



Family Memoranda of the Stanleys of Alderley, 1590-1601 and 1621-1627.

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THE Stanley MS. now exhibited is preserved in the Earwaker collection in our Library. It appears to have been compiled for and by successive members of the family of Stanley of Alderley during the last quarter of the 16th century and contains, in addition to the *Memoranda*, miscellaneous notes relating to the city and county, transcripts of charters, early deeds, pleas and land tenures; the last-named in two series, under the townships in the Palatinate alphabetically arranged. The volume comprises about 223 folios, and has been bound in the calf covers of an earlier volume, on the sides of which are depicted in highly decorative embossed borders the arms and badges of King Henry VIII., including the pomegranate, the badge of his Queen, Catherine of Aragon.

The entries from 1590 to 1601 appear in double columns in the handwriting of Thomas Stanley, of Alderley, who was knighted at Worksop Manor, 21st April, 1603, and who died 21st November, 1605, aged 28. In view of his age and the character of the writing, which, by the way, is often difficult to decipher, it is almost certain that the earlier portion was written a few years after the events recorded took place.

I will now quote the *Memoranda*, giving notes where necessary. The square brackets are mine, and, unless

otherwise stated, omissions are due to the MS. having perished.

Folio 212.

Ao 1590 in ye sommer dyed Sr Arthur Manwaringe [of Ightfield, co. Salop], Sr Geo : Clyve [of Huxley], ye La : Smyth¹ & Hen : Stanley of Croshall.

¹ Either Jane, daughter of Sir Piers Warburton, of Arley, relict (1) of Sir William Brereton, of Brereton, and (2) of Sir Lawrence Smyth, of Hough; or Anne, daughter of Sir William Brereton, of Brereton, wife of Sir Thomas Smyth, of Hough.

Tho : Stanley of Alderley esq. dyed at Alderley the first of August 1591 & was there buried. Ye same yeare dyed Mrs Calverley² of ye Lea, Mrs Warburton³ of Arley, Mrs Venables⁴ of Kinderton, Mr Leicester⁵ of Tabley, Mrs Manwaringe⁶ of Peever.

² Mary, daughter of Sir Ralph Leycester, of Toft, wife of Hugh Calveley, of Lea.

³ Mary, daughter of Sir John Holcroft, wife of Peter Warburton, of Arley.

⁴ Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Brereton, first wife of Thomas Venables, of Kinderton.

⁵ Adam Leycester, of Nether Tabley.

⁶ Margaret, daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawsworth, first wife of Randle Mainwaring, of Peover, who was afterwards knighted.

The same yeare Mr Smyth & Mr Manwaringe of Peever made duple mariage with yr [their] children.⁷

⁷ Lawrence Smyth, son of [Sir] Thomas Smyth, of Hough, married at Great Budworth, 31 August, 1591, Anne, daughter of [Sir] Randle Mainwaring by Margaret Fitton, and Mainwaring's son Randle married Jane, the sister of Lawrence Smyth.

Mr William Bromley of Deerefold dyed in London about [blank] 1592.

Hen : erle of Derby dyed at Newyke [Newark?] ye [blank] day of [blank] Anno dni 1593 & was buried at Ormskirke.⁸

⁸ The place of his death does not appear to be given elsewhere. He died 25 September, 1593.

Peter Warburton⁹ was called by writte to be serieant at Law in michellmas Tearme 1593.

⁹ Of Northwich and Chester, a kinsman of the Arley family by illegitimate descent; afterwards appointed a Justice of the Common Pleas, and knighted. He acquired extensive estates by purchase, and appears to have come into possession of the sites of the Grey and Black Friars, Chester, including the mansion in Watergate Street known later as Stanley Palace, upon his third marriage in September, 1599, with Alice, one of the daughters and co-heiresses of Peter Warburton, of Arley, by whom, however, he had no issue. Most, if not all, of his Chester property, including Stanley Palace, became the inheritance of the family at Alderley through the marriage of Elizabeth, his daughter and heiress, with the diarist. It is probable that it was he, and not his namesake of Arley, who, in 1589, resided in the Black Hall in Watergate Street, a half-timber mansion in the Black Friars precincts (since demolished) and now the site of the Western Command Headquarters. (Ormerod ii., 705; *Sheaf*, 1st ser., i., 246). This property was owned later by the Grosvenors, on whom it may have devolved upon the second marriage of the Judge's heiress with Sir Richard Grosvenor, although that gentleman's first wife was a daughter of Thomas Wilbraham, of Woodhey, who with his father-in-law, Peter Warburton, of Arley, had held an interest in the friary lands.

1594

Sr Tho : Egerton¹⁰ was made Mr of ye Rowles & Chamberlaine of Chester about ester.

¹⁰ Illegitimate son of Richard Egerton, of Ridley. He became Lord Chancellor of England; was elevated to the peerage as Baron Ellesmere, 1603, and later, in 1616, to the dignity of Viscount Brackley. Ancestor of the Dukes of Bridgewater and the Earls of Ellesmere.

Fer : erle of Derby dyed at Lathum ye [blank] [16th] day of Aprill 1594 & was buried at Ormskirke.

