

# THE SUSSEX COLEPEPERS.

## PART II.

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### THE CULPEPERS OF WAKEHURST.

As has been related above the two brothers, Richard and Nicholas Colepeper, ran away with and married Margaret and Elizabeth, daughters and co-heiresses of Richard Wakehurst, of Wakehurst, in Ardingly, Esq. Richard Culpeper died without issue, his wife, Margaret, having predeceased him; as also his brother Nicholas, who, by Elizabeth, his wife, left a very large family. The following is an abstract (partly translated from Latin) of the

#### WILL OF RICHARD CULPEPER ESQ.<sup>1</sup>

22 Sept. 1516, 8 Hen. VIII. I Richard Culpeper of the parish of Erthingle c<sup>o</sup> Sussex, Esq and son of Walter Culpeper late of Goudehurst c<sup>o</sup> Kent Esq. and brother of Sir John Culpeper late of Goudehurst aforesaid make my testament. To be buried in the chancel of the church of Erthingle next the sepulture of Margaret Culpeper late my wife. Bequests to the brothers of the house of Modynden in Kent, Lewes in Sussex, Newgate in London and Lossenham in Kent. To Anne Pympe my cousin 10 marks at marriage or at 26. To the mending of the roads within the manor of Wakehurst and Seldwyke Cross 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> To Richard Culpeper son and heir of Nicholas Culpeper a bond or obligation of the said Nicholas for £5. 6. 8. To Master Edward Culpeper brother of the aforesaid Richard 40/- Residuary legatee Elizabeth Culpeper widow of my late brother Nicholas, and I appoint her together with Thomas Culpeper, George Culpeper and Richard Culpeper, younger sons of the aforesaid Nicholas Culpeper executrix and executors. And

\* The Editor regrets to have to record the untimely decease of Mr. Booker while engaged in the joint contribution of this Paper.

<sup>1</sup> P.C.C., 24 Holder.

I make Richard Culpeper Esq and Master Edward Culpeper brother of the aforesaid Richard my overseers. Witnesses John Yonge, Vicar of Westthotle, Henry Wellys, Thomas Doggett, Christopher Payne, and William Hordys with others.

Will as to lands of Richard Culpeper Esq "oon of the sonnes of Walter Culpeper of Goutherst Esquier, and broder to Sir John Culpeper, sometye of Goutherst Knight" 22 Sept. 1516 To Elizabeth Culpeper "my suster" a croft in Horsemonden in Kent, with remainder to Alexander Culpeper, and no more for "thanked be god hee hath no nede." The heyres male of Walter Culpeper "my newew" to have the manor of Herynden, and the tenement of the Bavre. Loggelson in Erthingle to the churchwardens to keep an obit, with beer bread and cheese, by 10 priests at 8<sup>d</sup> each to pray for self, Margaret my wife, Walter Culpeper and Agnes his wife my ffader and moder, Richard Wakehurst the elder and Richard Wakehurst the younger and Agnes his wife, my wife's fader and moder. Parishes of Erthingle, Balcombe, Westthotle, Lynfeld and Whythyme. Elizabeth Culpeper, late the wife of Nicholas Culpeper my broder to take up the rents and issues of all other lands in Horsmonden or Goutherst in Kent, and in Monfield, Salehurst, Ifeld, Crawle, Slagham, Worthe and Westthotle in Sussex and in Leye in Surrey or elsewhere in England for life, and after her death the lands in Leye, which I bought, to Richard Culpeper son and heir of Nicholas and Elizabeth. To Thomas Culpeper oon of the sonnes of the said Nicholas and Anne wife of the said Thomas, lands in Ifeld, Crawle, Slagham and Worthe which I bought of John Wodye &c. To George Culpeper (after Elizabeth's decease) the messuage and lands of Strondgate for life, with remainder to Richard Culpeper son and heir of the aforesaid Nicholas. Also to the said George Busses in Westthotle and a mylle called hopemyll in Southerst (Goutherst?) and the halfendele of a fulling mill in Horsemonden to him and his heirs. And as for Pipstye I cannot put it from George for it is copyhold. To Richard Culpeper, youngest son of the foresaid Nicholas and Elizabeth, a messuage or tenement called the Feryn in Nenfield and Salehurst e<sup>o</sup> Sussex, and land and messuages at Turnerhyll also two tenements in Southerst sometye John Bechefeld, Richard Mylis, Thomas Burges. Remainder after death of Elizabeth to foresaid Richard his heirs and assignes. If Thomas Culpeper, George Culpeper, or Richard Culpeper the youngest son die during the lifetime of the said Elizabeth, without wife or children, his part to remain to the other living of the aforesaid three.

Proved at Lambeth 8 Nov. 1516 by Richard Culpeper, George Culpeper, and Thomas Culpeper in person and by Elizabeth Culpeper in the person of William Crowland.

The sons of Nicholas Culpeper and Elizabeth Wakehurst were as follows :

(I.) Richard, who inherited Wakehurst and of whom hereafter.

(II.) Thomas Culpeper, of Crawley, Esq., who from the Inq. P.M.<sup>2</sup> of John Fenner and from the will of his uncle, Richard Culpeper, appears to have been married shortly before 1513 (when her younger son was aged four years) to Anne, the widow of Thomas Fenner, his son, who died shortly before his father. The will of John Fenner, the father, and Thomas Fenner, the son, were both proved in P.C.C. in 1513.<sup>3</sup> John Fenner gives his messuage in Crawley with certain lands to Anne Fenner, late the wife of Thomas Fenner, his son, and now the wife of Thomas Culpeper, for her life. She is also to have his lands in Ifeld called Bonewyks and Westland until her younger son, John Fenner, aged four years, shall attain the age of 21. "Anne" describes herself in her will<sup>4</sup> as "Joane," widow of Thomas Culpeper, of Crawley, Esq., and as she mentions no Culpepers in it we may assume that she left no issue by her second husband. Her will is not dated, but was proved between 1541—1549. Her husband, Thomas Culpeper, is probably the defendant in an action, *Wyllyam Wyllyams, clerke, versus Thomas Culpeper.*<sup>5</sup>

Interrogatories :

(1) Whether the seid playntyf made a lease of yerres of the parsonage of Burstowe unto the seid Thomas Culpeper or nott and what rent the seid Thomas should pay yerely and what chambers or any other things were reserved to the said person . . . and many other interrogatories.

Among the evidence given is that of Thomas Busse of Burstowe, carpenter. He says that he does not know whether the said W<sup>m</sup> Williams, clerk leased the said parsonage to Thomas Culpeper or not, but at the end of his evidence he says he knows and did see the said Thomas Culpeper come to the said Williams clerk for to have a mattocke from him whiche he claymed to be hys mattocke and thereupon the sayd Thomas Culpeper and William clerk fell oute and made a fraye together, but who was in the fawte this deponent knoweth not.

Thomas Bray, yeoman of Burstow deposed that he knoweth not whether the parsonage was leased to Thomas Culpeper or not "And he saieth that the said William clerke in the house of this deponent requyred the said Thomas Culpeper that he might have his rent of the said psonage to him due, and thereupon they multiplied words together,

<sup>2</sup> Inq. P.M., 8 Hen. VIII., No. 143.

<sup>3</sup> P.C.C., 19 Fetiplace.

<sup>4</sup> Lewes, A. 1, 16; *S.A.C.*, Vol. X., p. 155.

<sup>5</sup> Chancery Town Depositions, Hen. VIII., Bundle 9; No. 7.

and then the said Thomas Culpeper brake the browe of the said William, clerke, with the hafte of a knyf so that the blode rone downe his face in the p̄sence of this deponent. And he saieith by the report of one William Playce and Robert Fulcher late of Burstowe that the said Thomas Culpeper did assente the said William, clerke, to have a mattocke from him which was the ppere good of the said clerke, and then the said Culpeper gave the said William, clerke a blowe or two w<sup>th</sup> a staf for he was not hable to syng masse in a ftenyght after, and thereupon the said clerke plucked the said Culpeper downe by the berde in the sight of the wif of the said Culpeper who w<sup>th</sup> one or two of her s̄uants came ronyng to helpe to beate the said William clerke, so that he was inforced to erie to the said William Plaice and Robert Fulcher for ayde. Howe bee it the said Culpeper tok away the said mattocke by force, and by report the said Culpeper drewe his dagger at another time to strike the said William, clerk, and moer he cannot depose.

(III.) Edward Culpeper, B.C.L., D.C.L. (sup. 7th March), 1505-6; B. Can L. and (? D. Can L.), 26th January, 1506-7; D.C.L., 1st July, 1510, of All Souls College; third son of Nicholas Colepeper, who died 2 Henry VIII., 1510.<sup>6</sup>

He was instituted Rector of Ockley, co. Surrey, 3rd August, 1514, Master or Provost of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Lingfield, 20th July, 1524, and was alive 16th April, 36 Henry VIII. (1544), when he acknowledged the receipt of £6. 13s. 4d. annuity out of the lands of the College of Lingfield, and during the four subsequent years, when he gave similar receipts.<sup>7</sup>

(IV.) George Culpeper. In 1542 Nayland, in Balcombe, was in his occupation, and in June of that year it was conveyed by John Michelbourne to George Culpeper to hold to him and Alice, his wife, and the heirs of George. George Coulpeper, of Balcombe, gentryman, made his will 30th January, 154 $\frac{2}{3}$ , and desires to be buried in the church of Balcombe "before the alter or memoriall of our lady," and that all his land which he purchased in Balcombe, called Neelond, should go to William, his son, and gives his goods to his wife Alice and his son William equally. He makes Mr. Thomas Michell and Ric. Gaston overseers. Edmund

<sup>6</sup> Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*.

<sup>7</sup> Roy. Com. on Hist. MSS., 7th Report, fol. 603a.



