

Notes on the Mayors of Nottingham.
1600 - 1775.

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FOREWORD.

THE pages following I have entitled "Notes on the Mayors of Nottingham, 1600-1775." It follows that nothing so ambitious as a Mayoral Roll has been envisaged, and it is hoped that readers may bear in mind this, its limited scope.

It is for this reason also that no endeavour has been made to trace the development of the municipality and its officers, since such matters rightly belong to the subject as a whole.

What has been done, in actual fact, is to collect and arrange from various authentic sources—many of them unpublished—personal facts and information relative to those who occupied the civic chair over this given period.

Within these modest lines it is believed that fresh information concerning the ruling class of Nottingham is here made available, and that the far wider and onerous task of any who purpose a complete "Mayoral Roll" will be lightened and simplified, during the period covered by these researches, by the facts here presented.

Such an undertaking would, indeed, need every help available. The heavy baptismal and burial registers of St. Mary, not to mention those of St. Nicholas and St. Peter, with the records of High Pavement and Castle Gate, must needs be thoroughly explored.

Wills in their various repositories, and such Free-men's and Apprentice Rolls as remain in the civic archives must all be made to yield their quota to the garnered store.

Without these sources, much in these notes has been expressed in a tentative and imperfect manner, especially perhaps in regard to such prominent local families as the Jacksons, Parkers, Drurys and Sherwins: the writer hopes, however, that he has escaped gross errors, and that those with greater local knowledge will correct anything amiss, and amplify what is lacking.

We learn from Deering that Nottingham was divided into seven wards, each ruled by an alderman. These were: Chapel Ward, Castle Ward, Market Ward, North Ward, Bridge Ward, Middle Ward and Mont Hall Ward. From this aldermanic bench of seven, the mayor was invariably chosen, up to the passing of the Reform Act of 1835.

As the mayor seems to have assumed office in September, his official year covered two civil years, and the mayor of 1600 did not relinquish office until the autumn of 1601.

Coats of Arms have only been attributed to individual mayors when there is actual evidence of their use. Old seals on local documents might bring further evidence of this character to light, but this must be left for future investigators.

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LIST OF MAYORS

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| 1600. | Humphrey Bonner. | 1657. | Thomas Gamble (3). |
| 1601. | Robert Staples. | 1658. | Richard Dring (2), decd., John Fillingham appointed. |
| 1602. | Richard Hurt. | 1659. | William Drury (4). |
| 1603. | Richard Morehage (2). | 1660. | Francis Toplady (2). |
| 1604. | Richard Welch. | 1661. | John Parker (2). |
| 1605. | Anker Jackson. | 1662. | John Toplady. |
| 1606. | William Freeman. | 1663. | William Greaves. |
| 1607. | Humphrey Bonner (2). | 1664. | Ralph Edge. |
| 1608. | Robert Staples (2). | 1665. | William Jackson. |
| 1609. | Richard Hurt (2). | 1666. | Richard Hodgkin. |
| 1610. | Richard Morehage (3). | 1667. | Joseph Wright. |
| 1611. | Richard Welch (2). | 1668. | John Parker (3). |
| 1612. | Anker Jackson (2). | 1669. | Christopher Hall. |
| 1613. | William Freeman (2). | 1670. | William Greaves (2). |
| 1614. | Richard Parker. | 1671. | Ralph Edge (2). |
| 1615. | Robert Staples (3). | 1672. | William Jackson (2). |
| 1616. | Thomas Nix. | 1673. | Richard Hodgkin (2). |
| 1617. | Leonard Nix. | 1674. | Joseph Wright (2), decd., John Parker appointed. |
| 1618. | Stephen Hill. | 1675. | John Parker (4). |
| 1619. | Anker Jackson (3). | 1676. | Christopher Hall (2). |
| 1620. | Marmaduke Gregory. | 1677. | William Greaves (3). |
| 1621. | Richard Parker (2). | 1678. | Ralph Edge (3). |
| 1622. | Robert Staples (4). | 1679. | John Parker, junr. |
| 1623. | Robert Sherwin. | 1680. | Gervas Rippon. |
| 1624. | Leonard Nix (2). | 1681. | Gervas Wylde. |
| 1625. | Stephen Hill (2). | 1682. | William Toplady. |
| 1626. | Robert Parker. | 1683. | Christopher Hall (3). |
| 1627. | John James. | 1684. | William Petty. |
| 1628. | Richard Parker (3). | 1685. | Robert Wortley. |
| 1629. | Alexander Staples. | 1686. | John Parker (2). |
| 1630. | Robert Sherwin. (2). | 1687. | Gervas Rippon, removed. John Sherwin died. |
| 1631. | Leonard Nix (3). | | George Langford. |
| 1632. | William Gregory. | 1688. | George Langford. |
| 1633. | Robert Parker (2). | 1689. | Charles Harvey. |
| 1634. | John James (2). | 1690. | John Hawkins. |
| 1635. | Richard Hardmeat. | 1691. | Joseph Turpin. |
| 1636. | William Nix. | 1692. | William Greaves (4). |
| 1637. | Robert Sherwin (3). | 1693. | Thomas Trigge. |
| 1638. | Robert Burton. | 1694. | Arthur Rickards. |
| 1639. | William Gregory (2). | 1695. | John Hoe. |
| 1640. | William Drury. | 1696. | Francis Salmon. |
| 1641. | John James (3). | 1697. | Samuel Leland. |
| 1642. | Richard Hardmeat (2). | 1698. | William Greaves. |
| 1643. | William Nix (2). | 1699. | Thomas Collin. |
| 1644. | William Nix (3). | 1700. | Samuel Watkinson. |
| 1645. | Thomas Gamble. | 1701. | John Rickards. |
| 1646. | John James (4). | 1702. | John Peake. |
| 1647. | William Drury (2). | 1703. | Samuel Smith. |
| 1648. | William Richards. | 1704. | William Barke. |
| 1649. | William Nix, decd. (4). | 1705. | John Shipman. |
| 1650. | Thomas Gamble (2). | 1706. | Francis Salmon (2). |
| 1651. | Richard Dring. | 1707. | William Drury. |
| 1652. | William Drury (3). | 1708. | Samuel Watkinson (2). |
| 1653. | Francis Toplady. | 1709. | John Peake (2). |
| 1654. | John Parker. | | |
| 1655. | Thomas Huthwaite. | | |
| 1656. | William Richards (2). | | |

