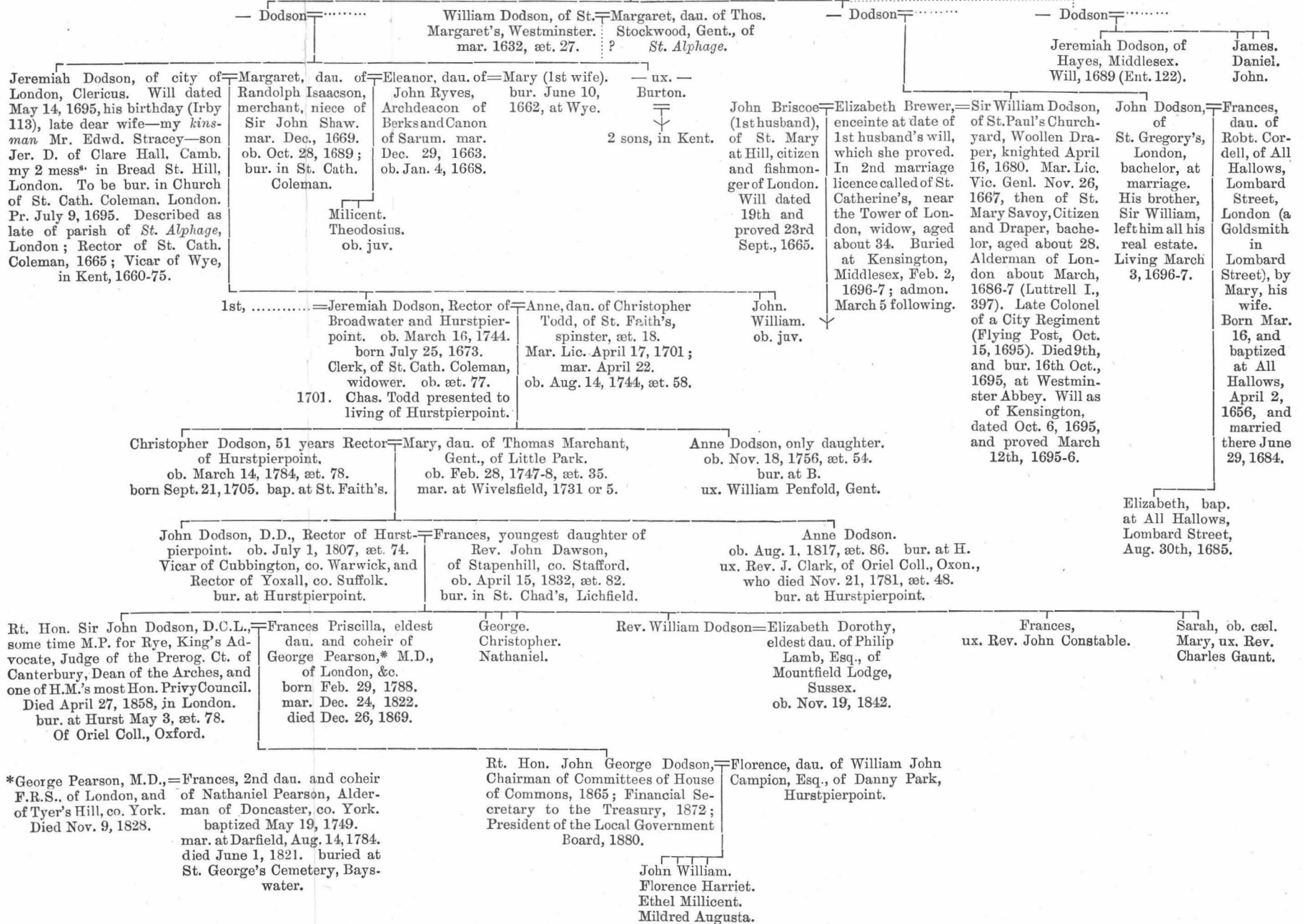


DODSON OF LONDON AND HURSTPIERPOINT.

