

THE HORTONS OF LEICESTERSHIRE

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IN my article entitled "The Hortons of Leicestershire" which appeared in *The Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society*, Vol. xxii, Part I, 1941, pages 96—116, and which was later—in 1943—republished as a pamphlet, I traced the Hortons of this County as far back as the 1200's when the first of them in the person of Henry de Horton, hailing from Horton, Co. Northampton, appeared at Knaptoft, Co. Leicester, at some date between 1268 and 1277. He was shewn to have been succeeded at Knaptoft by his son Hugh de Horton, whereafter the family resided partly at Knaptoft and partly at Mowsley. The part of the family residing at Knaptoft was shewn to have left Knaptoft sometime after 1332 and to have migrated to the Borough of Leicester, whereas the Hortons of Mowsley continued at Mowsley right through the centuries down to the commencement of the century wherein we ourselves are living.

THE HORTONS OF MOWSLEY

The actual pedigree of the Hortons of Mowsley which I recorded at the College of Arms in 1938 (Official Reference: "Norfolk, Vol. 37, page 169") was also there referred to, and I shewed that I had commenced it with *Richard Horton of Mowsley and Holder of Smyth Place thereat (born circa 1450) and Anne née ——— his wife and widow*, both of whom will hereinafter find mention again and the latter of whom left two Wills, the first dated in 1504 or 1514 or 1515 (the actual year not being any longer now clearly decipherable), and the second dated 1/6/1515, which were proved together at Leicester during the period 1515-1526.

It will be remembered also that, in that article, I quoted the description of the home of the Hortons in Mowsley as given in the Schedule to the Brabazon Charter of the year 1345, namely, that it was a "messuage situate on the North side of the Church. And it abuts upon the cemetery" (i.e., Churchyard);—together with "three virgates of land" and "a croft called le Prest Croft". Concerning this, a very interesting fact appears amongst the historical notes recorded by my late friend, The Rev. J. H. Green, whilst Rector of Mowsley from 1876 to 1915; and it is to the present Rector, The Rev. H. O. Newman, that I am indebted for it. The material note runs, so far as here relevant, as follows: "The Hortons are still represented in Mowsley, and the messuage situated on the North side of the Church was in their possession in 1761. The old house on the Churchyard wall was pulled down, and a new house built

in 1761 on the other side of the property. In putting up a new fence on the North side of the Churchyard in 1909 the foundations of the old house were discovered."

At what date prior to 1345 the old house was built no man now can tell; but the Hortons of that period might well have felt pleased, could they have foreseen that their home would stand the test of time for another four hundred years and more.

Highly valuable references to the Hortons of Mowsley appeared from the pen of Dr. W. G. Hoskins in his article entitled *The Leicestershire Farmer in the Sixteenth Century* which appeared on pages 33-94 of the self-same issue of these *Transactions*: an article invaluable to the historian of that century alike from the social, from the economic, and from the agricultural points of view.

Writing of the year 1524, he said, on page 37, that "in the village where there was no squire we usually find the subsidy list headed by one or two wealthy yeomen who are often themselves the descendants of ancient families who have had a small freehold in the place for centuries. Such, for example, were the Hortons of Mowsley, who in 1524 were assessed on three-quarters of the personal estate of the entire village, and who were descended from a free tenant on an adjacent manor"—that is, from the above-mentioned Henry de Horton of Knaptoft—"who had come into Leicestershire in Henry III's time" (1216-1272).

Instancing cases where "the leading yeomen of the village of 1524-25 were representatives of families that had long been rooted in the same place," he wrote, on page 40:—"At Mowsley there were the Hortons, the leading family in the village throughout the Tudor period, who had been there since Edward III's time" (1327-1377), and significantly pointed out that "of the eleven different family names in Mowsley in 1524 only the name of Horton is found in the poll tax list of 1381: all the others had appeared since that date." "Generally speaking"—he added on pages 41 sq.—"there were in the Leicestershire village of Tudor days" (1485-1603) "only two or three families who had been there since the fourteenth century" (1300-1400) "and these old families were usually the most prosperous yeomen. Many of them owed their long stay in one place to their ownership of an ancient freehold of thirty acres or so of land.

After references to certain especially successful yeomen, he wrote, on page 66:—"Not all the yeomen rose in that spectacular manner, nor were all by any means as rich. There was a middle range of yeomen who rose more slowly, families like . . . the Hortons of Mowsley . . . The majority of yeomen in the sixteenth century did no more than improve their position steadily and slowly, buying farms rather than whole manors";—and, in a footnote to page 67, he wrote that "The Hortons of Mowsley and their kindred at Saddington are an excellent example of this type of solid yeomen". And, to illustrate this, he added:—

"The fines from 1546 onwards shew both branches of the family purchasing farms in these parishes (*per* Farnham's *Leicestershire Medieval Village Notes*, Vols. iii and iv, under Mowsley and Saddington). At Saddington Thomas Horton died in 1635 'seised in his demesne as of fee' of a messuage, a cottage, and five virgates of arable, meadow and pasture and a close of pasture. His son John Horton (styled 'gent.' in 1658) subsequently sold a messuage, two cottages and 240 acres of land in Saddington. This class of yeoman measured its acres in hundreds rather than the thousands of the wealthier sort."

THE HORTONS OF SADDINGTON

"Their kindred at Saddington." This general expression, so used by Dr. Hoskins, will recall the minds of my readers to the statement which I made in my above-mentioned article that the Hortons of Saddington were "almost certainly an offshoot from the Hortons of Mowsley. Indeed, I do not entertain any doubt upon the matter; but no one has ever yet shown the actual link between them."

The evidence in my possession does, however, enable me to offer what may prove to be the correct solution of the kinship; and perhaps the best avenue of approach thereto is, first of all, to set forth the evidence which I have concerning all Hortons mentioned in connection with Saddington over the here material period.

RECORDS from 1515 to 1560

1515. The earliest record is to be found in the two above-mentioned Wills of Anne Horton, the widow of Richard Horton of Mowsley, the later of which was dated 1/6/1515. From these two Wills, read together, it will be seen that the said Richard and Anne Horton had three sons, William Horton, Thomas Horton and Richard Horton.

To such eldest son William Horton—whom she appointed as her executor and who on 1/6/1515 was already married to Alice *née* ——— and had issue, also then living, by her, and to whom I shall recur later in respect of what may well have been his second marriage—she left landed property as follows, namely:—

"One tenement in Leicester and all the lands and tenements which I have in Mye Petlynge" (i.e., Great Peatling) "lately purchased."

To such second son Thomas Horton—who on 1/6/1515 was already married to Maud *née* ——— and had issue, also then living, by her, and who predeceased her, leaving a Will, now lost but which was the subject of the Chancery Suit of "Horton v. Hampe" in 1626/7 (Chancery Proceedings, Ser. ii, 405: 98) wherein he is described as "Thomas Horton, late of Mouseley, yeoman, deceased," and whose said wife's Will dated 2/11/1560 was proved at Leicester on 12/12/1560, such Thomas and Maud Horton being the persons through whose second son William Horton of Mowsley the said recorded Pedigree of the Hortons of Mowsley was continued—she left landed property variously described in her said two Wills as follows:—

In such First Will:—"One messuage and one virgate of land called Pkynes" (i.e., Parkyn's) "land in Mowsley, *one messuage and one virgate of land in Sadeyngton lately purchased from Thomas Harvey, esq., and which were late my husband's*" (*spous meus*) "and also one messuage in Mowsley called Smyth Place";

In such Second Will:—"All the lands and tenements that Richard Horton my husband late purchased from Symon Malyry, esq., and of Wm. Ros, and one tenement in Mowsley called Smythes Place, and *one messuage in Saddington and one virgate of land there called Harvy's* and one messuage and one virgate of land in Mowseley called Pkyns land" (i.e., Parkyn's land).

This "Thomas Harvey, esq."—so mentioned in such Will—is obviously the same man as the "Master Thomas Harvy" mentioned by Dr. Hoskins on page 59 of his above-mentioned article as owning pasture fields at Elmesthorpe, Co. Leicester, in 1539. Dr. Hoskins tells me that this "Master Thomas Harvy" owned the Manors of Kirkby Mallory, Fleckney and Hinckley (all in Co. Leicester) and that he died at Elmesthorpe aforesaid on 30/4/1544.

