

NOTES ON THE MAYORS OF NOTTINGHAM, 1660-1775

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1718. MARMADUKE PENNEL, Feltmaker.

There were Nottinghamshire Pennells settled about Newark. John, son of Gilbert Penell, was baptized 28th April, 1673, and William, son of James Penell, 5th May, 1675, both at Balderton ; a suspicion remains, however, that Marmaduke originated from a Worcester-shire family.

Born about 1671, he was enrolled freeman of Nottingham 1706/7, as a hatter. His residence was on Long Row and it is said that he was architect of the new assembly rooms erected during his office as mayor. He was mayor in the years 1718 and 1724.

He married, 1st September, 1697, at West Bridgford, Elizabeth Harris, widow, of Nottingham, and he remarried at St. Mary, 22nd November, 1726, Mary Hemus, widow. By his first wife he appears to have had issue, and the Reverend Davis Pennel, sometime of Rotherham and Newark, was a descendant.

Marmaduke Pennel deceased before 30th August, 1731, when John Huthwaite was appointed alderman in his stead.

1719. RICHARD BEARN, Woollendraper.

The provenance and origin of this mayor not yet ascertained. He was born about 1659, settled in Nottingham as a young man, and was married 14th October, 1690, at Burrough-on-the-Hill, co. Leicester, to Elizabeth Browne, by whom he had issue. Rowland was then lord of the manor of Burrough.

Richard Bearn served as sheriff in 1701, coroner 1717, and as mayor in 1719 and 1725.

On his death at Skeffington, co. Leicester, where he had a country residence, 2nd June, he was buried in that church 4th June, 1732, as "Richard Bearn, senr. Gentleman." Will at Leicester. He was commemorated by a M.I. in the nave of the church with the following inscription :—

"Here lieth interred the body of Richard Bearn,
Alderman of Nottingham and twice mayor.

He died June 2, 1732, aged 73 years.

Also on his right hand lieth Elizabeth his wife.

She died March 23, 1744/5.

Also Susanna Bearn, July 20, 1764, aged 73."

Richard Bearn, woollendraper and freeman of Nottingham, succeeded at Skeffington and was buried there in 1780 aged eighty-three years. M.I. near the previous one.

1720. WILLIAM BILBIE, Grocer.

This mayor belonged to a branch of the name presumably connected with Mansfield, and his connection with the namesake who founded the almshouses in Nottingham in 1709 is improbable.

William Bilbie was married 2nd Jnly, 1695, at Papplewick, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Walters and sister of the mayor of 1727. He was elected councillor in 1692, sheriff 1700, coroner 1702, and alderman in August, 1719. He served the office of mayor again in 1726 and 1734.

Alderman Bilbie, who was a wealthy man, owned an estate which he bought at Bury Hill near Mansfield ; also lands near Southwell and farm lands at Harby in Leicestershire. In addition to these real estates, he left his sons, William and Joseph, £2,000 apiece.

He died in the spring of 1743, and his will, dated 1st November, 1738, was proved by his relict, Elizabeth, 2nd April, 1743, his place on the aldermanic bench being filled three weeks later.

ARMS of Bilbie of Berry Hill : Sable a saltire or.

1722. ALEXANDER BURDEN, Grocer.

This is a name found in the early register of Headon, Nottinghamshire, where Alexander, son of John Burdon, was baptized in 1572.

The mayor was born about 1670, perhaps a son of Alexander Burden, grocer, of Mansfield, and was married by licence in March, 1695/6, to Elizabeth Sherwin of Nottingham—evidently sister of the mayor of 1716—and had issue: Robie Burden, grocer, freeman 1723/4, and Alexander Burden, soapmaker, freeman 1732/3, with possible others.

He was common councillor 1697, a sheriff 1701, elected alderman May, 1722, and filled the civic chair in 1722, 1729, 1736 and 1741.

It would appear that Alderman Burden was a man of considerable substance, holding freeholds at Kettleby and Wymeswold in co. Leicester, and at Aslocton in Nottinghamshire.

He died about April, 1743, and was no doubt buried at St. Peter's, where Alexander Burden, junior, who had been elected a councillor, was buried some four years later.

1727. JOSEPH WALTERS, Mercer.

Son of John Walters of Ripley, co Derby, who was connected also with Blidworth, to the protestant dissenting ministers of which place he left the sum of 22s. yearly, and with Wm. Bilbie, mayor 1720, etc.

