the reign of Edward IV." Against the north wall of the chancel in Hope church are depicted the arms of Woodruff: *arg. a chevron betw. three crosses formèe fitchèe gul*; with the crest, *a Woodpecker russet*, above, and the motto, "*Quod transtuli retuli*," below it. The coat is painted plainly in black on the whitewash, and is probably about the same date as the deed.

Ellis Woodruff died in 1634, leaving five daughters as his co-heiresses, one of whom, Jane, married, 19th September, 1642, Peter Foljambe, the ancestor of the present representative of the family.⁴

"The heirs of Woodrofe" are included in a list of "The Foresters of Fee" in the King's Forest of the High Peak. The Foresters of Fee were tenants *in capite* of the King as Lord of the Manor, who held their lands by the service of guarding the King's Forest.⁵ From this list it would appear that the office was hereditary.

¹ *Harl. Soc.*, vol. xxxviii., p. 460.

² Vol. xxv., p. 48, of this *Journal*.

³ *Derbyshire Churches*, vol. ii., p. 264.

⁴ Vol. xxxii., p. 45 (note), of this *Journal*.

⁵ *Reliquary* (Jewitt's), vol. viii., p. 38.

The Michael Burton, the other party to the deed numbered XXV., was a member of an interesting old family springing from the neighbouring county of Leicester. He and his brother Thomas died leaving no issue, and their eventual heir was the son of their first cousin, the Francis Burton of the deed of 1670 (numbered XXVII.). The pedigree, on next page, taken from Glover's *Derbyshire*, ii., p. 557, and Jewitt's *Reliquary*, xx., p. 241, shews their relationship, and how Francis Burton, and eventually his niece, Mrs. Borrowe of Hlland Hall,¹ became the heirs and representatives of the Burtons of Leicestershire, and of Dronfield, co. Derby.

The Robert Eyre of deed XXVIII., whose will is also given, was descended from the Eyres of North Lees. He was the son of John Eyre of New Hall, near Peniston, in the parish of Hope (living 1652). His sister Mary married John Froggart, and their son, John Froggart of Moorseats, was his Uncle Robert's executor and heir. Their pedigree will be found in Hunter's *Familie Minorum Gentium*.²

¹ See also vol. xxxii., p. 52 note, of this *Journal*.

² *Harl. Soc.*, vol. xxxviii., p. 547.

James Burton, of Lindley, Co.=Elysa, daughter and co-heir of John Hardwick, of Lindley, Co. Leicester, in right of his wife, ob. 1543, æt. 63.

¹ Robert Burton, = Catherine, daür of William of Lindley. Born Repington, of Annington, Co. Warwick. 1512, ob. 1558.

¹ Ralph Burton = Dorothy, daür of William Faut, of Foston, Co. Leic. Born 1550, m. 1571.

William Burton = Jane, daür of Humphrey Addetley, of Weddington, Co. Warwick. Born 1589, m. 1607.

Cassibela Burton, = Helen, daür and co-heir of Sir Nicholas Trott, m. 1639, ob. 1680.

² Helen Burton, = Francis Burton, = Anne, daür of Thomas Wright, of Unthank, ob. 1670, æt. 25 in 1662. High Sheriff 1669.

Constantine. Lost in the Bay of Ostend, 1707, ob. s.p. Ralph, Daughters. ob. s.p.

² Thomas Burton = Elizabeth, daür and heir of Robert Shaw, of The Hill, Co. York. living 2 Henry VIII.

John Burton, of Dronfield = Elizabeth, daür of Richard Revell, of Stanington.

² Alice, daür of James John Burton, = Alicia, daür of Robert Wolstenholme, of Dronfield. Cartledge. Poynton, of Woodhouse.

John Burton = Turner. of Dronfield.

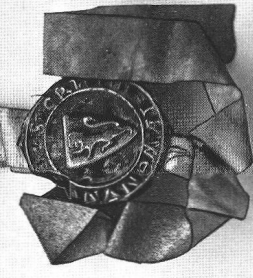
Michael Burton, Thomas Burton, = Jane, daür of Robert Party to the Deed of Fanshaw Gate. Selioko, of Haslet. 1616, of Holmsfield. Born 1579, High Sh. 1646, ob. s.p. 1656.

¹ Thomas Burton, = Elizabeth, daür of Sir Thomas Burton, of Fanshaw Gate, and of All Hallows, London. Heir to his brother Francis. David Watkin.