This yeare about midsommer Sr Wm Russell went Lo : Deputy into Irelande.

William erle of Derby married ye La : Eliz : Vere da : of ye erle of Oxford about Xmas this yeare.

1595

Ran : Stanley esq. [the diarist's father] captain of ye Isle of Man went into Man ye last of Aprill 1594 & dyed there ye xvijth of June 1595 & was yr buried at Kirkmalew.

The same yeare dyed The Lady Holcrof & lykewyse M^{rs} Holcroft & both buried at Weverham ye one of ye one daye ye other of ye other daye.¹¹

¹¹ Juliana, daughter and heiress of Nicholas Jennings, alderman of London, widow of Sir Thomas Holcroft, of Vale Royal; and Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawsworth, wife of Thomas Holcroft. Ormerod cites the *Whitegate* registers for their burial there, 25th and 26th August, 1595, respectively.

Hen : erle of Huntington dyed this yeare in ye winter. Alderley milnes were begune in 1595. Sr Tho : Egerton¹⁰ was made Lo : Keeper in easter tearme 1596.

Tho : Stanley esq. married Eliz : Warburton⁹ at Holford ye xiiijth of Sept : 1596, about ye same tyme Mr Ric : Egerton mar : Sr Ran : Breretons daughter.¹²

¹² Mary, daughter and sole heiress of Sir Randle Brereton, of Malpas, married to [Sir] Richard Egerton, of Ridley.

Sr Hu : Cho : ye elder dyed at Cho : ye vj^t of January¹³ & was buried at Malpasse ye [blank] day of febr : 1596.

¹³ Helsby states that he died on the 16th January, and Ormerod that he was buried 31st January, 1596.

Ye same yere betwixt Xtmas & shrovetide dyed Mrs Egerton of Owlton at Owlton & was buried at Budworth.¹⁴

¹⁴ Margaret, daughter of Sir Rowland Stanley, of Hooton, first wife of [Sir] John Egerton. Helsby states that she was buried at Little Budworth, 12th February, "1597-8"; but, query, 1596-7.

M^{rs} Marbury of Marbury dyed at Marbury about St Andrewes tyde.¹⁵

¹⁵ Eleanor, daughter of Peter Warburton, of Arley, first wife of Thomas Marbury, and sister of Alice, third wife of Sir Peter Warburton, of Grafton.

Dorso.

A^o 1597.

ye La : brereton¹⁶ of Brereton dyed about [blank] a^o 1597.

¹⁶ Margaret, daughter of Sir John Savage, of Rocksavage, and wife of Sir William Brereton, afterwards Baron of Leighlin, in Ireland. She died 7th April, 1597, and was buried at Brereton, 9th May following.

This yeare dyed Ja : Manwaringe of Croxton & his wyfe [Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Mainwaring, of Carincham.] Tho : Delves married Mary Wilbraham [daughter of Thomas Wilbraham, of Woodhey] upon munday in ye easter weeke (being ye xxviiijth of March) a^o 1597 at Tilston.

Bushop Billet dyed about this tyme.¹⁷

¹⁷ Hugh Bellot, D.D., Bishop of Chester, died 13th June, 1596, (not 1597,) and was buried in the chancel of Wrexham church (Morris, *Diocesan History of Chester*).

Tho : Stanley sonne of Tho : Stanley of Alderley esq. was borne at Alderley upon Tewesday ye last of Maye 1597 betweene a xjen & xij of ye Clocke, & was Christened at Alderley church ye [blank] day of June next after, Sr Hu : Cholmeley & Mr Warburton of Arley his godfathers & Mrs Wilbraham¹⁸ of Woodhey godmother.

¹⁸ Mary, eldest daughter and co-heiress of Peter Warburton, of Arley, second wife of Thomas Wilbraham. She was sister of Eleanor and Alice (note 15).

Sr Will : Russell came forth of Irland about this tyme.

This yeare about St James tyde Sr Edw : Stanley was slayne in Ireland in a pryvate quarell. About midsomer this yeare my uncle Jo : Stanley dyed in London.

Sr Jo : Savage beinge then maior of Chester dyed at Rock-savage a litle before Xtmas & was very Ho : buried at Macclesfield ye 23 of Ja : next followinge 1597.

The same yeare in Ja : Mr Sneyde of Bradwall dyed there.¹⁹

¹⁹ William Sneyde, son and heir of Ralph Sneyde, of Bradwell, Willaston, and Keele. He died in his father's lifetime. The year of his death is not elsewhere recorded.

Alderley milnes were finished before Xtmas this yeare.

There was a parliament this yeare in mighells Tearme, Sr Wm : Brereton & Sr Tho : Egerton knights for Cheshire, M^r Serient Warburton & Mr. Wm : Brocke,²⁰ burgesses for Chester.

²⁰ Probably the younger son of Alderman Robert Brocke, of Upton and Chester, who became a freeman in the mayoralty of David Lloyd, 1593-4. The name is erroneously given as Brooke in some lists.