Joseph Walters was enrolled freeman of Nottingham 1706/7, and was elected sheriff 1717. He married Elizabeth Freemoult of Norwich and had issue Joseph and Mary.

Like many of his colleagues, this mayor held non-conformist views. In the Nottinghamshire Poll for 1722 his name appears as an elector for Normanton [Southwell ?] where he, no doubt, had a freehold.

He did not long survive his mayoralty, since he made his will 30th October, 1729, and died before the year was out; probate at York, 11th February, 1729/30.

1730. WILLIAM TRIGG, Merchant and Grocer.

Born about 1685, son of Thomas Trigge, mayor in 1693, and brother of the mayor of 1717. He was admitted a freeman 1706, served as sheriff 1714, and was elected alderman 22nd December, 1729.

William Trigg was a wealthy and hospitable townsman who resided in a large house in High Street, parted from the road by a paved court flanked by elms and richly wrought palisades. As an influential member of the corporation, he occupied the mayoral seat on no less than five occasions—namely, 1730, 1737, 1742, 1748 and 1754.

He was probably married about 1708 and had a son, Thomas, intended for the hosiery trade, later a captain, resident at Wilford, and a daughter, Mary, married at Nottingham in 1732 to Edward Witts of Witney, Oxford.

Alderman Trigg died in 1756, and his will, dated 13th May of that year, was proved by Edward Witts, his grandson and legatee of the real estate, 21st January, 1757.

N.B.—Broome Witts, a brother of Edward Witts, junior, had a daughter, Apphia, who, as a widow, married in 1772 Thomas, second Baron Lyttelton. This should be mentioned because the *Nottingham Date Book* under date 1754, calls this lady the only daughter of Alderman William Trigg, and gives a very different account of the matter.

1732. JOHN HUTHWAITE, Grocer.

Born about 1679, probably son of John Huthwaite, sheriff in 1687, married to Mary Moore of Nottingham by licence in February, 1701/2, by whom he had surviving issue : John, William, George, James, Mary, Susannah, Elizabeth.

He was a town sheriff in 1713, and elected alderman when coroner, 30th August, 1731.

Alderman Huthwaite, who had a messuage and farm on Long Row, voted in the Derbyshire poll in 1734 for a Horsley Woodhouse qualification. He was mayor for the single turn, as his decease took place about October,

1737. His will, dated 4th February, 1730, was proved by his relict, Mary, 3rd February, 1737/8. A brother Thomas is named.

1733. THOMAS LANGFORD, Goldsmith.

Born about 1690, enrolled freeman as a goldsmith 1718/9, and believed to have been grandson of George Langford, mayor in 1688.

He was sheriff in 1732, and held office as mayor no less than five times : 1733, 1740, 1747, 1753, and the residue of the term of Major Wyld in 1760. Alderman Langford was a man of considerable wealth and culture ; besides his dwelling in Wheeler Gate he had a residence and land at Basford, lands in Piccadilly, Bond Street and Hanover Square in London, and an estate at Hackney. He was high sheriff for the county in 1740 during his mayoralty of the town. He had several children baptized at High Pavement ; his will names sons Thomas and Joseph, (deceased), Catherine, wife of John Foxcroft, Ann, wife of Coulson Scotto, and brother Joseph Langford, deceased.

Alderman Langford died at Basford 4th January, 1768, and his remains were buried 14th January in the nave of St. Mary's Church, aged seventy-seven years. Here, also, two of his children were buried.

His will, dated 21st January, 1765, was proved 7th January, 1768, now at York.

1738. JOHN NEWTON.

This mayor came from an ancient family seated at Mickleover, near Derby, second son of Robert Newton, barrister-at-law, by Elizabeth (Whitehead) his wife, grandson of Edward Newton of that place, and was born in 1672.

By his wife, Sarah Bridges of Burton-on-Trent, he had an only daughter, Sarah, who was married, after his death, to William Foulds, mayor in 1768.

John Newton was elected a sheriff in 1715, coroner in 1736, and becoming alderman occupied the civic chair in 1738.

Alderman Newton died intestate at Nottingham, and administration was granted to his daughter, 20th January, 1743/4.

ARMS of Newton of Mickleover : Sable two human shin bones in saltire argent the sinister surmounted of the dexter.

Crest : A naked man kneeling on his sinister knee and holding a sword ppr. the point downwards, hilt and pommel, or.