Honora Burton, eventual heir of both lines. m. 1708, Isaac Borrowe, of Hulland Hall, Co. Derby.

* The two authorities quoted differ as to his parentage. Glover, however, I believe is correct.

Handwritten Latin text in a medieval script, likely Gothic or Carolingian minuscule. The text is arranged in several lines across the length of the parchment strip. The script is dense and characteristic of the 11th or 12th century.



WENUNWYN CHARTER. temp. HENRY III.

DEEDS.

I.—Undated, but early Henry III.

Confirmation of grant by Griffin, son of Wenunwinus, to Robt., son of Matthew de Reydon, of land in Hulme, which Matthew, his father, had granted to him. Green seal: Heraldic—Griffin (or Lion) ramp. Legend + “S. Griffini Fil Wenunwen.”

Sciant presentes et futuri quod Ego Griffinus filius Wenunwini concessi et hac presenti mea carta confirmavi Roberto filio Mathei de Reydon totam terram illam cum prato quem Matheus pater ipsius Roberti ei dedit et concessit In villa et in territorio de Hulme cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis Tenendum et habendum ipsi Roberto et heredibus suis uti suis assignatis de me et heredibus meis In feodo et hereditate libere solute et quiete integre plenarie bene et in pace Secundum quod carte quas dictus Matheo ei dedit preportant In hujus autem concessionibus et confirmationibus mee testimonium huic presenti carte Sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Domino Ricardo de Stretton Yuone persone Matheo de Langisdon Willo Wine Willo de Langisdon Nicho de Winnefeld Rad. Bugge Willo de Esseburne Willo Clerico Hugone poun Rad de Selladon John de Bathequille Clerico et pluribus aliis.

II.—Dated at Shatton 30 Oct., 34 Edw. I. (1306).

Grant by Wm. le Mareschalman de Burgo (Brough) to Wm., son of Peter de Shatton, forester, of land in the Township of Hope, lying under “Ekelis,” between the land of the Vicar of Hope on the West and that of Peter de Shatton on the East. Witnesses: Clement de la Fordye, then Bailiff of the High Peak; Robt. Balgi, jun.; Elias de Thornhull; Wm. Halby; Robt. le Eyr; Robt. Woderove; Geoffry le Fleming, Clericus; and others.

Small red seal, with impression of an animal.

III.—Dated at Abney the Monday next after Michaelmas Day,
4 Henry V. (1416).

Grant by Thomas Dycher of Abbenay to John Wylde of Abbenay of meadow land lying at the end of a meadow called the Holghmede, in Abbenay. Witnesses: Wm. Bagschagh of Abbeney, Roger Baldedy of the same, Thos. Fox of Shatton, and others.

IV.—Dated at Abbenay, Monday next after the feast of St. Martin, Bishop, 4 Henry V. (1416).

Grant by John Dycher, son and heir of Thos. Dycher, of Abbenay, to John Wylde of Abbenay of land lying at the end of a meadow called the Holghmede, in Abbenay, which the said John Wylde had of the gift of Thos. Wylde. (No witnesses.)

V.—Dated at Abbenay the Tuesday next after the feast of St. Martin, Bp., 4 Henry V. (1416).

Release by William Woderove of Hope to John Wylde of Abbenay of land lying at the end of a meadow called the Holghmede, in Abbenay. (No witnesses.)

VI.—Dated at Offerton the Monday before the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2 Henry vj. (1423).

John Wylde of Abney lets to Wm. Wylde, his son, during his own life, one tenement, with 3 houses and 6 acres of land, in Offerton, co. of Derby. Rent, one denarius. (No witnesses.)

VII.—Dated the day after the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, 2 Henry vj. (1424).

Letter of Attorney from John Dean, Perpetual Vicar of Hope, to Robert Hadfield to deliver seizen of certain lands in Abney to William Wylde, son of John Wylde of Abney, (No witnesses.)

VIII.—Dated at Abney, Monday next after the feast of Corpus Christi, 15 Edward IV. (1475).

Grant by William Wylde of Abney to Thomas Wylde, his brother, and William Walkeden, Chaplain, of all his lands, messuages, and tenements in Abney. Witnesses: John Stafford of Heghlow, Nicholas Bagshawe, Thurstan Hall, Thomas Kyd, John Bagshaw, &c.

IX.—Dated at Abney, Monday after the feast of St. John the Bapt., 17 Edward IV. (1477).