Michell and John Michell, junr., are witnesses with others.<sup>8</sup>

His widow, Alice Culpeper, survived him many years, and from her will,<sup>9</sup> dated 12th January, 157 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and proved 9th December, 1574, which was written by her cousin Culpeper, parson of Erdingley, we find that besides her eldest son, William Culpeper, of Worth, then deceased, she had a daughter Alice, then wife of George Nin, and mother of Alice and Anne Nin, and two other sons, Thomas Culpeper and Richard Culpeper, her youngest son, who was residuary legatee and executor. She leaves to her grandsons, Charles and Edward Culpeper, sons of William Culpeper, of Worth, deceased, 20s. each, and mentions her granddaughter Jane, their sister. The witnesses were Richard Culpeper, of Onstye, and her grandsons, Charles and Edward Culpeper.

- (A) William, the eldest son of George and Alice Culpeper, of Balcombe, was buried at Worth, 12th July, 1568. He made his will<sup>10</sup> 10th July, 1568, as "William Culpeper, of the parish of Woore," in the County of Sussex, gent., and proved 10th December, 1568. To be buried in the parish church of Woore (Worth). To my sonne Charles £5 at 21. To my sonne Edwarde £10 at 21. To my daughter, Jane Culpeper, £10 at 21. To my servant, John Symons, 20s. To my servant, Mary Merdyne, two lambes. Residuary legatees and executors, wife Elizabeth and George, my eldest son. My brother-in-law, Mr. James Yngler, and my brother, Thomas Culpeper, gent., overseers. Witnesses, Thomas Culpeper, gent., Thomas Gaston and George Hodshon. Proved by Elizabeth, the relict, with power reserved for George Culpeper, the son, the other executor. His widow afterwards married Mathew Poyntz, Esq.,<sup>11</sup> of Alderly Manor, co. Gloucester, and died 1st November, 10 Jas. I.

<sup>8</sup> Lewes, A. 1, 157.

<sup>10</sup> P.C.C., 26 Babington.

<sup>9</sup> Lewes, A. 6, 366; B. 1, 11.

<sup>11</sup> Chanc. Pro., James I., Bundle C. 14, No. 82.

- (i.) George Culpeper, the eldest son, inherited Nayland, in Balcombe, which, soon after the death of his grandmother, Alice, by deed dated 18th June, 1574, he conveyed to his second cousin, Thomas Culpeper, of Claverham, in Arlington. He was buried at Ardingly, 29th May, 1623.
- (ii.) Charles Culpeper was of Slaugham, and died before 17th September, 1614, when administration of his estate was granted<sup>12</sup> to his brother, George Culpeper, of Ardingly. His inventory amounted to £4. 1s. 8d., and Nicholas Culpeper, of Alciston, clerk, was one of the sureties in £10.
- (iii.) Edward Culpeper. On the death of his mother, Elizabeth Poyntz, he succeeded to five acres called Halecroft, in Balcombe and Worth, as youngest son and next heir of William Culpeper, deceased. Two years later he surrendered it to John Lymecricke, of Stratton, co. Gloucester, and Giles Reeve, yeoman, of Cirencester, and in 14 James I. John Lymecricke, gent., surrenders Halecroft to Sir Edward Culpeper, Knight. In the Chancery Proceedings above quoted Edward Culpeper, gent., complained on 3rd May, 1621, that Mathew Poyntz, deceased, being a widower and seized of the Manor of Alderly, co. Glouc., did marry Elizabeth, my mother then being a widow. In 42 Eliz. (1600) the said Matthew settled the manor on himself for life, with remainder to the said Elizabeth, his wife, for jointure for life, with remainder to his right heirs. The said Mathew also granted me, the said Edward Culpeper, an annuity of £10 out of the manor for life. Mathew died 3 James I. (1605), and Elizabeth, his widow, entered and leased the premises to Robert Branston, gent., 4 Jas. I.,

<sup>12</sup> Lewes, B. 4, 57.

who held the manor till Sir Nicholas Poyntz entered and expelled him. The said Elizabeth died 1st November, 10 Jas. I. (1612). Edward Culpeper now wants to recover his annuity which is denied him.

(B) Thomas, the second son of George and Alice Culpeper, was alive in 1568, as appears from his brother William's will, but, beyond this, we have been able to discover nothing further about him.

(c) Richard, the youngest son of George and Alice Culpeper, married at Balcombe 30th May, 1575, Barbara Milles, by whom he had four children, baptized at East Grinstead.

(i.) Thomas, 25th February, 157 $\frac{5}{8}$ .

(ii.) John, 23rd February, 1577.

(iii.) Nicholas, 22nd April, 1580. He was M.A. and Vicar of Alciston 1612. Instituted Rector of Ockley, co. Surrey, 14th September, 1615; buried there 5th October, 1616. He appears to have married at Isfield, 25th October, 1615, Mary Atersole, and by her to have been the father of

(a) Nicholas Culpeper, the herbalist, son of a Surrey clergyman, born 18th October, 1616, died 1654.

(iv.) Richard, 14th April, 1583.

Richard Culpeper (c), the father, made his will on 2nd September, 1600, as of Mouscomb in Patcham, gent. In it he desires to be buried in the church. Leaves to his wife Barbara £30 and £3 p ann. out of lands in Worth; to his son John £160 and to his sons Nicholas and Richard £160 each at 21. He appoints as overseers his friends Edward Culpeper, of Wakehurst, Esq., Thomas Culpeper, of Neyland, gent., and John Mascall, junr., of Plumpton, and makes Thomas Culpeper, his eldest son, his residuary legatee and executor, by whom his will was proved, at Lewes, 20th June, 1603, with an inventory amounting to £775. 2s. 6d.

In 16 Eliz., or a year before his marriage, he appears to have bought half the manor of Clayton, with lands in Clayton, Patcham, Keymer, Hurst, Balcombe, Ditchling, Cuckfield, Wivelsfield, Lindfield, Westmeston and Street, from the Earl of Derby.<sup>13</sup> In 20 Eliz. he sold part of what he had bought. In 35 Eliz. he purchased Great Pipstye and Robins, in Ardingly, from Sir Francis Carewe, which premises he, with Barbara his wife, sold a year later to Sir Edward Culpeper.<sup>14</sup> In 19 Eliz. he bought more property in Clayton manor from Henry Broadbridge<sup>15</sup> and in 30 Eliz. he sold a small portion more.<sup>16</sup>

He was buried at Patcham in 1603.

(V.) Richard Culpeper, the youngest son of Nicholas Culpeper and Elizabeth Wakehurst, his wife, and brother of Richard Culpeper, of Wakehurst, Esq., was of Lewes, and soon after the death of his uncle Richard sold all the property he received under his will as appears from (a) Harl., Ch. 76, H. 9, which is a bond, dated 10th June, 9 Hen. VIII. (1517) from Richard Culpeper, of Lewes, gent., younger son of Nicholas Culpeper, brother of Richard Culpeper, late of Wakehurst, deceased, to Alexander Culpeper, Esq., in 40 marks, to grant to the said Alexander Culpeper and to Thomas Darell, gent., and others, to the use of the said Alexander a sufficient estate in fee simple in all the lands in the parish of Gouthurst, bequeathed to the above Richard Culpeper and Elizabeth, his mother, by the late Richard Culpeper, Esq., and (b) Harl., Ch. 76, H. 10, which is a charter by which Richd. Culpeper, junior, one of the sons of Nicholas Culpeper, late of Wakehurst, Esq., deceased, granted to Alexander Culpeper, of Gouthurst, Esq., Thos. Darrell, gent., Thos. Hart, clerk, and Wm. Lodynden, certain lands and tenements in Gouthurst which Richard Culpeper, Esq., late of Wakehurst, uncle of the said Richard Culpeper, junior, by his last will, wished to remain to Richard Culpeper, junior, after the

<sup>13</sup> Pat. Roll, 16 Eliz., pt. 13.

<sup>15</sup> Pat. Roll, 19 Eliz., pt. 11.

<sup>14</sup> Pat. Roll, 35 Eliz., pt. 2; 36 Eliz., pt. 7.

<sup>16</sup> Pat. Roll, 30 Eliz., pt. 13.

death of Elizabeth, his mother. Dated 1st September, 9 Hen. VIII. (1517). Harl., Ch. 76, H. 3, 6th September, 9 Hen. VIII. (1517) is the quitclaim of Elizabeth Culpeper, of Wakehurst, widow, late the wife of Nicholas Culpeper, of Wakehurst, and of Edward Culpeper, clerk, Richard Culpeper, senior, Thomas Culpeper and George Culpeper, to Alexander Culpeper, of Goutherst, Esq., Thomas Darell, gent., Thomas Hart, clerk, and William Lodynden, granted concerning lands and messuages in Goutherst, which the said Alexander Culpeper had of the enfeoffment of Richard Culpeper, junior, brother of the said Edward, Richard, Thomas and George Culpeper.

He was dead in 1549, as appears from Close Roll, 3 Ed. VI., pt. 1, which gives an Indenture between Richard Culpeper, one of the sons of Richard Culpeper, of Lewes, *deceased*, of the one part, and John Culpeper, of Warnham, sonne and heire of the said Richard Culpeper, the father, of the other part, and witnesseth that for £30 paid by the said John Culpeper the said Richard sold him the third part of the manor of Badsyll, alias Fobyllys, in co. Kent, now in the occupation of John Culpeper, the elder, of Wakehurst.

