

Review.

By THE EDITOR.

DERBYSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS—MARRIAGES.

MESSRS. Phillimore & Co., Ltd., have issued their 14th volume¹ of Derbyshire marriages, and the 227th of the entire Series for England. Their plan is to select marriages only to publish, leaving baptisms and deaths severely alone, on the principle that marriages are the most important and that if they undertook to transcribe the whole contents of the Parish Registers, the publication would proceed too slowly for the zeal of genealogists. The question, however, arises as to whether their plan will not deter others from dealing with those Registers which have been thus treated, with the result that the baptisms and deaths of these parishes will never see the light of day. They do, however, include a few baptisms and deaths which they have selected as being worth recording.

A serious omission in the volume is the absence of any Index, which greatly hinders the work of a genealogist in his research, and would probably deter some from consulting the book at all. Apart from that it is a useful work. The present volume is the work of Mr. Thomas Blagg and Mr. Lloyd Simpson, and deals with the parishes of Longford, Etwall, Denby, Sherland, Stanley, and Pentrich. The Registers begin at various dates, Longford

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as early as 1537, and all are transcribed up to the year 1837.

Each parish begins with a note stating the number of the volumes of the Registers and giving a description of each with any necessary remarks, occasionally noting any curious or interesting entry.

LONGFORD.

There is little worthy of special note in the earlier years in the Longford Register. On 17th November, 1746, I note that Geo. Buxton, of Bradburne, was married to Sarah Peacock, of Rodsley. He was the first to alter the spelling of his name to that of Buckston, to which mode of spelling the family have ever since adhered. On 11th June, 1750, the Rev. John Fitzherbert, Vicar of Ashbourne, married Susanna Peacock, of Rodsley.

The 27th of June, 1772, witnessed the mortification of an unfortunate bride—one Mary Oliver—who came to church, but her man never turned up; he had absconded, clothes and all, early in the morning. On the 21st December, 1769, Sir Henry Hunloke, of Wingerworth, was married to Margaret Coke, daughter of Wenman Coke, Esq., by special license from the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was the fourth baronet. Wingerworth was bought in the fifteenth century from the Curzons by Nicholas Hunloke, who died 1452. His grandson Henry, as Sheriff for Derbyshire in 1623, travelled to meet King James the First, "But being in a very advanced age and attending his Majesty with a fatigue above his strength he fell down dead in his presence at Ilkeston."¹ His son Henry raised a troop of Horse for Charles I and was knighted on the field of the battle of Edgehill, and was afterwards created a baronet. His great grandson was the above Sir Henry who married Margaret, the daughter of Wenman Coke. Wenman Coke was the son of Philip Roberts, a major in

¹ Pilkington's *View of Derbyshire*, vol. ii, p. 330.

the 2nd Horse Guards, by Anne the daughter of Edward Coke, of Holkham, co. Norfolk. Sir Thomas Coke, the eldest son of this Edward Coke and brother of Anne, was created viscount Coke and Earl of Leicester, but on his death, in 1759, his titles became extinct and the whole of his extensive estates were inherited by his nephew, Wenman Roberts, who assumed the surname and arms of Coke, and whose daughter married Sir Henry Hunloke. The Longford Hall Estate devolved on his second son Edward Coke, the Norfolk estates going to Thomas William, the eldest son, who was created Earl of Leicester.

ETWALL.

The second marriage recorded in these Registers is that of Thomas Stanope, Armiger and Margaret, daughter of John Port Knight, on the 12th June, 1557. The bridegroom was Sir Thomas Stanhope, of Shelford, co. Notts, Knt., the son of Sir Michael Stanhope, who was beheaded 1552. Sir Thomas was Sheriff for Notts, 1574, and for the two counties of Notts and Derby, 1582, and M.P. for the former county 1585, and died 1596. His cousin Sanchia, daughter of his father's elder brother Richard Stanhope, brought the Rampton Estate, co. Notts, to the Babingtons by marriage, and from them by marriage temp. Charles I it descended to the Eyres. The bride Margaret was the daughter and coheir of Sir John Port, of Etwall and Cubley, Knt. Their eldest son was Sir John Stanhope, of Elvaston, co. Derby, Treasurer of the Chamber to Queen Elizabeth, whose son Sir Philip was created Earl of Chesterfield.

These Registers also give several interesting marriages connected with the family of Sir Samuel Sleigh, of Etwall, Knt., whose marriage to his third wife is recorded. He was descended from Hugo Sleigh,¹ living at Pilsbury

¹ Jewitt's *Reliquary*, vol. vii, p. 150.

Grange in Hartington, co. Derby, circa 1500, who by his second wife had issue a daughter who married Wm. Bateman, of Hartington, and a son Richard Sleigh, of Pilsbury, living about 1530, whose son Hugh, of Pilsbury, was succeeded by his son Richard Sleigh, who married Alice, daughter and coheir of Richard Ardern, of Ardern, and had a son Hugh, whose great grandson was Gervase Sleigh, the father of the above Sir Samuel.

Gervase Sleigh, of Grays Inn, barrister-at-law, bought an estate at Ashe, co. Derby, 1603, and died in 1626, and lies buried in St. Werburgh, where there is a monument on which is a curious eulogy¹ of him in Latin. His son, the above Sir Samuel, inherited Ashe and bought in addition Pool in Hartington in 1629, as well as Etwall Hall from Sir Edward Mosley, to which he made great additions from the ruins of Tutbury Castle. He was Sheriff for Derbyshire 1648 and 1666, and was also M.P. for the county. He died April, 1679 and "was inter'd in Linen" at Sutton-on-the-Hill. By his second wife Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Darcy, of Dartford, co. Kent, he had a numerous family, one of whom—Margaret—became the wife of James Chetham, of Turton Tower, co. Lanc. The marriage is here registered as taking place 1st May, 1672. James Chetham was great nephew of Humphry Chetham, founder of the Blue Coat School at Manchester. Their third son James became Vicar of Etwall, and his marriage to Frances Briggs is entered in these Registers on 13th March, 1714.