LIST OF MAYORS—*continued.*

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| 1710. Samuel Smith (2). | 1756. John Burton (3). |
| 1711. Benjamin Green. | 1757. Cornelius Huthwaite. |
| 1712. William Barke (2). | 1758. Henry Butler (3). |
| 1713. John Collin. | 1759. Isaac Wyld, deceased. |
| 1714. John Shipman (2). | Thomas Langford (5). |
| 1715. Thomas Hawkesley, | 1760. Robert Huish. |
| displaced. | 1761. James Hornbuckle. |
| Samuel Watkinson (3). | 1762. Humphrey Hollins. |
| 1716. John Sherwin. | 1763. Cornelius Huthwaite (2). |
| 1717. Thomas Trigge. | 1764. Henry Butler (4). |
| 1718. Marmaduke Pennel. | 1765. William Cooper. |
| 1719. Richard Bearn. | 1766. Robie Swann. |
| 1720. William Bilbie. | 1767. James Hornbuckle (2). |
| 1721. Benjamin Green (2). | 1768. William Foulds. |
| 1722. Alexander Burden. | 1769. Humphrey Hollins (2). |
| 1723. Thomas Trigge (2). | 1770. Richard Butler. |
| 1724. Marmaduke Pennel (2). | 1771. Cornelius Huthwaite (3). |
| 1725. Richard Bearn (2). | 1772. Henry Butler, deceased. |
| 1726. William Bilbie (2). | Richard Butler (2). |
| 1727. Joseph Walters. | 1773. Thomas Oldknow. |
| 1728. Benjamin Green (3). | 1774. John Carruthers. |
| 1729. Alexander Burden (2). | 1775. John Fellows. |
| 1730. William Trigge. | Thomas Sands, hosier. |
| 1731. Thomas Trigge (3). | 1777. Richard Butler (3). |
| 1732. John Huthwaite. | 1778. Thomas Oldknow (2). |
| 1733. Thomas Langford. | William Huthwaite. |
| 1734. William Bilbie (3). | 1780. John Smellie, hosier. |
| 1735. Benjamin Green (4). | 1781. John Carruthers (2). |
| 1736. Alexander Burden (3). | 1782. John Fellows (2). |
| 1737. William Trigge (2). | 1783. Richard Butler (3). |
| 1738. John Newton. | 1784. William Howitt, hosier. |
| 1739. James Huthwaite. | 1785. William Huthwaite (2). |
| 1740. Thomas Langford (2). | 1786. John Carruthers (3). |
| 1741. Alexander Burden (4). | 1787. Joseph Lowe, linen draper |
| 1742. William Trigge (3). | 1789. William Smith, resigned. |
| 1743. John Hornbuckle. | Richard Butler (5). |
| 1744. John Burton. | 1790. John Fellows (3). |
| 1745. Henry Butler. | 1791. William Huthwaite (3). |
| 1746. James Huthwaite (2). | 1792. Joseph Oldknow, grocer. |
| 1747. Thomas Langford (3). | 1793. Henry Green, hosier. |
| 1748. William Trigge (4). | 1794. Thomas Caunt, hosier. |
| 1749. John Hornbuckle (2). | 1795. Benjamin Hornbuckle, |
| 1750. John Burton (2). | baker. |
| 1751. Henry Butler (2). | 1796. William Howitt (3). |
| 1752. James Huthwaite (3). | 1797. Joseph Lowe (2). |
| 1753. Thomas Langford (4). | 1798. Thomas Oldknow, mercer. |
| 1755. John Hornbuckle (3), | 1799. Joseph Oldknow (2). |
| resigned. | |
| Samuel Fellows appointed | |

1600. HUMPHREY BONNER.

Appears to have been sheriff in 1577 and an alderman 1595 ; also burgess for the town of Nottingham in 35 and 39 Elizabeth.

He was mayor in 1600 and 1607, retiring from public duties in the summer of 1612. His will, dated 21 September, 1613, was proved by William Bonner, his nephew and residuary executor, 19 January, 1613/4. Among other bequests is one to "ten poor maids of Nottm. towards their marriages 40/- apiece, such maids to be nominated by the Mayor, Town Clerk and the Vicar of St. Mary."

1601. ROBERT STAPLES, Cordwainer.

This mayor, probably born about 1550, was a son of Robert Staples of Nottingham, who died in 1573. He was sheriff in 1588 and four times mayor: in 1601, 1608, 1615 and 1622.

His first wife appears to have been named Maud, after whose death he married at St. Mary, 25th June, 1621, Mrs. Mary Berrisford, and upon her decease remarried at the same place, 22nd December, 1629, Elizabeth Oxley who survived him.

Alderman Staples purchased an estate in Mapperley, 11th April, 1627, and retired from his offices about 1628 on account of age and infirmity. By deed dated 8th February, 1630, he left a charity for starting young tradesmen in business, and by his will, dated 3rd June following, left his town house and the Mapperley estate to his kinsman, Alexander Staples, who proved the will 26th April, 1632.

1602. RICHARD HURTE.

This is an old name in Nottingham and district. John Hurt was vicar of St. Mary's and buried in the chancel of that Church in 1477. Robert Hurt was landlord of the George Inn at Loughborough in 1524/5.

The date of the mayor's birth is not known. He was sheriff in 1582, and mayor in 1595 and 1602, and also represented the town in Parliament in 1 James I.

His will, dated 1st January, 1615, mentions children Richard, Robert, Walter, Thomas, Hellen and Lucy. His property included a mill at Radford, moiety of a malt mill in Nottingham, and salt works.

He leaves to each grandchild 6s. 8d. To Elizabeth Molner, his maid, meat and drink during her life. His remains were to be buried at St. Mary. Proved by the executrix, his widow, Margaret Hurt, 25th April, 1616.

1603. RICHARD MOREHAGE.

This unusual name is met with so early as the reign of Edward I in co. Derby, and in 1355/6 John del Morhage was a verderer of Sherwood Forest, and the name continued in a yeoman family at Papplewick. The pronunciation was evidently "Morey" or "Morrays."

Richard Morehage or Morehaughe was probably born *c.* 1545, and had three daughters, presumably by his wife, Margery.

Dorothy was married in 1587/8 to Jefferey Inkersell, Ann married in 1591 John Atkinson, and Mary became wife of Thomas Nix, mayor of 1616.

Richard Morehage was an alderman in 1595, and occupied the mayoral chair in 1596, 1603, 1610, and retired in 1612. He was remarried 26th November, 1593, at Holme Pierrepont to Isabella Ashton, who predeceased him in 1611. He died in the autumn of 1619 and was buried at St. Mary's. His will, dated 25th October of that year, was proved 31st January, 1619/20. His nephew, Richard Morehaughe, received a legacy for the repayment of a loan from Sir Thomas White's charity.

1604. RICHARD WELCH.

I find very little about this man. He was sheriff in 1592, mayor in 1604 and 1611, and appears to have died about the year 1615.

It is likely that he may be the Richard Welch who married Margaret Peake at Normanton-on-Soar, 19th October, 1584.

The name is also found at Willoughby.

Will not forthcoming at York in 1615 or 1616.

1605. ANKER JACKSON.

This man, a parishioner of St. Peter's parish, was sheriff in 1584, alderman 14th August, 1595, burgess for the town 1603, and mayor three times, in 1605, 1612 and 1619.

His will is stated not to be found at York.

1606. WILLIAM FREEMAN.

Alderman Freeman appears to have resided in Wheelwright Gate and to have been a grazier or yeoman. He was sheriff in 1590 and served the mayoralty in 1606 and 1613. On his death, 28th February, 1616/7, he was buried at St. Peter's. His will, dated eleven days earlier, disposing the bulk of his property among the families of his brothers Robert and John Freeman, was proved by his relict, Ann Freeman (who had issue by a former marriage), 15th May, 1616.

Alderman Freeman owned house property in Carter Gate and Bridlesmith Gate, and his will mentions three servants and a shepherd who received gifts.

It is possible that this mayor was a native of Nottingham, and married in 1583 to Joan Booth. If so, he was remarried later. A branch of the family was connected with Saxelby, co. Leicester.

1614. RICHARD PARKER, Butcher.

Probably the Richard Parker married to Ann Hall at St. Peter's, Nottingham, 28th January, 1593/4. As alderman, he was married at that church 9th or 10th November, 1612, to Joane Wright, widow, and re-married there 21st December, 1626, to Elizabeth Collinson.

Richard Parker was sheriff 1599, elected alderman 19th June, 1612, and mayor in 1614, 1621 and 1628. He retired from the corporation, 1634/5. Will "not found" at York.

1616. THOMAS NIX, Merchant.

Probably son of Thos. Nix senior, and born *c.* 1560, married 11th August, 1584, at St. Mary's to Amye Reeve, remarried there September, 1603, to Mary Morehage, daughter of a previous mayor, and had a numerous progeny by the two marriages, being survived by six sons and four daughters. These were Francis, Thomas, Mary (wife of Thos. Dunne) and Dorothy by his first wife; and Leonard, Richard, John, Roger, Ann and Mary the younger.

