

SOME ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THE
LORD MAYORS AND SHERIFFS OF LONDON
DURING THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY,
1501—1600.

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[NOTICE.—This account is confined to the person commemorated, his wife, and children, and although some further particulars of his descendants are sometimes added, they must be looked upon as exceptional. A complete series (compiled in the above method), extending over the first quarter of the 17th century—1601–1625 (some portion of which appeared in Phillimore's *London and Middlesex Note Book*, 1891–92), has (since the cessation of that work in 1892) been issued (1897) in a separate volume.

SIR MARTIN CALTHROPE, or CALTHORPE,
(*Draper*), LORD MAYOR, 1588–89.

He is said, in Stow's *London*, to be son of "Martin Calthrop, Citizen and Draper of London," but appears in reality to have been the tenth but fifth surviving son (one of nineteen children) of Richard CALTHORPE,¹ of Antingham, co. Norfolk (*d.* 20 Jan., 1554) by Anne, da. of Edmund HASTINGS, of Elsing, in that county. He was *b.* about 1520; is mentioned as a legatee in the will of John REYNES, of Suffield, 14 March 1551; was free of the Drapers' Company; *Alderman* of Aldersgate, 30 June 1579, transferred to Cheap, 1588, till his death next year; *Sheriff*, 1579–80, and *Lord Mayor*, 1588–89. He was *Knighthed*, apparently in 1588, during his year of office. This was the year of the camp raised at

¹An excellent pedigree of this family is in the (annotated) "Visitation of Norfolk" (Vol. ii, 13th portion) contained in the publications of the *Norfolk Archaeological Society*. The compiler of this notice is greatly indebted thereto. See also Vol. ix of those publications, p. 154, and Carthew's *Hundred of Lavanditch*, part ii, p. 615.

Tilbury fort, in expectation of the invasion of the Spanish armada. As Mayor, he took part in raising money from the wealthier citizens in support of the Government war expenses, sending no less than £17,952 in one sum. His letter, 15 Nov. 1588, on this subject is printed in Stow's London. He conducted the Queen from Temple Bar to St. Paul's, 26 Nov. 1588, to hear a sermon from the Bishop of Salisbury. He *d.* during his Mayoralty, 5, and was *bur.* 16 May 1589, at St. Peter-le-Poor, London.² Will dat. 3 and pr. 16 May 1589, in C.P.C. (48 Leicester). Inq. post mortem, 14 July 1590. There does not appear to have been any monument to his memory, nor is there any funeral certificate of him recorded in the Coll. of Arms.

He *m.* in or before 1544, JOAN, widow of William FREESTON (by whom she had issue), da. of Robert Heath, of Linsfield, co. Surrey, and Eatonbridge, co. Kent.

She *m.* thirdly, as his third wife, Edward Boys, of Friedvile in Nonington, co. Kent, Sheriff of that county in 1577, who *d.* 15 Feb., 1598/9, aged 71, and was *bur.* at Nonington. She was *bur.* there 10 March 1597/8. Her will dat. 28 Feb. 1592/3, pr. 7 May 1597, in C.P.C. (37 Cobham).

ISSUE.

I.—MARTIN CALTHORPE, of Antingham afsd., son and heir, aged 30 and upwards at his father's death in 1588; *bap.* 12 Aug. 1554.² He sold the priory lands of Hickling, 12 Jan. (2 Jac., I.), 1604/5. He *m.* Elizabeth (sister of Dorothy, wife of Benedict BARNHAM, Sheriff of London, 1592), da. of Ambrose SMITH, Cit. and Mercer of London, by Joan, da. of

²REGISTERS OF ST. PETER-LE-POOR, LONDON:

Marriages.—1573, March 26: Thomas Payton and Ann Calthrop.
1579/80, Jan. 25: Martin Barnham and Judeth Calthrop.
1582, May 5: Umfray Burton and Anna Calthrop.

Burial.—1589, May 16: Sir Martin Calthorp.

John COE, of Coxhall, Essex, being grand-daughter of John SMITH, alias HERRIES, of Withcote, in that county. He *d.* Dec. 1615. Admon. 16 Jan. 1616, in C.P.C. Inq. post mortem, 13 Feb. 1616. They had issue, which continued in the male line at Hickling till 1781.

II.—JOHN CALTHORPE, *bap.* 25 Nov., 1555;³ living 1588 and 1592.