One of these two, preferably John, from his buying the property, was probably the father of two sons:—

- (i.) Richard Culpeper, of Lewes, aged 10 in 1541, when he was admitted as a scholar at Winchester, and
- (ii.) John Culpeper, Rector of Ardingly from 1564 to 1589, who married Margaret . . . , and by her had two sons.
  - (a) Richard, son of John Culpeper, parson of Ardingly, baptized there 13th January, 1568, who by his will<sup>17</sup> dated 6th April, 1594, and proved 2nd July, 1595, by Stephen Staple, proctor of Margaret Culpeper, the mother and executrix named in the will,

<sup>17</sup> P.C.C., 48 Scott.

desires to be buried in the church of All Sainctes, leaves to little Alice, my mystris kytchen mayde 5/-, and unto Alice, Mary and Besse 10/- each, and to every one of my father's godchildren 2/-. Unto Agnes Dawes £5. To every poor man in Erthinglie afore-said 12<sup>d</sup>. Makes his mother residuary legatee and executrix, and appoints Thomas Bourd, of Linfield, and my cousin Thomas Culpeper, of Balcombe, overseers, to whom 20/- each.

- (b) John, son of Parson Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly 25th August, 1573, and buried there 30th August, 1573.

The Rector himself was buried at Ardingly 13th March, 1588, and his will is dated 8th September, 1589, and proved 21st August, 1590.<sup>18</sup> In it he bequeathed "xx<sup>s</sup> to six of the poorest and most nedye of Erdingleigh." To each of his godchildren xii<sup>d</sup>. To every one of his servants v<sup>s</sup>. "To my brother Richard Culpeper, yf he be lyvinge and doe come himselfe and demaund the same xl<sup>s</sup>. Item, I will that a sermon be made at my buriall by M<sup>r</sup> Kellinbacke, or some other learned and discrete mynister, and that the said preacher have for his paines, vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>." He appoints his wife Margaret and his son Richard executors, and his cousin Thomas Culpeper, of Neland, in Balcombe, and Mr. Thomas Board, of Lyndfeld, overseers of his will.<sup>19</sup> His will was proved by Richard Culpeper, his son.

His widow Margaret, after her son Richard's death, appears from a marriage licence at Lewes, dated 20th November, 1597, to have married, as "of Lewes, widow," Nicholas Dyce. They were married at All Saints, Lewes.

<sup>18</sup> Lewes, A. 8, 370; B. 2, 102.

<sup>19</sup> *S.A.C.*, Vol. X., p. 155, note 3.

We will now return to the owner of Wakehurst, viz., I., Richard the elder of that name, and son and heir of Nicholas Culpeper, and Elizabeth Wakehurst, his wife.

He married Joan, daughter of Richard Naylor, Merchant Taylor and Alderman of London,<sup>20</sup> by Elizabeth, his wife, who re-married George Lord Bergavenny, and whose will is in P.C.C., 1500.<sup>21</sup> He died in 1539, and the following is an abstract of his will:—

WILL OF RICHARD CULPEPPER OF WAKEHURST.<sup>22</sup>

6 Sept., 31 Hen. VIII., 1539. I Richard Culpepper of Ardinglye in the Countie of Sussex Esquire. To be buried within the churche of Ardinglye. To John my youngest son my best graye geldinge. Unto Edward my sonne a broche of golde and viij perles and a stone in it. Whereas John my eldest son owith me xx marks for wode that I solde hym, I will the said xx marks to Elizabeth and Anne my daughters, if the said John do not pay it in my lifetime to the marriage of Alice my daughter, and if he pay it for the said marriage then he shall pay it to them after the rate as it ristith among thother brothern and sisters. Also whereas I have payed to the mariage of Alice my daughter xx marks I bequeath the said xx marks to Elizabeth and Anne my daughters accordinglye to Ryse of such landes as I and he be agreed upon to be reseyd until £400 be paid. The residue of all my goods and catalls I give unto Johane my wife whom I make my sole executor and my son Jasper to be overseer. Witnesses: Nicholas Harvey, clerk, parson of Balcombe, Jasper Culpeper, William Benye, Ric. Landesdell clerk, Richar Stayne, and John Selyard.

Proved at London 16 Oct. 1539 by the oath of Peter Lyly, proctor of the relict and executrix.

Richard Culpeper and Joan his wife had the following children:—

- A. John, who succeeded to Wakehurst, and married Emma, daughter of Sir John Ernley, the judge, and of whom hereafter.
- B. Gerard, not mentioned in his father's will, d.s.p.
- C. Edward, living in 1539, who, according to the Visitation of Norfolk, d.s.p.
- D. William Culpeper, who was of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. He married Mary (Mainwaring?) and

<sup>20</sup> His will, P.C.C., 7 Logge (1483).

<sup>21</sup> P.C.C., 8 Moore.

<sup>22</sup> P.C.C., 31 Dingley.

in his will, proved at Canterbury, 17th Sept., 1585,<sup>23</sup> he desires :

Body to be buried in S<sup>t</sup> Dunstan's Church harde beside my wiffe. To my sister Feyns a coillid of sattan and a ringe of golde with a stone yn yt. To my cousin Jone her daughter another ringe with another stone yn yt. To my cousin Thomas Culpeper that was borne at Whakers my hanging in my halle of arres. To my cosyn Richard a stone jug coiled with silver and gilte and tipped with silver and gilte. To Anne Mainwaringe a silver spone and the best cup. To my cowsyn Jone my sisters daughter a gilte spone. To Neale my wyves brother my mourning gowne and my best cloke. To Edward Bowde my best cote and cap and his wiffe a pair of shetes. To Ellis an olde bed. I give owt of my howse in Northgate with the appurtenances belonging unto yt vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to the pore of S<sup>t</sup> Dunstans a grote apece to be paid at Easter yerely, and vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to the pore of Westgate and to Norgate as muche to the pore and to S<sup>t</sup> Powles as muche. Thomas Mainwaringe gentilman to be my executor and he is also to have my howse to him and his heires seeing this paid yerely to the pore so long as the world dothe last and yndure. Residue to Thomas Mainwaringe gentilman.

See also Feet of Fines, London and Middlesex, Mich. 31 Hen. VIII., Between John Freeman and Thos. Mainwaring, plaintiffs, and William Culpeper and Mary, his wife, deforcians, concerning premises in St. Andrew and St. Giles, in the wards of Aldegate and Crepulgate, London.

Also East. 31 Hen. VIII., Between Thomas Assheby, plaintiff, and William Culpeper and Mary, his wife, deforcians, concerning premises in Herefyld and free fishery in the water of Colney.

His wife was buried at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, 9th November, 1574, and he himself was buried there 4th June, 1585.

- e. Thomas Culpeper, whose will, dated 12th April, 1571,<sup>24</sup> was proved 4th November, 1572, by his widow Mary. The following is an abstract of it:—

I Thomas Culpeper of Lowdham Countie of Suffolk Esquier. Body to be buried by the apointment of Marie my wief. To the curate of Pistre if I be buried there 6<sup>s</sup>/8<sup>d</sup> and to churchwardens 20/- but latter gift to be voyd if not buried there, but Marie my wife to deliver 6<sup>s</sup>/8<sup>d</sup> to the churchwardens for the poor of the parish. To the reparation of the church of Fremes (Frenze) e<sup>o</sup> Norf. 6/8. To the poor there 3/4. To the poor of Disse 6/8. To the poor of Pistre 6/8. To the poor of theis townes near Lowdeham aforesaid viz. Rendlesham, Ashe next Eyke, Vfford, Melton, Woodbridge, Bredfeld, Dallingho, and Wickham Merkett 3<sup>s</sup>/4<sup>d</sup> each. To every child of a gent who is my godchild 5<sup>s</sup>/- To every other 2<sup>s</sup>/. Servants Roger Pynner 30<sup>s</sup>/- Hugh Battell 20<sup>s</sup>/-

<sup>23</sup> A. 46, Stringer, No. 56.

<sup>24</sup> P.C.C., 35 Daper.



Robert Spillwater 20<sup>s</sup>/- old servant Thomas Sumner. To the right worshipful M<sup>r</sup> John Bleuerhasset Esquier, treasurer with the mighty Prynce Thomas Duke of Norfolk £20 and I pray him to be ayding Marie his neece my welbelouyd wief. To my brother William Culpeper £20 in two yeares and if he be not mynded to contynew in howse with my saied wief but will himselfe and his wief depte from thence then I will that the first £10 shall be paid him at his departure and the other £10 within a year. To my neece Anne Fynch my brother Jasper Culpeper's daughter £15 in two years. To Thomas Culpeper and Richard Culpeper sons of my uncle George Culpeper 40<sup>s</sup>/- each. To my three systers 20<sup>s</sup>/- each. To my wief's godson Rychard Bleuerhasset one of the sonnes of the saied John Bleuerhasset my two marshes in Orford and Gedgrave. The manor of Ellwell Hall c<sup>o</sup> Essex to wife Mary who is executrix.

Thomas Culpeper in 3 Mary is described as lately of Bysshe Court, co. Kent.<sup>25</sup> His wife, Mary, was the daughter and sole heiress of Sir George Bleuerhasset, knight, and afterwards married Francis Bacon. She died 7th Sept., 1587, aged 70, and was buried at Frenze, co. Norfolk, where there is a monument to her memory.

F. Jasper Culpeper, B.A. Oxford, 1522. Returned M.P. for East Grinstead 4th Nov., 1547. Married Anne Stafford, widow of Richard Clifford, by whom he had a daughter.

(i.) Anne, who married . . . Fynch.

Administration of his estate as of Arlington was granted February, 1564, in P.C.C. to George Roberts, next of kin.

G. John Culpeper, the seventh son of Richard Culpeper, of Wakehurst, and brother of John of Wakehurst, was of Ingham, co. Norfolk. From the Visitation of Norfolk in 1563<sup>26</sup> he married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of . . . Caunton, of London, Alderman, and widow of Sir Christopher Hales, knight, by whom he had—

(i.) and (ii.) Two sons each named Thomas, who both died s.p.

<sup>25</sup> Common Roll, Trin., 3 Mary, m. 808.

<sup>26</sup> Harl. Soc., Vol. XXXII., p. 89.