1739. JAMES HUTHWAITE, Grocer.

Younger brother of the mayor of 1732, and born about 1682. He was married at Sneinton 20th March, 1704/5, to Mary Richards of Nottingham, having issue James, a grocer, and a daughter, Hannah.

His public offices included those of sheriff in 1722 and coroner in 1736, and he subsequently rose to the aldermanic bench.

Alderman James Huthwaite was a man of property. Besides a landed interest at Ilkeston in 1734, and at Nether Broughton, co. Leicester, in 1741, he had estates at Calverton and at Muggington which he bequeathed by will.

He took up his freedom as burgess-born in 1702/3, and traded as a grocer. He lived in Quaker Lane in 1754, and also owned a house in Bridlesmith Gate ; was mayor in 1739, 1746 and 1752, and member of High Pavement chapel, probably buried at St. Peter's.

His will, dated 23rd December, 1758, was proved by his son and daughter, 24th November, 1759. This document mentions his brother, Robert Huthwaite, and Mary, widow of his late brother, Alderman John Huthwaite.

1743. JOHN HORNBUCKLE, Roper (?).

In Tudor times this distinctive name was located in villages south-east of Nottingham ; later, John Hornbuckle is found in Fisher Gate in 1637.

The mayor was probably the man of that name born about 1686, who was married at the age of nineteen, bachelor and maltster, to Emmott Harding at St. Mary's, Nottingham, 15th March, 1705/6, but enrolled freeman as roper in 1706/7. John Hornbuckle was sheriff 1723, coroner 1737, and elected alderman 3rd May, 1743. He occupied the mayor's seat in the year following and in 1749, and had his residence on High Pavement.

Alderman Hornbuckle was placed in the mayoral chair in 1755, but did not serve through the year. Upon his resignation his place was taken by Alderman Samuel Fellows. Date of his death not known.

1744. JOHN BURTON, Butcher (?).

John Burton was a councillor 1732, sheriff 1721, elected alderman 24th April, 1744. The last appointed alderman usually served the following term of mayor. John Burton was thus mayor in 1744, also in 1750 and 1756. He resided on Long Row, and was a freeholder at Ripley, co. Derby, in 1734.

The will of John Burton, gent., alderman, dated 15th May, 1752, was proved by his son, Richard Burton, exor. 6th May, 1759. He succeeded to all the real estate. Sarah Burton, the only daughter, was to receive £1,400.

N.B.—A John Burton, born *c.* 1683, took his freedom as butcher (*vide* Roll 1706/7). He was married 28th September, 1706, at Colwick to Elizabeth Howitt of Holme Pierrepont, remarried at Sneinton 7th September, 1723, to Martha Whallen.

1745. HENRY BUTLER, Ironmonger and Roper.

Born *c.* 1693, probably native of town or district, and apprenticed there, taking up his freedom 1718/9. Married 17th November, 1716, at St. Mary's Nottingham, to Anne Oldfield, by whom he had issue.

He married for his second wife Mary Thayer of Greasley, the ceremony taking place there 21st June, 1744.

After holding the posts of sheriff in 1728 and coroner in 1743, Henry Butler became alderman, and held office as mayor no less than five times during the next twenty-seven years : 1745, 1751, 1758, 1764 and 1772.

In the latter year he was seized by sudden illness after his installation, and died 7th October, 1772, aged about eighty years

Richard Butler, his son, served the remainder of this term.

1755/6. SAMUEL FELLOWS, Hosier.

This mayor, born about 1687, formerly of London, is said to have come to Nottingham as apprentice to the framework-knitting trade.

A member of the High Pavement congregation, he was enrolled ten years later a freeman, 1718/9 ; married, first at Sneinton, 26th September, 1717, to Mary, daughter of John Jalland by whom he had issue, and second at St. Mary's, Nottingham, to Hannah, daughter of Thomas Wright, who died s.p. in 1764.

Samuel Fellows was sheriff in 1729, coroner 1754 and became alderman, elected to serve the remainder of the term of mayor John Hornbuckle.

It was through Mr. Fellows's enterprise that the prosperous and long-standing business of hosiery manufacturers bearing his name was established. He was resident on High Pavement, and to the chapel there he was a staunch friend and supporter.

His remains were buried 18th December, 1765, in St. Mary's churchyard, where the following inscription may be read :—

In this vault are deposited the earthly remains of Samuel Fellows, Aldⁿ who departed this life December 12 1765 : in his 79th Year. And Mary his wife who died December 21st 1730 : in the 35th Year of her Age. Also near this place were interred five of their children viz. 3 sons and 2 daughters.