To such third son Richard Horton—of whom more anon (below, on page 9)—she left a legacy by such First Will and made no mention of him in such Second Will. She may perhaps, therefore, have handed him such legacy in person between the date of such First Will and that of the Second.

1533—1538. The next record is of a Chancery Suit between 1533 and 1538, to be found in the Calendar of Early Chancery Proceedings, C 1, File 780, Nos. 33-34, the short note of which runs as follows:—"Robert Dorman, husbandman, v. Rowland Walker of Market Harborough and *Agnes Horton* re forcible ouster pending a suit in this court from a *messuage and land in Saddington* bought of John Dorman."

It is a Complaint by "Robert Dorman," describing himself as "a poor husbandman," against "Rowland Walker, of Harbrogh" (i.e., Market Harborough) "and *Agnes Horton, of Saddington, widow,*" both of whom he therein described as "rich," alleging that he (the Complainant) had "for certain great sums of money bought of one John Dorman a *messuage, 6 yards of land, 20 acres of meadow in the town and fields of Sadyngton*" (*sic*) "Co. Leicester, and was thereof seised until" the said Rowland Walker and the said Agnes Horton "conspired to disinherit him, and" that "a writ of subpoena was issued, Rowland Walker bringing a bill in Chancery supposing Hugh Wymeswold to have right to the premises and" that "the said Rowland and Agnes wrongfully entered into the same and ousted the Complainant;" and that "for two years they have taken the rent and issues," and that "he" (the Complainant) "desires they may be summoned to answer thereto."

The Answer of the said Agnes Horton, widow—which is likewise happily preserved—was clear and to the point. She therein stated as follows:—"The said "Hugh Wymswoulde" (*sic*) "was seised of the pre-

mises named in the Bill and so being seised granted the same to the said Agnes" (i.e., herself) "for a year or so from year to year, she paying 40s. a year to the said Hugh and yet does so from year to year. She knows nothing of the Complainant's pretension to the same and says that, if John Dorman had anything in the premises, it was only to the use of" the said "Hugh"; and "she denies any conspiracy with" the said "Roland" (*sic*) "Walker or any unlawful entry into the premises."

Further reference to the said Agnes Horton, widow, will be found below, under date 1539-40.

1533—1538. The next is of another Chancery Suit between 1533 and 1538, to be found in the Calendar of Early Chancery Proceedings, CI, File 825, Nos. 24-25, the short note of which runs as follows:—"Thomas Horton of Mowsley, husbandman, son and heir of Richard Horton v. Robert, grandson and heir of William Imyn, concerning land in Saddington."

It is a Complaint by "Thomas Horton of Mousley" (*sic*) "Co. Leicester, husbandman, that his father Richard Horton died seised of 11 acres of arable land and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of meadow in the town and fields of Sadyngton" (*sic*) "and" that "the same descended to him, as son and heir;" that "he entered into the same and was thereof seised until now of late one Robert Immyns of Saddington" (*sic*), "being a great rich man, has forcibly expelled him from the premises"; that "being a very poor man," he, "the Complainant can not sue by common law and he desires the said Immyns may be summoned to answer the same."

The Answer of the said "Robert Imyns" (*sic*) was as follows:—"That one John Imyn" (*sic*) "and his ancestors, time out of mind, were lawfully seised of the premises named in the Bill and John gave the same to his son William Imyn (*sic*) "and on the latter's death the same descended to the said Robert, as William's son and heir. He denies that Richard Horton had anything in the premises and that the same descended to the Complainant and also denies that he expelled the Complainant."

(This record thus gives three successive generations of the Immyns family of Saddington; and it may be of interest here to add that in Generation XIV of the Horton Family—Mowsley Line—Mary *née* Burdett, daughter of William Burdett of Mowsley and widow of Joseph Horton (1662-1702) of Mowsley, yeoman, married as her second husband one—Emins, who was doubtless of the said family of the above-given various spellings: Imyn, Imyns, Immyns.)

1538. The next record is of the marriage at Saddington in 1538 of Robert Horton and Ellenor *née* ———.

1539-40. Next comes the Will of Agnes Horton of Saddington, widow, dated 16/2/1539-40 and proved at Leicester probably in the same year 1539-40—i.e., before 25/3/1540—as it is in the bundle of Wills at Leicester for the year 1539 ending 24/3/1539/40. From this Will it is

clear that she, the testatrix, was *née* Dawe and had married twice: firstly ——— Burdyd, by whom she had two sons, Thomas Burdyd and Richard Burdyd, whom she appointed as her joint executors, and secondly, ——— *Horton*, by whom she apparently had no issue. The witnesses to such Will were her brother John Dawe and *Richard Horton*.

As to the identity of her said second husband, ——— *Horton*, I can only surmise that he may have been the above-mentioned William Horton, eldest son of the above-mentioned Richard and Anne Horton of Mowsley, marrying a second time after the thus assumed death, earlier, of his above-mentioned wife Alice *née* ———.

1548. The next record is of the marriage at *Saddington* of *Bartholomew Horton* and ——— *née* ——— (names no longer decipherable) on 7/10/1548.

1549-50. The next record is of the burial at *Saddington* of *Timothy Horton* "son of *Thomas Horton*" on 18/1/1549-50 (*per* Transcript).

1554. The next record is to be found in the Leicestershire Fines of the year 1554, s.n. "Saddington." This runs as follows:—

"Octave of St. Michael, 1554. Between William Warde, Plaintiff, and *Thomas Horton*, defendant, of a messuage, a toft, a garden, 66 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 40 of pasture, and 3 of wood in *Saddington*, Grant by William to *Thomas* for life, then to *John Horton* son of *Thomas*, and John's lawful issue, in default to *Thomas*, son of *Thomas Horton*, and his lawful issue, in default to *William Horton* and his lawful issue."

1560. The last record to which I propose to refer in this connection is the Will of the above-mentioned Maud Horton of Mowsley, widow of the above-mentioned Thomas Horton of Mowsley, Yeoman, dated 2/11/1560 and proved at Leicester on 12/12/1560 as aforesaid.

In that Will she left a legacy to "*Thomas Horton of Sadton*" (*i.e.*, *Saddington*) and appointed "my cosyn *Thomas Horton* and my son John" Horton—her fourth and youngest son—"to be Overseers"; and on 8/11/1560 the Inventory of her goods was taken by *Thomas Horton*, John Horton and Richard Warde.

DEDUCTIONS THEREFROM

With such evidence before us, the following seems to emerge as the resultant effect.

GENERATION VIII OF THE HORTON FAMILY

Richard Horton of Mowsley and Holder of Smyth Place there, born circa 1450—whom in my above-mentioned article I have called Generation VIII of the Horton family—had by his wife *Anne née* ———, three sons, William Horton, Thomas Horton and Richard Horton. With the two first I have already sufficiently dealt. I have designedly reserved the consideration of the third son Richard Horton until now.

GENERATION IX OF THE HORTON FAMILY

Richard Horton, such third and youngest son, seems clearly to have married and, by his wife ——— *née* ———, to have had issue:—

GENERATION X OF THE HORTON FAMILY

GENERATION I OF SADDINGTON

(1) *Thomas Horton*; living, described as "Thomas Horton of Mowsley, husbandman, son and heir of Richard Horton" *per* the Chancery Suit of 1533-1538; living, grantee of the messuage, etc., in Saddington for life, *per* the Leicestershire Fines 1554; living, described as "Thomas Horton of Saddington," a legatee, and as "my cosyn" (meaning, as so often, nephew) "Thomas Horton," one of the Overseers, under the said Will of the said Maud Horton of Mowsley, widow of the said Thomas Horton of Mowsley, Yeoman, dated 2/11/1560; and living and joining in taking the Inventory of her goods on 8/11/1560. He married, probably in or about 1532, ——— *née* ———, by whom he had issue, as shewn below.

(2) *Robert Horton*, who married at Saddington in 1538 *Ellenor née* ———. Of him and her I know no more.

(3) *Bartholomew Horton*, who married at Saddington on 7/10/1548 ——— *née* ———. Of him and her I know no more.