Originally called a fishmonger, Thomas Nix served as sheriff in 1604, and alderman 20th February, 1615/6, serving the above single turn as mayor. Four years later he was displaced from his municipal offices by order of the Star Chamber. He died in the summer of 1629 and his will was proved by Mary, the relict, 20th August, 1629.

This name is also found at Leicester, where Simon Nix, fishmonger,, occupied the mayoral chair in 1564, as did his son, Thomas, in 1597.

1617. LEONARD NIX, Merchant.

Appears to have been brother of the last mayor and a merchant in Bridlesmith Gate. He was sheriff in 1591, then described as a fishmonger, and elected alderman 1616/7. He married at St. Mary's 3rd September, 1581, Dorothy Thorland, but it is not known that he had surviving issue.

A man of independent views, Leonard Nix was more than once at cross-purposes with the corporation, and was actually disfranchised for a short time in 1601. He purchased, 1614-7, small portions of the demesne of Lenton Priory and a small estate at Lenton, conveying them, 1st January, 1633/4, to William Nix, merchant, and Richard Hardmeat, skinner.

Alderman Leonard Nix, who was mayor in 1617, 1624 and 1631, was buried at St. Mary's, 7th May, 1638. His will has not been found.

1618. STEPHEN HILL, Apothecary.

This name is found in Nottingham in Elizabeth's reign, but the mayor's origin is not yet certain. He was an apothecary in Bridlesmith Gate, and was married in 1610 to Barbara Clarke of Osbaston, co. Leicester, daughter of [Rev. ?] Hugh Clarke, and had issue sons Francis, Stephen and Thomas, and daughters Anne and Trifena.

His wife's family had some connection with Tamworth where Mr. Hill had a landed interest. He was sheriff in 1610, and elected alderman 1st May, 1615; mayor in 1618 and 1625.

He seems to have died in middle age, and his will, dated on Christmas Day, 1627, was proved by his widow Barbara the following 8th of May. He was to be buried at St. Peter's Church.

Stephen Hill was probably a man of Low Church or Puritan views, and he left a charge of 20s. yearly to the Rev. George Coates, parson of St. Peter, and 10s. to Richard Caldwell, clerk, whilst he continued a preacher in Nottingham.

1620. MARMADUKE GREGORY, Tanner.

Doubtless a member of a Nottingham family "long there and of considerable import," according to Throsby's *Thoroton*.

A John Gregory was mayor in 1571 and 1586, and William Gregory, town clerk, who died in 1616, left a local charity. His will was proved in 1617 by John Gregory, his brother. It would seem that this family is distinct from that of the mayor of the name in 1632.

Marmaduke Gregory was sheriff in 1601 and mayor in 1620. His will, dated 28th May, 1625, was proved by his widow, Ciciley, 10th August, 1625; now at York.

1623. ROBERT SHERWIN, Tanner.

Member of an old Nottingham family, and probably born about 1570, married at St. Mary's, 26th April, 1596, to Susanna Goddard and had issue.

Robert Sherwin, who was sheriff in 1602, occupied the civic chair in 1623, 1630 and 1637.

By his will, dated 28th September, 1636, he left half the rent of the "Bell Inn" for division among the three parishes of Nottingham.

Robert Sherwin, gentleman, son of this mayor, whose will, dated 1660, was proved in 1662, also left a charity and was buried at St. Peter's.

N.B.—Was not Ellioner Sherwin, widow, married 5th February, 1638/9, to Richard Elstone of Muston, the relict of this mayor?

1626. ROBERT PARKER, Butcher.

This man was sheriff 1604 and an alderman 1625/6. He appears to have been living in St. Mary's Gate in 1637, and to have died in 1639 or 1640. Will "not found" at York.

1627. JOHN JAMES, Tanner.

This mayor belonged to a local family of tanners and had his pits in Narrow Marsh. Probably the man married 31st January, 1613/4, at St. Peter's, Nottingham, to Marie Sherwin; he was remarried whilst mayor, at St. Mary's, 19th November, 1634, to Anne Whitwicke.

He was sheriff 1618, and mayor in 1627, 1634, 1641 and 1646. Mrs. Hutchinson says that during the civil disturbances there were seven aldermen in the town, and of these only Alderman James, then mayor, owned the Parliament. "He was a bold honest man, but had no more but a burgher's discretion: he was yett very well assisted by his wife, a woman of great zeal and courage, and more understanding than weomen of her rank usually have."

The last mention of Alderman James seems to be that on 6th June, 1660, at a classical meeting at Mr. Whitlock's house, the confessions of John James, alderman, and Samuel Staples, gent., of St. Mary's, chosen elders, was read and approved. Will not located.

1629 ALEXANDER STAPLES

This mayor was of Stonehouse, co. Gloucester, and married in 1612 at Lenton to Joan Cross, by whom he had a daughter, Marie. After the death of his wife, he remarried at Woodborough, 29th January, 1626/7, Ann,

daughter of John Wood. Upon settling at Nottingham, he held office as chamberlain 1625, sheriff 1627, and alderman 1628.

Alexander Staples was heir to an estate at Mapperley purchased by Robert Staples, a previous mayor who calls him "my kinsman," and to whose will he was executor and residuary legatee in 1632.

Alderman Alexander Staples must have died in middle age, and was perhaps buried in St. Mary's Church. Administration of his goods was granted, 1st May, 1634, to Thomas Westerdale of Tainton, which I take to mean Taynton, near Gloucester. It may be added here that in Yate Church in that county there is a quadrangular brass for an Alexander Staples with his two wives, sons and daughters. He died in 1590 and his will is in the P.C.C. (56 Drury.)

1632. WILLIAM GREGORY, Grazier.

This family claimed descent from a younger branch of the Gregorys of Highhurst, co. Lancaster. The mayor was son of John Gregory of Broughton Sulney, yeoman, and Alice his wife, and was married about 1603 to Anne, daughter of Adam Jackson of Nottingham, by whom he had issue. Local records show that he followed the trade of a butcher, and Thoroton states that "by grazing raised a very considerable estate from the lowest beginning."

He was sheriff of Nottingham 1618, alderman 1627/8 and mayor in 1632 and 1639. He was also a man of considerable local influence, having purchased the manor and impropriation of Lenton in 1630.

Alderman Gregory was buried in St. Mary's Church, 23rd August, 1650. His will was proved in the P.P.C.,

5th February, 1651/2 by his son John. His relict was buried in 1664 in her eighty-first year.

An inscription on the front of Gregory's Hospital, Barker Gate, reads: "William Gregory, gent. & John Gregory his son in An^o 1650 gave the sum of V^l 4s. yearly for ever toward the relief of the Poore of St. Maryes parish in Nottm. to be paid out of the rents of these 4 tenements, and Bestowed in Bread every Sunday 2s."

ARMS of Gregory. Party per pale argent and azure, two lions rampant, aversé counterchanged. (Borne prior to 1662 according to Thoroton's history.)

The Gregory family of Rempstone was descended from this mayor.

1635. RICHARD HARDMEAT, Skinner.

This name is found at Ruddington and about Southwell, but the writer is unaware of the origin and date of birth of this mayor.

He was sheriff 1628, coroner 1632, and mayor in 1635 and 1642. Presumably he had retired or died by the year 1649. Will not found.

1636. WILLIAM NIX, Merchant.

Born about 1590, son of Robert Nix, gentleman, of Wilford, married at Barton-in-Fabis, 4th February, 1615/6, to Millicent Sachevrell of that place. The daughter and eventual heiress of this union, Tabitha Nix, married Thomas Charlton of Chilwell, who was High Sheriff of the county in 1667.

William Nix, described also as an ironmonger, was sheriff 1619, coroner 1625, and mayor four times—in

1636, 1643, 1644, and 1649. Towards the end of his last term he died on 18th September, 1650, and was buried at St. Peter's, Nottingham. His relict, also buried there, outlived him by nearly eleven years.