He married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Rafe<sup>27</sup> Barney, of Gonton, in Norfolk, and widow of Sir Francis Calthrop, of Norfolk. She died 24th Dec., 1582, and has a monument in Norwich Cathedral.

The following is an abstract of his will:<sup>28</sup>

16 Dec. 1562 I JOHN CULPEPER OF INGHAM <sup>c</sup> Norfolk Esquier. To be buried at Ingham. Poor of Ingham, Hickling, Sutton and Stallam, Brunstede, Lesingham, Hempsted, Egles, Pawlinge, and Waxham. Dame Elizabeth my wief to have tapestry in the princes chamber etc. and after her decease to my sonne in law (*i.e.*, stepson) William Calthrop Esquier. Also to her bedsteads etc. bason & ewer parcel gilt, silver salts, spoons etc. one Paxe of silver, her jewels now lying in gage to one M<sup>r</sup> Tropps, geldings etc. combes of malte wheate etc., £20, brewing vessels to her, then to my sonne-in-law William Calthropp. Also to her two pictures, one of the quene's maiestie the other of the french king, also use of ciprus chest & after to Brigett Calthropp (*viz.*, his stepdaughter) To said Brigett £50, bed etc. To Charles Calthropp gentillman my sonne-in-law (*viz.*, stepson) £40. To Elizabeth Smith £10, sheep etc. To George Barney £30 To Edmonde Brampton £6. 13. 4 at 21. To Edwarde Bynde my nephewe £13. 6. 8. To Anne Culpeper daughter of Jasper Culpeper my brother £40. To Jasper Culpeper my brother £10. To my brother Thomas (Culpeper of Lowdham) gold ring of 20/- and to his wife one other of like valew. I require my executors to make my brother William Culpeper an acquittance of all debts between him and me To said brother William £4 To my sister Fynes, my sister Bynde, my cosen Farmefold, my cosen Staple, my cosen Elizabeth Culpeper, Ann Culpeper (daughters of his brother John of Wakehurst) and my sister Hever each a ring worth 20/- To my cosen Elizabeth Fenne £10 To my aunt Wotton 5 marks To my lady Woodhouse wief of Sir William Woodhowse a ring worth 40<sup>s</sup> To Mistres Dade a ring of 20<sup>s</sup> My cosen's Roger Woodhowse wief, Corbett's wief, Limseyes wief and Lewgars wief, rings worth 20/- To my cosen Pannell's wief a ring of 20/- and my cosen Paynell 5 marks Richard Williams my servant Residue one half to wife, other half to Brigett Calthropp, Anne Culpeper my brother Jasper's daughter, George Berney and Edmond Brampton. Sir Thomas Woodhowse knight and said wife executors To Thomas Woodhowse my regalls now in his custodie To my cosin Katherine Bynde £3. 6. 8. To my cosin Thomas Culpeper of Balam (*i.e.*, Balcombe) in Sussex £3. 6. 8 To my sister Corbett, my cosin Darcie, & my cousin Elizabeth Nune rings worth 20/- M<sup>rs</sup> Blomefelde & M<sup>rs</sup>

<sup>27</sup> Harl. Soc., Vol. XXXII., p. 65. See also Chan. Pro., Eliz., 2nd Ser., Bundle 45, No. 1. In an action brought by Edmund Calthorpe to recover the estates of the late Sir Francis Calthorpe, of Ingham, from John Culpeper, Dame Elizabeth Calthorpe and William Calthorpe, Sir Francis is said to have been married twice, his second wife being Elizabeth, dau. of Rauff Barney, Esq.

<sup>28</sup> P.C.C., 29 Crymes.

Geyne the like To Awderie Gayne, Margerie Gayne, & Marie Newton 40/- To parson Grene 20/-

Whereas I have made certain leases of the Manor of Elmsted<sup>29</sup> in Kent my wife to be bound to my cosen Henrie Paynell to suffer them to continue on pain of forfeiture of her legacy. As to manors and lands, the manor of Elmsted in Kent after the decease of me the said John and Dame Elizabeth nowe my wief shall be and remayn unto John Culpeper of Wakehurst in the county of Sussex Esquier my brother, on payment to my executors of £320, otherwise to be sold and Sir Thomas Kempe Knight shall have the preferment. 7 acres of land purchased in Ingham and Staleham unto one Elizabeth Smythe Whereas I am possessed for a term of years of Gardiners at Churchstile & of houses late purchased of Sir Thomas Woodhouse, the dwelling of the said houses, and occupying of said land unto 3 poore widowes of Ingham to be nominated during said years by the Bishop of Norwich Witnesses Henrie Paynell, Esquire, Raff Hithe and others Proved 6 Nov. 1566 by William Babham notary of Dame Elizabeth the relict —power reserved for Sir Thomas Woodhowse the other executor.

H. Elizabeth Culpeper, who married John Fynes, of Claverham, in Arlington, Esq., by whom she had one only daughter and heiress.

(i.) Joan Fynes, who married her first cousin, Thomas Culpeper, of Nayland, in Balcombe, and of whom hereafter.

Her will,<sup>30</sup> as of Elizabeth Fynes, of Balcombe, widow, dated the last of February, 1587, was proved at Lewes 9th March, 1587.

- i. Alice Culpeper, who married about 1536 William Byne, of Rowdell, in Washington, and of Ardingly, Esq., who died 1558<sup>31</sup> and had issue. Her will was proved 22nd June, 1578, in the Consistory Court of Chichester by her son John Byne, the executor.<sup>32</sup>
- j. Anne Culpeper, who married John Hever, of Slowes, in Cuckfield. He died in 1558, and his will is in P.C.C.<sup>33</sup>
- k. Mary, recorded in the Visitation of Norfolk, but not mentioned in any of the above wills, who is there stated to have died s.p.

<sup>29</sup> The Manor of Elmstead, co. Kent, was bought by John Culpeper, of Hakyngton, co. Kent, from Thomas Culpeper, Esquier, of Bedgebury, 8th May, 36 Hen. VIII. (1544), for £650. (Close Roll, 36 Hen. VIII., pt. 4.)

<sup>30</sup> A. 8, 180; B. 2, 48.

<sup>32</sup> Regr. 12, 47.

<sup>31</sup> P.C.C., 45 Welles.

<sup>33</sup> 3 Welles.

We will now return to John Culpeper of Wakehurst (A), eldest son of Richard Culpeper and Joan Naylor. He married about 1520, or shortly after, Emma, daughter of Sir John Erneley, Knight, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and had the following children:—

- (i.) Edward, who apparently died s.p. v.p.
- (ii.) Thomas, who succeeded to Wakehurst.
- (iii.) Richard, of Cuckfield.
- (iv.) Nicholas, buried at Ardingly July, 1586, as Nicholas Culpeper, of Wakehurst, gent.
- (v.) Thomas Culpeper, of Neyland, in Balcombe, who married his first cousin Joan, daughter of John Fynes, of Claverham, in Arlington, by Elizabeth Culpeper, his wife, and died in 1602.

And four daughters:—

- (i.) Dorothy, who married Richard Farnfold, of Steyning.
- (ii.) Joan, who married at Ardingly, 13th July, 1558, William Stapley, of Hickstead, in Twyneham, gent.
- (iii.) Elizabeth, who married at Ardingly, 25th May, 1563, Thomas Duke, of Cossington, co. Kent, Esq.
- (iv.) Anne, who married at Ardingly, 18th February, 1563, Mr. Wiat Wilde, of Coulsden, co. Surrey.

He has, unfortunately, left no will, but from an Inq. P.M.,<sup>34</sup> taken at East Grinstead 24th October, 7 Eliz. (1565), we find that he died on the 28th March, 1565, leaving Thomas Culpeper, his son and heir, then aged 40 and more, seized of the following properties:—

The Manor of Wakehurst and of lands in Erthinglighe, Hothlighe, East Greensted, Horsted Keynes . . . & Balcombe c<sup>o</sup>. Sussex. Also of the advowson of Erthinglyghe, and of an annuity of 6/8 from certain lands in Erthinglighe. The said advowson is held of the Queen in free soccage as of her manor of Grafton c<sup>o</sup>. Northampton, and the annuity as of her manor of East Greenwich, c<sup>o</sup>. Kent. The Manor of Wakehurst is held of Thomas Browne Esq. as of his manor

<sup>34</sup> Chancery Inq. P.M., 2nd Ser., Eliz., Vol. 141, No. 14.

of Walsted c°. Sussex at a rent of 12<sup>d</sup>. It and the advowson are worth £7 per ann. Strodgate, 40 acres in Erdingley is held of Thomas Duke of Norfolk, Edward Earl Derby & Henry Nevell Knight Lord Burgavenny, as of their manor of Highlight rent 3/- worth 26/- per ann. Hawkland 160 acres in Erdinglighe, is held of the said Lord Burgavenny as of his manor of Dytchenyng rent 6/8 worth £5. Piersland in Erdinglighe, 50 acres, held of the said Lord Burgavenny, also 50 acres called Hylland in Erdinglighe, of the said Lord Burgavenny both of the said manor. Rent of latter 3/- worth 20/- All other lands in other parishes are worth 33<sup>7</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>d</sup> per ann. The said John Culpeper was seized of the manor of Great Wykham with appurtenances in Clayton, Kymer, Hurstperpound, and of one third of the manor of Lytle Wykham in Stenyng, also of Bevynden in Falmer. Of a messuage barn and lands in Southwyke, Stumblehole, Christmas land and Lynders in Ifeld & Rusper, and of Culpeper's land in Kingston by Lewes, now occupied by William Newton. Of Tynsley in Worth; of Mylland & Pickerage in Erdinglighe, held of above Lords as of their Lordship of Lewes by one tenth of a Knight's fee and worth £20 per ann.