John Fellows, mayor in 1775, etc., was a son of Alderman Samuel Fellows.

1757. CORNELIUS HUTHWAITE, Draper and Mercer.

Born about 1696, very likely the son of James Huthwaite, draper, sheriff in 1691, and married 27th December, 1722, to Hannah (or Anne) Robinson, by whom he seems to have had issue.

He became a freeman as woollendrapery and as burgess-born, 1717/8, was chamberlain 1727, sheriff in 1730, and elected alderman in place of William Trigge, deceased 5th January, 1757. He was mayor in 1757, 1763 and 1771.

His residence was in Timber Lane in St. Peter's parish, and he was living in 1774. Date of death not known.

1759. ISAAC WYLD, Apothecary.

Son of Thomas Wyld of Woodhouse Eaves, co. Leicester, sometime of Nottingham, and Elizabeth (Wilson) his wife, and born about 1696, probably at Nottingham. His father in his will proved at Leicester in 1729, leaves his son Isaac the sum of one shilling, to be paid within twelve months.

He became freeman 1718/9, traded in Bridlesmith Gate and was married 17th January, 1723/4, at North Oram, co. York, to Elizabeth, daughter of the Reverend Eliezer Heywood of Dronfield, by whom he had issue.

He was elected councillor 1739, and acted as a sheriff in 1733. He voted for his property at Woodhouse Eaves in the Leicester roll of 1741, as did his son Isaac in 1775. Isaac Wyld, junior, served as a sheriff in 1763. He was a hosier in Bridlesmith Gate and died at Bath about 1812. Helen Wyld, daughter of the mayor, was married in 1757 to Edward Wits of Witney, woolstapler. Timothy Wyld, his brother, was master of the Free School at Nottingham and vicar of Beeston.

Alderman Wyld was elected mayor in 1759, but died during his year of office in the following May. Alderman Thos. Langford served out the residue of the term.

1760. ROBERT HUISH, Hosier.

Well-supported family tradition states that a member of this house, settled in Taunton but involved in Monmouth's rebellion, removed from there to Leicester.

Robert Huish, eldest son of Robert Huish of Leicester by Sarah (Cook) his wife, was baptized at St. Martin's 4th March, 1693/4. The spelling there is "Hewish." He was married 27th April, 1720, to Alice, daughter of Alderman Richard Weston of Leicester, at Hugglescote, by whom he had issue. After many years' residence, he purchased his freedom at Nottingham by paying £15 for the privilege: he was also a freeman of Derby and voted in the town poll of 1748.

At Nottingham he served the office of sheriff 1736, became coroner 1757, alderman 1759, and then occupied the mayoral chair.

Robert Huish and his son, Mark, were prosperous hosiers (*i.e.* manufacturers of hosiery) in St. James Lane, and prominent members of the community.

Alderman Huish died at about the age of seventy-one years and was buried at St. Nicholas's; will proved at York, 23rd December, 1765.

Mark Huish, the son, was sheriff in 1756, and descendants were settled at Derby, Smalley Hall and Liverpool.

Mary Huish, a daughter of the mayor, was married at Holme Pierrepont in 1752 to Robert Bewick of co. Northumberland; knighted when sheriff of county in 1760.

ARMS of Huish, presumably used by this mayor: Argent on a fesse sable a lion passant argent.

Crest: Out of a ducal coronet a plume of feathers.

1761. JAMES HORNBUCKLE, Roper.

Born about 1692, perhaps son of the James and Thamer Hornbuckle married at St. Peter's, Nottingham, in 1684.

He became freeman as burgess-born, 1712/3, a whipcordmaker, in which manufacture the town had then the

highest reputation. He married at St. Mary's, 29th December, 1720, Sarah Oldfield, by whom he had at least two sons and a daughter. Benjamin Hornbuckle, hosier, mayor in 1795, who died in 1804, appears to be his son.

James Hornbuckle served as sheriff in 1737, and had his house at (Leen ?) Bridgefoot. He later seems to have had considerable landed interests in Nottingham in Carter Gate, St. Peter's Gate, Narrow Marsh, etc.

Alderman Hornbuckle served the office of mayor a second time in 1768. He was still a member of the aldermanic body at the time of his death, and the register of St. Mary's records his burial 24th September, 1778.

His will, now at York, dated 24th December, 1773, was proved by his son Benjamin and daughter Sarah, 16th November, 1778.