This yeare Dr Vauhan Bishop of . . . came into ye Cuntry about . . . ²¹

²¹ Rotted away. Richard Vaughan, D.D., Bishop of Bangor, where he followed Hugh Bellot in 1596, now succeeds the same prelate at Chester, April, 1597. (Morris, *op. cit.*)

About St James tyde Mrs Waran of pointon dyed & About mighellmas He maried Mrs Susan Bouth.²²

²² This entry and the next are written in the margin. "Mrs. Waran" was Ann, daughter of William Davenport, of Bramhall, second wife of Edward Warren, of Poynton. His third wife, Susan, daughter of Sir William Booth, of Dunham Massey, after his decease in 1609, married John Fitton, of Chester, and died in 1636.

This yeare ye Countess of Derby came . . . & Mr Trafford . . .

A^o 1598.

Mary Stanley borne at Alderley ye 20 : of May beinge fryday, betwixt 4 & 5 of ye Clocke in ye morninge & Christned at Alderley. Hen : Delves esq. Godfather ye La : Mary Cholmeley and Mrs Brereton of Handford Godmothers.

The Gorsty Knoll & ye blacke fild in farnell was marled this yeare after Whytsontyde.

The Lo : Burleigh Lo : Threasurer dyed ye [blank] day of [blank] this year & was buried at Westminster.

Mr Damporte of Bromall's sonne mar : Mr Wilbraams da : betwixt migh : & xtmas.²³

²³ William, son of William Davenport and nephew of the above Mrs. Warren, and Frances, daughter of Thomas Wilbraham, of Woodhey.

This yeare aboute 3 weekes after Mighellmas I removed from Ald : to Dranfield wuddus in Darbyshire.²⁴

²⁴ Dronfield Woodhouse, the home of his wife's mother, Margaret, daughter and sole heir of George Barlow. Stanley sold his wife's Derbyshire estates in 1602, and purchased the manor and advowson of Nether Alderley, together with an estate there.

In Mighells tearme Roger Manweringe dyed in London.²⁵

²⁵ Perhaps Roger Mainwaring, of Nantwich, gent., sixth son of Humphrey Mainwaring. (See Hall's *Nantwich*).

This yeare about Xtmas dyed Mr Brereton of Tatton.²⁶

²⁶ Richard Brereton, died 17th December, 1598.

About ye same tyme lykewyse dyed Mr Morton [John Moreton] of Moreton.

About ye same tyme also dyed Mr Lawton of Lawton.²⁷

²⁷ John Lawton, died 8th March, 1598-9.

This yeare in Candlemas Mr Justice Kingsmell was made one of ye Judges of ye common pleas.

This yeare upon Mathyas at night my chaple in Alderley church was Cut downe whereupon greate sutes arise betwixt Sr Edw : Fitton & me.²⁸

²⁸ The manor and advowson of Nether Alderley belonged at this time to Fitton, but the Stanleys claimed a right to a private chapel since the burial there, in 1591, of the diarist's grandfather.

In ye begininge of lent this yeare Mr Davempport of Davempport dyed at Dampport.²⁹

²⁹ John Davenport, died 4th March, 1598-9.

Mrs Elisabeth Warburton wyfe to Mr Serient Warb : dyed in London ye 24th of March this yeare.

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A^o 1599.

This yeare about easter ye erle of Essex went Lo : liefetenant into Ireland & came from theare a litle before mighellmas after & then was Comitted to my Lo : Kerys Custody where he remayned sike that winter.

This yeare ye Lady Egerton dyed at Asbury about easter & was buried there.³⁰

³⁰ Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, widow of Sir Richard Egerton, of Ridley. Her will, proved in 1599, is at Chester.

Jo : Frechvile mar : about this tyme.

This yeare about Whytsonyde ye Lo : Buckhurst was made Lo : Treasurer & Sr Robert Cassell Mr of ye wards. This yeare in midsommer tearme Mr Ra : Tilston ye Lawer dyed in ye Temple at London & there was buried.³¹

³¹ Ralph Tilston, of Huxley, died 30th June, 1599.

About this tyme Tho : Sta : had his pardon.

This yeare about St Ja : tyde Mr Barron of Kinderton married Margret³² da : of Sr Cotton Gargrave.

³² Second wife of Thomas Venables. Ormerod calls her Anne.

About ye same tyme Sr Coniers Clifford & Sr Alex : Ratcliffe were slayne in Ireland.

Soone after that Sr Tho : Egerton³³ dyed in Ireland & was brought in to England & buried at Dodleston.

³³ Eldest son of the Lord Keeper, by Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Ravenscroft, of Bretton.

Mr Serient Warburton married Mrs Alice Warburton ye [blank] of Sept :

Hen : Delves borne at Dudd : ye [blank] daye of [blank],

Jo : Done³⁴ borne at Tilston ye September. Jo : Poolle slayne this y :

³⁴ Son and heir of [Sir] John Done, of Utkinton. See his funeral certificate, 1630. *Lancs. and Chesh. Record Soc.*, Vol. vi.

This yeare about [blank] Wm Brereton of Handford mar : Mrs Margret Holland da : to Mr Holland of Denton.³⁵

³⁵ The parents of Sir William Brereton, Bart., Commander-in-Chief of the parliamentary forces in Cheshire and Staffordshire during the Civil War.

