

EXTRACTS FROM A
MS. DIARY OF PETER LE NEVE, ESQ.

Norroy King of Arms,

ENTITLED

“MEMORAND^s IN HERALDRY,”

OF SUCH ENTRIES AS RELATE TO THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

COMMUNICATED BY

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MY DEAR SIRs,

Classed with “other matters usually comprised under the head of Archæology,” in the Prospectus of the objects of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society, are “*Descent and Genealogy*,”—a branch which hitherto has not occupied much of our attention. I am induced to think that the accompanying memoranda, which it is in my power to contribute, are not foreign to the subject. It may perhaps be objected, that the period of the events recorded is too recent, and that the events themselves are of too trifling importance, being little more than a chronicle of births, deaths, and marriages: and truly. But when I consider that there is scarcely a family, of any pretensions to antiquity of descent, connected with this county, of which some memorial may not be found in the following extracts, I hope the records of a Norfolk Topographical Society will not be deemed an improper place of deposit for them. And to the genealogist, I trust they will be found of some interest—it may be of utility—for purposes of reference.

As it is my intention to accompany these notes with a brief memoir of the industrious but eccentric Herald by

whom they were originally written, and of the family from which he derived his descent, I have now merely to introduce them to our members, by stating that the MSS. from which they are extracted, appear to have been the rough notes, or journals, in which Peter Le Neve entered the matter, afterwards posted to his MS. Pedigrees, and they contain, besides, many observations which I believe have never been transcribed. After his death, they came, with his other papers, into the hands of his executor, the Historian of Thetford, so well known as "Honest Tom Martin," who married his widow, and who appears to have had them bound. By him they were given to my grandfather, the Rev. Thomas Carthew, F.S.A., of Woodbridge Abbey in Suffolk. Some extracts of more general interest have already appeared in the pages of the venerable Sylvanus Urban. Those subjoined, it will be seen, are confined to our own locality.

Believe me,

Dear Sirs,

Yours very faithfully,

GEO. A. CARTHEW.

East Dereham, Dec. 2nd, 1847.

The Rev. Richard Hart. }
Henry Harrod, Esq. }

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY.*

1695.

BARNEY, Redham, dead. Sr James Edw^{ds}, High Sheriff
Norff. 1695, hath Saham.¹

* Words supplied subsequent to the dates of the original entries are inclosed in brackets [].

¹ Upon the sale of the estates of Richard Berney, Esq. of Reedham, Sir James Edwards, Bart. became the purchaser of Reedham, and resided there when he filled the office of High Sheriff. Saham Toney was part of the Berney possessions, but not included in Sir James Edwards' purchase.

HEVENINGHAM, Lady Mary,² dyed Sunday 19 Januar. 1695, at her house in Jermyn Street: to be buried at Ketringham.—Left her estate in money to her grand-daūr Carey Newton,³ and her grd-d^r Hevingham.⁴—Had the Manor of Ketringham, Norff.—Her trustees, L^d Leicester, M^r Pelham, S^r Henr. Monson.—Remainder to Abigail Heveningham, except 500 to L^d Hunsdon, 500 to Hen. Heveningham. And 70^{li} a year estate to be bought at Ketringham for an hospital there for 6 poor widdows and 10^{li} each, and 10^{li} for repairs.—Hath given 120^{li} to 12 poor widdows, and as much for 12 boys of the Manor of Ketringham.

5 February, 1695. Munday night I saw Lady Mary Heveningham lay in state at her house in Jermyn Street. She was, the 5 instant, carryed out of town in state, between 12 and 1, thro' the city towards Ketringham, Norff. M^r Devenish saw y^e procession, m^d with penons, escocheons, &c., 4 banner rolls; tho' her husband was attainted, being one of the regicides, Will. Heveningham, esq^r. and never restored.

PRATT, S^r Roger's⁵ lady remar^d to Sigismond Trafford, of Linc., of Walthamstow—no child—had one by S^r Roger: dead. Lives at Ryston, Norff.

² Daughter and heir of John Carey, Baron of Hunsdon and Earl of Dover, and second wife of William Heveningham. There is a monument, with the effigies of herself and husband, in Ketteringham church.—See Blomefield, V. 94.

³ The lady whose marriage to Edward Coke, Esq. is mentioned in a subsequent extract.

⁴ Abigail, only daughter and heir of Sir William Heveningham, the eldest son and heir of Lady Mary. She inherited Ketteringham, which she brought in marriage to Henry Heron, Esq., who, in 1717, sold it to Mr. Atkyns.