— Dodson —



ON THE ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY OF DODSON OF HURSTPIERPOINT.

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ACCORDING to Mr. M. A. Lower's *Patronymica Britannica*, Alwinus Dodesone occurs in Domesday as a Tenant in Chief in Herts. "Doda," he says, "is an Anglo-Saxon personal name, whence Dodds, Dodson, Dodgson, Dodge," &c. Also, "The Dods of Edge claim from Hova, son of Cadwgan Dot. He lived about the time of Henry the Second; married the heiress of the Lord of Edge, co. Chester, who is presumed to have been the son of Edwin, a Saxon thane, who was allowed to retain his lands after the Conquest. Ormerod ("History of Cheshire") adduces arguments in favour of Cadogan Dot's having been descended from a Saxon called Dot, who at the Conquest had been expelled from the lands in Cheshire which he had held jointly with that very Thane Edwin. Dod of Edge, and their cadet Dod of Cloverley rank amongst the most ancient territorial families in the kingdom."

I have been favoured by the Rt. Hon. J. G. Dodson, M.P., with the following account of his first known ancestor:—

"Jeremy Dodson was Perpetual Curate of Wye co. Kent from 1660 or 1662 to ? 1675" (Par. Reg. of Wye). "Mrs. Mary Dodson the wife of Jeremy Dodson now minister dyed June 6th and was buried on the 10th 1662."

(FROM NOTES BY HIMSELF IN MY POSSESSION.)

“I Jeremiah Dodson Vicar of Wye in Kent married Dec. 29, 1663, Elinor Ryves daughter of John Ryves Archdeacon of Berkshire and Canon of Sarum, and granddaughter of Robert Tounson Bp. of Sarum” [Dean of Westminster, elected Bp. 24 March, 1620, ob. 15 May, 1621]. It appears that in 1665 he was Rector of St. Catharine’s Coleman in the city of London. He had by his wife Elinor, a daughter Millecent, and a son Theodosius, who both died young. The wife died Jan. 4, 1668. Dec., 1669, he married Margaret Isaacson, d. of Randolph Isaacson, merchant. (She was a niece of Sir John Shaw, and the Shaws were patrons of the living of Hurstpierpoint.) He had by his third wife three sons, John and William, who both died young, and Jeremiah, born July 25, 1673. Oct. 20, 1689, the wife died. She and her children, as well as the children of the first wife (and ? the first wife herself), were buried in the church of St. Catharine’s Coleman. The Rector died July 19, 1695, and was also buried in the church. He was Rector during the Plague and the Fire. He was first cousin to Sir Wm. Dodson; these things are incidentally mentioned by him. The surviving son became Rector of Broadwater and of Hurst. There is a slab within the altar rails of Broadwater Church, under which he and his wife were buried. The wife Anne died Aug. 14, 1741, and he died March 16, 1744. He was father of Christopher Dodson.

The will of Jeremiah Dodson, of the city of London, clericus, is at Somerset House (Irby, 113), dated 14 May, 1695, “which was my birth day.” He desires to be buried in the chancel of St. Catharine Coleman Church, London; mentions his late deare wife—my sister Burton’s two sons in Kent—Sir John Shaw and Sir Wm. Dodson and his brother—my loving kinsman Mr. Edward Stracey—“my dear and dutiful son Jeremiah Dodson of Clare Hall Cambridge”—to him my 2 messuages on Bread St. Hill London. An affidavit is dated 27 July, 1695, which mentions the Testator as Mr.

Jer. Dodson, late of the par. of St. Alphage, London, but of Greenwich clerk deceased. Will proved 9 July, 1695.

The son of Jeremiah, Rector of Broadwater and Hurst, has this monument to his memory in Hurstpierpoint Church.

ARMS. Arg. a fess nebuly between 3 fleurs de lis gules *impaling* Azure a chevron or between 3 owls argent.