This yeare Mr Wilbraham dweltt in Chester.

Margret Stanley borne at Waddus ye 1... of Febr: beinge monday early.

Idem.

Sr Ric: Shutleworth dyed in Lankeshire betwixt mighellmas & Xtmas this yeare.

Mr P. Lighes wyfe³⁶ dyed sonne after midsommer this yeare.

³⁶ Probably Katherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Venables, Baron of Kinderton, widow of Peter Legh, son and heir of Sir Peter Legh, of Lyme, who *ob. v. p.*

Sr Jo: Savage was made alderman of Chester this yeare in beards³⁷ place.

³⁷ Perhaps "Bird's," and in place of Alderman Richard Bird.

Davy Lloyd dyed this yeare also.³⁸

³⁸ Alderman David Lloyd, of Chester, draper, brother of Bishop Lloyd.

A^o 1600

This yeare ye new well in ye forest of Delamere became famous & much repaired unto.

This yeare betwixt easter & Whytesontyde Mrs Leake of Sutton dyed there.

Mr Massey of Puddington dyed this sommer.³⁹

³⁹ George Massey, buried at Burton, 15th September, 1600.

Ric: Grosvenor married Lettice Cholmeley at Cho: in [blank], this yeare with whom he had in ready payment *m li* [£1000].

The same tyme at mighellmas Robert Cho: & Hatton [*sic*]⁴⁰ went with him to Oxford.

⁴⁰ Query, Sir Christopher Hatton, who married Alice, eldest daughter of Thomas Fanshaw, of Dronfield, co. Derby—the parents of Lord Hatton.

About St Ja: tyde this yeare Mr Justice Glanveile brake his necke & dyed.

About mighellmas this yeare Sr Roland Stanley mar : one Brownes da : of Buerton.⁴¹

⁴¹ Elizabeth, daughter to Richard Browne, third wife of Sir Rowland Stanley, of Hooton, who was aged about 82 at this time. *Vis. Cheshire*, 1613.

The Lo : Keeper married Alice Countese of Derby.⁴²

⁴² Widow of Ferdinando, Earl of Derby, and third wife of Sir Thomas Egerton.

In mighellmas tearme Mr Sargeant Warburton was called to be one of ye Judges of common pleas.

About this tyme he purchased Anderton of Mr Sutton & in som[mer?] he purchased ye tythes of gilden Sutton of Mr Bunbury.

A litle before mighellmas all m . . . were end betwixt Sr Ed : Fitton at Alderley.

Mr Tho : Marbury mar. . . Arderne⁴³ about . . .

The Lo : . . . dyed . . .

⁴³ Frances, daughter of John Ardern of Hardern, second wife. (See note 15).

Dorso

Ric : Wilbraham [of Woodhey] mar : Grace Savage⁴⁴ about Xtmas.

⁴⁴ Daughter of Sir John Savage, of Rocksavage.

Idem.

Law : Delves⁴⁵ was borne at Dud :

⁴⁵ Son of Thomas Delves, of Doddington, later Knight and Baronet. The birth of his elder brother Henry is recorded under 1599, *ante*.

About Xtmas this yeare Mrs Mary Fitton⁴⁶ ye mayd of Ho : proved voyd of honesty & for her great bellys sake was lycensed to leave waytinge & to take her ease.

⁴⁶ Daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawsworth, Kt., who died at London in 1606. The Stanleys and Fittons do not appear to have been on very good terms with each other. *Vide ante*, under 1598.

Essex rebellion was begunn upon Sunday ye viijth of February about xj^{en} of ye Clocke in aforenoone & continued

till xj^{en} of ye Clocke at night for which he and Southam⁴⁷ had their tryall & were condemned ye xixth of ye same & Essex was beheaded in ye tower ye xxvth daye of ye same monthe.

⁴⁷ Henry, Earl of Southampton, the friend and patron of Shakespeare. His sentence was commuted, and on the union of Scotland with England, King James restored him to favour. But see forward, under 1601, where he is erroneously stated to have died in the Tower.

Upon ye vth of March followinge Sr Xtopher Blunt,⁴⁸ Sr Charles Danvers,⁴⁹ Sr Jo: Davies⁵⁰ Sr Gilla Merike⁵¹ & Cuffe⁵² (Essexes secr :) had their tryall & were condempned in ye Kings bench before very Ho: Commissioners where I stooode xiiij ho :

⁴⁸ Third son of James, Lord Mountjoy, knighted in Flanders, 1588, gentleman of the horse to Queen Elizabeth, M.P. for co. Stafford, 1593 and 1597-8.

⁴⁹ Eldest son of John Danvers, of Dauntsey, Wilts, knighted 1588, M.P. for Cirencester 1586-7, 1588-9, of the Middle Temple, 1598, colonel in Ireland in 1599 under the Earl of Essex.

⁵⁰ Son of John Davies, of London; was an eminent mathematician, knight banneret for services at the taking and sacking of Cadiz, 15th September, 1596, surveyor of the ordnance, 1598; condemned to be hanged, drawn and quartered for his complicity in the rebellion, but pardoned; purchased an estate in Pangbourne, Berks; died at Berecourt, 14th May, 1625, and was buried in the chancel there.