1638. ROBERT BURTON, Cordwainer

This mayor was probably the Robert Burton married to Margery Sherwin at St. Mary's, 6th June, 1607. He was mayor in 1636, and retired from the aldermanic bench as unfit for office, 14th August, 1644.

He appears to have been a resident freeholder on the High Pavement. Will not found at York.

1640. WILLIAM DRURY, Cordwainer.

The baptismal entry of this mayor will probably be found in St. Peter's register towards the end of the 16th century, and he may be shown there as a son of Thomas Drury. It is an old Nottingham name.

It would appear that he was three times married : (1) to Mary Shaw at St. Peter's, 6th May, 1617 ; (2) to Mary Barrett, widow, 14th April, 1642, at St. Mary's ; and (3) to Elizabeth Ledbeater at St. Peter's, 9th December, 1659, the last lady dying about 1670. Alderman Drury was an active and wealthy townsman, sheriff 1635 and alderman 1639, occupying the mayoral chair in 1640, 1647, 1652 and 1659. He owned considerable property in and about the town, with land near Leen Mills, near Trent Bridge, at Arnold and at Basford. He took a less prominent part in local affairs after the Restoration, and resigned from his offices.

Mr. William Drury died about the beginning of the year 1678, and was buried at St. Peter's, Nottingham. His will names sons William, Thomas (deceased), and John Drury, and several grandchildren.

He left 20s. yearly out of land on the Rye-Hills to be given to six poor widows in St. Peter's parish, and his will was proved by William Drury, his son, 7th May, 1678.

William Drury, mayor in 1707, was his grandson.

1645. THOMAS GAMBLE, Butcher [?].

Probably of local origin. Sheriff 1639, coroner 1643 and elected alderman 14th August, 1644. He was mayor in 1645, sworn mayor 20th September, 1650, in place of Alderman W. Nix, deceased, and mayor for his third session in 1657. After the Restoration he evidently retired into private life. He appears to have been a butcher, resident on Long Row, and by his wife Elizabeth [Clay ?] had issue. Thomas, John, Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah.

His will, dated 13th January, 1667, dividing the proceeds of the sale of his house in Bridlesmith Gate and messuages in Fletcher Gate equally among his wife and children, was proved 1st August, 1670.

1648. WILLIAM RICHARDS.

Chamberlain 1633, sheriff 1635, alderman 1644, subsequently mayor 1648 and 1656.

Among several persons of this name at the period, identification is not easy, but the writer inclines to the belief that he was the William Richards, feltmaker, married 8th May, 1622, at St. Mary's, to Ann Allin, by whom he had issue. He seems to have been a church "elder" in 1655. Date of death not known, but there is an Adm. of a man of this name at Nottingham, 6th April, 1670, now at York.

1651. RICHARD DRING, Tanner.

The Dring family was established at Halam, Notts., where Richard, son of Robert Dringe was baptized, 13th September, 1597. He was married at St. Mary's, Nottingham, 5th April, 1624, to Cisseley Hunt, and re-married there 8th May, 1628, to Izabell Mee and had issue : Joseph Dring of Lichfield, tanner, Samuel and James ; daughters Sarah, wife of Samuel Fillingham, Mary, wife of Edmund Union, Elizabeth, wife of Hy. Stokes of Melton Mowbray, and Hannah. He was sheriff in 1630 and mayor in 1651 and 1658, dying 7th May, and being buried 9th May, 1659, at St. Mary's during the second term. He was a tanner in Narrow Marsh, but owner of house property in Fletcher Gate, Bearward Lane, Barker Gate, etc. His will, dated the day before his death was proved by Isabell Dring, relict, 31st December, 1660. Overseers : my brother Mr. Alderman Dring, and Mr. Alderman Fillingham.

1653. FRANCIS TOPLADY.

Seems to be the first member of this important local family to have settled in Nottingham ; of Derbyshire connections, and born about 1582. He was chamberlain 1629, sheriff 1631, and elected alderman 1638. During the Civil War he originally favoured the Parliament, but he later became a devoted Royalist and a great sufferer for the king.

After the Restoration, he was mayor in 1660, and superseded Alderman Parker as mayor for part of the year following.

Alderman Toplady died 28th June, 1665 and was buried at St. Mary's, 30th June, 1665, in his eighty-fourth year. The mayors of 1662 and 1682 were his

sons, and his daughter Mary married Francis Sleigh of Ashburn. His will, dated 14th July, 1664, a short document leaving everything to his wife Elizabeth [*née* Dalton?], was proved by her 8th August, 1665, now at York. Toplady was the first mayor under the new charter.

1654. JOHN PARKER, Mercer.

No doubt of local origin ; perhaps the John Parker, junior, married at Radford to Elizabeth Dawson, 2nd February, 1641/2.

John Parker was a sheriff in 1646 and an alderman in 1650, serving the mayoralty in 1654, for a short turn in 1661 till replaced by Alderman Toplady, but mayor again in 1668 and 1675.

He lived on Cukstool Row, near the Henn Cross, and was evidently a busy magistrate and influential townsman during the changeful days of the Commonwealth and Restoration. His wife, Elizabeth Parker, "aldresse," was buried at St. Peter, 15th May, 1651.

Of his issue, a daughter, Anne Parker, was married in 1659 to Edward Greaves.

The will of John Parker, gentleman, dated 25th April, 1681, was proved by Susanna Parker, his widow, 14th June, 1681.

1655. THOMAS HUTHWAITE, Woollen Draper.

Probably born of Nottingham parentage about 1615, and married 1641/2 to Rebecca Wilson of Newark, by whom he had issue, children being baptized at his parish church of St. Mary.

Thomas Huthwaite was sheriff in 1646 and an alderman a few years later. He occupied the mayoral seat

in 1655, but seems to have resigned from the corporation after the Restoration. He appears to have been living in September, 1675, and there is a will of a man of this name, September, 1694, at York (not examined).

This family, which was Presbyterian in its views, and later supporters of the High Pavement Chapel, gave Nottingham some mayors in the 18th century.

1659. JOHN FILLINGHAM.

Many of this name, in and about Nottingham, were tanners, and it is likely that John Fillingham was a member of this clan.

He was chamberlain 1643, sheriff 1645, and occurs as alderman in March, 1651/2. At this time he was a ruling elder at St. Mary's.

Alderman Fillingham was elected to serve out the residue of the term of Mayor Richard Dring, who died 7th May, 1659, a few months only, but he did not occupy the position again.

It is probable that he was the John Fillingham whose Adm. was granted to his sone, Thomas and Robert, the relict, Margery, first renouncing, December ? 1663. This lady, as "old widow Fillingham," was living so late as 1691, and was then a member of the High Pavement congregation.

1662. JOHN TOPLADY.

Son of Francis Toplady, mayor in 1653 and 1661. He was a chamberlain 1656 and sheriff 1657, mayor on this single occasion.

Married to Hannah or Annah Turner of Swanwick Hall, co. Derby, who predeceased him, John Toplady had issue William and John, and daughters Mary and

Hannah. William, the elder son, succeeded to estates at Swanwick and was educated at Ripon School; the daughters received the manors of North Willingham and Ludford, co. Lincoln.

Alderman John Toplady was interred at St. Mary's 4th January, 1663/4. His will, dated the 18th December previous, was proved 3rd March, 1663/4.

1663. WILLIAM GREAVES, Clerk.

Born about 1620, son of the Rev. Wm. Greaves, sometime rector of Nuthall, grandson of William Greaves of London and Nottingham. Married at Stanton-on-the-Wolds by licence dated 17th February, 1663/4 to Margaret Heape, and described as William Greaves, A.M., maior of Nottingham. She died 5th March, 1671, and was buried in the south transept of St. Mary's, Nottingham, where there was a monumental inscription. He remarried at St. Andrew's, Holborn, September, 1672, to Anne Cressey, who died 10th October, 1702.