We will now take the sons in their due order:—

- (i.) Edward Culpeper must have been the eldest son and have died without issue in his father's lifetime, for on the death of John Culpeper in 1565 the Memorandum Roll, L.T.R., Trinity, 12 Eliz., rot. 41, contains an account of the arguments put forward by Thomas Culpeper when called upon to prove his title to the possession of the advowson of Ardingly, on the death of his father, John. Thomas Culpeper traces the descent of the advowson from the time of the suppression of the Monasteries, and then mentions a deed dated 1 April, 7 Ed. VI. (1553), which records the purchase of the advowson by his father, John, and *his* son, Edward.
- (ii.) Thomas Culpeper, who succeeded to Wakehurst on the death of his father, John, appears to have married three times.

First: Mary, one of the cousins and next heiress of John Pelham, Esq., deceased, as appears by an Indenture<sup>35</sup> 10 July, 32 Hen.

<sup>35</sup> Augmentation Office, Enrolment of Deeds by purchase and exchange, Misc. Books, Vol. 1, p. 10.

VIII. (1540), between Thomas Culpeper, of Wakehurst, gent., and Mary his wife, described as above, on the one part, and the King on the other part, whereby Thomas Culpeper and Mary, his wife, for £102 and 17<sup>d</sup> sell to the King Hyde Meade, in Tullyngton, co. Sussex, a moiety of Netherlands, in Tullyngton, one-eighth of a capital house and other lands of the lordship of Rever; also one-eighth of a park called Ryver Park, and other lands in Ryver.

Secondly: Philippa, daughter of John Thatcher, of Priesthawes, by whom he had a son and successor.

(a) Edward, the builder of Wakehurst Place, of whom hereafter. He was born about 1561.

Thirdly: At Bolney, on the 15th October, 1565, Anne, daughter of John Ashburnham, of Ashburnham, Esq., and widow of John Bolney, Esq. After the death of Thomas Culpeper she married for the third time, 27th August, 1572, at Ardingly, Henry Berkeley, D.C.L. (who died 1587), and was buried at Bolney.

Thomas Culpeper, Esq., of Wakehurst, was buried at Ardingly, 30th March, 1571, and the following is an abstract of his will:—<sup>36</sup>

I Thomas Culpeper of Wakehurst in Erthingleighe Esq<sup>r</sup>. 16 Feb. 13 Eliz. (1572). To be buried in the chancell of the parish Church of Erthingleighe. To four of the poorest householders 20/- each to buy a cow. To four of the poorest householders of Balcombe 6<sup>s</sup>/8<sup>d</sup> each. To four of Hothlighe 6/8 each. Mine executor shall make three several toombes upon my grandfathers, my fathers grave and myne with escriptions to be graven in brasse & to be fayer and comlie. Anne my wife shall have all her apparell for her bodie rings chains and jewells and cattle, save my best geldinge, which to M<sup>r</sup> Henry Poole, and my third gelding to Mr. George Russeyn. My household stuff, implements of husbandrie, plate, armore, & furniture of the warres half to my wife and half to my son Edward Culpeper when he

<sup>36</sup> P.C.C., 45 Holney.

shall be 21, and to him also my chest and great coffer wherein myne evidence doth lie, furniture of the wars and two silver goblets. Richard Persone my man to have the occupying of Stroddgate park which I took of my lord of Burgavenny, until son Edward is 21, maintaining the game of deer. To every one of my brothers Richard Nicholas and Thomas 5 marks apiece—and to each of my sisters Dorothie, Jone, Elizabeth and Anne 40/-. To my cozen Thomas Culpeper my servant £6. 13. 4. To my cozen John Culpeper parson of Erthinglie £6. 13. 4. To Margaret Tullie my wives mayde £10 and a cowe. To Agnes Lansford, Anne Awood and Mary Wildebore my wives maydes 40/-. To Barnabas Harvie my boy £20 at 24. To my cozens John Ward and Edmond Warde £6. 13. 4. each. I make executors Anne my wife, John Jefferie Esq<sup>r</sup>, sergeant at the lawe, William Apesley of Pooninges, the elder, Edward Culpeper my sonne, Thomas Culpeper my brother, and Nynion Warde, of Cockfield, unless my wife remarry. And I ordeyne my uncle John Fynes of Claverham Esq<sup>r</sup> John Apsley th'elder of Thackham Esq<sup>r</sup> & William Moreley Esq<sup>r</sup> to be supervisors. As to lands, my wife Anne to have the manor of Wakehurst and my lands in Erthinglighe, Hothlighe, Balcombe, Horsted Keynes and Worth for life, and the reversion of these and all other lands to the other executors till my son Edward is 22 or be married. My said son to be educated first at the grammar school and in arte, and after in the study of the common Lawes of this Realme. Forasmuch as my house and all other my buildings at Wakehurst be now verie ruinous and altogether decayed, my executors are to furnish new buildings I have set up at Wakehurst, and to either make them good and commodious or purchase free lands for said son and make him an account hereafter. Remainder of lands (i) to Edward my son and the heirs of his body (ii) to Richard Culpeper my brother, and the heirs of his body (iii) to Nicholas Culpeper my brother, and the heirs of his body (iv) to Thomas Culpeper the younger, my brother and the heirs of his body (v) to my right heirs. To executors 33<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>d</sup> rent annually until Edward is 22 or married. To Nynion Warde 33<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>d</sup> yearly for his eldest son John Ward to travel on my business. To Thomas Culpeper my brother 20<sup>s</sup>/- yearly. If Nynion Ward die, John his eldest son to be executor. My manor of Okelye. My cosen Mighell Warde now Master of Arts of Cambridge to have next presentation of Okely. Whereas John Michelborne of Westmeston may sue Nynion Warde for a conveyance from my father to him (J.M) of lands in Clayton held of my manor of Wickham he is to be saved harmless. If John Gaston my servant shall remove from Standgate Lodge to Bolney he shall have £4. I owe Ellinor Rootes now wife of Richard Hider £30 to be paid from money due to me from John Bolney Esq<sup>r</sup>. To my brother Thomas Culpeper best gowne, satten doublet, and velvet breeches. To my brother Nicholas Culpeper £20 and lands called Farncombe and Giles now in the tenure or occupation of my cozen Thomas Culpeper of Balcombe, on condition he do not sell it except to Edward Culpeper my sonne. My cozen Nynion Warde. To Thomas Culpeper my godson the son of my brother Richard Culpeper one of my best colts running in Stroddgate. Witnesses: Thomas Payne, of Stone, Richard Backshelde, Richard Pilbeame,

Mary the wife of Ninian Warde, Margaret the wife of John Culpeper gent, parson of Erthinglighe, Agnes the wife of the said Thomas Payne, Alice the wife of Richard Burstie, Margaret Tully and others.

Proved 24 Nov. 1571 by William Babham notary of Thomas Culpeper an executor Power reserved for the other executors.

From Chancery Inq. P.M.<sup>87</sup> we find that Thomas Culpeper, of Wakehurst, Esq., died 1st April, 1571, and that Edward Culpeper (a) was his son and heir and aged nine years at the death of his father, to whom we will revert presently. Meanwhile we will proceed to trace the fortunes of the other brothers of Thomas of Wakehurst.

(iii.) Richard Culpeper appears to have been of Cuckfield and buried there as gent. 19th November, 1598, being probably the Richard Culpeper of Onstye, who was a witness to the will of Alice Culpeper, of Balcombe, in 157½. Administration of his estate<sup>88</sup> was granted at Lewes 6th November, 1599, to John Tattersall, of Caterham, clerk, one of the creditors, Helena Culpeper, the widow, renouncing inventory, £6. 18s. 0d.

His widow was buried at Cuckfield 12th April, 1617, as Ellinor, widow of Richard Culpeper, gent., and her will is at Lewes:<sup>89</sup>

10 March 1616 I Ellenor Culpepper of Cuckfyeld wyddow. Poor of Cuckfield 40s/- if I die there, if not 20s/- to poor of Cuckfield, and 20s/- to poor of parish where I die. To the preacher at my funeral 10s/- To my sonne Edward Culpeppers eldest chylde £20 at 21, and if he die before then the £20 equally between my two grandchildren John Culpepper and Elizabeth chyldren of my son John Culpepper. To my sonne Edward's second chylde if any such be 5s/- To my said two grandchildren John Culpepper and Elizabeth £20 a piece at 21. To the said John Culpepper my silver covered pot. To my cosen Richard Heaver 20s/- To my mayde Joane Browne 20s/- Unto my cossen George Wood my syster's sonne £3 within one year of my decease. To my sonne John Culpepper my bed of downe and best downe boulster, my best coverlett with three of my best blanketts. Executors to sell remainder and divide among above three grandchildren, my son John Culpeper having the benefit meanwhile until they are 21. Executors shall not take the sum of £60 I have in the hands of Sir Edward Culpepper knight from his keeping so long as he

<sup>87</sup> 2nd Ser. Eliz., Vol. 159, No. 46.

<sup>88</sup> Lewes, B. 2,275.

<sup>89</sup> Lewes, A. 16, 91.



pay my son John Culpepper 2<sup>s</sup>/- in the £ for the profit thereof. Son John Culpepper sole executor. Overseers Richard Kyttsen of Ardingly clarke and my said kinsman George Wood. Witnesses Thomas Harbert, Thomas Sheldon, George Wood.

Proved by John Culpepper the son 3 Jan. 1617.

We have not been able to ascertain so far any particulars of the descendants of this branch of the family, but John, son of Richard and Eleanor, succeeded to Perimans, in Ardingly, on the death of Joan Love, widow of Thomas Culpeper, of Neylands, in Balcombe, in 1610, and immediately surrendered it to the use of Edward Culpeper, son of Sir Edward Culpeper, Knight, and if he did not belong to the Lewes branch, it appears possible that Thomas, son of Richard Culpeper, of Lewes, gent., buried at Ardingly 29th March, 1572, is the Thomas, son of my brother Richard Culpeper, mentioned in the will of Thomas Culpeper, of Wakehurst, Esq., 1570, and that Mrs. Culpeper, widow, buried at Cuckfield, 8th June, 1647, also belonged to this branch.