To the memory of the venerable and pious CHRISTOPHER DODSON, 51 years Rector of this parish, and of Mary his wife, daughter of Thomas Marchant, gent. this tablet, the tribute of dutiful esteem and gratitude is erected by their children. He died March the 14th, 1784, aged 78 years. She died Feb. 28th, 1747, aged 35 years.

The following memorial is to the son of the above:—

ARMS. Argent a fess nebuly between *six* (sic) Fleurs de lis gules, *impaling* Gules on a bend argent 3 birds of the first.

JOHN DODSON, D.D. (eldest son of the Rev. Christopher Dodson and Mary his wife) formerly scholar of Trinity Coll., Oxford, Fellow of Oriol College in the same University, and successively vicar of Cubbington in the county of Warwick, Rector of Yoxall in the county of Stafford, and lastly of this parish; died July 1st, 1807, aged 74, and lies buried in this chancel. He was eminently distinguished by humility, talent, learning, and piety.

FRANCES DODSON, youngest daughter of the Rev. John Dawson, and Susannah his wife, of Stapenhill in the county of Stafford, the beloved wife of the above John Dodson, died April 15, 1832, aged 82, and lies buried in the churchyard of St. Chad in the city of Lichfield. This monument is erected in grateful and affectionate remembrance, by their surviving sons and daughters.

The following Notices of Sir Wm. Dodson, the Marriage Licences, and Matriculations were kindly furnished me by the late Colonel J. L. Chester, LL.D., D.C.L. :—

LUTTRELL'S "BRIEF RELATION OF STATE AFFAIRS"

[Commonly quoted as "Luttrell's Diary"].

1680. Apl. 14. His Majesty conferred the honour of knighthood on Capt. William Dodson of London.

1681. June — Among alterations made in the lieutenancy for the City of London—"Sir Wm. Dodson lieutenant in the yellow," with others, put out of commission.
1682. Apl. 20. Sir Wm. Dodson one of the Stewards at the Feast of the Artillery Company of London.
1682. Oct. 4. Sir Wm. Dodson one of the inspectors of the poll on the side of the Tory party (Lord Mayor's Election).
1685. Apl. 27. Sir Wm. Dodson a pall bearer at the funeral of Mr. Cradock, a mercer.
- 1686-7. Mch. Sir Wm. Dodson said to be made one of the new Aldermen of London.
1690. July 16. Sir Wm. Dodson appointed Colonel of one of the 6 auxiliary regiments of London, but declined.
1704. Nov. 25. In House of Commons, "Mr. Dodson" and 3 other members, called "defaulters," "to be sent for into custody of the Serjeant at Arms."
- 1705-6. Jan. 26. "A quarrel happened between John Manley and Thomas Dodson Esqrs. both Cornish members of Parliament—the first was wounded in the arm, the other run through the body, but like to recover."
1707. Sep. 11. "Thomas Dodson, Esq. M.P. for Liskard in Cornwall, is dead."
1707. Nov. 11. Writ ordered for election of new members in place of Mr. Dodson and others.

MARRIAGE LICENCES, FACULTY OFFICE.

- 1632-3. Jan. 30. *William Dodson* of St. Margaret's, Westminster, bachelor, aged 27, and *Margaret Stockwood*, spinster, 19, dau of *Thomas Stockwood*, of *St. Alphage*, London, *Gent.* who consents.
1701. Apl. 17. *Jeremiah Dodson*, Clerk, of St. Cath. Coleman, widower, and *Anne Todd*, Spinster, about 18, dau of *Christopher Todd*, of St. Faith's, London, who consents.

[Can the first one have any connection with the fact that Rev. Jeremiah Dodson was called "late of St. Alphage?"]

BAPTIZED AT ST. FAITH'S, LONDON.

1705. Sep. 21. *Christopher*, son of *Jeremiah Dodson*, Clerk, Minister of Hurstpierpoint co. Sussex (son in law to Mr. Tod, the *Apothecary in y^e Market*) and *Ann* his wife—born the 12th.

MARRIED AT ST. ANNE'S, BLACKFRIARS, LONDON.