The issue by these marriages was William (baptized 1669, sheriff 1703 ?), Francis, Margaret (died young), Elizabeth, wife of Henry Noton, Muriell, wife of George Elston, and another daughter, wife of Lichford.

William Greaves, who was registrar of the Archdeaconry, was an alderman after the Restoration, and filled the mayoral chair in the additional years 1670, 1677 and 1692. He died 30th May, 1697, and was buried beside his wife. The following inscription was placed on his tomb: "Conditum hic est quod mortale fuit **GUIELMI GREAVES A.M.** Dno Archidiacono de Nott. ab Archivis Infra Jurnes de Nott. et Bingham Decani Ruralis Qui pulcherrisimae hujus villae Prope ab Origine Chartâ Regia donatae. Diu erat inter Patricios

Atque ut Dignitatem Pretoriam Sustinuit muloties et decoravit Ita Jura sua municipalia fideliter tuendo Bono publico multum prospexit Nihil suo obijt Maji XXX Anno Salutis MDCXCVII Aetat suae LXXVII."

The will of Alderman William Greaves, dated 29th April, 1696, was proved by Ann, his relict, and Ann, his daughter, 2nd June, 1697, now at York. This document mentions Francis Heape, his brother-in-law.

1664. RALPH EDGE, Attorney.

Born about 1662, being the eldest son of Walter Edge of Nottingham, attorney, and Margery (Widdowson) his wife, grandson of Ralph, whose father, Richard Edge, was of Horton, co. Staffordshire. He married in 1654 Anne, daughter of Nicholas Charlton of Chilwell, but had no surviving issue.

He became town clerk of Nottingham 1st November, 1658, and whilst in that office was elected mayor without serving any subordinate positions. He was subsequently mayor in 1671 and 1678.

From his father, who died in 1660, he inherited lands in Nottingham, Southwell, Upton and Lenton, and a few years before his death he purchased an estate at Strelley.

After a sudden illness he made his will here on 3rd September, 1684, and he was buried in Strelley Church the following day in his sixty-third year. His tombstone describes him as "an eminent attorney at law, who was for some time Town Clerk, upwards of 20 years Alderman and thrice Mayor of the Corporation of Nottingham, and Justice of the Peace for the county."

The ARMS claimed by Alderman Edge in 1680 were :
" Per fesse sable and gules an eagle displayed argent."

This was respited for further proof. A grant to Edge of Strelley, 9th May, 1709, made an addition to the blazon given above of: "on a chief or a rose between two annulets of the second."

1665. WILLIAM JACKSON, Hosier [?].

I suppose this man to have married Dorothy Bellamie at St. Mary's, Nottingham, 24th January, 1636/7, and to have had licence, as a hosier of Nottingham, widower aged sixty, to marry Alice Hill at Radford, 8th May, 1673.

Possibly he was son of William Jackson, glover, who died 1642 or 1643.

William Jackson was an alderman 1662/3, and mayor in 1665 and 1672. His will, now at York, dated 5th September, 1679, mentions his wife (unnamed), daughter Amye and son William, presumably the William Jackson married at Radford in 1685 and sheriff the same year.

1666. RICHARD HODGKIN.

A Richard Hodgkin and Marie Goodwin were married at St. Nicholas's, Nottingham, in 1605, but the date of this mayor's birth and his parentage are not known.

He was sheriff 1661, alderman shortly afterwards, and mayor in 1666 and 1673.

A married man, Alderman Hodgkin had two sons, Isaac and Richard, and five daughters at the time of his decease.

His will, dated 11th December, 1677, was proved by Dorothy Hodgkin, his daughter, 3rd November, 1679. He is there styled "Richard Hodgekin Gentleman."

1667. JOSEPH WRIGHT, Apothecary.

This mayor was doubtless of local origin, elected councillor in 1657, alderman five or six years later, and mayor in 1667 and 1674. As an apothecary, he issued a token bearing the charge or sign of three bells, two and one.

Joseph Wright by his wife (name unknown) had issue sons Samuel, William, John and James, with three daughters. A brother of the alderman was named Samuel Wright. He died during his second mayoralty, and was succeeded 11th February, 1674/5, by Alderman John Parker.

His will, dated 6th January, 1674, mentions a messuage in Feshergate, a piece of land in Clayfields, and a messuage in Bridlesmith Gate. It was proved by Ann Wright, daughter, the executrix, 25th October, 1675.

1669. CHRISTOPHER HALL.

Evidence points to this mayor as being a native of Mansfield. He had issue by his wife Sarah, and traded in St. Mary's parish, where he issued a token with initials "C.S.H."

His municipal offices included those of sheriff in 1663, and mayor on three occasions—1669, 1676 and 1683.

He was owner of lands at Mansfield and Alfreton, and had a lease of local lands, buildings and mills from the Nottingham Corporation. Before the Revolution he was retired with his fellow aldermen.

His will, dated 17th May, 1689, was proved by his widow Sarah and his grandchildren Mary and Ann Cudworth. Some of his connections may be worth mention : thus, his aunt, Barbara Hall, married Richard

Wild of Nettleworth, and he leaves Francis Wild of Mansfield, cousin, a gold ring. Alderman Parker and Thomas Twigg are called brothers, and John Andrews and Nathaniel Drake nephews of Christopher Hall.

The four children of his cousin, John Huthwaite, are left the sum of five pounds apiece. Probate, 21st May, 1690.

ARMS of Hall as used by this mayor : Sable, three talbots' heads, erased argent.

1679. JOHN PARKER, Apothecary.

There were several persons of this name in municipal offices about this period, and the posts of sheriff were held by John Parkers in 1665 and 1673. Bailey's *Annals* (1693) state that this mayor "as well as his father had several times served the office of mayor . . ." His relationship to Thomas Trigge and John Rickards clearly show that Bailey is in error, however.

Thoroton speaks of ". . . now two John Parkers Aldermen, the one a mercer and the other an apothecary." It is with the latter that we deal. He was, then, son of William Parker, apothecary, and born about 1630, married at St. Mary's, Nottingham, 3rd July, 1654, to Mary Hollingworth, and following his father's trade issued tokens with the apothecaries' arms and the initials "I.M.P."

He would be the J.P. elected alderman 18th January 1663/4, and occupied the civic chair in 1679 and 1686.

He left a benefaction to the town of Nottingham under his will dated 26th October, 1693 (*vide* Free School, etc.). Trustees, Thomas Trigge and others. This will does not appear to be at York.

1680. GERVAS RIPPON, Mercer.

Presumably son of John Rippon of Narrow Marsh, and married, as of St. Peter's parish, in 1658 to Anne Richards, by whom he had a son William and two daughters.

He was elected of the clothing, 1662, a sheriff a year later, and an alderman not long before he became mayor. Besides his mayoralty of 1680, he served a very short spell in 1687 before being replaced by John Sherwin.

Alderman Rippon was a mercer with his residence on Long Row, and he also owned house property in Narrow Marsh. He was removed from office with his fellow aldermen, and his will, dated 27th February, 1692, was proved by Ann Ripon, the widow, executrix, 8th May, 1693.

Gervas Rippon appears to have been in fairly comfortable circumstances, as besides house property, his son and daughters inherited some £2,000.

1681. GERVAS WYLDE, Ironmonger.

Born about 1632, second son of William and Ruth Wylde of Nettleworth, and grandson of Gervas Wylde, an Andalusian merchant in London, who had been very serviceable to Queen Elizabeth when the Spanish Armada threatened this country.