(iv.) Nicholas, probably the Nicholas Culpeper, of Wakehurst, gent., buried at Ardingly July, 1586, as stated above.

(v.) Thomas, the younger, brother of Thomas, of Wakehurst, and son of John and Emma, of Wakehurst, in 1574 purchased Neyland, in Balcombe, of his second cousin George Culpeper, and about 1584 married his first cousin Joan, daughter and heiress of John Fynes, of Claverham, Esq., by Elizabeth Culpeper, his wife, by whom he had no issue.

He was buried at Ardingly 7th April, 1602, as Mr. Thomas Culpeper, Esq., of Balcombe, and the following is an abstract of his will,<sup>40</sup> dated 16th March, 44 Eliz. (1602), and proved by Alexander Serle, proctor of Joan, the relict, 28th April, 1602:—

I Thomas Culpeper of Neyland in the parishe of Bawcombe c<sup>o</sup> Sussex Esq. To poor of Bawcombe 40<sup>s</sup>/-, of Ardinglie 40<sup>s</sup>/-. To M<sup>r</sup> John

<sup>40</sup> P.C.C., 28 Montague.

Love my loving friend my younge baye mare. To my goddaughter Elizabeth Culpeper 20<sup>s</sup>/- to make her a ring. To my godson John Redstone 20<sup>s</sup>/-. To my godson Thomas Brett 10<sup>s</sup>/-. Unto George Cheuerton, John Awood, and Dorothy Whiting, my servants 40<sup>s</sup>/- each. To William Ranger my servant 40<sup>s</sup>/- and such money as I owe him. Wife Jone residuary legatee and executrix. The said John Love overseer. Witnesses Richard Amherste, the × of Abraham Burradge.

By Inquisition<sup>41</sup> taken at East Grinstead 30th June, 44 Eliz., it was found that Thomas Culpeper, gent., died on 17th April, 44 Eliz., seized of Nyland and Hilland, in Balcombe, and by a writing, dated 1st August, 26 Eliz. (1584), he conveyed the premises to John Threll, Esq., and to John Fynes, son of John Fynes, of Claverham, to the uses of the said Thomas Culpeper and Joan Fynes and their heirs, with remainder to Edward Culpeper, of Wakehurst, Esq. Edward Culpeper, Esq., is his cousin and heir, and aged 26 and more (real 40 or 41). Joan, his widow, is still living.

Joan, the widow, re-married John Love, gent., and on her death Perimans, in Ardingly, descended to John Culpeper, youngest son of her husband's next younger brother, Richard Culpeper, of Cuckfield.

Although *S.A.C.*, Vol. VI., p. 140 *et seq.*, gives the respite of the homage of Edward Culpeper for Nylande and Hillande until the 24th June, 1603, and ascribes the reason to the badness of the Sussex roads, there appears to have been another and probably a more potent reason, in the fact that Sir Edward Culpeper (who was knighted at Whitehall before the Coronation of King James, 23rd July, 1603), had to bring a lawsuit before he could obtain possession of the premises, of which, as referring to the history of Thomas and Joan Culpeper, a short abstract is given here of the Chancery Proceedings, dated 24th April, 1604.<sup>42</sup>

Sir Edward Culpeper, of Wakehurst complains that whereas Thomas Culpeper his father died in your orator's minority and putting great truste in Thomas Culpeper late of Balcombe Esq<sup>r</sup> his natural brother entrusted him with the dealing with his goods and profits until your orator should attain his full age. This Thomas Culpeper received

<sup>41</sup> Chanc. Inq. P.M., Eliz., Vol. 270, No. 134.

<sup>42</sup> Chanc. Pro., Jas. I., C. 3, No. 56.

great sums during the minority which he ought to account for. It was agreed between your orator & Thomas Culpeper and one Johanna whom he the said Thomas intended to marry that he, your said orator, should release to the said Thomas Culpeper divers great sums of money with which the said Thomas stood charged and also that your orator should by fine and recovery join in the assurance of divers lands so that Thomas Culpeper might sell some to pay his debts & settle something more as jointure for his wife, which by reason of the weakness of his estate the said Thomas could not have assured without your orator joining with him: also that he should enfeoffe John Threle late of Hurstperpound & Johanna Fynes of certain lands called Nyland, which Thomas Culpeper purchased out of money he received from your orator to the use of the said Thomas and Johanna for their lives with remainder to their right heirs, with remainder to your orator, whereby Nyland should be in your orator's inheritance at the death of the said Thomas in lieu of money owing to him.

But so yt is your orator is informed that Thomas Culpeper & Johanna his wife had agreed to execute some former estate of inheritance in Nyland to Johanna Culpeper's use & he did fraudulently make over his estate to her. The said Johanna sythence the death of the said Thomas Culpeper giveth out speeches & greatlie menaceth and threateneth your said orator that she hath the inheritance of the land called Nyland. She hath the deeds etc.

Johanna Culpeper in her answer says that the said Thomas Culpeper for divers yeares together caryed a most loving affeccion for her being a gentlewoman of an honourable discent of the honourable house of the Lord Dacres, and daughter and sole heyre of John Fynes of Claverham Esq<sup>r</sup>, and fynding noe probable meanes of mariage during John Fynes lifetime, and the said Thomas, that notwithstanding, being still desirous to gayne her this defendants further love, the said Thomas knowing that such a mariage to be a greate preferment unto him, the said Thomas himselfe being a gentleman of a younger howse & of small possessions, and the said Thomas having at the same tyme greate occasions of discontentment offered him by his twoe brethren then lyvinge, yea so greate that he the said Thomas would disinherit eyther of them, came & said he would make her his heyre and give her his house lately purchased at Nyland. The defendant then said "What will the world say yf you should give me your land haveinge two brethren" and the said Thomas said it would far better be bestowed on her than on them. When John Fynes died—(? John Fenis, of Arlington. Will proved at Lewes, 8th May, 1584, but now undiscoverable. B. 1, 128.)—Thomas Culpeper came to Johanna and said if she did not marry him she might undoe him for that he the said Thomas had given her the fee simple of his land which would then descend to the Fynes . . . without which she would never have married him. After her marriage Thomas Culpeper carried her to see her howse at Nyland where the said Thomas said he would dwell. She found noe convenient howse thereon and absolutely refused to dwell there unless he would build thereon. The said Thomas wanted her to advance the requisite means on the ground that it was her own,

whereupon the said Thomas condescended and builded a fayer howse with part of her substance, and by selling parte of her substance to the valewe of fyve hundred marks, and she advanced fyve or six hundred pounds, whereas the land only cost four hundred pounds. She the said defendant dyde lyve meanelly for the accomplishment thereof even until her husband Thomas dyed, a little before whose death it was bruted abroad that her howse & land called Nyland was morgaged to the said complaynant. She went to her husband to enquire the truth who said he owed not a penny & hoped he was not soe unhoneat a man as to saye that he owed him anythynge for that the said complaynant was rather in his debt and that all the money that the said complaynant ever could demand of him he paid the said complaynant in Ardinglye churche porche in good gould (as this defendant now remembereth) He said further that the said complaynant had been a costly nephew & unkind to him, he wished her therefore to looke well to her wrytynge. She further saith that she settled the manor of Lewsham in Sussex value £100 p. ann. on her husband. She conveyed the manor to John Threele<sup>43</sup> reserving £66 p. ann. to herself and her husband, with this the said Thomas was to buy land near Nyland so as to make it equal to Lewsham, but he died before doing so or furnishing the house.

Thomas Culpeper and Joan, his wife, were defendants in another Chancery suit concerning the estate of her father, John Fenys. The proceedings<sup>44</sup>, though undated, must have been after 1587, as mention is made of Elizabeth Fynes having enjoyed the Manor of Claverham four years after her husband's death (1583).

The complainant was John Fenys of Claverham. He says his uncle John Fenys of Claverham was seized of the Manor of Claverham in the parishes of Earlington, Selmeston, Chedinglegh, Hellingleigh, & Chalvington, being the auncient inheritance of John Fenys and his auncestors. This John Fenys having noe yssue male of hys bodye nor noe yssue ffemall but one only daughter named Johanne Fenys intended to prefer y<sup>r</sup> said orator with the inheritance of the said manor and to leave the resydue of his said lands unto his daughter. By Indenture 1st January, 22 Eliz. (1580), between John Fenys & Elizabeth his wife of the one part, John Lufford of Hothlighe and John Threele of Hurstperpound, Executor of the last will of Edward Fenys father guardian and keeper of your said orator of the 2nd part, James Thatcher of Preysthawes, Herbert Pelham of Hellingleigh, and Thomas Culpeper of Balcombe Esq., the said John Fenys made a settlement of his manor of Claverham. He then says that the parties came to Lewes at the Assizes which were holden about six miles distaunt from the dwelling house of the said John Fenys, and then and

<sup>43</sup> Feet of Fines, Sussex, Mich., 40, 41 Eliz. The manor extended into parishes of Rye, Breade, Farleighe, Wynchelsey, Peasmershe, Iden, Beckley, Sawcott and Playden. See also Close Roll, 40 Eliz.

<sup>44</sup> Chanc. Pro., Eliz., Ff. 5, No. 58.

there the said Indenture was sealed and delyvered, and John Fenys and Elizabeth his wife did acknowledge a ffyne of the manor unto the said James Thatcher Herbert Pelham and Thomas Culpeper synce which tyme John Fenys the uncle died and his wife Elizabeth enjoyed the manor for fower years. And so it is that Johanne Fenys having now married Thomas Culpeper they perceyving that the said ffyne was acknowledged after the day lymitted in the said Indenture have given forth in speache that the said ffyne & Recovery were to the use of the said John Fenys the unkle, and his heyres and not to such uses as in the said Indentures were expressed. Whereas in truth the said Thomas Culpeper and Johane doe well knowe that the said Fenys the unkle agreed that the said ffyne and Recovery should be to the uses in the said Indentures expressed. He asks for a writ of subpoena to be directed unto Thomas Culpeper and Joane to appear and make answer.