⁵¹ Eldest son of Rowland Meyrick, Bishop of Bangor. The *Dict. Nat. Biog.* states that he was hanged together with Cuffe on 13th March, and not on the 9th as stated by Stanley, and that he suffered with a most undaunted resolution.

⁵² Henry Cuffe, son of Robert Cuffe, of Donyatt, Somerset; M.A., Oxon., Fellow of Merton College, 1586, Regius Professor of Greek, 1590-97, Proctor, 1594, private secretary to the Earl of Essex.

Upon ye ixth of March Merike & Cuffe were hanged drawn & quartered at Tyburne.

Upon ye [blank] of March [18th March] followinge Blunt & Danvers were beheaded at ye Tower Hill.

I set from Dudington towards [Lon]don upon Fryday ye

xxvijth of [Feb]ruary & came out of London [ye] xvth of March & to wuddus ye xxiiijth of ye same.

Francis Stanley was borne at wuddus ye . . . of March & Christned ye xixth of . . . & dyed ye xxjth of ye same. . . .mbrooke dyed about Xtmas.

A^o 1591 [*sic*. 1601]

Jo : Done esq. dyed at Edesbury ye [blank] of [blank] & was buried at Topley.⁵³

⁵³ John Done, of Utkinton, Edisbury, and Flaxyards, died 24th March, 1600-1, and was buried at Tarporley, 7th April, 1601; father of Sir John Done, Kt. See their funeral certificates, *Lancs. and Chesh. Rec. Soc.*, Vol. vi.

I set towards upon [*sic*] tewsdaye ye xxjth of Aprill & came home ye xvjth of Maye followinge very sike & soe continewed till ye viijth of June.

Mr Anthony Blyth dyed ye iiijth of June & was buried at Norton [co. Derby]

Mrs Holford⁵⁴ dyed at Hulme about ye crose weeke & was buried at Nether Peever.

⁵⁴ Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Randle Mainwaring, of Peover; relict, first, of Peter Shakerley, of Holme, and, secondly, of Christopher Holford, of Holford, who died in 1581. Cross week--query, first week in May.

Mr Tho : Bunbury of Stanney dyed about ye same time.

Geo : Griffyn was slayne by Tho : Wilkes about same tyme lykewise.

Mr Brereton⁵⁵ of Handford dyed thire ye iiijth of June & was buried at Chedle ye first of July.

⁵⁵ William Brereton, grandfather of the parliamentary general. (See note 35).

About ye same tyme dyed Mr [*sic*] Anne Bunbury⁵⁶ at Stanney.

⁵⁶ Anne, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley, of Holme (son of Peter Shakerley—note 54), first wife of Henry Bunbury, son of above Mr. Thomas Bunbury.

Md. that I went unto Buxtons ye xvth of June & stayed there till ye xxvth of ye same.

Mrs Dutton⁵⁷ of Dutton dyed about midsommer.

⁵⁷ Probably Eleanor, daughter of Sir Hugh Calveley, of the Lea, wife of John Dutton, of Dutton.

Mr Dodde⁵⁸ of ye Edge dyed about ye same tyme.

⁵⁸ Randle Dodd, died 9th May, 1601.

In midsommer Tearme ye erle of Shrewsbury was sworne of ye privie consell.

At ye same tyme ye erle of Worcester was made Mr of ye Horse & of ye Counsell.⁵⁹

⁵⁹ i.e., the Council of the North.

Sr Jo : Stanhopp was at ye same tyme made Vice [chamberlain?] & of Counsell.

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Idem.

William erle of Derby was Chosen Knight of ye Garter by ye queene herselfe upon St George day.

The same daye was Tho : Lo : Burleghe & president of Yorke chosen of ye Garter.

Sr Hu : Cholmeley Knight dyed at Cho : ye xxiiijth of July & was buried at Malpasse Hee went well unto his bed & was dead within 2 houres after.

Mr Jo : Poole of Poole ye younger dyed much about ye same tyme.

In midsommer tearme Mr Danyell⁶⁰ of Daresbury was mightely fyned & punished in ye Starrchamber for his bad dealinge towards ye Countise of Essex.

⁶⁰ John Danyell, died 30th April, 1610.

Sr Geo : Beeston dyed at Beeston ye xijth of Sept : & was buried at Bunbury ye 13 of Oct :⁶¹

⁶¹ Sir George Beeston, who took part in defeating the Spanish Armada, and was knighted at sea by Lord Howard of Effingham, the Lord High Admiral, died at the advanced age of 99, and according to his funeral certificate on 13th September, 1601 (*Lancs. and Chesh. Rec. Soc.*, Vol vi.). A fine mural monument with recumbent effigy was erected to his memory on the north wall of the chancel of Bunbury church by his son Hugh Beeston, Receiver General for Chester and North Wales. (See *The Monuments at Bunbury Church, Cheshire*, Hist. Soc. L. & C., Vol. lxx.).