⁵ Sir Roger Pratt, Knt., gave valuable assistance to Sir Christopher Wren in rebuilding London after the great fire. His lady was Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Monyns, Bart., of Kent.

1696.

COKE, Edward, Esq^r. son,—only child,—of Robert Coke, of Holkham, Norff., by Anne his wife, d^r of Thomas Osborne, Duke of Leeds, was marryed⁶ Thursday, 4 May, 1696, to Cary, d^r of John Newton, esq^r., of Hather, Linc. (son of S^r John Newton, Bar^t) by Abigail, his first wife, d^r of Will. Heveningham, esq^r., of Heveningham, Suff. and Keteringham in Norf., by Lady Mary, d^r and sole heiress of John Carey, Earle of Dover.

LE NEVE, James,⁷ Co^mander of a French Privateer called the Swallow, of S^t Malos, taken by Captⁿ Rowce, commander of a Privateer of Guarnsey, the Prosperous.—*Gazette*, N. 3229 of October 22^d, 1696.

In M^r Kingman's house, York Buildings, a picture of S^r James Hobart, kneeling before the altar, in his coat armor and surcoat of Hobart. Over his head, O Jesu misericordia p^{er} crucem et passionem. Over against him his lady, kneeling, in a surcoat of Hobart and sab. 3 martlets arg.⁸ Over her head: Nobis p^{er} peccatis des veniam et remitionem. In the middle, bet. the 2 alters, Hobart's arms in a compartment, with a cressent. Over that, the arms of England and France q^uarterly, and an aulic crown. This picture was taken out⁹ of the East window of the chancell of Loddon church in Norff.

⁶ The issue of this marriage was Thomas Coke, Baron Lovel and Earl of Leicester (the only Earl of that creation), and Mrs. Roberts, the grandmother of the late Thomas William Coke, Earl of Leicester, of Holkham.

⁷ This James Le Neve was perhaps one of the same family as our Herald, who had followed the fortunes of King James; but this is not shown by the accompanying Pedigree.

⁸ The arms of Naunton. She was daughter of Peter Naunton, of Letheringham, Esq.

⁹ Meaning, I presume, *copied* from the window. I have heard say, there were a few years since three or four copies of this picture in existence. One, supposed to have been taken from Walsham Hall in Mendham, Suffolk, a seat of a branch of the Hobart family, was hanging at the Pye Inn in that

[Here is a rude sketch of Loddon church and St. Olave's bridge, of both which Sir James was the founder.]

“Orate p̄ anima Jacobi Hobart, militis et atornati dñi Regis qui hanc eclesiam a primo fundamento condidit in tribus annis cum suis pr̄is bonis, anno Reg. Regis Henr. septimi vñdecimo.”

1696-7.

Knights made and unaccounted to the office, 13 March, 1697.

[Naming among others] Sr Lambert Blackwell.¹⁰

Sr Charles Turner.¹

1697.

NEVE, Captain, of, Ireland, Parliament-man: what his father and mother's names? Writt to Mr Blount—if not descended from Firmian, my father's brother,² son of Firmian and Alice Cory? Parliament-man for the borough of Tulske, in the county of Roscomon, in Ireland. Parl^t began at Dublyn 27 Aug. 1695.

1698.

WARNER, Lee, esq^r. of Kensington, dyed 6 Febr. 1698.

Dan. Bedingfeld for Certificate.

LEE WARNER, esq^r. in Kensington Square—2 hatchments, both the same; one for him, one for his lady, thus:

parish, and was purchased by the late Mr. Copeman, of Aylsham, for the Countess of Buckinghamshire, and was exhibited by the Dowager Lady Suffield, of Blickling, in the temporary Museum formed during the late meeting of the Archæological Institute at Norwich. There is one also now hanging in Loddon church.

¹⁰ Afterwards created a Baronet of Sprowston.

¹ Afterwards created a Baronet of Warham. He was eldest son of William Turner, of North Elmham, Attorney at Law. This date must mean that the fees on knighthood up to that time, had not been paid to the office, as Sir Charles Turner was knighted 22nd March, 1695-6.

² It is remarkable that so keen a genealogist as Peter Le Neve should have been ignorant of the descendants of his father's brother: whether he ever obtained the information required in this minute I know not: it is not in my power to supply it.

4 coats; Lee G; a fess componee or and azure bet. 8 billets ar. 2^d. Warner of Norff. q^rterly p bend indented arg. and sab. in 2^d and 4th q^rter blew a flor de lis or. 3^{dly}. Vert a cross engrailed arg.; the 4th as first; impaled with Hampson, arg. 3 calltrapps sab. Crest, a squirrell sejant bet. 2 oak branches fructed and leav^d pper. M^d. the one hatchm^t is false; for Warner's coat is p bend engrailed instead of indented.³

1699.