We will now revert to Edward Culpeper (a), only son of Thomas Culpeper, of Wakehurst, by Philippa Thatcher, his wife. He was born in or about 1561, married at Steyning, 21st June, 1584, Elizabeth, daughter of William Farnefold, of Nash, in Steyning, was knighted at the accession of James I., 23rd July, 1603, and was a Serjeant at Law; he was buried at Ardingly, 9th April, 1630, as "Sir Edward Culpeper, an ancient knight," and on the 15th May, 1630, administration<sup>45</sup> of his estate was granted (Lady Elizabeth Culpeper having renounced) to William Culpeper, Baronet, the natural, lawful and eldest son, who is bound together with Henry Faulconer, of Westhothely, in £2,000. The Inventory amounted to £410. 2s. 0d. Sir Edward Culpeper was the builder of Wakehurst Place in 1590, and greatly enlarged his property there, and in 1613 bought of Edward Neville, Lord Burgavenny, for £1,700, all that parke or enclosed ground called Strudgate Parke, alias Strudgate Walke, alias Reder's Walke, now part of Worthe Forest.<sup>46</sup> See also Pat. Roll 12 James I., pt. 33, No. 65, where leave is granted to Sir Edward Culpeper to purchase from Edward Neville, Lord Bergavenny and others six messuages, six cottages, two water mills, 12 gardens, 400 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, 300 acres of wood, 40 acres of marsh and 500 acres of furze and heath in Worth, Westhodelye, Erthinglie and Balcombe.

<sup>45</sup> Lewes, B. 6, 58.

<sup>46</sup> Close Roll, 11 Jas. I., pt. 39.

In the same Rolls<sup>47</sup> leave was granted to Johanna Culpeper, widow, to convey two houses, 100 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 60 of pasture, 60 of wood and 100 of furze and heath in Balcombe to Sir John Morgan and James Thatcher, to be held by them to the use of Johanna Culpeper for her life, with remainder to the use of Sir Edward Culpeper and his heirs for ever. This looks as if Sir Edward Culpeper lost his case for immediate possession of Nyland, but only came into it after his aunt's death. In 1621 he sold it to Robert Spence, of Lincoln's Inn, gent., for £1,225.<sup>48</sup>

At the Inq. P.M.,<sup>49</sup> taken at East Grinstead, October 6th, 1630, Sir Edward Culpeper was found to be seized of the following property:—

The Manor of Wakehurst, and the advowson of the Parish Church of Ardingly. A messuage and tenement called Tittinghurst occupied by Henry West. Another occupied by Edmund Moorer. Another called Lodgeland occupied by Ninyan Jenkin. A barn called Hilland occupied by George Cheesman. A parcel of land called Langridgeland occupied by the same. Two tenements occupied by Thomas Jerrard and Owen Botting respectively. A water mill called Wakehurst mill occupied by George Gatland. A parcel of land occupied by Andrew Jordan. A house in Ardingly occupied by William Brooker. A parcel of land called Faulkeners in Ardingly occupied by Edward Culpeper. Strudgate Park lately disparted in Ardingly, Westhoathly, Worth and Balcombe. Wakehurst Park.

In addition to the above property in Ardingly he was also seized of the manor of Wickham in Steyning. A farm at Bevenden and of a farm and tenement called Mousecombe in Clayton, Keymer, Pycombe, Falmer, Brightelmstone, Patcham, Preston, Hurst, Stanmer and Rottingdean.

An Indenture tripartite 10 April 2 Charles I. Between Sir Edward Culpeper of the 1<sup>st</sup> part, William Culpeper Bart son and heir apparent and John Theobald of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part and Sir Benjamin Pellatt and John Whitfield of the third part, witnesseth; That in consideration of a marriage between William Culpeper and Jane daughter of S<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Pellatt and for the better maintenance of the aforesaid Sir Edward Culpeper and for competent jointure to be had and made for Dame Elizabeth wife of the said S<sup>r</sup> Edward and for competent jointure to be had and made for the foresaid Jane—and for the advancement of the heirs male of the aforesaid William and Jane, and those of Edward second son of S<sup>r</sup> Edward. He the said S<sup>r</sup> Edward Culpeper hath covenanted and agreed with S<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Pellatt and

<sup>47</sup> Pat. Roll, 2 Jas. I., pt. 20.

<sup>48</sup> Close Roll, 18 Jas. I., pt.

<sup>49</sup> Inq. P.M., 6 Chas. I., pt. 1, No. 80.

William Culpeper Bart that he shall stand seized to the following uses. Concerning the Manor of Wakehurst and the advowson of Ardingly and all those tenements occupied by the various persons above mentioned—all of these are to be for the use of the said S<sup>r</sup> Edward during his life. At his death one half of the capital messuage called the manor house of Wakehurst and all the buildings to the same pertaining, and half the orchard and garden, also one barn and one stable is to be to the use of Dame Elizabeth for the term of her widowhood. She is also to have those various tenements in Ardingly mentioned above for her life as a part of her jointure. At her death or remarriage the half of Wakehurst with these premises are to come to William Culpeper Bart and his heirs male begotten on the body of Jane Pellatt. In default of such issue to the heirs of the said William Culpeper legitimately born. In default to Edward Culpeper his second son and his heirs. The other half of the manor house of Wakehurst and the lands in the occupation of S<sup>r</sup> Edward are to go at his death to his son William and his heirs. In default to Edward the 2<sup>nd</sup> son and his heirs. Wakehurst Park is to go at S<sup>r</sup> Edwards death to his son William and his heirs. In default to Edward the 2<sup>nd</sup> son and his heirs. Wickham Manor, the farm of Bevenden and Mousecombe is to be to the use of his son William for life, remainder to Jane Pellatt for her life for jointure, at her death to the heirs male of the said William and Jane, and in default of such issue to Edward Culpeper 2<sup>nd</sup> son and his heirs.

Sir Edward Culpeper was also seized of the manors of Burstowe alias Burstowe Court Lodge, Ockley, and Rowley, all of them in Surrey. William is his son and heir, aged 27 at his father's death.

His widow, Lady Elizabeth Culpeper, survived him three years, and was buried at Ardingly 11th June, 1633, as Lady Elizabeth Culpeper, an ancient woman. Her will was proved at Lewes,<sup>50</sup> and the following is an abstract:—

The last will of the old Lady Elizabeth Culpeper widow of Bolney, her sonne Edward being sole executor, written the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1632. To son Edward my diamond border and pearle chayne to be sold to pay debts and legacies. The best deathes head ring to my son William the other deathes head ring to my sister Pellatt. To my daughter Turner my Sergeantes ring. To my daughter Theobalds my wedding ring. To my son Edward's wife my Turkey ring. To my nephew William Farnefould the great gold ring with a seale, unto my cosen Katherine Farnefould the knobbed gold ring. All my best wearing apparel to my daughter Theobalds and also my cloake and safegard and furniture for a horse. To my sister Farnefould my best blacke stufte gowne and chamlett petticoate, my bible, and some of my worsor sort of linnen. To my cosen Culpeper the widdow one cloth coate, one quilted taffeta wastcoate and some of my worsor sort of linnen. To my cozen Michell my old blacke gowne. To goodwife

<sup>50</sup> Lewes, A. 23, 56.



West my night gowne. To Mary Dumbrell one of my best under petticoates. To my grandchildren that are my godechildren a piece of gold. To my sonne Edward the little bedstedle with the bed and furniture in the chamber at Wakehurst where I used to lye, and curtens and counterpoint about my owne bed and the bed bolster and pillows I bought of my cozen Michell "onles hee bring the money I payd him for it," and also the great joynd chest in the chamber next my son Williams chamber. £3 to Mary Winne. To my sonne Edward all the money my sonne William oweth me. To my sonne Edward the bedstedle that was in my sonne William's chamber before he bought one. I desire to be buried in Ardingly. Witnes the marke of Edward Pepper, Henry Warde, John Burtenshawe. Proved 30 Aug. 1633 by Edward Culpeper Esq. the son and Executor.

Sir Edward and Lady Elizabeth, his wife, had a numerous family.

1. Elizabeth, baptized at Ardingly 13th December, 1584, married there 25th May, 1611, to John Whitfield, Esq., of Mortlake, co. Surrey, son and heir of Thomas Whitfield, of Mortlake. She died 23rd May, 1624. As their marriage settlement,<sup>51</sup> wherein she is described as the eldest daughter of Sir Edward Culpeper, is of some interest to Sussex antiquarians, we give it here:—

Sir Edward Culpeper covenants to pay £1200 as joynture at the Royall Exchaunge London, also he will convey to Thomas Whitfield all those marsh lands called Hoe marsh in Sussex which he Sir Edward bought from William Jordan of the yearly value of £50. For seven years after the marriage Sir Edward Culpeper covenants that he will provide & allowe unto the said John & Elizabeth and unto one manservant & one maydservant convenient & fitt meate and drinke & lodging with all necessarie accordinge to their severall places & degrees, with the said Sir Edward Culpeper or his heires.

Thomas Whitfield on his part doth covenant and graunte with the said Sir Edward that he is seized of 100 acres of marsh in Olderton Inning in Brookland c<sup>o</sup> Kent. Also of a messuage in All Saints Barking near Tower Hill, London. Also of a messuage & 3 score & tenne acres in Staplehurst c<sup>o</sup> Kent. Also of the auncient manor house of Eastsheen in Mortlake and of the manors of East Sheen & Westhall and of 190 acres of land in Mortlake and of the capital messuage in Mortlake where the said Thomas now dwelleth. Also of 100 acres in Minster in the Isle of Sheppey.