1701. Apl. 22. *Jeremiah Dodson*, of St. Cath. Coleman, Clerk and *Anne Todd* of St. Faith's.

MATRICULATIONS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

1749. Dec. 6. Trinity Coll. *John Dodson*, aged 15, son of Christopher D. Clerk, Hurst, Sussex.
[He was B.A. 5 July, 1753, M.A. 2 July, 1756, B.D. 30 June, 1768, D.D. 25 Nov. 1772.]
1758. Oct. 7. Oriel Coll. *Charles Dodson*, aged 17, son of Christopher, Clerk, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
[B.A. 10 June, 1762.]
1797. Nov. 28. Oriel Coll. *John Dodson*, aged 17, son of John D., Doctor, Yoxall, co. Stafford.
[B.A. 3 June, 1801, M.A. 3 May, 1804, B.C.L. 27 Apl., 1808, D.C.L. 29 Apl., 1808.]
1800. June 27. St. John's Coll. *William Dodson*, aged 18, son of John, Doctor, Yoxall, co. Stafford.
[B.A. 11 Apl., 1804, M.A. 27 June, 1808, B.D. 23 June, 1817.]
1805. Dec. 14. St. John's Coll. *Nathaniel Dodson*, aged 18, son of John, Doctor, Hurst, Sussex.
[B.A. 23 Nov., 1809, M.A. 12 June, 1812.]
1810. Apl. 3. University Coll. *Christopher Dodson*, aged 17, son of John, Doctor, Burton on Trent.
[B.A. 17 Nov., 1813, M.A. 19 June, 1817.]
1831. Nov. 10. Christ Church. *James Dodson*, aged 18, only son of George Dodson, Esq., city of Lichfield.
[B.A. 2 July, 1835, M.A. 24 Apl., 1839.]
1837. June 8. Oriel Coll. *John George Dodson*, aged 19, second son of William, Clerk, Claseby, co. Lincoln.
[He appears to have taken no degree.]
1838. May 10. Worcester Coll. *Paul Augustus Dodson*, aged 19, third son of William, Clerk, Rye, Sussex.
[B.A. 9 May, 1844, M.A. 17 June, 1847.]
1843. June 9. Christ Church. *John George Dodson*, aged 17, eldest son of Sir John Dodson, kt., St. Geo. Hanover Square, Middx.
[B.A. 2 Dec., 1847.]

[The *places* named are, I believe, at this date, always the places of *birth* of the student.]

DEGREES AT CAMBRIDGE.

1673. *John Dodson*, Trinity Coll., A.B.
1692. *Jeremiah Dodson*, Clare Hall, A.B. and 1696 A.M.
1744. *Berry Dodson*, Christ's, A.B.
1818. *Edward Dodson*, Trinity Coll., A.B.
1831. *John Dodson*, Trinity Coll., A.B. and 1835 A.M.
1837. *Thos. Parkyns Dodson*, St. John's, A.B.
1841. *Wm. Francis Dodson*, Trinity Hall, LL.B. and 1846 LL.D.
1853. *George Dodson*, Trinity Coll., A.B.

Mr. Dodson informs me there is a tradition that his ancestors were connected with a family of the same name in Cornwall. The earliest mention of the name in that county is that of John Dodson, of Lafathen, in the parish of Blisland, gent., who lived in 1480.¹ The manor of Lavethan, with its chapel in the church, belonged to Wm. Kempe, of Lavethan, *temp.* Hen. VIII., and to his descendants for several generations.² A pedigree of Dodson, of Hay in St. Ives in Cornwall, is in the "Visitation of the County," 1620, and has been printed by the Harleian Society. I give it on opposite page with additions.

Some wills of the Cornish family are met with at Somerset House, and as they are hitherto unpublished and illustrate the pedigree, they are given here.