After settling in St. Peter's parish as an Ironmonger, Gervas Wylde served the offices of sheriff in 1669, and chamberlain in 1667. His mayoralty was a turbulent one, since he and a majority of his brethren surrendered the old Charter of the corporation and accepted a new one framed on restrictive lines. This led to a tumult when the succeeding mayor was appointed, and a subsequent cause heard in the King's Bench mulcted the leaders of the popular party in heavy fines.

Gervas Wylde issued two tokens in Nottingham bearing three bucks' heads and the letters "G.F.W." He and his fellow aldermen were later removed from their offices. His will, dated 28th November, 1687, was proved by his executors 30th January, 1689, now at York. He was to be buried in St. Peter's Church, and his property was bequeathed among his brothers, sisters and nephews. Although married, it would seem that this mayor left no surviving issue.

ARMS of Wylde of Nettleworth, 1575. Sable a chevron engrailed argent, on a chief of the last three martlets of the field. Crest : A demi-buck couped sable, with a crown and ring about his neck, horned and hooped or. (An earlier grant of three harts' heads sable, with a fesse—15th October, 1561—may have provided the charges on this mayor's token.)

1682. WILLIAM TOPLADY.

Son of the mayor of 1653 and married to Mary Turner of Swanwick in 1657, who was buried at St. Mary's, Nottingham, 25th May, 1682.

He was an alderman in 1680 or 1681, mayor 1682 and displaced with his colleagues a few years later.

The date of his death has not been ascertained, but he was administrator of the estate of his son, William Toplady, 1st January, 1695, Elizabeth, the relict, having first renounced.

1684. WILLIAM PETTY, Joiner.

Probably born about 1618, son of Robert Petty or Pettie, joiner, of Nottingham. He appears to have been twice married : (1) 31st November, 1640, at St. Peter's

to Elizabeth Bradshaw of Cotgrave, and (2) to Anne Harden at the same church, 3rd January, 1654/5.

He was sheriff 1657, of St. Peter's gent. 1660, an alderman 1681 and mayor in 1684. He was also trustee of Barnaby Wartnaby's charity. Displaced from office with his fellow aldermen. His will has not been found at York.

1685. ROBERT WORTLEY, Tanner.

He was sheriff 1676, coroner 1682, and elected alderman in place of Ralph Edge, deceased, 11th September, 1684. He served the single year's office as mayor, and was removed with his brethren about 1687.

He appears to have married Martha Asher at St. Mary's, 16th January, 1667/8, but if so was remarried later. Administration of the goods of Robert Wortley, late alderman of Nottingham, was granted to Mary Wortley, widow, his relict, on 10th April, 1706.

1688 JOHN SHERWIN.

We meet with this well-known Nottingham name again as mayor for a very brief space in 1688. There had been friction, as we have seen, under a new charter granted to the town a few years previously.

John Sherwin, who was then one of the leaders of the "popular party," a man of good estate, who is reported to have said that the new charter was not worth a groat, consequently had a fine of 100 marks imposed upon him.

Under despotic power, the old aldermen, previously in favour, were removed, and the turn of the wheel placed John Sherwin in the mayor's seat, 24th January, 1688. He died, however, and within a few months we

find that Alderman George Langford had been installed in his stead.

It would appear that this mayor, after the Restoration, married a lady of the Roby or Robie family and had issue, John, the mayor of 1716, Robie, sometime M.P. for Nottm. and Elizabeth, later wife of Alexander Burden, mayor of 1722, with possible others.

1688 AND 1688/9. GEORGE LANGFORD.

The third mayor to sit in the 1687/8 term was George Langford, whom Throsby calls a "dissenter, firm and manly," a leader of those who opposed King James's arbitrary proceedings. Throsby would also seem to imply that he was the ensign George Langford in Colonel Grantham's regiment in 1642, and says that he practised as a surgeon.

This, of course, may be possible, but it is also likely that there were three of the same Christian name and that the mayor was son of the ensign. The writer has no evidence to reach a decision.

The will of George Langford of Nottingham, gent., dated 25th May, 1710, was proved 20th November, 1717. By his wife, Judith (then deceased), he had issue: George who with his issue was to have real estate, Elizabeth, wife of John Nevill, ironmonger, of Nottingham, and Mary, who was married in 1694 to John Collin, a later mayor. Langford also mentions the children of his sisters Scott and Taylor. George Langford, junior, executor. Proved at York.

Some of this name and family were of Mansfield and Stapleford.

ARMS of Langford: Paly of six or and gules a bend argent.

1689. CHARLES HARVEY.

An alderman of recent creation who held office as mayor for a single turn only.

To the Blue Coat School (founded 1706), Charles Harvey made a benefaction by deed in 1711 of two houses in Houndsgate.

He appears to have been a married man, with sons Charles and John Harvey. Will not found.

1690. JOHN HAWKINS, Saddler.

Believed to have been born *c.* 1637, son of Richard Hawkins, saddler, a ruling elder, of Long Row, who was accidentally killed during the civil strife. Married as a bachelor, 11th May, 1665, at Wollaton, to Susanna Pharnham of Nottingham, by whom he had issue.

John Hawkins was alderman in 1688 and mayor in 1690; like many of his fellows he had Nonconforming sympathies, and the High Pavement Chapel was built on ground purchased and given by him whilst mayor. Date of death and location of will not found.

1691. JOSEPH TURPIN, Chandler.

Richard Turpin, chandler, of St. Peter's parish, was sheriff in 1636, and later issued a trader's token bearing three doves each with a branch in the beak under a ragged staff. He was probably father of this mayor, of whom I have few particulars.

Joseph Turpin had a wife named Elizabeth, and issue, and he and his family were members of the High Pavement Chapel.

Date of death not yet ascertained.

1693. THOMAS TRIGGE, Grocer.

Born about 1653, son of the Rev. Matthew Trigge, and married *c.* 1680 to Elizabeth Parker, widow of Ben. Rickards, by whom he had issue. He refused to be sworn as alderman, but his scruples seem to have been overcome, and he was sworn alderman and J.P. on 20th November, 1692. Alderman Trigge deceased 20th March, 1704/5, and is remembered by a marble monument in the south aisle on the wall of St. Peter's Church.

"Near this place lied the Body of Alderman Thomas Trigge, grocer, son of Matthew Trigge, Minister of Stretton, in the county of Leicester, who married Elizabeth the widdow of Benjamin Rickards, by whom he had six children, Elizabeth, Thomas, Matthew, William, Joseph, Nathaniel, all surviving except Nathaniel. He departed this Life March the 20th. 1704/5 in the 53rd year of his age.

"Thomas Trigge gave by Will 50*l* to buy land for ever, the Rent to pay for bread to be distributed to poor House-keepers of this parish, by the Minister and Church-wardens and Overseers in two equal parts, one part on Christmas-Day, the other on Good Friday.

"Elizabeth Trigge, his wife who was the daughter of William Parker, an apothecary, in Nottingham, departed this life 28th of March 1720."

Of the sons named above, Thomas and William Trigge were subsequent mayors.

1694. ARTHUR RICKARDS.

Stated to be a son of the Rev. Arthur Rickards, sometime rector of Hartshorne, co. Derby, and born in 1628.

He was sheriff's steward and clerk 1666, sheriff 1671, and elected alderman 10th December, 1692. Alderman Rickards married a lady of wealth and had issue : sons George and John, and daughter Elizabeth. He was owner of lands and property in Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire ; also in Radnor.

His will, dated 14th May, 1696, was proved by his son, George, 5th March, 1700. George Langford, senior, was an overseer.

Descendants were later settled at Beeston, Wilford, Leicester, Derby, etc.

ARMS attributed to this family will be found under the mayor of 1701.