GENERATION XI OF THE HORTON FAMILY

GENERATION II OF SADDINGTON

Thomas Horton, the above-mentioned son and heir of Richard Horton and ——— *née* ——— his wife, had issue by ——— *née* ———, his wife, certainly two sons, almost certainly three, and probably in fact four, namely:—

(1) *Timothy Horton*, buried at Saddington on 18/1/1549-50 as aforesaid.

(2) *John Horton of Saddington, Yeoman*, who was living in 1554 as aforesaid. He married *circa* 1555 *Elizabeth née* ———, who predeceased him and was buried at Saddington (as "wife of John Horton") on 2/11/1577. He himself was living, of Saddington, in 1570-1576, *per* the Lay Subsidy Rolls of those respective years. He was buried at Saddington shortly after 8/2/1588/9. His Will, dated 28/2/1588-9 was proved at Leicester on 22/4/1589. There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently, on page 10.

(3) *Thomas Horton of Saddington*, who was living in 1554 as aforesaid. He married ——— *née* ———; and he may (or may not) have been the "—— Horton" so buried at Saddington on 1/10/1594. There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently, on page 10.

(4) *William Horton*, who was living in 1554 as aforesaid, and of whom I know no more.

GENERATION XII OF THE HORTON FAMILY
GENERATION III OF SADDINGTON

A.—The said John Horton of Saddington, Yeoman, of Generation II of Saddington, had issue by Elizabeth *née* ———, his said wife, eight children including four sons:—

(1) *Thomas Horton*, baptized at Saddington on 24/5/1556 (*per* Transcript), who was living 28/2/1588-9, and, as executor of his father, 22/4/1589, and also 9/1/1596, the date of the Will of his hereinafter mentioned brother John Horton. He was probably also the Thomas Horton who was Churchwarden of Saddington in 1604. He married in or about 1591 *Ealse née* ———. There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently on page 11.

(2) *Henry Horton*, baptized at Saddington on 30/6/1570 and there buried four days later on 3/7/1570.

(3) *John Horton of Saddington, Yeoman*, who was living (under 21) on 28/2/1588-9 and was buried at Saddington on 13/1/1596-7 and whose Will, dated 9/1/1596-7, was proved at Leicester on 10/3/1596-7 by his next brother William Horton. This John Horton clearly from his said Will died unmarried or at any rate without leaving issue.

(4) *William Horton*, who was living (under 21) on 28/2/1588-9 and, proving the Will of his said brother John Horton, 10/3/1596-7. Of him I know no more; and, for reasons hereinafter appearing, I am satisfied that he was not the William Horton who founded the Hortons of Gumley. Such Founder was, as will later be seen, his first cousin of the same name.

B.—The said Thomas Horton of Saddington, of Generation II of Saddington, had issue, by ——— *née* ——— his wife, two sons, namely:—

(1) *Thomas Horton of Saddington, Yeoman*, who was defendant in the Chancery Suit of "Farmer v. Horton" in 1633, more particularly hereinafter referred to (pp. 12, 16 *sq.*). He was buried at Saddington on 17/2/1634-5 (*per* Transcript). His Will, dated 30/1/1633-4, was proved at Leicester on 26/2/1634-5. His I.P.M. (Chancery) was dated 24/9/1635. He married *circa* 1605 at the very latest (and probably in fact earlier) *Alice née* ———, who was buried at Saddington as "Alice ye wife of Thomas Horton" on 21/3/1628-9 (*per* Transcript), by whom he had issue, of whom presently, on page 11. (This is the Thomas Horton of Saddington referred to by Dr. Hoskins in the footnote to page 67 of his above-mentioned article already quoted above on page 5).

(2) *William Horton*, who was living (appointed Overseer of his said brother's said Will) 30/1/1633-4. Of him more anon;—for, as will later be seen, he was in my opinion, *THE FOUNDER OF THE HORTONS OF GUMLEY*.

There I could well pause; but, having gone so far, I think my readers may well like to know something of the succeeding generations at Saddington, though—for reasons of space—I can but deal lightly here with these.

GENERATION XIII OF THE HORTON FAMILY

GENERATION IV OF SADDINGTON

A.—The said Thomas Horton of Saddington, of Generation III of Saddington, above, page 10, had issue, by Ealse *née* ——— his wife, three and more probably four daughters and an only son:—

William Horton who was baptized at Saddington on 9/1/1595-6 and who was probably the "William Horton" so there buried a few weeks later, on 22/2/1595-6.

B.—The said Thomas Horton of Saddington, Yeoman, of Generation III of Saddington, above, page 10, had issue, by Alice *née* ——— his wife, two sons and three daughters, such sons being:—

(1) *John Horton of Saddington, Yeoman*, who was born *circa* 1611 or 1612, and was living in 1658 as "John Horton, gent.", when—together with his second but then only surviving son Bartholomew Horton (hereinafter mentioned)—he sold some of his property in Saddington and in Gumley (*per* Fine of the Morrow of Trinity, 1658). He married *circa* 1630 *Katherine née Farmer*, daughter of Ursula Farmer of Ratcliffe Culey, Co. Leicester, widow; and by her (who predeceased him and was buried at Saddington on 14/5/1638) he had issue, for whom see below. (This is the John Horton of Saddington referred to by Dr. Hoskins in the footnote to page 67 of his above-mentioned article, already quoted above on page 5).

(2) *Thomas Horton*, who died unmarried at the age of about 21 and was buried at Saddington on 17/7/1633.

GENERATION XIV OF THE HORTON FAMILY

GENERATION V OF SADDINGTON

The said John Horton of Saddington, Yeoman, of Generation IV of Saddington, had issue by *Katherine née Farmer*, his said wife, five sons, the second but eldest surviving of whom, and the one through whom the line of the Hortons of Saddington proceeded, was:—

Bartholomew Horton, baptized at Saddington 29/10/1633 (*per* Transcript), who joined with his said father in the sale of 1658 above referred to, was living at Saddington with four hearths in 1666 (*per* Lay Subsidy: Hearth Tax Return: 251/9: Lady Day 1666) and was there buried on 15/1/1708-9, and whose Will dated 20/10/1708 was proved at Leicester on 9/7/1709. He married at Saddington on 11/2/1657-8 *Ann née Johnson* of Saddington, who is probably the "Mrs. Horton, widow" so there buried on 26/3/1711-12. There was issue of their said marriage, as follows:—

GENERATION XV OF THE HORTON FAMILY

GENERATION VI OF SADDINGTON

Four sons, namely *Thomas Horton of Saddington, John Horton, Bartholomew Horton, William Horton*—and seven daughters.

There I fear I must leave the Hortons of Saddington, not for lack of further knowledge, but, in order to pass on to the fulfilment of a second main purpose of the present article, namely:—The setting forth of the Correct History of the Hortons of Gumley.

I append, however, a Tentative Chart of the Hortons of Saddington, for the purpose of clarity.

CORRECT HISTORY OF THE HORTONS OF GUMLEY

And so I come to the Hortons of Gumley who, beyond any possibility of question, were an offshoot of the Hortons of Saddington.

Curiously enough, until I wrote my article on "The Hortons of Leicestershire" referred to at the outset hereof—tracing them back through Mowsley to Knaptoft in the 1200's and shewing Horton, Co. Northampton as their original home, and incorporating reference to the Pedigree of the Hortons of Mowsley from *circa* 1450 onwards which I recorded at the College of Arms in 1938 as already above stated on page 3—the only published account of any line of such Horton family was the account of this youngest line, the Hortons of Gumley, given by Nichols in his *History of Leicestershire*, Vol. III, Part I, page 534.

That account there given by Nichols, however, is so hopelessly erroneous that many years ago I set to work to establish the true facts, in order that they might some day be placed on permanent record; and I venture to think that I may be found to have succeeded in a none too easy endeavour.

It may assist my readers if I commence with a list, with dates, of some of the principal records to be mentioned. Here it is.