Ric : Sutton of Sutton was slaine at Chester assyses ye xxiiith of Sept : by some of Mr Recever Beestons⁶¹ company but only by his owne seekinge. He was buried there in ye Cathedrall ye xxvjth of ye same.

Mrs Copston⁶² of Devonshire was slayne by an old Howse which fell upon her, betwixt migh : & Allhallowtyde.

⁶² Perhaps Coplestone. The above Hugh Beeston and his sister Dorothy married into the family of Coplestone, of Edgeford, co. Devon, whose arms appear on the Beeston monument.

Idem.

Gabrell Wetnall of ye Namptwich dyed about ye xxth of Sept :

Sr Hu : Cho : office was sitten at Chester ye xixth of Sept : ye same night dyed ye widow Bromley of Basford.⁶³

⁶³ *Inq. p. m.* taken at Chester. The Cholmondeleys held the reversion of the manor of Basford after the death of one Isabel Bromley, widow, who appears to have been the relict of either Robert Bromley, of Basford, *temp.* Hen. VIII., or his natural son John Bromley, living in 1563.

The Du : of Lenox came into England with a letter to her majesty about ye begininge of November. Mr Ric. Wilbraham Comen Sergeant of London dyed in London a fortnight before mighellmas.⁶⁴

⁶⁴ In the lifetime of his father, Richard Wilbraham, of Nantwich.

Md. that we finished our Comission for Charitable uses at Chesterfield ye vijth of October.

Hen : Manweringe esq. [of Kermincham] was made escheator of Cheshire in mighellmas tearme this yeare.

Peter Frechvile esq. was chosen sherife of Darbyshire the same Tearme being then Knight of ye parliament for ye said shire.

Henry erle of Southampton dyed of extreame sikenes in ye tower of London upon the xxvijth of November this yeare.⁶⁵

⁶⁵ This intimation is a trifle premature. He died at Bergen op Zoom in 1625, when on service in the war in the Netherlands. (See note 47).

Hu : Hollinshed [of Heywood in Alderley] bought ye Colye heas & Daynes of Sandhull & Birtles this yeare of Sr Edw : Fitton.

This yeare my uncle [great uncle] Ran : Stanley was maior of ye noble city of . . .

This sommer the stockles in Bagmere aryse to Sr William Breretons greate . . .

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What Comissions I have in 1596, 1. First a Comission to myselfe my cosen Davenport⁶⁶ & Mr Tho : Wych⁶⁷ forth of ye Excheq. at Chester to heare & determyne a matter in controversie betwixt Tho : Norbury of Over Alderley & Ran : Norbury his brother concerninge there late . . . goods which ended & awarded . . . paye unto Ran : vj^{li} xiiij^s 4^d

Item another comission ye . . . forth of ye said excheq. . . . Mr Manweringe of . . . Leicester of Toft . . . Bouth ye exand., for ye . . . of witnesses in a . . . dependenge betwixt . . . & old Mr. Bertles⁶⁸ . . . accordingly executed . . . fyne at Knotsford.

⁶⁶ Probably Randle Davenport, of Henbury.

⁶⁷ Of Davenham and Alderley. Sir Peter Wyche, ambassador to Constantinople for Charles I., was of this family.

⁶⁸ Probably John Birtles, of Birtles, husband of Dorothy Hyde.

1601, 3. Item, a comission ye erle of Shrewsbury ye Bushop of Coven : & lich : Mr Manners Mr Cavendish Mr Frechvile myself & many others, under ye great seale of England to enquire after lands or goods given to any Charitable uses, which we accordingly executed at Chesterfield & certified ye vijth of October.

Idem. A^o . . . 4. Item, a *dedimus potest* : (under Mr Baron Clarkes hand) directed to Sr William Bowes, myselfe & Mr Godfrey Clarke, to take ye knowledge of a fyne of one Moore & his wyfe of certain lands in Cuthorp to ye use of Mr Godfrey Bradshaw of London, which Mr Clarke & I did accordingly execute & certifye at Bosley ye seconde of November.

The *Memoranda* from 1621 to 1627, recorded on two leaves of the same book, now loose and inserted at the end, are in the neat and legible handwriting of Thomas Stanley, son of the earlier writer. He was sheriff of Cheshire in 1631, and, despite his parliamentary partisanship, enjoyed the distinction of being the first Cheshire gentleman to be created a baronet after the Restoration. He died at the age of 74 years, and was buried at Alderley, 31st August, 1672. His *Memoranda* are as follows:—

My Grandfather Warburton dyed at Grafton the vij day of September beinge frriday in thassises weeke Anno 1621.

I married Elizabeth theldest daughter of Sr James Pytt in the Countie of Woster Kt, at Kyer upon Thursday the xvij^{en} day of Januarie 1621. Sr Tho: Delves⁶⁹ was with mee there

⁶⁹ Of Doddington, co. Chester, Baronet; the diarist's second cousin.

My daughter Elizabeth was borne at Kyer upon Shrove thursday beinge the xx day of february 1622 Shee was baptised the 9 of March followinge. My Sister Done⁷⁰ (beinge my Mothers deputie) & the Lady Gilbert (my wives Aunt) were godmothers and Sr James Pytt my father in law was godfather. Shee dyed when shee was but five weekes & two days old and was buried at Kyer.