(St. Barbe 86.) D. 1590. RICHARD DOTSHON clarke parson of Winterbourne—to my br. Roger Dotshon my best ringe weighing an ounce of gold, which is in his keeping—my sister Hellinor his wife—my sister late wife of George Dobson (*sic*) to every of her children 12d—my sister Elizabeth—to my son John Dotshon 10£ at 21 and plate and all my books—to Richard Dotshon my son all lands and tenements in Henthorne and Clitherowe co. Lancaster, which was given to me by my mother Grace Dotshon widow by deed of feoffment, remainder to eldest son John—remainder to youngest son Wm. Dotshon—remainder to my two daughters Martha and Susan Dotshon—whereas he had bought for the 3 last a lease of land in East Deane in par. of Lokerley co. Suthampton, the same to go to the said Wm. and the rest of his children—His wife, Wm. Newtt Esq. and Giles Hutchins of the city of Sarum, overseers. Proved 27 Nov. 1591.

(St. Barbe 65.) D. 20 Aug. 1591. Will of RICHARD DODSON—my worldly goods to the 4 children of John May of Somerford, co. Wilts—a daughter of my sister Alice—to John May the younger, the parsonage of Walford—John Sadler the elder my brother in law—my

¹ Sir John Maclean's "Hist. of Trigg Deanery," Vol. iii., 416.

² *Ibid.* Vol. i., art. "Blisland."

DODSON OF CORNWALL.

ARMS: A bend engrailed between two birds, with five quarterings.

1480. JOHN DODSON, of Lafathen, in par. of Blisland, co. Cornwall.

— Dotson, of Hay, = dau. and coh. of John Haye (s. of Robert H.),
in St. Ives. by Joan, dau. and coh. of Richard Crooke.

Thomas Dodson, of Haye. = coh. of Molines.

John Dodson, of Hay = Margery Enys.

Thomas Dodson = Elizabeth, dau. of Wm. Piper.

Thomas Dodson, of St. Ives, = Mrs. Mary Buller, Gent.
Esq. mar. May 16, 1584.
Morwell Par. Reg.

Mary,
ux. Geo.
Connock.
(Vis. C.)

Sampson Dodson, heir in tail,
in remr. of his nephew,
Thomas Dodson. Will 1644
(Grey 83); then Lieut. in
Capt. Kettelby's Company, in
Holland.

Two children, minors.

Thomas Dodson, M.P. for
Liskeard, 1702. ob. 1707.
(No will at Som. House.)

....., dau. of John
Buller, Esq.,
of Morwell.

Thomas Dodson, Esq.
of Hay.

John,
bur. Sept. 23, 1730,
æt. 14, at Lansallos.

Margery, dau. of Sir
Hugh Pollard. Will,
1637, mentions *her*
relatives.

Elizabeth Vacy.

Robert Dodson, = Thomazine, dau.
of Hay. Living of Francis Buller,
1637—1620. of Shillingham,
(No will at Som. and sister of Sir
House.) Richard.

Thomas Dodson, æt. 10, 1620, = Elizabeth.
of Hay, Esq. Will dated 1642. 1642.
(Twiss 70), pr. 1646. Mother-
in-law, Mrs. Joan Wivell.

Thomas Dodson, minor ad. m. = Elizabeth, dau. and coh. of
patris, "only son." Wm. Sedley, of Digswell, co.
ob. April 17, 1672, æt. suæ. 30. Herts, Esq.
(No will at Somerset House.) Two sons and seven daughters.
M.I. St. Ives. M.I. for her and two daus.
M.I. St. Ives.

Sedley Dodson.
bur. July 22, 1669,
at St. Ives.

Thomas Dodson,
Gent.
bur. 1610 (Wen-
dron Par. Reg.).

Joan Wills.

sister that married my brother William (*sic*)—my cozen Browne of Cawne (? Calne) and his wife—Elizabeth my wife—other names. Pr. 2 Sep. 1591.

(Harvey 91.) Dated 5 Feb. 1637. MARGARET DODSON wife of Robert Dodson of Haye in Cornwall esq.—makes her will with the approbation of her said husband—my br. Francis Whiddon's children—my nephew John Dixe son of my sister Elizabeth Dixe—my nephews Wm. Venner and John Luxton—Geo. Newton son of my sister Newton—to the poor of Chagford co. Devon—my br. in law John Hore—bequests of plate to her husband—my son in law Thomas Dodson—my d. in law Elizabeth—my sister Susan Hore—my kinswoman Marie Rowse. Pr. 20 May 1639.