BEDINGFELD, Lady,⁴ dyed at Darsham, Suff., Wednesday, 19 of July, 1699: buried there, Saturday 22 following: being 96 years old.

TOWNSEND, Lady,⁵ brought to bed of a son, (Horace,) on Sunday, 13 August, 1699, at their lodgings in York Building.

PAYTON, S^r Sewster, baronet, killed M^r Tho. King, son of Tho. King, esq^r. of Thirlow, in Suff., in a duell, in November, 1699, at Atilborow, Norff.

FOUNTAIN,⁶ Andrew, junior, of Narford, Com^l. Norfolk, esq^r. knighted 30 December, at Hampton Court, Midds.

³ The third quatering is that of Whetenhall, which belonged to the Warners of Besthorpe, but has been assumed by all the families of that name. The gentleman whose death is here recorded, was probably Colonel Henry Lee Warner, ancestor of the family now seated at Walsingham Abbey, by Dorothy Howe his wife; and the arms of Hampson, impaled on the hatchment, may be those of a second wife. The arms of Lee, Warner, and Whetenhall are borne by this family, marshalled in the same order as upon the hatchments; but for *Warner* they use *per pale* indented, and not *per bend*. I have never seen the bearing *engrailed*.

⁴ Relict of Sir Thomas Bedingfeld, Knt., late one of the Judges of the Common Pleas. She was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Charles Hoskins.

⁵ Mary, daughter of Sir Joseph Ashe, Bart., and second lady of the first Viscount. Horace was her third son.

⁶ Sir Andrew Fountaine was an accomplished scholar and antiquary. He was the collector of the library, pictures, &c., at Narford Hall.

1700.

WALPOLE,⁷ M^r. mar^d to Lady Philips' grdd^r, d^r of John Shorter, esq^r. son and heir of S^r Jo. Shorter, K^t. The old Collonell dead in Novemb. 1700, beginning of the month.

HOLLAND, S^r John, of Quidenham, baronet, dyed day of January, 1700,⁸ at Quidenham. Buried there day of His grandson, S^r John, succeeds.

WOODHOUSE, S^r John, of Kimberley Hall. His lady's name was Benson,⁹ d^r of Benson, attorney at York: she dyed first January, A.D. 1700: buried at Kimberley.

1701.

NORFF. Duke Henry dyed suddenly at his house in S^t. James's Square, on Tuesday, 2^d of April, 1701, of a lethergy, in the morning: buried on Tuesday evening, the 8 of the same month, in the church of Arundell, Sussex.

SERJEANT NEVE, Philip, married to daughter and co-heir of S^r Nicolas Stoughton, 29 of May, 1701. [She dyed 5 October, 1704.]

ALBEMARLE } Joust Van Kepell, Earle of Albemarle, married
EARLE. } in the english Church at the Hague, to
Scravanmore, daūr and heir of the Seur Van Scravenmore, June, 1701.

⁷ This was the great statesman, afterwards Sir Robert Walpole. His lady's Christian name was Catherine. By the old Colonel is supposed to be meant Robert Walpole, of Houghton, Esq., his father.

⁸ A subsequent entry gives the 19th Jan. 1701, new style, as the day of his death: his age 98.

⁹ Elizabeth, first wife of Sir John Wodehouse, had no issue. Her brother, Robert Benson, was afterwards created Lord Bingley.

WALLIS, Edmund, of Fersfeld in Norff. Anne, his daughter and coheir, was married to Thomas Frere.¹⁰

HOBART, Lady,¹ dead of consumption, Aug. 1701.

1702.

CATELYN, S^r Nevill, of Kirby Caime, Norff., K^t. dyed day of July, 1702, at his house there. [His lady remar. to S^r Charles Turner, K^t.]

LESTRANGE, Roger, Esq^r.² Under his picture, done by White: "Ætatis suæ 68, A. Dñi, 1684." *Motto*, "Vos non vobis."

1703.

DAVY, Rob^t. Esq^r. Recorder of Norwich and Member of Parl^t for the City, dyed October, 1703.

DRURY, Lady, killed by the storm, 27th of November, at Riddlesworth: wife of S^r Rob^t. D. of Riddlesworth, Norff., Bart.³

¹⁰ Thomas Frere, of Occold, Suffolk, citizen and skinner of London. He was half-brother of Tobias Frere, of Harleston, a zealous Puritan, and one of the members for Norfolk in Barebone's Parliament.