My sonne Thomas was borne at Eaton upon tuesday in the Whitsun weeke, being the xvij day of May 1624

Hee was baptised at Eccleston Church the xxvij of the same month. Sr Ri: Wilbraham & Sr Ri: Grosuenor were godfathers & the Lady Done⁷¹ of Utkinton, god-mother.

⁷⁰ Mary, wife of Jone Done, of Utkinton.

⁷¹ Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Wilbraham, of Woodhey, wife of Sir John Done and sister of Sir Richard Wilbraham. Funeral certificate, 1635. *L. & C. Rec. Soc.*, Vol. vi.

My Sister Mary Stanley was married to John Done Esqr at Grafton upon Wednesday beinge the xx day of November Anno 1622

My wife & I begann to keepe house at Alderley the 30 of

October 1624 I cutt downe the walks at Alderley the 3 day of februarie 162[4?] they beinge growen very farr out of order & sett quicksetts in the wants wch were very many. The same yeare I made 2 gardens the one at the house, wherein I sett yonge Apricock trees, Cherries & Plumms & also made mee a hawkes mue, the other garden being low in the walks. The same tyme I began to plant my orchard.

Sr Thomas Brereton was this yeare Sherife of Cheshire 1625. Richard Litler the yonger of Mouldsworth was his undersherife.

Kinge James dyed at Theobalds upon Sunday beinge the 27 day of March betwixt a xj & xij of the clocke at noone 1625.

Upon Thursday in Easter weeke beinge the 21 day of Aprill 1625 betweene v & 6 of the clock in the eveninge there was a very strange sight seene in the ayre in the forrest beyond Northwich towards Dutton. The Sunne was very darke & gave no light at all & there was the true proportion of a Lyon seene goinge towards the sunne, & about a 150 men marchinge after, all in armour, some two, some three in a rancke, some sparemen and some gun men. My Brother Done was an eye witnes of this & Mr Needham⁷² & many more about Dutton saw it very plainly & testified it to bee true.

⁷² Doubtless the "Mr. Nedham, of Dutton," to whom Edward Shipton, M.A., Rector of Alderley, by his will dated 29th January, 1628-9, bequeathed "Whitaker's de Scriptoris." [*De Scriptoribus?*] Mr. Shipton also left to his "noble patron Thomas Stanley, of Alderley, Greenham's works." His will, at Chester, was proved 11th Sept 1630

Edward Hollinshed parson of Alderley dyed upon fryday [interlined] Saturday being the 23 of Aprill 1625. Mr Shipton⁷² succeeded him.

My Grandmother Stanley⁷³ dyed at Alderley upon Thursday the 16 of June betwixt a xj & xij of the clock at noone 1625

⁷³ Margaret, daughter and heiress of John Maisteron, of Nantwich, and relict of Randle Stanley, of Alderley.

1625.

This yeare I brought the springe in the foxhey hill into the house, & layd it from the pittstedd in the brick feild unto the poole & so quite through the poole unto the house in oulers & birches, & so conuained unto every office in the house with cocks it is layd in trees 30.

William Goodwine that dwells under Pencoe cloud was my workman, hee was from Easter untill a fortnight after midsommer in boringe, ioyntinge & layinge of the trees. I gave him & his man ix^d a yard for boringe, ioyntinge & laying them. Hee is to uphold them three yeares for nothinge & after I am to give him vj^s viij^d a yeare to keepe them in repair so longe as hee lives.

Sr Tho: Ireland⁷⁴ dyed this yeare about the middle of July, he was Vice-Chamberlaine of the Exchequer of Chester. Mr Downes⁷⁵ succeeded him in ye place.

⁷⁴ Of Bewsey, co. Lancaster, Kt. His second son, Thomas Ireland, married the diarist's sister Margaret.

⁷⁵ Roger Downs, of Wardley, co. Lancaster.

I came into the Commission of the Peace & tooke my oath at Chester by Sr Ri: Grosvenor the 21 of July 1625

Sr John Davempport of Davempport dyed the beginninge of August 1625. The old La: Chomley⁷⁶ dyed the next weeke after him & Cheshire mourned for them both together. Shee was buried at Malpas.

⁷⁶ Mary, sole daughter and heiress of Christopher Holford, of Holford, relict of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, knighted in the year of the Spanish Armada, 1588. King James on the occasion of his visit to Vale Royal in 1617 is reputed to have called her "The Bold Ladie of Cheshire."

Sir Tho: Chamberlaine Cheife Justice of Chester dyed at Ludlow the later end of September 1625. Sr John Bridgeman succeeded him.

My Sister Margaret Stanley was married to Tho: Ireland Esq. at Chester upon friday beinge the vij day of October 1625.⁷⁴

This yeare Michaelmas Terme was kept at Readinge in Bark-shire by reason of the great plague.

Sr John Done was this yeare Sherife of Cheshire 1626.

Ri : Litler thelder of Mouldsworth was his under sherife. This yeare Mr Bruen of Stableford dyed presently after Christmas.⁷⁷

⁷⁷ John Bruen, of Bruen Stapleford, died 18th January, 1625-6, and was buried at Tarvin.