1695. JOHN HOE, Hosier.

It would seem that this mayor, a hosier, was of local origin, since the name Hoe or Hough is found in the town during the reign of James I. John Hough, gent., a ruling elder of St. Nicholas's Church in 1652, may well have been his father, and the marriage between Mr. John Hoe and Mrs. Anne Bennet may refer to the mayor himself, 17th October, 1689, at St. Peter's.

John Hoe was chamberlain 1680, elected alderman 10th December, 1692, and occupied the civic chair in 1695, his death occurring about September, 1697. " Will not found " at York.

1696. FRANCIS SALMON, Felmonger.

A medieval family of Samon or Salmon (originally St. Almand), were of considerable note in Nottingham, and several occupied the position of mayor. Thoroton gives their pedigree, with their arms in a south window of St. Mary's Church as " three samons in pale."

The main branch of this family removed to Annesley Woodhouse, and there is a hiatus so far as Nottingham is concerned. The name is found at Orston, at Ollerton, and at East Retford, where the will of a Thomas Salmon, tanner, was proved in 1588.

The name recurs in Nottingham after the Restoration, and a certain Anne Salmon was married at St. Peter's in 1669.

Francis Salmon, a felmonger in that parish, was chamberlain in 1672, sheriff 1674, and elected alderman 30th March, 1693.

He was mayor in the years 1696 and 1706. Date of death not ascertained.

1697. SAMUEL LELAND, Dyer.

Born about 1640, younger son of William Lealand, dyer, of St. Peter's parish, and Phoebe, his wife, the father acting as sheriff in 1657. He was married at Duffield, 17th September, 1667, to Milincent Buxton of Shottle, and had issue. For some time he was in occupation of his father's dyeworks by the river Leen—a property sold by his son in 1717.

Samuel Lealand or Leland was elected of the clothing council 1675, sheriff 1680, and alderman 22nd October, 1694. He appears to have been living in 1702, death not ascertained nor will found.

More research on many of the mayors about 1682-97 inclusive is needed : municipal changes make this a rather difficult period to cover.

1698. WILLIAM GREAVES, Apothecary.

Son of Edward Greaves by his wife Anne, daughter of Alderman John Parker, senior, and born about 1661.

He was married by licence at Arnold, 25th December, 1688, to Anne Richards, and had issue Edward and Elizabeth. William Greaves was a coroner 1694, sheriff 1696, elected alderman 23rd September, 1697, and served the mayoral year of 1698.

Alderman Greaves, who was a shareholder in the Nottingham Waterworks, died shortly after completing his term, and his will, dated 5th October, 1699, was proved by his widow, Ann Greaves, the following 14th February. Edward, the son, was then under age.

1699. THOMAS COLLIN. Woolcomber.

This mayor, born 1647, was son of Lawrence Collin, Cromwellian gunner in command of a company stationed at Nottingham Castle; later a woolcomber with his residence in Castle Gate.

He was married at Colwick, 20th June, 1671, to Mary Mitton (who survived him), by whom he had issue, the mayor of 1713 being their eldest son. Thomas Collin was an alderman appointed when the old body was displaced, Thomas Trigge not being able to take the necessary oath. When Mr. Trigge later took the oath, Alderman Collin resigned, but was re-appointed 23rd September, 1697.

The Collin family, though of Nonconforming principles, was supporter of the "Country" party, and protected by James II.

Thomas Collin served the single turn as mayor, and on his death a few years later was buried in St. Nicholas's Church, where is the following inscription at the head of the south aisle:—

"And also here lieth the Body of Thomas Collin, Alderman, who departed this Life the 18th. Day of January in the 61st. year of his age A.D. 1706/7."

The ARMS of Collin are given in the sketch of the mayor in 1713.

1700. SAMUEL WATKINSON, Distiller.

Although this mayor seems to have had Derbyshire interests, it is not clear whether or not he was son of Samuel Watkinson of Kirk Hallam who was married at Nottingham, in 1655/6.

Samuel Watkinson was a chamberlain 1687, sheriff 1689, and elected alderman whilst coroner in 1696. As mayor he held office in 1700, 1708, and replaced Hawksley, the Jacobite mayor, in 1716.

By his wife Sarah he appears to have had issue, and Mary, a daughter, married Ebenezer Latham, sometime minister of Finderne, co. Derby.

The alderman was a lessee of the fishing rights in the Trent under the Corporation, a shareholder in the waterworks, and had some rights in an estate at "Baxterby" (probably Baxterley, near Atherstone), and a lease at Burton-on-Trent.

His will, dated 23rd August, 1711, was proved 4th August, 1719, by his daughter, Mary Latham.

1701. JOHN RICKARDS, Grocer.

Born *c.* 1669, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Rickards of St. Peter's parish, nephew of Arthur Rickards the mayor of 1694.

He was married by licence at St. Peter's, 2nd October, 1694, to Anne Clay, by whom he had issue. He served the office of sheriff in 1698, and was elected alderman 1st November, 1699.

Alderman John Rickards died 20th or 21st April, 1703, and was buried at St. Peter's, where there is a marble monument on the wall of the south aisle :—
 “ Here lyeth the Body of John Rickards, late of this town, who married Anne the daughter of Joseph Clay, by whom he had issue three sons, Parker, Benjamin and John, and three daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Anne, whereof Benjamin, Elizabeth and Anne survived him, he died the 20th. day of April, Anno Dom 1703.”

ARMS used by this family : Argent on a bend gules three garbs or.

1702 JOHN PEAKE, Baker

Member of the Peake family settled at Normanton-on-Soar in the time of Queen Elizabeth

After the death of his wife (name unknown), he remarried Hannah Eyre at St Peter's, Nottingham, 24th July, 1681. He was chamberlain 1681, sheriff 1683, elected alderman 13th January, 1700/1, and acted as mayor in 1702 and 1709.

His will, dated 26th March, 1715, was proved 27th July, 1715, at York. Son, John Peake, clerk, to have messuage, farm and tenement at Normanton-on-Soar and land at Aslockton. Wife, Hannah, lands and tenements in Carcolston, remainder to sons Timothy and Samuel. Timothy to have messuages in Narrow Marsh and Shorthill. Residue to wife and son Timothy.

1703. SAMUEL SMITH.

This mayor's name and circumstances connected with it raise certain obstacles to identification.

Samuel Smith occurs not only as chamberlain 1672 and sheriff 1674, but also chamberlain 1681 and sheriff 1688 and again 1693. If these posts refer to the same person it is very exceptional ! On 9th December, 1715, administration of the goods of Samuel Smith, late alderman of Nottingham, was granted to Sarah, wife of John Sulley, niece and next-of-kin.

A Samuel Smith, son of Richard Smith, councillor, perhaps born about 1638, married at St. Mary's in 1660, Lydia, daughter of the Rev. Emanuel Bourne, and was, no doubt, the apothecary who issued his tokens at Nottingham in 1664 and 1667.

It is by no means certain that he can be identified with the mayor of 1703.

1704. WILLIAM BARKE, Tanner.

Born about 1659 of an old Nottingham family, and married 27th May, 1688, at St. Mary's to Sarah Smith, by whom he had issue.

He was sheriff 1694, and becoming alderman served the mayoralty in the years 1704 and 1712. He was a tanner in Broad Marsh and owner of property in Catthorpe. He deceased in 1726, and Alderman Walters was elected to the vacancy 27th September of that year.

Elizabeth Barke, grand-daughter of the mayor, married the Rev. George Wakefield, vicar of St. Nicholas, and they were parents of the celebrated Gilbert Wakefield.

N.B.—In John T. Godfrey's *Notes on St. Mary's, Nottingham*, p. 29, John Barke, Esq., Major, occurs and it is curious that there should be a will or administration at York for a John Barke of Nottingham in October, 1726, when that of William Barke cannot be found. The *Borough Records* give the name of this mayor invariably as at the head of this page.