¹ Relict of Sir Henry Hobart of Blickling, who was killed in a duel by Oliver Le Neve.

² This must refer to Sir Roger Lestrange, the well-known author and translator, who, born at Hunstanton, Dec. 17, 1616, after suffering many misfortunes, and incurring various hazards of life, for the sake of the Royal cause in the great rebellion, died on the 11th Dec. 1704, without leaving issue. Mr. Thoms, in a note to his Introduction to the "Anecdotes and Traditions" of Sir Nicholas Lestrange, published by the Camden Society, says, that an original portrait of Sir Roger, by Kneller, which he believed had never been engraved, was in the possession of Richard Frankum, Esq. Robert White, however, was an engraver, and an eminent one in his time, particularly for his portraits; so that the *picture* referred to by Le Neve may have been an engraving of Kneller's portrait. *Qu.* Is this the same as that mentioned by Mr. Ewing in his Norfolk Lists?

³ Dame Elinor, second wife of Sir Robert Drury, and another lady, were both killed in bed by the fall of a stack of chimneys. See Blomefield, who

BRITIFFE, Charles, of Cley, Norff., son of Clem^t. Britiffe, dyed November, 1703 : buried at Cley Tuesday after.

1704.

BROWN, Edward, Doctor of Phisick, son and heir of S^r Thomas Brown,⁴ of Norwich, chosen President of the Colledge of Phisicians, in the room of S^r Thomas Millington, K^t. deceased, day of January, 170 $\frac{3}{4}$.

BROWN,, wife of Dr. Thomas,⁴ son and heir of Edward Brown, D^r. of Phishick, dyed 26 March, 170 $\frac{3}{4}$: buried at Hirst in Berks : dr. of Fairfax, of Hurst.

HARE, Hugh, son and heir of Henry, Baron of Coleraine : his wife Lydia, daūr and coheir of Math. Carleton, of, in Surrey. She dyed day of May, 1704, and was buried on Munday, 22 instant, at Tottenham, Midds. ; as was, some little time before, Catherine (she died 29 Apr. 1704) widdowe of Hugh Hare, of Docking in Norff., esq^r., daūr of John Holt, of Salisbury, Wylts, and was bur^t on Thursday, 4 of May, 1704, at Tottenham aforesaid.

LE NEVE, Jane, daūr of S^r John Knivet, K^t. of bath, 2^d wife of Oliver Le Neve, of Witchingh^m, my brother, dyed 19 June, 1704, at Witchingham : bur^d. in Wych : cancell.

NEVE, Serjeant Philip : his 2^d wife daughter of S^r Stoughton, dead without issue, 4 day of October, 1704.

refers to Le Neve as his authority. She was daughter to Samuel Harsnet, Esq., of Great Fransham, and had been previously wife to Wm. Marsham, Esq., of Stratton Strawless.

⁴ Of the learned author of *Religio Medici* it would be superfluous to say a word. Dr. Edward Browne, his only surviving son, married Henrietta Susanna, daughter of Dr. Terne. Their son, Dr. Thomas Browne, married his cousin Alathea, youngest daughter and coheir of Henry Fairfax, of Bridlington in Yorkshire, and Hurst in Berks, by Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Browne, whose death is recorded in the next extract. A pedigree of the family, from a MS. in the collections of Le Neve, is printed in Wilkin's edition of Browne's works.

BEDINGFIELD, Sr Henry, Bar^t. dyed at Oxburgh, of the gout,
14 of Sept. 1704.

BEDINGFIELD, Daniell,⁵ Recorder of Lynne, dyed 14 day of
Sept. 1704, at Lynne Regis.

West Newton, } Stephen Beaumont, Rector, dyed there, 8th
Norff. } of November, 1705: buried in that church
the 9 of the same month.

NORFF. D. 1704. Dec. 7. The right noble prince Thomas,
Duke of Norff. came of age that day, as M^r. Mawson,
Chester, declared to us.

LESTRANGE, S^r Roger, dyed in Holborn, at his house, on
Munday night the 11, or Tuesday morning the 12, of
December, 1704: buried Thursday, 21st, at S^t. Gyles in
the fields.

M^d. Sr Cloudsley Shovell sworn day of December,
1704, of the Councill to Prince George, Lord High
Admirall, [and made, 5 January, rear Admiral of Eng-
land.]

1705.

January 16. Sr Cloudsley Shovel, rear Admiral of England,
appoynted Admirall and Comander in Cheif of her Ma-
jesties fleet.