Sir Samuel Sleigh's marriage to his third wife, Elizabeth, daughter of John Harper, of Littleover, clerk, is registered under the date of 20th October, 1677. Her father was Rector of Morley and was the second son of Sir John Harper, of Littleover, Knt. By her, who died 13th April, 1738, there was only one child—Mary—born after her father's death, whose marriage is entered as

¹ Glover's *Derbyshire*, vol. ii, p. 488.

taking place at Etwall, 27th May, 1695, to Rowland Cotton, M.P., of Bellaport, Salop. She brought him the Etwall Hall Estate. She died 1761, having had issue two sons and three daughters, one of whom, Mary, was married at Etwall, 29th August, 1745, to Henry Eyre, of St. Peters, Derby, being his second wife. He is better known as Henry Eyre, of Rowter, and was the second son of Gervas Eyre, of Rampton (see page 209), co. Notts, M.P., by Catherine, daughter of Sir Henry Cooke, of Wheatley, co. York, Bart. By his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Willoughby Hickman, of Gainsboro', Bart., he had one daughter, Elizabeth, his sole heir, who married Clotworthy Skeffington, Earl of Massarene.

DENBY.

In these Denby Registers there are recorded some interesting marriages in the Lowe family. The first of these took place on 8th July, 1588, and was that of John Dethick, Esq. to Emme Lowe. He was of Breadsall¹ and she was the daughter of Jasper Lowe, of Park Hall in Denby, who in 1564 succeeded his brother Vincent in all the Denby estates, and her mother was Dorothy, daughter of Wm. Sacheverell, of Stanton-by-Bridge. Her eldest brother Patrick—called Peter Lowe in the Visitation of 1612—succeeded his father in the Denby estates. He married Jane, daughter of Sir John Harper, of Swarkston, Knt., and the statement of the marriage of their daughter on the 26th January, 1605, is given in the Registers as that of "Mr John Zouch to Mrs. Isabel Lowe." He was afterwards Sir John Zouch, of Codnor Castle, and was descended from Sir John Zouch,² second son of Lord Zouch, of Harringworth, who by his marriage with the heiress of Lord Grey, brought Codnor Castle into his family. The marriage of "Mrs Anne Lowe" took place

¹ Jewitt's *Reliquary*, vol. xi, p. 255.

² Glover's *Derbyshire*, vol. ii, p. 308.

in August, 1681, to Mr. Anthony Bradshawe. He was of Belper, and was the son¹ of Henry Bradshawe, of Holbrook. His only daughter and heiress, Anne, married Joseph Baggaley and became the mother of another Joseph, who took the name, arms and estates of the Bradshawes in 1767, from whom were descended the Bradshawes of Barton Blount, which estate was bought early in the nineteenth century. "Mrs. Anne Lowe," the wife of Anthony Bradshawe, was the daughter of Henry Lowe, of Park Hall, the son of Vincent Lowe, of Denby, and the brother of the above Lady Zouch, and her mother was Prudence, daughter of Francis Lowe, of Oulgreaves, a younger branch of the Lowes, of Alderwasley. We also see in these Registers that the bride's brother John was married 11th November, 1697, to Dorothy eldest daughter of John Lowe. She was his first cousin once removed, as her grandfather, John Lowe, of Denby, was the eldest brother of Henry Lowe, of Park Hall. Her sister Priscilla's marriage is also recorded as taking place to Mr. Greatorex, and on 25th June, 1717, there is the marriage of another sister Anne—the eventual heiress of the Lowes to William Drury, Alderman of Nottingham, the grandparents of Mr. Drury Lowe, of Locko Park, who took the name and arms of Lowe on his succeeding to the estates in 1790. His daughter and sole heir married Robert Holden, of Nuthall Temple, co. Notts, whose son took the name of Drury Lowe.

SOUTH WINGFIELD.

The South Wingfield Registers contain the Oath of Protestation, 1641, with the list of signatures. This oath will be found on page 121 of this *Journal*, where it appears in the Kedleston Parish Registers with its signatures. The South Wingfield Registers are also interesting and important by reason of the great number of marriages of

¹ Glover's *Derbyshire*, vol. ii, p. 90.

couples from neighbouring parishes, and even from distant ones, which were celebrated during the incumbency of Rev. Francis Hill, who seems to have touted for these clandestine marriages, in some years having performed as many as forty. In these Registers may be noted the marriage of Philip Gell, of Wirksworth, and Elizabeth Turner, of Wigwell, on 6th September, 1704; also on 30th September, 1715, that of Anthony Gell, of Middleton, and Sarah Gell, of Wirksworth—offshoots of the Gells, of Hopton. On 26th April, 1719, Thurstan Dale was married to Elizabeth Allsopp, of Brassington. She was probably the first wife of Thurstan Dale,¹ the second son of Thurstan Dale, of Ashbourne, by Dorothy, daughter of John Hayn, but Thurstan was a common name in the family.

Among the miscellaneous extracts given from these Registers are several births and deaths among the many members of the family of Shelley, and there is also the marriage on 20th July, 1701, of "Mr George Shelley of Okerthorpe & Mrs Jane Lowe of Denby married at Shirland." Readers, however, are referred to the book itself, where many an unknown marriage may be hidden.

¹ Glover's *Derbyshire*, vol. ii, p. 47.