Grant by William Wylde of Abney to Thomas Wylde, his brother, and William Walkedon, Chaplain, all his messuages, lands, and tenements in Abney. Witnesses: Nicholas Bagsha, Thurstan Hall, Philip Bagshaw, &c.

X.—Dated 2 Rich. III. (1485).

This endentur made the xxi day of Aprell in ye zer and Reyne off Kyng Richard thyrde the secund zer be twyx John Wyld of Abney son and heyr off William Wyld late off the same town off the on pty and Rauff Eyr gentylman off Offerton on the od^r pty Wytnes that the sayd John Wyld hath let to ferme to the sayd Rauff Eyr his hede place in Abney w^t all the land and medow that long ther to unto the terme off vj zer next ffoloyng yeldyng ther for un to the sayd John for ij fyrst zers that the sayd Rauff Ocupysse ij^{li}. And yeu the sayd Rauff schall let the sayd place and land the od^r iiij zere to the behoffe and p^rfet of y^e forsayd John And then the sayd John schall gyff the sayd Rauff zere ij^s iiij^d for his labour And the sayd John schall make his places tenandabull at the syght off iiij men and the sayd Rauff schall delyu^r the sayd places in the same forme at the end off his terme at the syght of od^r iiij men And yf so be yat ye for sayd John wyll sett or let to ferme any part of his land the for sayd Rauff to have yem be for any man and he wyll do as a nodur man wyll and und^r the pryce that any man schall have

hit be xx^s In wytness hereof to thes endetrs truly to be kept eyther pty ageyn other changeably have set to yer sayles. Gyffen the day and the zer above sayd.

XI.—Dated Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi, 6 Henry vij (1490).

John Wylde of Castle Acre, co. Norfolk, late of Abney in the Hye Peeke, son and heir of William Wylde, sometime of Abney, acknowledges the receipt of two marks paid by Henry Foljambe of Walton, Armiger, for two messuages and lands in Abney, one in the occupation of Thurstan Hall and the other by John Wodhends and Thomas Barker, for six years.

XII.—Dated on the feast of St. Nicholas, 8 Henry vij. (1492).

John Wyld of Castylacre, co. Norf., acknowledges the payment of £20 by Henry Foljambe, Lord of Walton, armig., for all his lands, tenements, and messuages which he possessed in Abney.

(N.B.—Badly written and in bad Latin.)

XIII.—Undated, but *circa* 8 Henry vij. (1492).

Confirmation of grant by John Wild of Castleacre, co. Norwich, late of Abney, son and heir of Wm. Wild, formerly of Abney, to Henry Foljambe, Lord of Walton, arm., of all his lands and tenements in Abney.

XIV.—This bill indented Mad on Thewsday next aft^r y^o exaltacion of y^o houly Crosse y^o yere of y^o reigne of Kyng Herre y^o vijth y^o viij (14 Sept., 1492).

Wittness yt John Wylde late of Abney now of Castill Acre hase received of Henre foljambe be y^o handez of John Wylde y^o son of y^o forsaid John xl^s in pte payment of xx^{li} dew to y^o seid John at y^o feest of Saynt Andrewe next cuyng for

his lyve lode in y^o seed Abney as in a peyr of indenturez be twen y^o forgoing Herre and y^o aforesaid John y^o said Moor pleynley apperyn.

XV.—Dated at Lynacre Hall, in the Parish of Brampton, co. Derby, 14 April, 10 Henry viii. (1519).

Release by Thurstan Hall, of Overhurst, co. Derby, to Roger Foljambe, of Lynacre Hall, in the parish of Brampton, Armiger, of all his messuages and lands in the Township of Abney. Witnesses: Richard Boothe of Brampton, Renalde Boothe of Brampton, William Kede of Brampton, William Bradsha of Lynacre Hall, and Gilbert Schaw of Walton.

XVI.—Dated 17 June, 11 Elizabeth (1569).

Lease by Nicholas Bagshawe of Farewell, co. Stafford, gentleman, to Robert Barker of Abney, Husbandman, and John Barker, his son, of a messuage and lands at Abney. Rent, 20 marks.

XVII.—Dated 17 June, 11 Elizabeth (1569).

Lease by Nicholas Bagshawe of Farewell, co Stafford, to Nicholas Bagshawe of Abney, Husbandman, of a messuage and lands at Abney. Rent, 20 marks.