THE HORTONS OF GUMLEY

SOME OF THE MAIN RECORDS

A.—SADDINGTON

Generation XII of the Horton Family

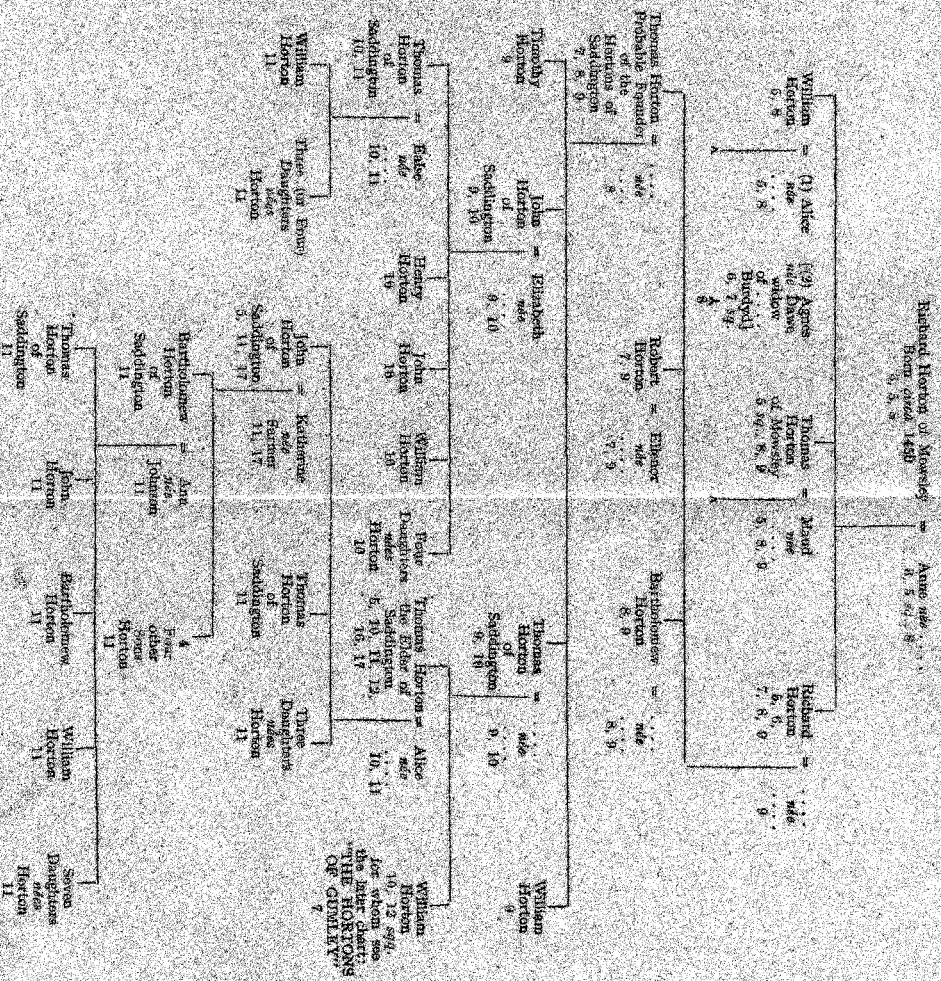
(Generation III of Saddington)

<i>Thomas Horton, the Elder of Saddington, Yeoman:</i>	Page
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THE HORTONS OF SADDINGTON OFFSHOOT OF THE HORTONS OF MOWSLEY

TENTATIVE CHART

Note—The number below each person is the number of the page where he or she is to be found.



William Horton (10, 11) for whom see the first chart "THE HORTONS OF CUMLEY" 7

B.—GUMLEY

*Generation XII of the Horton Family.**(Generation III of Saddington)**Generation I of Gumley*

<i>William Horton of Gumley, Yeoman, and Isabell née Freeman his wife:—</i>		Page
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His appointment as one of the Overseers of the Will of his brother Thomas Horton of Saddington, Yeoman	30/1/1633/4	17
His Will, dated	14/2/1637/8	18
His burial at Gumley	14/2/1637/8	18
His said wife living	14/2/1637/8	18
His said Will proved at Oadby	27/8/1638	18

*Generation XIII of the Horton Family**(Generation IV of Saddington)**Generation II of Gumley*

<i>John Horton of Gumley (Eldest son of William and Isabell Horton) and Margery née Caslin (or Kestin?) his wife:—</i>		
Their marriage	Apr. 1630	18
His Will dated	5/10/1664	18
proved at Leicester	3/8/1667	18
Her burial at Gumley	5/3/1686/7	18
<i>Andrew Horton of Leicester, Collector and Over- seer of Highways (Fourth son of William and Isabell Horton) and ——— née ——— his wife:—</i>		
His burial at All Saints, Leicester	29/10/1680	19

*Generation XIV of the Horton Family**(Generation V of Saddington)**Generation III of Gumley*

<i>John Horton of Gumley, Gent. (Eldest son of John and Margery Horton) and Barbara née ——— his wife:—</i>		
His death (<i>per M.I.</i> at Gumley)	5/12/1701	17, 19
His burial at Gumley	5/12/1701	19
Her death (<i>per M.I.</i> at Gumley)	13/1/1705/6	17, 19
Her burial at Gumley	14/1/1705/6	19

<i>Andrew Horton of Gumley, Gent.</i> (Second son of John and Margery Horton) and <i>Elizabeth née Fish his wife</i> :—		Page
Their marriage at Harrington Co. Northampton ...	17/11/1692	20
His Will dated	13/10/1719	20
His death (<i>per</i> M.I. at Gumley, with Armorial Bearings of Horton)	21/5/1721	17, 20
His burial at Gumley	24/5/1721	20
His said Will proved at London in the P.C.C. ...	15/9/1721	20
Her Will dated	30/8/1721	20
with Codicil thereto dated	17/10/1721	20
Her death (<i>per</i> M.I. at Gumley)	Oct. 1721	17, 20
Her burial at Gumley	21/10/1721	20
Her said Will and Codicil proved together at London in the P.C.C.	17/2/1721/2	20
<i>Thomas Horton of Gumley and sometime of Market Harborough, Yeoman</i> (Third son of John and Margery Horton) and <i>Anne née Harborne his wife</i> :—		
Their marriage at Market Harborough aforesaid ...	10/3/1655/6	21
His burial at Gumley	10/11/1702	21
<i>James Horton of Plaistow, in the parish of Westham (spelt also West Ham) Co. Essex, and sometime of the precinct of St. Katherine near the Tower of London, Tallow Chandler</i> (Fourth son of John and Margery Horton) and <i>Mary née Spurr his wife</i> :—		
His Will dated	18/7/1717	21
proved at London, in the P.C.C.	Nov. 1718	21
<i>Joseph Horton</i> (Fifth son of John and Margery Horton) and ——— <i>née</i> ——— <i>his wife</i> :—		
Mention of him as living	5/10/1664	21
Their marriage	(circa 1670)	21

Generation XV of the Horton Family

(*Generation VI of Saddington*)

Generation IV of Gumley

John Horton (Eldest son of Andrew and Elizabeth Horton):—

His burial at Barton Seagrave, Co. Northampton	25/11/1714	22
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<i>John Horton of Market Harborough aforesaid, later of Kettering, Co. Northampton, and, later again, of Gumley, Gent. (Son of Thomas and Anne Horton) and Margaret née Bridges (a sister of John Bridges, Historian of Northamptonshire) his wife:—</i>		Page
Their marriage at Orlingbury, Co. Northampton	26/1/1701/2	23
Her death (<i>per</i> M.I. at Barton Segrave aforesaid)	11/12/1714	23
Her burial at Barton Segrave aforesaid	12/12/1714	23
His burial at Barton Segrave aforesaid	17/11/1742	23
<i>The Rev. William Horton, M.A. Cambridge, Rector of Corby, Co. Northampton (Son, clearly, of Joseph and ——— Horton):—</i>		
His burial at Corby aforesaid	8/1/1741/2	25
<i>Mary née Horton (Daughter, clearly, of Joseph and ——— Horton) and The Rev. William Stan-dish, M.A. Cambridge, Rector of Uppingham, Co. Rutland, widower, her husband:—</i>		
Their licence for marriage	24/5/1692	25
His Will dated	21/4/1731	25
proved in the Consistory Court of Northampton	27/4/1744	25

*Generation XVI of the Horton Family**(Generation VII of Saddington)**Generation V of Gumley*