He promises to hand over the marsh land in Brookland and the property in Staplehurst to their use until the marriage is completed. He further covenants that if his son John Whitfield before the ffeaste

<sup>51</sup> Close Roll, 9 Jas. I.



of S<sup>t</sup> Andrewe the Appostle whiche shall be in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord God 1616 shall fitly & worthilye for his learning in the comon Lawes of this Realme of England be called & admitted in lincoln's Inne to be an utterbarester in which house the said John is nowe a student, that then the said Thomas Whitfield will suffer to discend and come unto the said John such estate in the mannor of Whitfield in the county of Northumberland as he the said Thomas shall thinke fitte to the value of £800. Also at his the said Thomas Whitfield's death John is to have furniture to the value of £200 by the Judgement of indifferent men. Mortlake is also to go to John at Thomas' death.

2. Timothea, baptized at Ardingly 8th April, 1588; married there, first, on 25th June, 1616, George Philipps, of East Peckham, co. Kent, and, second, Thomas Turner of Surrey.
3. Edward Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly 20th May, 1589; buried there 28th June, 1596.
4. Dorothy, baptized at Ardingly, 13th October, 1590; married there 22nd June, 1614, John Theobald, of Seale, co. Kent.
5. Margery, baptized at Ardingly, 18th April, 1593; married there 19th February, 1626, Anthony Bickerstaffe; and buried there 2nd August, 1628.
6. John Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly, 24th February, 159 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; knighted at Rycott 11th September, 1617; buried at Ardingly 12th February, 162 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Administration of his estate was granted at Lewes<sup>52</sup> 17th April, 1621, his father, Edward, consenting, to Henry West, of Ardingly, gent., one of the creditors, who is bound together with Robert Plumer, of St. John-sub-Castro, Lewes, gent., in £200. Inventory £89. 3s. 4d.
7. Ann, baptized at Ardingly, 6th March, 159 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; married there 25th June, 1616, Thomas Wood, of Westtholy.
8. Catherine, baptized at Ardingly 3rd July, 1597; married there 24th February, 161 $\frac{3}{8}$ , Richard Infield, of Gravety, Westtholy. She died

<sup>52</sup> B. 5, 83.

without issue in 1623 and was buried at Westtholy. Her husband died the following year, when Gravety came to his brother James, who also died without issue in 1633.

9. Philippa, baptized at Ardingly 13th August, 1598; buried there 20th January, 160 $\frac{1}{4}$ .
10. Eleanor, baptized at Ardingly 23rd December, 1599.
11. William Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly 4th July, 1602, afterwards Sir William Culpeper, Bart., of whom later.
- 12 and 13. Twins, Mary and Edward, baptized at Ardingly 24th February, 160 $\frac{2}{3}$ , of whom Mary was buried there 14th March, 160 $\frac{2}{3}$ , and Edward was educated at Eton and at Gonville and at Caius College, Cambridge, 1621; B.A. 162 $\frac{2}{3}$ ; admitted of Gray's Inn 11th April, 1627; married Mary, daughter of Sir Edward Bellingham (query widow of John Peiton, of the Savoie, in the Strand, Esq., to whom she was married at Kensington, 31st January, 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  $\frac{2}{10}$ ).

The eleventh child, Sir William Culpeper, Bart., baptized at Ardingly 4th July, 1602, was educated at Eton, and afterwards in 1621 at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge; admitted of Lincoln's Inn, November, 1623; B.A. from Balliol College, Oxford, 22nd June, 1625; married at Bolney 13th July, 1626, Jane, daughter of Sir Benjamin Pellatt, at whose death the manor of Bolney came to Sir William Culpeper, according to the terms of the marriage settlement dated 10th April, 2 Charles I.<sup>53</sup> He was M.A. from Hart Hall, Oxford, 18th March, 163 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and was buried at Ardingly 6th December, 1678, as an ancient Bart. It is curious that all the Baronetages confuse him with Sir William Culpeper, of Aylesford, Bart., who died in 1651, and to explain the difference in age between his death and that of his grandson and

<sup>53</sup> Inq. P.M., 13 Chas. I., pt. 2, No. 90 (on death of Sir Benj. Pellatt).

successor, Sir William Culpeper, the 2nd Baronet, they create two more Baronets in Sir Benjamin and Sir Edward, sons of Sir William, the 1st Baronet, to fill the vacancy. Neither Sir William Culpeper nor Lady Jane, his wife, appear to have left any will. Their children were as follows:—

- (a) Elizabeth, baptized at Bolney 20th November, 1627; died 6th December, 1634, and buried at Ardingly. M.I.
- (b) Benjamin, of whom hereafter.
- (c) Jane, baptized at Ardingly 1st April, 1630, and buried there 4th April, 1645.
- (d) Edward Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly, 26th May, 1631, and buried there 19th July, 1672.
- (e) Dorothy, baptized at Ardingly, 12th September, 1633.
- (f) Anne, baptized at Ardingly, 16th September, 1634; married, first, on December 3rd, 1655, Ninian Burrell, Esq., of Cuckfield, who was buried there 3rd September, 1674, and second, Mr. Allen Savage, of Sidney, in Cuckfield. She was buried at Cuckfield 23rd April, 1697, as Mrs. Anne Savage, wife of Mr. Allen Savage, a daughter of Sir William Culpeper.
- (g) Catherine, baptized at Ardingly 24th July, 1635; married, first, at Westhoathly, 18th November, 1680, Edward Browne, and, secondly, also at Westhoathly, on 9th November, 1682, George Brigstocke. She was buried at Ardingly, 28th April, 1691, as Mrs. Catherine Brigstocke at Culpeper.
- (h) Mary, baptized at Ardingly, 17th January, 1636; married 4th October, 1671, Alexander Haddon.
- (i) Thomas Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly 15th February, 1637; buried there 11th April, 1638.

- (j) Elizabeth, baptized at Ardingly, 20th December, 1640; buried there 14th February, 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ , as Elizabeth Culpeper, a child.
- (k) John Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly, 10th May, 1642; buried at East Grinstead, 13th October, 1694. Administration of his effects was granted at Lewes, 12th December, 1694, to Jane Culpeper, his widow, who was also buried at East Grinstead, 8th December, 1706. He died s.p.

We will now revert to (b) Benjamin Culpeper, the only son of Sir William Culpeper, who left issue. He was baptized at Bolney, 11th November, 1628; married, first, at Ardingly, in 1651, Margaret, daughter of Goldsmith Hodson, by whom he had two daughters:

- (i.) Mary, who died in 1658.
- (ii.) Elizabeth, baptized at Lingfield, 13th September, 1655; married at Wiston (Marriage Licence in Faculty Office), 21st September, 1671, Robert Fagg, Esq., who was afterwards Sir Robert Fagg, Bart.

Benjamin Culpeper married, secondly, Judith, daughter of Sir William Wilson, of Eastbourne, Bart., by whom he had three children:—

- (iii.) William Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly, 26th November, 1668, who succeeded his grandfather in the Baronetcy, and at whose death it became extinct.
- (iv.) Benjamin Culpeper, baptized at Ardingly, 6th July, 1670, and buried there 18th August, 1670. Administration of his estate was granted in P.C.C., 21st June, 1694, to Sir William Culpeper, Bart., his brother.
- (v.) Mary, baptized at Ardingly, 24th September, 1667; buried there 6th October, 1678.

He was buried at Ardingly, 4th August, 1670, as Benjamin Culpeper, Esq., of Wakehurst, and his will, dated 3rd August, 1670, is in P.C.C.<sup>54</sup>

I Benjamin Culpeper, of Wakehurst co. Sussex Esqr. To be buried in the Church of Ardingley. Unto my daughter Mary Culpeper £1800 to be paid out of my lands or tenements or those which will descend to William Culpeper my eldest son at 21 or day of marriage. To my youngest son Benjamin Culpeper £1600 to be raised as above and paid him at 21. I appoint Judeth my loving wife, Sir William Culpeper of Wakehurst aforesaid Bart. and Sir William Wilson of Eastbourne Bart. Executors. Wife to bring up children till 21. Witnesses Rebekah Farnfould, Jane Naylor, Tho: Moore. Proved 8 Feb. 167½ by Judeth Culpeper one executor. Power reserved for Sir William Culpeper knight and Bart. and Sir William Wilson Bart.

His widow, Judith, remarried Captain Christopher Mason. She died 9th May, 1685, and was buried in the old church of East Greenwich. From the letter<sup>55</sup> which Captain Mason writes to Sir William Wilson in 1684 we have some idea of the wilful and perverse nature of the young Baronet. When only 26 Sir William sold Wakehurst for £9,000 to Dennis Lyddall, Esq., one of the Commissioners of the Navy,<sup>56</sup> and he appears henceforth to have lived a gay and boisterous life, being satirized by Pope in the following lines:—

Had Colepeper's whole wealth been hops and hogs  
Could he himself have sent it to the dogs.

This passage occurs in Epistle III. *On the Use of Riches*, dedicated to Allen Lord Bathurst, and in a note is the following: "Sir William Culpeper Bart. a person of an ancient family and ample fortune without one other quality of a gentleman, who, after ruining himself at the gaming table, passed the rest of his days sitting there to see the ruin of others, preferring to subsist on borrowing and begging rather than to enter into any reputable method of life, and refusing a post in the army which was offered to him."

He died 28th March, 1740, unmarried and was buried at St. James', Westminster. *The Gentleman's Magazine*

<sup>54</sup> P.C.C., 12 Eure.

<sup>55</sup> S.A.C., Vol. XI., p. 38.

<sup>56</sup> Close Roll, 6 Wm. and Mary.

Obituary records him as uncle of the Duke of Roxburgh. And with this last unworthy descendant of a grand old family we will conclude.

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