JERNEGAN, John, son and heir of S^r Henry Jernegan, of
Costesy in Norff., married to Margaret, daughter of S^r
Henry Bedingfeld, deceased, about febr. 1705.

HAVERSHAM, Lady, wife of John Thompson, Baron Haver-
sham, relict of Windham, of Cromer in Norff. and
daughter of Arthur, Earle of Anglesea,⁶ dyed day
of March, 1704-5, and buried at Haversham in Bucks.

⁵ He was third son of Humphry Bedingfield, of Wighton, of the Oxburgh
family: leaving no issue, Christopher Bedingfield, of Wighton, his nephew,
was his heir. The coincidence of his death on the same day as the second
baronet of the family is remarkable. The Astleys are the representatives of
this branch.

⁶ Lady Frances Annesley had been fourth wife of John Windham, Esq.

KEMP, S^r Robert, baronet,⁷ of Finchingfeld or Spaynes hall, Essex, married d^r of Miller, of Oxenheath, Kent. 2^d. d^r of Kemp of Norff. 3. Eliz. d^r of Tho. Stewart, of Barton mills; remaried to Robt. King, of Thirlow in Essex, Esq^r.⁸ S^r Rob^t. had by her 1 son, Rob^t. and one d^r mar. to Tebell, of q̄re. if Robert's widdow did not marry S^r Tho. Gardiner after.

PASTON, M^r.⁹, son of Robert, Earle of Yarmouth, dyed Wednesday after 1 of Aug. at 3 in the morning, at his house in Street, Albemarle Ground: buried the Sunday following in S^t. James' Church. His wife, d^r and coheir of Philip Harbord, Esq. of Besthorp in Norff., survived him.

CALTHORP, Xtofer, son and heir of S^r Xtofer Calthorp, K^t. of bath, of Barsham in Norff., married to Hannah Maria de Grey at Darsham, Suff., 21 of May, 1704, d^r of Will. de Grey, esq^r. of Merton, in Norff. and sister of de Grey, now liveing.

COKE, Edward, esq^r. and Cary Newton, their children: Thomas, Cary, d^r., Anne,¹⁰ Edward, Robert, (Mary, dead.)

BACON, S^r Robert, primier baronett of England, dyed at his house at Garboldesham in Norff., 31 of Jan. 1704-5: buried at

HARE, of Stow bardolf, Norff., S^r Ralf: one of his sisters married to Leigh, son of Lee, of Staff.¹

7 Should have been *Knight*.

8 Elizabeth Steward, Sir Robert's widow, had by her second husband, Robert King, of Great Thurlow in Suffolk (not Essex), a daughter, Letitia, who married Sir Robert Kemp of Ubbeston, Bart.

9 This was the Hon. Robert Paston, the second son.

10 From Anne Coke, the second daughter of this marriage, who became the wife of Major Philip Roberts, is descended the present family of Coke of Holkhām, duplicate Earls of Leicester.

1 Mary, one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Hare, Bart., by her husband, Thomas Leigh, was progenetrix of the Baronets (Hare) of Stowbardolph, of the present creation.

BEDINGFELD, S^r Rob^t. of London, Alderman, his 2 wives :
 1st Eliz. d^r of Martin Hervey, esq^r. of Weston Flavell,
 Com. North'ton. 2^d. w. Anne, d^r and coheir of
 Strode, of Newhouse by Coventry, Warr. 1st wife dyed
 Sept. 1688: buried at Ditchingham, Norff.²

1706.

WOODHOUSE, S^r John, of Kimberley in Norff., bart., married
 to his 2^d wife in 1705, to Mary, da^{ur} of S^r William
 Fermor, bar^t. baron of Leominster, by his 2^d wife, Cath-
 erine, d^r of John Lord Paulet.

FOWKES, Martin, of Greys Inne, barrister at lawe, dyed
 Sunday morning, 17 febr^y, 1705: buried at Hillington,
 Norff. about 28 of the same month.

HOWARD,, 2^d son of Henry Howard, Earle of Suffolk,
 married to daughter of S^r Henry Hobart, and sister
 of S^r John Hobart, bart., of Blickling, Norff.³

BERNEY, S^r Richard, of Kirby by Norwich, dyed day
 of May, 1706.

DRURY, S^r Robert, mar^d to M^{rs} Diana Violet, August, 1706.

² He was fifth son of John Bedingfeld, of Halesworth in Suffolk, Esq.,
 who was of the Ditchingham branch. His second wife, daughter of Wm.
 Strode, was the widow of a merchant named Renardson.

³ Anne Hobart, wife of the Hon. Charles Howard.