<i>John Horton, Gent. (Only son of John and Margaret Horton):—</i>		
His death in his 25th year (<i>per</i> M.I. at Barton Segrave aforesaid)	24/10/1730	25
His burial at Barton Segrave aforesaid	26/10/1730	25
<i>Margaretta née Horton (Daughter of John and Margaret Horton) and John Bridges of Barton Segrave, Esquire, her first cousin and husband:—</i>		
Their marriage at Gumley	31/5/1733	26
His Will, with Codicil, dated	14/7/1741	26
His death (<i>per</i> M.I. at Barton Segrave aforesaid, with Armorial Bearings impaling Horton of Gumley)	16/7/1741	26
His Administration with such Will and Codicil annexed, granted to her	28/9/1742	26
Her death, possibly	1/12/1748	26

<i>The Rev. William Standish, B.A. Cambridge, Rector of Pilton 1722-1762 and Rector of Sad- dington 1732-1762 (Son of The Rev. William Standish, M.A., and Mary née Horton his wife):—</i>	Page
His burial at Saddington 28/1/1762	27
M.I. in Chancel of the Church of Saddington ...	27

PREFATORY

In* connection with the Hortons of Gumley my searches included the Parish Registers of Gumley (now extant only from 1689) and of other places in the County and also the Register Transcripts in supplement thereof, the Leicestershire Lay Subsidy Rolls 1500-1618 (including the Exchequer Subsidy Roll for 1603-4, transcribed by my friend the late Mr. Henry Hartopp, the noted antiquarian of Leicester, and published in the Associated Architectural Societies' Reports and Papers, and also the Additional Lay Subsidy Roll for 1606), the Inquisitions Post Mortem 1518-1649, Chancery Proceedings 1558-1660, the Leicestershire Recoveries 1583-1650, the Leicestershire Feet of Fines 1603-1650, and the Marriage Licence Bonds in the Registry of the Archdeacon of Leicester, as well as, of course, Wills, M.I.'s and the like. The Recoveries alone failed to afford assistance.

When, then, did the Hortons first appear at Gumley?

The Lay Subsidy Rolls down to and including 1610-11 contain no mention of any Horton under Gumley, and hence I deduce that Nichols, in saying, *ibidem*, that William Horton (both his and my own first Horton of Gumley) acquired the Manor or so-called Manor of Gumley from Sir Thomas Griffin as early as 31/1/1608/9, may have been slightly ante-dating such purchase.

Here come in the Feet of Fines; for there, in 1610 (E. 8 Jac. I), we find William Horton with two other plaintiffs (of whom one was Richard Iliffe, bearing a surname which will later herein recur on pages 20 and 22) buying three messuages and land in Gumley from Sir Edward Griffin, knt., Lucy his wife, and Sir Thomas Griffin, knt., for £200.

This at least establishes William Horton at Gumley as early as 1610. (In the following year 1611—E. 9 Jac. I—we find the same William Horton and Richard Iliffe buying two messuages and land at Theddingworth, Co. Leicester, from Thomas Cave, for £100).

The Chancery Proceedings give us in 1633 the suit of "*Farmer v. Horton*" (Official Reference for the Bill of Complaint, dated 27/11/1633, being "F. 19. 9", and that for the Answer thereto, dated 20/1/1633/4, being F. 18. 34"), wherein the plaintiff was Ursula Farmer of Ratchiffe Culey, Co. Leicester, Widow, and the defendant was Thomas Horton the Elder, of Saddington, Yeoman, to both of whom I shall be recurring shortly.

The MI's include two mural tablets in the church of Gumley, the earlier of which records John Horton of Gumley (*ob.* 1701) and Barbara his wife (*ob.* 1705), and the later of which records one of his brothers Andrew Horton of Gumley (*ob.* May, 1721) and Elizabeth his wife (*ob.* October, 1721), all hereinafter to be found in their respectively appropriate places.

Such later tablet shews also the armorial bearings of the Hortons of Gumley, namely:—Azure, a stag's head cabossed Or, for Horton, impaling:—Azure, a fess Argent on a bend Or five mullets Gules, with a crescent Argent, charged with another Gules for difference (*cp.* Nichols, *op. cit.*, Vol. II, Part I, at page 591): such impaled coat being doubtless that pertaining to the family of Fish. (Concerning such Armorial Bearings for Horton, *cp.* further below, on p. 23.)

Now I have said that the Hortons of Gumley were an offshoot of the Hortons of Saddington. Let me just establish that, and we can then proceed.

The said *Thomas Horton, the Elder of Saddington, Yeoman, per his Answer*, dated 20/1/1633/4, in the said Chancery Proceedings, speaks of his lands in Saddington as being "lands which had come down to him from his ancestors";—and he also states that he had himself purchased a close of 25 acres called "Little Wood" in Gumley. I may here say that in the Leicestershire Feet of Fines 1618 (Reference: H. 16 Jac. I) I find a purchase by "Thomas Horton", obviously the said Thomas Horton, of one acre of meadow, 28 acres of pasture and one acre of wood in Gumley for £41.

He died at Saddington on 20/2/1634/5, and the Chancery I.P.M.'s. give us his I.P.M., taken at the Castle of Leicester on 24/9/1635 (Reference: Miscellaneous: 11 Car. I, Pt. 24: 29), shewing him as seised in his demesne as of fee of and in a messuage, a cottage and land, etc., in Saddington and of and in a close of pasture, namely Little Wood Close, in Gumley, and shewing further that his son and next heir was John Horton then aged 24 years and upward.

His Will, dated 30/1/1633/4, and a short Codicil thereto of February 1634/5, were proved together at Leicester on 26/2/1634/5.

His said son and heir John Horton, thus born in 1611 or 1612, married (probably at Ratcliffe Culey) *circa* 1630/31 *Katherine née Farmer* (buried at Saddington on 12/5/1638), daughter of ——— Farmer and the said Ursula *née* ——— his wife and widow;—and through that marriage, as already shewn in earlier pages, the line of the Hortons of Saddington continued to proceed.

In such Will, dated 30/1/1633/4 as aforesaid, the said Thomas Horton of Saddington appointed:—"my brother William Horton and his son John Horton to be Overseers".

THE HORTONS OF GUMLEY

Here, in the person of the said William Horton, we have in my opinion the William Horton who purchased the Manor or so-called Manor

of Gumley and founded the family of the Hortons of Gumley;—and I shall now call him Generation I of Gumley.

GENERATION XII OF THE HORTON FAMILY
(GENERATION III OF SADDINGTON)
GENERATION I OF GUMLEY.

WILLIAM HORTON OF GUMLEY (*ob.* 1638)

This *William Horton* married at Saddington on 29/8/1597 *Isabell née Freeman* (*per* Register Transcript), probably a member of the Freeman family of Gumley frequently appearing in the Leicestershire Lay Subsidy Rolls from 1523/4 to 1576/7. Either on 31/1/1608/9 (as *per* Nichols) or slightly later he purchased the said manor of Gumley, and in 1610 or thereabouts the other property which he purchased at Gumley as afore-said. He was buried at Gumley (as "William Horton, Yeoman") on 14/2/1637/8 (*per* Register Transcript). His Will, dated 14/2/1637/8 ("*William Horton of Gumley, Co. Leicester, Yeoman*") was proved at Oadby on 27/8/1638. His said wife was living on 14/2/1637/8 and probably survived him.

There was issue of such marriage of whom immediately.

GENERATION XIII OF THE HORTON FAMILY
(GENERATION IV OF SADDINGTON)
GENERATION II OF GUMLEY.

Issue of William Horton of Gumley (*ob.* 1638)—above, on this page— and *Isabell née Freeman* his wife:—

(1) *John Horton*. Born (say) in 1598. He was living on 30/1/1633/4 and 14/2/1637/8 and (*per* my friend the late Mr. Henry Hartopp, already above referred to) at Gumley with three Fire-Hearths at Michaelmas 1664. His Will, dated 5/10/1664 ("*John Horton of Gumley, Co. Leicester*")—witnessed by Richard Kestin and Mary Kestin—was proved at Leicester on 3/8/1667.

He married, in April, 1630 (*per* Nichols, *op. cit.*, Vol. III, Pt. I, at page 534), *Margery née (per* Nichols *ibidem*) *Caslin*. I have some doubt as to whether her maiden name should not have been given as Cestin or Kestin—(cp. the names of such witnesses to her said husband's will: who were probably of Great Bowden, Co. Leicester, where I find a Richard Kestin buried in 1653 and another Richard Kestin buried in 1674)—but the exact spelling of her maiden name is not here material. She is not mentioned in her said husband's Will but I think she must have survived him and be the "*Margery Horton, widow*", so buried at Gumley on 5/3/1686/7 (*per* Register Transcript).