(Twiss 70.) D. 9 Jan. 1642. THOMAS DODSON of Hay in par. of St. Ives co. Cornwall Esq.—To Elizabeth his wife over and besides her jointure occupation of my house of Hay—minority of Thomas my son and heir—said Thomas my only son—all his lands specified, and for default of issue to loving uncle Sampson Dodson and his heirs, and if wife enceinte to such child 1000£, all his lands which he purchased of his brother Vacey and his wife to be sold—my mother in law Mrs Joan Wivell and Mrs Joan Wills her daughter—my sister in law 10£ each—my sister Mrs Eliz. Vacey 10£—to Capt. John Buller son to Sir Richard Buller knt. deceased, 5£—my dear wife and Thomas my son joint exors. Pr. 10 May 1646.

(Grey 83.) Translated out of the Dutch—Dated 21 Oct. 1644. Mr. SAMPSON DODSON, Lieut. of the Company of Capt. Kittelbee, made before John Van Dougen, notary public of Brabant in the Hague, and residing in Williamstadt—leaves to the Cannock family all his personal chattels money, etc.—guardians of his 2 children under age Sir Wm. Throckmorton knt. Mr. Geo. Connock, and Mr. Edward Sprier. 1 May, 1650, Administration granted to Geo. Connocke, nephew by the sister's side and principal legatee.

In Mr. Davies Gilbert's "History of Cornwall" (i. 411), under St. Ives, quoting from Tonkin, he says: "Hay in this parish is the residence of Thomas Dodson esq. a Commissioner for the Peace and Taxes, and Burgess in this Parliament 1702 for Liskeard.³ He married a daughter of John Buller of Morwell Esq.; his father a daughter of Sidley—*originally from the Dodsons of London.*" This phrase in italics seems to imply that he was not in direct descent from the recent owner of Hay, but from a branch which had settled in London. He must therefore have acquired Hay under the limitations of the will of Thomas Dodson dated 1642 (*ut ante*), and be descended from Sampson Dodson therein mentioned. Burke's *Armory* says "Dodson of London" *temp.* Charles I. bore *argent a fess nebulée gules between 3 fleurs de lis sable*,⁴ which we have seen was on the monument of the first Dodson of Hurstpierpoint. It is probably about this period that Wm. Dodson (who, we have seen, in 1632 married Margaret Stockwood, and whom we have inferred to have been father of the first Jeremiah Dodson), or his father, came from Cornwall. He was evidently too old to have been one of the children of Sampson Dodson.

In the compilation of this paper I have been, as already mentioned, materially assisted by the late Col. Chester. This is only one instance of the generous liberality he evinced to all who sought his aid, and to whom he opened without stint his unrivalled genealogical stores. These vast and invaluable collections, consisting of notes from wills, extracts from and sometimes copies of whole Parish Registers, marriage licences, and other genealogical data, he made at great expense and labour during a quarter of a century. American by birth, he came to this country to trace out the ancestry of the Pilgrim Fathers, and his services to genealogy

³ Members of the Connock family were M.P. for Liskeard from t. Elizabeth to Charles II.

⁴ This is said to have been the coat of Dodson of Hays in an anonymous "Hist. of Cornwall," 4 vols., 1870; and *argent a bend engrailed azure between 2 Cornish choughs proper*, the coat of "Dotson."

generally are enormous and incalculable. The Registers of Westminster Abbey, which he annotated with most copious notes, and which were published by the Harleian Society, are alone a monument of his labours and researches. This is exclusive of his numerous printed contributions on genealogical questions, and there are few genealogists who have not been indebted to him for freely rendered and considerable help. In recognition of his services, the University of Oxford in the summer of 1881 conferred on him the degree of D.C.L.