1705. JOHN SHIPMAN, Butcher.

Born about 1659 and believed to be son of Robert, and grandson of William Shipman of Scarrington (an ardent Royalist) by his second wife, Sarah, daughter of Alderman Parker.

He married at Sneinton, 30th December, 1695, Elizabeth Landley of Nottingham ; was sheriff 1684, mayor 1705 and 1714.

He died in 1722 and was replaced in May of that year by Alexander Burden as alderman. The will of John Shipman, alderman of Nottingham, dated 4th February, 1721, was proved 2nd April, 1722. Son, Francis, dwellinghouse, houses in Warsergate and butcher's shop in Saturday shambles. Daughter, Rebecca, and son William, executors. Daniel Harding, curate of Holme Pierrepont, a witness.

ARMS of Shipman of Scarrington (Burke) : Gules on a bend argent between six estoilles or three pellets. Crest : A leopard sejant argent, spotted sable, reposing the dexter paw on a ship's rudder, azure.

1707. WILLIAM DRURY, Gentleman.¹

There were several contemporaries, but I take this mayor to have been son of William Drury, alderman, who died in 1697, and grandson of the mayor who died about 1678.

He was, I suppose, born 1660, married firstly in 1684/5 to Mary Cant of Wartnaby, co. Leicester, and secondly in 1717 to Anne, daughter of Henry Lowe of Denby, co. Derby (*vide Glover's Derbyshire*), by whom he

(¹) [Editorial note : see *Borough Records*, Vol. VI, p. 43. "Irregular election of an Alderman."]

had a son, William, born 1724, later a woolcomber at Oakham, married at St. Peter's, Nottingham, in 1748/9 to Mary Hunt, and ancestor of the family of Drury-Lowe.

William Drury was a sheriff in 1705, mayor in 1707, later alderman in 1709. His name drops out of the list of aldermen about 1712. He was owner of the ancestral mansion of Vault Hall on Drury Hill, a voter for property at Beeston in 1722, and appears to have been living in 1732. Will reported "not found" at York.

ARMS of Drury : Argent on a chief vert, two mullets or each charged with an annulet, azure.

Crest : A greyhound courant sable collared or, and charged with two mullets of the last.

N.B.—This account needs verification.

1711. BENJAMIN GREEN, Framework Knitter.

Born about 1653, probably son of Robert Green, druggist, of Nottingham, and was married at Bulwell, 25th December, 1676, to Bridget Kirk, widow; re-married there 9th September, 1703 as "widower and gentleman" to Mary, widow of Welch or Welsh.

Alderman Green, a member of the Castle Gate (Independent) Chapel, was owner of a freehold at Radford. He was appointed sheriff 1691 and occupied the mayoral seat on four occasions—1711, 1721, 1728 and 1735, and died at an advanced age—given by Deering's *History* at eighty-three—about January, 1737/8. Will not found at York.

1713. JOHN COLLIN, Gentleman.

Born about 1672, eldest child of Thomas Collin, mayor in 1699, and Mary, his wife, married at St. Peter's,

4th September, 1694, Mary, daughter of George Langford by whom he had issue.

After holding the coronership in 1711, John Collin was elected mayor in 1713. He had, about 1707, purchased an estate at Elton-on-the-Hill, and was pricked High Sheriff for the county in 1715.

Alderman Collin deceased 18th June, 1717, and was buried in St. Nicholas's Church, where there is a fine monument in a cross aisle :—

“ Near this place lies the body of John Collin, esq. who departed this Life June 18, 1717 in the 45th. year of his age. He married Mary daughter of George Langford, esq. and Judith his wife, by whom he had issue six sons and four daughters, Langford, Abel, Thomas, John, Samuel, and George, Anne, Mary, Judith and Anne : Anne, Samuel, and George died in their infancy before him, Abel Collin died August 8, 1730, Judith Collin died February 7, 1730/1. His widow in Memory of him and his deceased children has placed this.”

ARMS : Vert a griffin segreant or, on a chief indented argent two crosses formée gules, impaling Paly of six or and gules a bend argent.

Crest : On a wreath of the colours a talbot's head.

1715. THOMAS HAWKSLEY, Distiller.

Probably born about 1670, and of a family trading as maltsters. One account states that the family had been established in Nottingham since the Norman Conquest. Roger Hawksley of Nottingham issued a $\frac{1}{2}d.$ token in 1666 bearing the Merchant Tailors' arms.

Thomas Hawksley married 30th June, 1692, at St. Mary's, Sarah Briggs, and had issue, Richard,

Thomas, William and John, daughters Sarah, wife of —. Hall, Elizabeth, wife of John Greasley, and others, wives of Samuel Wyer and Samuel Cresswell.

Thomas Hawksley was elected of the junior council 1701, sheriff 1704, and became mayor in 1715. A man of ardent Jacobite principles, he so far forgot his oath and trust as to pledge success to the Pretender on bare knees in his own house. Information was laid, and the mayor was, on 20th March, 1715/6, removed from his office and committed to the House of Correction by one of his brother magistrates. Here he lay for some time in mild captivity. He instituted, at a very heavy cost, proceedings against the magistrate responsible for his committal, but without success, and Alderman Watkinson served out the remainder of his term. Hawksley's residence was at the north-west corner of Chapel Bar, and included the "Eagle and Child" Inn, where the date of his imprisonment was engraven on one of its quoins.

The body of Thomas Hawksley was buried at St. Mary's 21st March, 1749/50. His will, dated 28th December, 1741, leaving his property to Elizabeth Greasley and her husband, and 1s. apiece to his other children, was proved by John Greasley, 30th June, 1750.

ARMS of Hawksley (as in St. Nicholas's Church) :
 . . . a fesse ermine between three hawks.

Crest : Out of a mural crown a hawk rising.

1716. JOHN SHERWIN, Gentleman.

Born in 1665, son of John Sherwin, short-term mayor of 1687/8, and married at Sneinton in January, 1687/8, to Anne Levis of South Leverton : the licence

exists though not the parish record, but Levis or Leavis Sherwin, gent., burgess-born, admitted a freeman of Nottingham 1721/2, was undoubtedly son of this marriage.

John Sherwin served the office of a sheriff in 1711, was elevated to the aldermanic bench and elected mayor in 1716. This important local family had a residence in Pilcher Gate with considerable supporting lands adjoining, long built over.

Alderman John Sherwin was buried in St. Mary's Church, over whose remains the following inscription was raised :—

“ Here lies the Body of Robie Sherwin Esq; late Member of Parliament for this town who died the 6th. of August Anno Dom. 1718 in the 51st. year of his Age. Here lies also the Body of John Sherwin (Brother to the said Robie Sherwin) Mayor of this Corporation, died 25th. of November Anno Dom. 1718 in the 53rd Year of his Age.”

ARMS of Sherwin, Nottingham: Sable a griffin segreant between three cross crosslets fitchée argent.

1717. THOMAS TRIGGE, Grocer.

Son of Thos. Trigge, the mayor of 1693, half-brother of John Rickards, mayor in 1701, and brother of William Trigge, mayor 1730.

Born about 1683, Thomas Trigge was married at Gonalston in 1705 to Anne, daughter of John Hydes, haberdasher, by whom he had issue.

He was a sheriff in 1710, later alderman, and mayor of the town in 1717, 1723 and 1731. He was evidently an alderman for the unusual space of upwards of forty

years ; a member of the High Pavement congregation, he was resident at Arnold in 1754, and living so late as 1759. His son, Thomas Trigge, a retired grocer at Arnold, predeceased him and left an estate there to his sister, Betty Haines. John Trigg, gentleman, another son, recorded as a lover of sport and a principal promoter of such events at Arnold, died in 1783. Date of this mayor's death not ascertained.

(To be continued.)