III.—ROGER CALTHORPE, *bap.* 11 Jan., 1562/3,³ and *bur.* 18 May, 1565, at St. Benet Fink.³

IV.—RICHARD CALTHORPE, of Banwell, co. Somerset, 1623, *bap.* 3 Sept., 1564.³ He *m.* firstly Blandina, da. of Thomas GODWIN, Bishop of Bath and Wells (1584 to 1590). He *m.* secondly Mary LOVE. He entered and signed his pedigree at the Visit. of Somerset in 1623, having then (by his second wife) three children, *viz.*, (1) John æt 22 [*sic.* but Query if not by first wife?], (2) Richard, æt 5 [*sic.*], and (3) Samuel. The will of his widow, dat. 9 Dec. 1630, was pr. 10 May 1633, in C.P.C. (34 Russell).

1.—JUDITH, first surv. da. *m.* firstly, as his second wife, 25 Jan. 1579/80,² Sir Martin BARNHAM, of Hollingbourne, co. Kent. He, who was *knighted* 23 July 1603, and was Sheriff of Kent (1597-98), 40 Eliz., *d.* 12 Dec. 1610, and was *bur.* at Hollingbourne, leaving issue by both wives. His will, dat. 3 Nov. 1609, pr. 2 Feb. 1610, in C.P.C. She *m.* secondly, also as second wife, Sir Henry Burton, K.B., of Carshalton, Surrey, whose will was pr. Jan. 1646, in the C.P.C. She *d.* before him and was buried 16 June, 1637 at Carshalton.⁴

2.—ANNE, *m.* 26 March 1573,² Sir Thomas Peyton, of Knowlton, co. Kent, who was *b.* 31 March 1540, and whose will, dat. 20 Dec. 1610, was pr. 22 April 1611, in the C.P.C. They had seven children, of whom Samuel Peyton was *cr.* a Baronet 29 June 1611, a dignity which became extinct in Feb. 1683.

³REGISTERS AT ST. BENET FINK, LONDON :

Baptisms.—1554, Aug. 12 : A son of Martin Calthrope, named Martin.
 1555, Nov. 25 : " " Calthrope, named John.
 1557, June 12 : A da. of " " Tomysyn.
 1560/1, March 17 : A child of " " [—]
 1562/3, Jan. 11 : " Mr. " " Roger.
 1564, Sept. 3 : " " " " Richard.
 1566, Oct. 21 : " " " " Philip.

Burial.—1565, May 18 : A child of Mr. Martin Calthrop, named Roger.

⁴The burials in the registers of Carshalton from 1644/5 to 1652 are missing, being the period in which the burial of Sir Henry Burton would doubtless have occurred.

NICHOLAS LEVESON (*Mercer*), SHERIFF, 1534-35.

He was one of the three sons¹ of Richard LEVESON, of Willingham, co. Stafford, by (—) the heiress of Prestwood and Wolverhampton Underhill in that county. He became free of the Mercers' Company by service; was Merchant of the Staple at Calais; *Sheriff* of London, 1534-35, but was never an Alderman of that City.² He resided in Lime Street, and was of Horne Place, in Halling, co. Kent, being one of the wealthiest citizens of his

¹ Of his two brothers (1) John Leveson, was of Norton, co. Stafford, an estate which he sold in 1552. He *d. s.p.* 1575, MI at Wolverhampton. (2) James Leveson, Merchant of the Staple, was of Lilleshall and Trentham, co. Stafford, and *d.* 7 July, 7 Ed. VI. The three daughters of this James made distinguished matches, *viz.*:—Mary, who *m.* Sir George Curzon, of Croxhall; (2) Elizabeth, who *m.* Sir Walter Aston, of Tixall, and (3) Joyce, who *m.* Sir John Giffard, of Chillington.

² "The Shrievalty of London if not conferred upon one who was already an Alderman, was mostly, until the second half of the last century, looked upon as a stepping stone towards the higher honour. In the first portion of the 16th century, however, there was quite an unusual number of holders of the Sheriff's office who seem never to have attained to the Aldermanic dignity, *viz.*:—1501-2, *Henry Hede*; 1503-4, *Robert Watts* (died in office); 1507-8, *John Kirkby*; 1508-9, *Richard Smith*; 1509-10, *John Doggett*; 1521-22, *John Britaine*; 1531-32, *Edward Altham*; 1532-33, *Richard Reynolds* (died in office); 1532-33, *John Martin* (died in office); 1533, *Nicholas Pincheon*; 1533, *John Priest*; 1534-35, *Nicholas Leveson*; 1538-39, *William Wilkinson*; 1538-39, *Nicholas Gibbon*; 1539-40, *Thomas Ferrer*; 1539-40, *Thomas Huntlow*; 1541-42, *Henry Suckley*; 1549-50, *Sir John Yorke*; 1552-53, *John Maynard*. A century passed before we meet with the next instance. Under the Commonwealth, *James Phillips* in 1653-4 and *Thomas Chandler* in 1657, did not reach Aldermanic rank, but *Chandler* died during his year of Shrievalty. From the Restoration to the close of the 17th century we have the following Sheriffs who were non-Aldermen. 1670, *William Golmeldon* (died in office); 1680-1, *Slingsby Bethell*; 1681-2, *Samuel Shute*; 1682, *John Dubois*; 1682, *Ralph Box*; 1688, *Samuel Thompson* (died in office); 1694-5, *Sir John Sweetapple*; 1694-5, *Sir William Cole*; 1695-6, *Sir Edward Wills*; 1696-7, *Sir John Wolfe*; 1696-7, *Sir Samuel Blewitt*; 1697-8, *Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu*; 1697-8, *Sir James Collett* (or *Coller*). In the 18th and 19th centuries the instances have been more numerous." *Ex inform* W. Duncombe Pink, who adds that he is not sure if *Ralph Box* (1682) should be inserted. *Box's* election as Sheriff was declared by the Lord Mayor 14 July 1682, but it was cancelled and another Sheriff was chosen 17 Sept. following.