There was issue of such marriage of whom presently (on pp. 19-21).

(2) *Thomas Horton*. Born (say) in 1600, and living on 14/2/1637/8.

(3) *James Horton*. Born (say) in 1602, and living on 14/2/1637/8.

(4) *Andrew Horton*. Born (say) in 1604 and living on 14/2/1637/8.

He is probably the Andrew Horton of *Leicester*, appearing in the "Vestry Book and Accounts of the Churchwardens of St. Mary's, Leicester, 1652-1729" (published in 1912) as:—In 1656, chosen as Collector; in 1657, Collector exhibiting accounts; in 1657 chosen as Overseer of the highways; and as still living in 1670/1 and 1671. He is probably the Andrew Horton who was buried at All Saints, Leicester, on 29/10/1680.

He apparently married *circa* 1662 ——— *née* ——— and to have had issue of such marriage, of whom presently (on p. 21).

(5) *Robert Horton*. Born (say) in 1606 and living on 14/2/1637/8.

(6) *William Horton*. Born (say) in 1608 and living on 14/2/1637/8.

(7) *Elizabeth née Horton*. Living, unmarried, on 14/2/1637/8.

(8) *Mary née Horton*. Living, unmarried, on 14/2/1637/8, and buried at Gumley (as a "spinster") on 17/1/1680/1 *per* Register Transcript).

(9) *Ellin née Horton*. Baptized at Gumley on 11/3/1617/18, and there buried the following day, 12/3/1617/18 (*per* Register Transcript).

(10) Query another daughter *Frances née Horton*, buried at Gumley (as "Frances Orton") on 6/12/1629 (*per* Register Transcript).

GENERATION XIV OF THE HORTON FAMILY

(GENERATION V OF SADDINGTON)

GENERATION III OF GUMLEY

A.—Issue of John Horton of Gumley (*ob. circa* 1667) above, page 18, and Margery *née* Caslin (or? Kestin) his wife:—

(1) *John Horton*. Born *circa* 1634. Probably the eldest son and heir. Nichols (*ibidem*), if I correctly understand him, is here completely in error. He appears to give this John Horton as a grandson and not as a son of the said John and Margery Horton, interposing for father a supposed "John Horton of Saddington living in 1658." He, however, does state that the John Horton with whom I am here dealing was the person who inherited *Gumley*. The John Horton, with whom I am now dealing, was living (a party to a Deed of Bargain and Sale mentioned in his said father's Will) on 1/1/1663/4 and was living also on 5/10/1664. He died on 2/12/1701 and was buried at Gumley (as "John Horton, Gent., aged 67 years") on 5/12/1701. Mural M.I. to him as also to Barbara his wife in the Church of Gumley.

He married in or before 1674 *Barbara née* ———, who survived him and dying on 13/1/1705/6 was buried at Gumley on the following day. Mural M.I. as aforesaid.

There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently (on p. 22).

(2) *Mary née Horton*. Living, unmarried (but apparently soon to be married) on 1/1/1663/4. Living ("my daughter Mary") 5/10/1664. She married in 1663 or 1664 ——— *Iliffe or Ilife* (of a family whose name is frequently to be found under Gumley in the Leicestershire Lay Subsidy Rolls during the period 1570—1610/11: cp. also the Richard Iliffe of 1610 and 1611 already above referred to), and died before 18/7/1717.

There was issue of such marriage of whom presently (on p. 22).

(3) *Andrew Horton*. Probably second son. Nichols (*ibidem*) makes here the same mistake as that already mentioned in regard to this Andrew's brother John Horton (above, on page 19).

He makes (*ibidem*) two yet further mistakes:— (1) in ascribing to this Andrew Horton the paternity of John Horton of Kettering, who, as will be seen presently (pp. 11 and 15), was a son of Andrew Horton's next brother Thomas Horton, and (2) in stating that this Andrew Horton left his Gumley estate to such John Horton of Kettering.

This Andrew Horton was living 5/10/1664, was of Gumley (in the entry of his marriage) 17/11/1692. In 1695 (*per* Nichols, *ibidem*) he purchased some lands at Gumley from James Horton of London, tallow-chandler, and Mary his wife: such James Horton being one of his brothers as will presently be seen. He—*per* Nichols, *ibidem*—inherited the said Manor of Gumley on the death of his brother John Horton, who died, as already stated, on 2/12/1701. He was living on 18/7/1717. He was (*per* the Leicestershire Poll Books at Leicester) a Freeholder at Gumley in 1719. He died on 21/5/1721 and was buried at Gumley on 24/5/1721. Mural M.I. to him as also to Elizabeth his wife with the Armorial Bearings aforesaid in the Church of Gumley. His Will, dated 30/10/1719 ("*Andrew Horton of Gumbley,*" *sic*, *for Gumley*, "*Co. Leicester, Gent.*") was proved at London in the P.C.C. 15/9/1721 by his said widow.

By such Will he left his Gumley estate to his said wife Elizabeth for life and thereafter to his grand nephew, described in such Will as "my loving kinsman John Horton, son and heir apparent of my nephew John Horton of Kettering in the County of Northampton, Gent."

He married at Harrington, Co. Northampton, on 17/11/1692, "Elizabeth Fish," *i.e.*, *Elizabeth née Fish*, of Bowden Parva or Little Bowden. Nichols, *ibidem*, is wrong in calling her "Elizabeth Fish, Widow." Moreover, he is unintelligible when he says that at the time of her said marriage to the said Andrew Horton she was the widow of one "Thomas Oneby". Apart altogether from the marriage entry, above quoted, her own Will (to be mentioned presently) shews that she was *née* Fish.

She died in October 1721 and was buried at Gumley on 21/10/1721. Mural M.I. as aforesaid.

Her Will, dated 30/8/1721, and a Codicil thereto, dated 17/10/1721, were proved together at London in the P.C.C. on 17/2/1721/2.

There was issue of such marriage, none of whom survived their said parents but of whom presently (on p. 22).

(4) *Thomas Horton*, who is correctly given by Nichols, *ibidem*, as a son of John and Margery Horton and as "of Harborough," *i.e.*, Market Harborough. He was, in fact, living "*of Market Harborough*" at the date of his marriage on 10/3/1655/6. Was living on 5/10/1664. Was (*per* the said Mr. Henry Hartopp) at Market Harborough with two Fire-Hearths at Michaelmas 1664. He seems clearly to have moved back later to *Gumley*, and is doubtless the Thomas Horton who was Churchwarden there in 1680 (*per* Register Transcript) and who was there buried (as "Thomas Horton, Yeoman") on 10/11/1702.

He married at Market Harborough on 10/3/1655/6 *Anne née Harborne* who was either of Overstone or of Drawton (*i.e.*, Draughton), Co. Northampton.

There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently (on pp. 22-24).

(5) *James Horton*, whom Nichols mentions *ibidem*, but without any recognition of relationship. He was living 5/10/1664. He together with his wife Mary sold lands in *Gumley* in 1695 to his said brother Andrew Horton (*per* Nichols, above quoted). He died *circa* 1718 and, if he was buried in accordance with his desire as expressed in his Will, was buried in the Parish Church of St. Katherine near the Tower of London. His Will, dated 18/7/1717 ("*James Horton late of the precinct of St. Katherine near the Tower of London, Tallow Chandler, and now of Plais-tow in the Parish of Westham,*" also in such Will spelt West Ham, "*Co. Essex*") was proved at London in the P.C.C. in November 1718. He married—certainly not later than 1695 (see below)—*Mary née Spurr*, daughter of ——— Spurr and Jane his wife (the last-named being described in his said Will as "*Jane Spurr late of London, widow, deceased,*" and as having left a Will dated "on or about 3/9/1706" which, however, I have not thought it necessary to consult). His said wife was living on 3/9/1706, but she pre-deceased him.

There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently (on page 24).