XVIII.—Dated at Westminster, 6 November, 16 Eliz. (1574).

Final concord concerning certain lands in Abney. Nicholas Bagshawe, gen., Querent, and Godfrey Foljambe, armiger, Deforciant.

XIX.—Dated 10 July, 27 Elizabeth (1585).

Lease by Nicholas Bagshawe of Farewell, co. Staf., to John Bagshawe of Abney, yeoman, of the messuage and lands in Abney, which he now occupieth. Rent, £20.

XX.—Dated 24 April, 30 Elizabeth (1588).

Indenture between Nicholas Bagshawe of Farewell, co. Stafford, of the first part; John Linacre of Farewell, formerly of Abney, of the second part; John Noble of Farewell and Richard Blackborne of Longdon, co. Stafford, of the third part, for the purpose of the suffering a recovery of the manor and lands of Abney by the said Nicholas Bagshawe.

XXI.—Dated at Westminster, 30 Elizabeth (1588).

Final concord with respect to lands in Fulwoodfield, Hatherland, South Normanton, and Abney. Thomas Knyveton, armiger, Anthony Wingfield, armiger, and Richard Coke, Querents; Henry Cavendish, armiger, and Grace, his wife, Deforcients.

Big seal of Queen Elizabeth, in good condition.

XXII.—Dated 16 July, 34 Elizabeth (1592).

Indenture between Thomas Cowper of Byley (Beeley), co. Derby, yeoman, and Charles Ashton of Thornell (Thornhill), co. Derby, yeoman, and John Ashton, his son, in which It is agreed that Thos. Cowper and Jhone, his wife, shall, by a certain date, levy a fine unto the said Charles and John Ashton concerning a messuage and lands in Abney, lately the inheritance of the said Thomas Cowper.

XXIII.—Dated at Westminster, 39 Elizabeth (1596).

Final concord with respect to lands in Thornell, co. Derby. Charles Eyre and William Glossop, Querents; and Thomas Eyre and Alicia, his wife, Deforcients.

XXIV.—Dated 16 May, 11 James I. (1613).

Release by John Asheton of Leaven, in Houlderness, co. York, one of the sons of Charles Asheton of Thornhill, of a messuage and lands in Abney, in consideration of £100 paid to him by Charles Asheton, his father.

XXV.—Dated 24 Dec., 13 James I. (1616).

Conveyance by Gervase Woodroffe and Ellis Woodroffe of Hope, co. Derby, gentlemen, to Michael Burton, of Homesfield, co. Derby, for the sum of £115, of six acres of arable land in Great Hucklowe, co. Derby, which included half a croft called Kelne Croft, and a house called the New House, containing two Bays with an outset, and a croft called the Tythe Barn yard, Hobbes Knowe, the Broadlow Acre, the little and great Long Acre, the great Stack Close, &c.

XXVI.—Dated 7 Jan., 1616.

Conveyance by Martyn Wilson of Great Hucklowe, co. Derby, to Michael Burton of Homesfield, co. Derby, for the sum of Four score and ten Pounds of a dwelling house and buildings lately occupied by William Needham, and half a close called the Tithe Barn Close, and the other lands mentioned above.

XXVII.—Dated 28 Oct., 22 Charles II. (1670).

Conveyance of the House, containing two bays, and six acres of land at Great Hucklowe, being the lands mentioned above, for the sum of £295, by Francis Burton of Dronfield to Robert Eyre of Froggart.

XXVIII.—Dated 28 October (1670).

Bond, in which Francis Burton is bound to Robert Eyre in the sum of £600.

XXIX.—Dated 28 March, 30 Charles II. (1683).

Will of Robert Eyre of Alport, in the parish of Hope, co. Derby. Mentions his brother, Edward Eyre of Alport; his niece, Dorothy, and her husband, Stephen Haigh. His niece, Anne, wife of John Eyre of Houlden, has the produce of his land at Birchen Lee and the rents from his land in Great

Hucklowe. To his nephew, John Froggart of Moorseats, in the parish of Hathersage, he leaves all his lands, houses, and tenements situated in Great Hucklowe, co. Derby.

XXX.—Dated 25 Oct., 36 Charles II. (1684).

Conveyance of the House and six acres of land mentioned in the above deeds by John Froggart of Moorseats, in the parish of Hathersage, gentleman, and Grace, his wife, to John Bradshawe of Brampton, in the parish of Treeton, co. York, Esqr., for the sum of £285.