1762. HUMPHREY HOLLINS, Brazier.

Humphrey Hollins, brazier, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, whose will at Leicester was dated 27th April and proved 18th June, 1695, names his sons Humphrey, John (baptised there, 1680) and Thomas. Humphrey, mayor in 1762, was the son of this Humphrey.

Both these Humphreys seem to have taken up their freedom, and were members of the High Pavement congregation.

Humphrey Hollins was married 11th March, 1733/4, at St. Nicholas's, to Elizabeth Wilkinson, (who died in 1746), by whom he had issue. He was remarried at Balderton, 29th March, 1747/8, to Margaret Birkett or Burkett. His residence was in Wheeler Gate.

After filling the office of sheriff in 1739, coroner in 1759, Humphrey Hollins became mayor in 1762 and 1769.

At the time of his death, 13th July, 1788, given as aged eighty-eight years by the *Nottingham Date Book*, he was

senior alderman of the corporation, and he left descendants who continued in Nottingham and elsewhere as highly respected traders and townsmen.

1765. WILLIAM COOPER, Hosier.

Possibly son of a man of the same name, framework-knitter of Nottingham.

Sheriff 1740, coroner 1760, and mayor in 1765 only. He was a resident in St. James Lane in 1774, and it looks as though he had a son of the same name in partnership with him.

1766. ROBIE SWANN, Merchant.

Born c. 1716, being the second son of Rowland Swann of Nottingham by Sarah (Sherwin) his wife, and grandson of Samuel Swann of Hurdlow in Hartington parish, co. Derby. The name " Robie " as we have seen, descended in the Sherwin family.

He was enrolled freeman as ironmonger, his father's trade, in 1736/7, and had his establishment in Long Row. He was married at Wickham in Spalding parish to Eleanor Butler of that town 10th April, 1744, by whom he had issue.

Robie Swann, who was mayor for the single turn only, served as sheriff in 1742.

His burial occurs in St. Mary's register, 8th July, 1770. His daughter and son, Sarah and the Reverend James Swann, died in September, a year following their father's death, and were buried with much circumstance and pomp as related in the *Nottingham Date Book*; there was, however, a surviving son named John who lived on Long Row.

1768. WILLIAM FOULDS, Baker.

This family was long established about Woodhouse, co. Leicester, of whom John Foulds was frankpledge at Beaumanor court so early as 1513.

William Foulds was born about 1705, presumably son of Robert Foulds, freeholder 1719, and brother of another Robert who, dying young, appointed Willm. Foulds of Nottingham, baker, a trustee in his will, 1732/3, now at Leicester.

William Foulds was admitted freeman of Nottingham as baker, 1726/7, and is thought to be the man of that name married 13th February, 1726/7, at All Saints', Derby, to Ann Glover, by whom he had a son, Robert, also a baker, freeman 1749/50, who returned to Woodhouse Eaves and voted in the Nottingham roll of 1774 as a "foreign voter."

William Foulds remarried as widower at Radford, 6th February, 1743/4, Sarah, daughter and heiress of John Newton, by whom he had no issue.

His residence was in Hounds Gate, and he served the office of sheriff in 1757, coroner 1765, and the single turn as chief magistrate, being buried 6th July, 1773, as recorded in the registers of St. Mary's.

N.B.—Burke's *Landed Gentry* incorrectly states that Sarah Newton married JOHN Foulds, Esq.

1770. RICHARD BUTLER, Grocer.

The son of Alderman Henry Butler, five times mayor, and Ann his wife, and born *c.* 1724. He was enrolled freeman as distiller 1744/5, acted as sheriff 1749, and was elected an alderman while serving as coroner, 11th July, 1770. On his father's death, he succeeded him as mayor some three months later. Premises on Long Row.

He would seem to be the Richard Butler married by licence 8th October, 1759, at Radford, to Ann Harrison, but is not known to have left issue.

Alderman Butler, a very active and public-spirited member of the corporation, passed the mayoral chair on four other occasions: 1772, 1777, 1783 and 1790, and it will thus be seen that the father and son served this office no fewer than ten times.

He died 6th March and was buried at St. Mary's 11th March, 1791. Built into the north wall outside the vestry of the church is a marble tablet with this description :—

In memory of Richard Butler, Esqr. Who was nearly twenty one Years an Alderman of this Town ; During which period he served the Office of Mayor five times : He was exemplary as a Christian, And as a Magistrate impartial and judicious : He died the 6th of March 1791, Aged 66 Years. The same tablet remembers Ann, his sister, who died 7th June, 1813, aged eighty-six years.