(6) *Joseph Horton*, of whom Nichols, *ibidem*, makes no mention at all. He was living 5/10/1664. He must have married in or about 1670 ——— *née* ———, by whom he had issue for which I cannot otherwise account, and whereof presently (on pp. 24 *sq.*).

(7) Presumably also a daughter, *Elizabeth née Horton*, baptized at Noseley (*sic*: not Mowsley), Co. Leicester, as:—"Elizabeth Horton the daughter of John and Margery Horton, Yeoman," on 21/3/1638/9. If so, however, I think she must have died unmarried or without surviving issue before 5/10/1664.

B.—Issue of Andrew Horton of Leicester (*ob.* 1680), above, page 19, and ——— *née* ——— his wife:—

Liddia née Horton, baptized at St. Mary's, Leicester, on 14/5/1663.

GENERATION XV OF THE HORTON FAMILY

(GENERATION VI OF SADDINGTON)

GENERATION IV OF GUMLEY

A.—Issue of John Horton of Gumley (*ob.* 1701), above, page 19, and Barbara *née* ——— his wife:—

(1) *James Horton*. Baptized at Gumley on 8/6/1675 (*per* Register Transcript). He clearly died before 2/12/1701, and, if he was the Horton who married *Anne née* ——— (born *circa* 1679, and buried at Gumley, as “Anne Orton, widow, aged about 80,” on 2/12/1759), he clearly had by her no, or at any rate, no male issue surviving on 2/12/1701.

(2) *Barbara née Horton*. Born many years later, *i.e.*, *circa* 1698. Buried at Gumley (as “Barbery Horton, daughter of Mr. John Horton, Gent.”) on 11/4/1702, aged four.

B.—Issue of Mary *née* Horton (*ob.* before 1717) above, p. 20, and ——— Iliffe her husband.

(1) *John Iliffe*. Living at Gumley on 18/7/1717.

(2) *Elizabeth née Iliffe*, who married before 18/7/1717 ——— Glover and was living (“my niece Elizabeth Glover, daughter of my said late sister Ilife”) on 18/7/1717.

C.—Issue of Andrew Horton of Gumley (*ob.* 1721) above, p. 20, and Elizabeth *née* Fish, his wife:—

(1) *Frances née Horton*. Born *circa* 1694. died—when probably on a visit to her paternal uncle the said James Horton of London—on 25/7/1712, aged 18. M.I. to her in the Collegiate Church of St. Katherine near the Tower of London.

(2) *John Horton*. Baptized at Gumley on 1/4/1696. Clearly died before 30/10/1719. He is probably the “John Horton” buried at Barton Segrave, Co. Northampton, on 25/11/1714. (For it will later be seen that his first cousin John Horton of Kettering had by then been married for some years to Margaret *née* Bridges of that place.)

(3) *William Horton*. Date of birth unknown. Buried at Gumley on 28/5/1705.

(4) *Andrew Horton*. Baptized at Gumley on 19/4/1707 and there buried on 10/6/1711.

D.—Issue of Thomas Horton of Market Harborough and afterwards of Gumley (*ob.* 1702), above, p. 21, and Anne *née* Harborne his wife:—

(1) *John Horton*. Born (*per* Baptismal Register of Market Harborough) on 9/2/1656. He removed to *Kettering, Co. Northampton*, before 26/1/1701/2, on which date, in the entry of his marriage hereinafter mentioned, he was described as of Kettering. According to Nichols, *op. cit.* Vol. III, Pt. I, at page 534, he in 1707 bought the Manor of Kettering:—or so, at least, I understand Nichols. I am satisfied, how-

ever—as the result of careful correspondence in 1921 with Mr. F. W. Bull, F.S.A., author of an extensive history of Kettering—that Nichols was wrong in so stating. John Horton never bought the Manor of Kettering. He was “of Kettering, Gent.” at the time of his wife’s death, hereinafter mentioned, on 11/12/1714, as witness the M.I. to her at Barton Segrave aforesaid. He was living (“My nephew John Horton of Kettering, Co. Northampton, Gent.”, in the Will of his above-mentioned uncle Andrew Horton) 18/7/1717. He is, doubtless, the “Mr. Horton, Attorney” who (*per* the said Mr. Bull in his correspondence with me) is recorded in connection with the purchase of the Kettering Workhouse in December 1717. In 1719 (*per* the Leicestershire Poll Books at Leicester) he had a freehold at Gumley. He was living, “of Kettering”, on 30/10/1719, and (as “John Horton the Elder of Kettering”) on 30/8/1721, and (as “John Horton” with “three daughters, of Kettering”) on 17/10/1721, and, again, he was living on 17/2/1721/2.

It will be seen later that his son John Horton (at the apparent age of 15) acquired the Gumley estates of his grand-uncle the said Andrew Horton of Gumley (*ob.* 1721) on the death of the latter’s widow in October, 1721, —and I think it is clear that either then or later and before 31/5/1733 John Horton of Kettering removed with his children to *Gumley* (see below under the latter’s daughter, *Margaretta née Horton*).

He married at Orlingbury Co. Northampton, on 26/1/1701/2 by licence *Margaret née Bridges* of Barton Segrave, there born and baptized there on 14/12/1676, whose eldest brother was the noted John Bridges, author of the well-known History of Northamptonshire, who was buried at Barton Segrave on 25/3/1723/4 (M.I. in the History of Northamptonshire, Vol. I, at page vi) and whose second eldest brother was William Bridges (1668-1740/1) of the Stamp Office, and whose parents were John Bridges (*circa* 1641-1712/13, buried at Barton Segrave, on 8/1/1712/13), the purchaser of the estate at Barton Segrave, and Elizabeth *née* ——— his wife (probably the “Mrs. Bridges” buried at Barton Segrave on 26/12/1712), such latter John Bridges having been the eldest son of Colonel John Bridges of Alcester, Co. Warwick.

His said wife pre-deceased him and, dying “*variolarum morbo laborans*,” *i.e.*, of small-pox, at Barton Segrave on 11/12/1714 in the 38th year of her age and in the 13th of her married life, was there buried on 12/12/1714. M.I. to her there. (Nichols is in obvious error in saying that she died on “1/12/1748” aged “38”. She died as and when I have stated, and she was then 37.)

Her said husband seems clearly to be the “John Horton, Gent.”, who was buried at Barton Segrave on 17/11/1742, in which case he would appear to have been some 86 years of age at his death.

There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently (on pp. 25 *sq.*).

(2) *Query Thomas Horton*, born *circa* 1658, who was buried at Gumley (as “Thomas Horton aged about 90”) on 1/3/1747/8 and who

may have married Deborah *née* ——— who was buried at Gumley (as "Debrah," *sic*, "Horton the Wife of Thomas Horton") on 25/3/1711/12.

Whether there was any issue of such marriage I do not know;—but I think that there may have been a son *Thomas Horton* who married in or before 1712 ——— *née* ——— (probably the person buried at Gumley, as "Frances Horton wife of Thomas Horton," on 7/7/1745), and who was of Gumley during the period 1712-1717, and who was the father of the following three children, all baptized at Gumley, as children "of Thomas Horton," as follows:—

(a) *William Horton* on 31/10/1712;—(b) *Mary née Horton* on 6/1/1714/15;—and (c) *Ann née Horton* on 14/8/1717.

Further, such last named may probably be the "Anne Horton" who married at Gumley on 4/12/1739 *William Collings*.

There was, also, an "Ann Horton" who may just possibly have been a daughter of such William Horton, if he married very young, and who married at Gumley on 24/6/1752 *Thomas Newell*.

E.—Issue of James Horton of London and afterwards of Essex (*ob. circa* 1718), above, p. 21, and *Mary née Spurr* his wife:—

(1) *Mary née Horton* who before 18/7/1717 married *Richard Terrill* (*or Tirrell*) and was living, his wife, on 18/7/1717. Her said husband was also living in November 1718.

There was issue of such marriage of whom presently (on p. 26).

(2) *Jane née Horton* who before 18/7/1717 married *Samuel Smith* and was living, his wife, on 18/7/1717. Her said husband was also living in November 1718.

There was issue of such marriage, of whom presently (on pp. 26 sq.).