period. He married Dionysia, sister and heir of James BODLEY, of Black Notley, co. Essex, da. of Sir James BODLEY, of the same, by Joan, his wife, which Joan afterwards married Sir Thomas BRADBURY, *Mayor*, 1509-10. He died 20 Aug. 1539, and was *bur.* at St. Andrew's Undershaft, where a monumental brass represents himself with eight sons and his wife with ten daughters.³ His will, dat. 7 Nov. 1536, pr. 13 Oct. 1539, in C.P.C. (31 Dingely). His widow *d.* 2 Dec. 1560. Her will, dat. 1 Aug. pr. 20 Dec. 1560, in C.P.C. (60 Mellersh).

ISSUE.

I.—JOHN LEVESON, of Halling, co. Kent, son and heir. *He m.* (—) da. of (—) BACON.⁴ He is said also to have *m.* Anne, da. of Sir John SMITH. He *d.* s.p. being slain by the rebels in Norfolk (1549), 3 Ed. VI.

II.—THOMAS LEVESON, under age in 1536; *Mercer* by patrimony; was of Halling afsd., being heir to his brother. *He m.* 29 May 1553, at St. Michael's Bassishaw, Ursula, da. of Sir John GRESHAM, *Mayor*, 1547-48. She who was *b.* 21 Oct. 1534, predeceased him. He *d.* 21 April 1576. Will dat. 17 April, pr. 30 Oct. 1676, in C.P.C. (28 Carew). Their son and heir, SIR JOHN LEVESON, of Halling afsd., *b.* 1555, entered his ped. in the visit of Kent, 1619, being father of JOHN LEVESON,⁵ aged 5 in 1593, who left two daughters and co-heirs, *viz.*, (1) Frances, who *m.* Sir Thomas GOWER and was ancestress of the well-known ennobled family of Leveson-Gower, and (2) Christian, who *m.* Sir Peter TEMPLE, Bart.

III.—WILLIAM LEVESON, under age in 1536; *Mercer* by patrimony; entered his ped. in the visit of London, 1568, being then the

³ The inscription, as also engraving of this brass (which was repaired in 1764) with a full description, is in an article by "W. H. Overall" in Vol. iv., pp. 287-300, of the transactions of this Society.

⁴ The following marr.-lic. (Fac-office) probably refers to him: 1545, Aug. 27. "John Leveson, Esq. and Anne Woodhall, Widow; diocese of London."

⁵ His yr. brother, Sir William Leveson, K.B., inherited and sold the estate of Black Notley. *He d.* 1661.

second surviving son of his parents. He *m.* Barbara, da. of Robert CHAPMAN, of Stone, co. Kent, and had issue, Eleanor, living 1568.

- IV.—NICHOLAS LEVESON, under age in 1536 ; *Mercer* by patrimony ; living 1560.
- 1.—GRISELL, *m.* before 1534, John SADLER, of Edmonton, co. Middx., whose will was pr. 1534, in the C.P.C. (49 Mellershe).
 - 2.—JOAN, *m.* before 1536, Ralph DAVENELL, DAVENETT, or DAWBENETT, and had issue.
 - 3.—ALICE, *m.* before 1534, Sir William HEWETT, *Mayor*, 1559-60, who *d.* 6 Feb. 1566/7.
 - 4.—MARY, un*m.* in 1536 ; *m.* as his second wife, before 1560, Edmond CALTHORPE, of St. Thomas' the Apostle, London, *Haberdasher*, brother of Sir Martin CALTHORPE, *Mayor*, 1588-89, and had one child, Dionysia, who *m.* 10 Sept. 1571, at St. Dionis Backchurch, Ralph WOODROFFE, wool merchant.
 - 5.—DIONYSIA, un*m.*, 1536 ; *m.* before 1560, William STREETE, and was then living with issue.

(To be continued).