At the quarter sessions beinge held at Chester this yeare after Christmas, ould Mr Brereton of Wettenhall sate by mee upon the bench the first day of the Sessions & dyed the night followinge.

At our election of the Kts of the Shire for the Parliament this yeare [6th February, 1625-6, to 15th June, 1626] there was very great stirre, such as the like was never in Cheshire before. Sr Ri : Grosvenor was the first man & there stood for ye second place Mr Brereton of Handford [afterwards Sir William Brereton, the parliamentary general] Mr. Daniell of Tabley [Peter Daniell] & Mr Mynshull of Mynshull [John Mynshull, whose daughter and heiresse married Thomas Cholmondeley, of Vale Royal] but before they came to election Mr Brereton & Mr Daniell were persuaded to cast lotts whether should stand wch with much adoee they did & the lott fell to Mr Daniell & so they went to the shire hall to the election, where after Sr John Done (beinge then Sherife) had made his speech & propounded unto the Gentlemen & freeholders Sr Ri : Grosvenor in the first place, hee was approved of all men, & his name presently entred for the first man, then hee propounded unto them for the second place Mr Daniell & Mr Mynshull to take their choice of, whereupon there was such a shout & noise, some cryinge Daniell, Daniell, & some Mynshull, Mynshull, wch made such a confusion that the Sherife could not understand whether of them they would have. He commanded silence, wch so soone as it could bee gotten, hee desired them to bee quiet & more silent, whereby hee might the better know whether of the gentlemen they liked better, but they presently fell againe into such a confused noyse & were so unrulely that the Sherife was forced to adiourne the Court from the Shirehall (for they were so many that both the Hall & the Castle Court

were not able to contayne them) unto fflookersbrooke heath, where they devided themselves, Mr Daniells on one side & Mr Mynshulls on another & so the Sherife tooke their voices by the pole. The next day being Tuesday they went unto the Shire-hall againe, where both yt day & Wednesday they spent in taking voices by the pole. Upon thursday morninge (beinge Candlemas day) they fell upon some termes of peace, & it was mediated by Gentlemen on both sides & at last it was thus concluded in the constables chamber, that Mr Daniell should in lovinge termes desire Mr Mynshull to yield unto him, without any more losse of tyme & expence of money, wch Mr Mynshull was persuaded to doe & so the Sherife went into the Shire hall & made knowne unto the Gentlemen & freehoulders that they were agreed & that Mr Daniell was the man & so they all departed in peace.

My sonne Peter was borne at Alderley upon Munday in the Whitsun weeke beinge the 29 day of May Anno 1626 Hee was baptised the sabath followinge beinge Trinity Sunday. Sr Peter Leigh of Lyme & the Baron of Kinderton [Peter Venables, Esq.] were his godfathers & Mrs Downes of Chorley⁷⁸ his godmother.

⁷⁸ Probably the wife of Francis Downes, who purchased Chorley Hall, Wilmslow, from the Davenportes.

Mr Warburton⁷⁹ of Arley dyed about St James tyde 1626.

⁷⁹ Peter Warburton, four of whose seven daughters and co-heiresses are mentioned in the *Memoranda*. (See notes 15, 18, and 81).

Mr Calveley [John Calveley] of Saughton was Sherife of Cheshire 1627. Edward Calveley his half brother was his undersherife.

Sir Hugh Beeston of Beeston dyed at Beeston this yeare a little before Lent.

Sir Richard Lee dyed at Darnall about 3 weeks after Easter beinge presently after the assises at Chester, 1627.

Sir Urian Leigh dyed at his house at Prestbury 1^o Junij 1627

Sir Edward Stanley of Bickerstaffe was Sherife of Cheshire 1628, ffatt Wm Malbon⁸⁰ was his undersherife.

⁸⁰ Perhaps of the family of Malbon, of Bradeley in Haslington, and of Nantwich.

Mrs Brereton⁸¹ of Ashley dyed at Ashley presently after Christmas 1627

⁸¹ Jane, daughter and co-heiress of Peter Warburton, of Arley, and wife of William Brereton, of Ashley. She died 2nd March 1627-8. She was sister of Eleanor, Mary, and Alice. (See notes 15 and 18).

My mother⁸² dyed at Chester House the 10th of March 1627 & was buried at Eccleston Church.

⁸² She was then the wife of Sir Richard Grosvenor, first baronet. See her funeral certificate (*L. & C. Rec. Soc.*, Vol. vi.), in which she is said to have died on 12th March at "her howse of Blackfreeres in the Citty of Chester." This was either the Black Hall in Watergate Street, the subsequent possession of the Grosvenors, or the mansion known as Stanley Palace. (See note 9).

For an account of the Stanleys of Wever and Alderley, see Ormerod's *Cheshire*, second edition, iii. 574 *et seq.*, and *East Cheshire*, ii. 597 *et seq.*, where the late Mr. J. P. Earwaker, in whose possession the MS. then was, expressed his intention of publishing these *Memoranda*, with annotations, at a later date.