1773. THOMAS OLDKNOW, Maltster and Surveyor.

This mayor's forebears were of old standing at Heanor, co. Derby. Christopher Ouldnull of Henor Wood was married in 1630, and the mayor, born about 1709, may be son of a later Christopher Oldknow, of Kidsley Park, a freeholder at Heanor.

He was resident at Nottingham at the time of his marriage, which took place at Strelley, 14th October, 1731, to Phoebe, daughter of Joseph Mather of Shipley, by whom he left issue. He purchased his freehold as maltster 1741/2, and resided on Long Row. He was freeholder at Long Clawson, co. Leicester, and had some interest at Stanton-on-the-Wolds, in which church his young daughter, Phoebe, was buried.

Thomas Oldknow, who was sheriff in 1746, was mayor in 1773 and 1778. During his first mayoralty, then being a widower, he was remarried in London to Miss Sarah Starkey, " a very agreeable lady with an independent fortune," and the mayor and mayoress were greeted on arrival with a procession, music and ringing of bells.

Alderman Oldknow, a very experienced surveyor and commissioner under a large number of inclosure acts, died at Calverton, where he had a small estate, 31st March, 1787, aged seventy-eight, and was buried with his relatives in Heanor church on 4th April. The burial entry styles him " Thomas Oldkno of Corbuton."

The mayor's house in Nottingham was in Bearward Lane, later known as Mount Street. Other members of this family became later mayors, and descendants moved to Derby, Leicester, Bleasby, etc.

1774. JOHN CARRUTHERS, Linen-draper.

Bailey, in his *Annals of Nottinghamshire*, p. 1036, records that John Carruthers was the eldest son of one James Carruthers, a Scotsman who was wounded whilst at Nottingham, 1688, probably on public business. This James may have settled in Nottingham as Bailey says, but it is evident that this mayor was son of Alexander Carruthers, sometime linen dealer at Coventry, but later of Nottingham, and Elizabeth (Wheatley), his wife. Born about 1718, John Carruthers received his freedom 1738/9 by purchase, paying the sum of £10, subsequently trading as haberdasher in Long Row. He was married, 28th October, 1745, at Risley, co. Derby, to Eliza Stubbings. He was sheriff in 1750, and elected alderman 10th August, 1773. Besides his year of office in 1774, he was later mayor in 1781 and 1786.

The present mayor's mace, made to replace one stolen 27th August, 1785, bears the inscription "Johannes Carruthers, Armigero Preside Nottinghamiae 1787," and was first used in civic procession to St. Mary's church on April 8th, 1787, during his last term of office. A monument in St. Mary's churchyard bears on its north face the following words:—

To the memory of John Carruthers, Gent. late one of the Aldermen of this Corporation, who departed this life June 1st. 1792. Aged 74 years. Also Sally, wife of Thomas Smith, and daughter of William and Hannah Howitt, who departed this life 3rd, November 1802. Aged 21 years.

The remaining inscriptions remember Alexander Carruthers who died in 1765 in his seventy-seventh year, his widow, Elizabeth, who died in 1777 in her ninety-sixth year, and four of their children who died young.

Also John Stevens Howitt (a later mayor), who died in 1851, aged sixty-four years.

1775. JOHN FELLOWS, Hosier.

Son of Samuel Fellows, mayor in 1755, and born about 1727. He obtained his freedom as burgess-born and a hosier 1748/9, and undertook public duties soon after his marriage, which took place at Wyfordby, co. Leicester, on 1st May, 1751, to Mary Sharpe, of an old family at Wing in Rutland.

He was a sheriff in 1754, and occupied the mayoral chair on the additional occasions of 1782 and 1790.

Alderman Fellows, who was a silk hosier and lived on High Pavement, is described as a "gentleman of high integrity and moral worth," and was a supporter of local nonconformity.

His descendants, who were hosiers and bankers, had a landed estate at Beeston Fields, of whom Charles Fellows, a celebrated explorer, received the honour of knighthood in 1845.

Alderman John Fellows died 18th December and was buried in the vault in St. Mary's churchyard 24th December, 1791, in his 64th year.

ARMS :¹ Azure a fesse dancette ermine between three lions' heads erased ducally crowned or.

Crest : A lion's head erased collared dancette ermine ducally crowned or.

¹ This blazon is derived from an old bookplate. The arms which were used later differ slightly.