F.—Issue (clearly) of Joseph Horton (living 1664), above, p. 21, and ——— *née* ——— his wife:—

(1) *The Rev. William Horton*, who is described in "Alumni Cantabrigienses," Part I (to 1751), Vol. II (published in 1922) as:—"Grandson of John" Horton "of Gumley, Yeoman, whose Will" was proved at "Leicester 1667";—*i.e.*, the Will dated 5/10/1664 and proved at Leicester on 3/8/1667 which has already been mentioned. He was admitted a Pensioner at Clare Hall, Cambridge, on 3/7/1690 as "of Gumleby" (*sic*, for Gumley) "Co. Leicester." He matriculated in 1691; he became a B.A. of Cambridge in 1694/5, was ordained deacon (at Norwich) in December 1697; and by 14/7/1703 was Vicar of Gretton, Co. Northampton, as also Chaplain to Christopher Lord Hatton, and on being then presented by the latter to his Rectory of Corby, also in Co. Northampton, was (*per* the Lambeth Librarian, quoting to me from "Lambeth Act Books", Vol. V, at page 88) granted by the then Archbishop of Canterbury licence to hold the two livings in plurality. He took his M.A. degree at Cambridge in that year, 1703, no doubt (*per* such Librarian) as a help to qualify for such dispensation. He was living ("my loving kinsman the Reverend Mr. William Horton" in the Will of

Mrs. Elizabeth Horton widow of Andrew Horton of Gumley) 30/8/1721. He remained Rector of Corby from 1703 to 1742 and was there buried on 8/1/1741/2.

(2) *Mary née Horton*. Born *circa* 1672. She was living, described as "Mary Horton, Spinster, about 20, of Gumley," in her marriage-licence bond, preserved in the Registry of the Archdeacon of Leicester, and dated 24/5/1692. Such licence was to marry "William Standish, Clerk, Widower, of Uppingham, Co. Rutland," at Gumley or alternative place or places no longer decipherable. Such marriage to *The Rev. William Standish*—presumably in 1692—is not in the Registers of Gumley and must therefore have taken place elsewhere.

Her said husband was born in May 1663 and was baptized at Etton, Co. Northampton, in the same month, being the second son of The Rev. Francis Standish, Rector of Etton and Chanter of the Cathedral of Peterborough, who was buried in such Cathedral on 25/11/1697. (See the Visitation of Co. Northampton, edited and annotated by The Rev. the late H. I. Longden, Harleian Society's Publications, Vol. 87, published in 1935, pages 206-8). Originally admitted a Sizar (aged 16) at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on 3/2/1679/80, and matriculating in 1680, he migrated to Queen's College, Cambridge, on 27/9/1682, became M.A. Cambridge in 1687, and was minor Canon of St. Paul's 1687-9, became Rector of Uppingham, Co. Rutland, in 1689 and so remained until his resignation in 1743, whereafter he died either in 1743 or in 1744.

His Will, dated 21/4/1731, was proved by his sole Executrix, "my daughter Dorothy Standish," in the Consistory Court of Northampton on 27/4/1744.

Whether or not such daughter Dorothy was issue of such second marriage, he had by his said second wife (who apparently pre-deceased him), issue of whom presently (on p. 27).

GENERATION XVI OF THE HORTON FAMILY

(GENERATION VII OF SADDINGTON)

GENERATION V OF GUMLEY.

A.—Issue of John Horton of Kettering and afterwards of Gumley (*ob.* 1742), above, p. 22, and Margaret *née* Bridges his wife:—

(1) *John Horton*. Born probably in 1705 or 1706. He acquired all the Gumley estates of his above-mentioned grand-uncle Andrew Horton of Gumley (*ob.* 1721) under the latter's Will (dated 30/10/1719) on the death of the latter's widow Elizabeth Horton of Gumley on 30/8/1721. (See, for such Will, above, p. 10). He is, doubtless, the "John Horton, Gent." who died on 24/10/1730 in his 25th year and was buried (as "John Horton") at Barton Segrave on 26/10/1730. M.I. to him amongst those of the Bridges family.

(2) *Margaretta née Horton*. Born *circa* 1707. In her marriage-licence bond (preserved in the Registry of the Archdeacon of Leicester)

dated 31/5/1733 she is described as "Margaretta Horton, Spinster, aged about 26, of Gumley," whilst the bridegroom is described as "John Brydges" (*sic*, for Bridges) "of Barton Segrave, Northants, Bachelor, aged about 27."

She married the said *John Bridges* at Gumley the same day, 31/5/1733. They were first cousins, he being the son of her said mother's said second eldest brother William Bridges (1668-1740/1) of the Stamp Office and ——— *née* Hart of Brill, Co. Buckingham, his wife.

The said John Bridges pre-deceased his said wife and, dying on 16/7/1741, was buried at Barton Segrave on 21/7/1741. M.I. to him in Latin there, erected "by his most loving wife" (see Nichols, *op. cit.*, Vol. III, Pt. I, at page 534, footnote), with Armorial Bearings shewing the Bridges coat impaling that of the Hortons of Gumley (for which see above, on p. 3); though, curiously enough, in such impalement of Horton, as I understand Nichols, the field is given as Sable (instead of Azure) and the stag's head cabossed is given as Argent (instead of Or). Nichols' "a duck's head" is an obvious misprint for "a buck's head," *i.e.*, a *stag's head*.

His Will was dated 14/7/1741 ("John Bridges of Barton Segrave, Co. Northampton, Esquire"), and was followed by a short Codicil or Footnote. In such Will he appointed "my uncle Nathaniel Bridges" sole executor, who however declined probate. Administration with such Will and Codicil or Footnote annexed was thereupon granted to the testator's widow, Margaretta Bridges, on 28/9/1742.

In such M.I. to her said husband she is described as "daughter of John and Margaret Horton who had been one of the children of John Bridges, armiger, who had been the first of his family to reside in Barton Segrave."

The date of her death and her place of burial I do not know; but it occurs to me, as I write, that the date, 1/12/1748, erroneously ascribed by Nichols as aforesaid to the death of her mother Margaret *née* Bridges (Mrs. John Horton), may conceivably have been the date of the death of her daughter this Margaretta *née* Horton (Mrs. John Bridges), in which case the latter died at the age of about 41.

There was no issue of such marriage.

(3) *Elizabeth née Horton*. Living, unmarried, on 14/7/1741.

(4) *Ann née Horton*, who before 14/7/1741 married *John Aldwinckle*, both of whom were living on 14/7/1741. I do not know whether there was any issue of such marriage.

B.—Issue of Mary *née* Horton, above, page 24, and Richard Terrill her husband:—

(1) *James Terrill*;—(2) *Richard Terrill*;—and (3) *Mary née Terrill*;—all three living, under 21, and such daughter unmarried, on 18/7/1717.

C.—Issue of Jane *née* Horton, above, p. 24, and Samuel Smith her husband:—

(1) *Samuel Smith*;—(2) *Sarah née Smith*;—(3) *Jane née Smith*;—(4) *Hannah née Smith*;—(5) *Martha née Smith*;—all five living, under 21, and all such four daughters unmarried, on 18/7/1717.

D.—Issue of *Mary née Horton*, above, p. 25, and The Rev. William Standish her husband:—

William Standish, born circa 1695, who was admitted a Sizar (aged 18) at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on 2/6/1713, became a B.A. of Cambridge in 1716/17, was ordained Deacon (at Peterborough) on 7/6/1718 and Priest (at Lincoln) on 25/9/1720, was Rector of Pilton 1722-1762, and also—1731-1762—Rector of Saddington, Co. Leicester, and was buried at Saddington on 28/1/1762. M.I. in Chancel of Saddington Church. (See Nichols, *op. cit.*, Vol. II, at page 780). Strange though it may seem, he finds no mention in his said father's Will of 21/4/1731.

It is rather pleasing to know that the last of the persons whom I have now recorded—a great great grandson of William Horton of Gumley (*ob.* 1638) *The Founder of the Hortons of Gumley*—should thus have returned “home”: to live, to minister, to die and to be laid to rest, in that very Saddington which had been the early home of that great great grandfather himself.

AND NICHOLS?

So ends my history of the Hortons of Gumley and I am happy in believing that, were Nichols but with us to-day, with all the evidence thus adduced before him, he would himself be the first to testify to its accuracy.

In conclusion I append a Resultant Chart shewing the correct Pedigree of the Hortons of Gumley.

