

Genealogical Notes

TO THE

Pedigree of the Smythies Family.

THE SMYTHES* OF WRINGTON AND WYKE COURT, YATTON, CO. SOMERSET.

- (1) Willus Smithes de Wrington in com Somset de familia
eodem no'ie in com Lancaster.

(2) Johannes Smythes.

Will'us Smythes de Wyke in com Som'set & fil. . . . Godlowe
de Aula R₃ (see 27, below). de Bristow mercatoris.

Joh'es Smythes filius & hæres.
(See 32, below.)

Georgius Smithes de London.
(See 33, below.)

The above pedigree is recorded in Vincent MS. 141,111, which professes to be a copy of the Visitation of Somerset in 1573. Nothing more is known of (1) and (2). The will of Will'us Smythes de Wyke (27) was proved in 1585, and his sons Joh'es and Georgius are mentioned therein (see below).

(3) The will of Robert Smythes of Bristol, dated 30 July 1585, contains the following: "I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife the halfe of all mye household stuffe, my lesser silver salte double guilt . . . my percell guilt bowle . . . etc. . . . and in consideration that she will bring uppe the child Thomas Smithes whom I have taken to bringe uppe at scoole in learninge and maintayne him clenely and well . . . I give unto her twentye pounds yerely to be paide oute of the personage of Wrington . . . and doe give and leave the same to Jessey my sonne that he shall take good order for the same and for the childe brought uppe as he himselfe was wherewith I charge him as deeply as a father maye his sonne." The relationship of the child Thomas Smithes is not mentioned. The will continues: "I give unto my Aunte Margaret Bolton twentye five shillings eight pence to be paide yerely out of the personage of Wrington . . . to my neighbour Thomas Coleman . . . my black satin doublett uncut (and) my best velvet night cappe to be delivered immediately uppon my decease . . . unto Joane Whoper my wives daughter my second best gowne faced with velvet and the rest of my goods move-

* In the early (Somersetshire) portion of the pedigree the spelling Smythes has been adopted, except in quotations, this being apparently the form of the name usually preferred by members of the family, but in the documents quoted it will be seen that the spelling varied greatly, the forms Smithes, Smithies, Smythes, Smythies, Smethes, and Smeethes all being used. The last form Smeethes probably indicates most nearly the way in which the name was pronounced.

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able and unmoveable I doe give and bequeath to Jessey my sonne whome I make myne executor and I do ordayne and make my good cozens M^r George Badram and John Smithes the sonne of George Smithes my brother overseers givinge them full power duringe the tyme of my said sonne's beinge in the Queenes maiesties service in Ireland." (12, Windsor.)

That Robert Smythes was the brother of Wiffus Smythes de Wyke, and consequently son of Johannes Smythes is shewn by the will of William, dated 1584 (8, Windsor); that his wife was a widow named Elizabeth Whoper with a daughter named Joane, and that he had a son Jessey, is shewn by his own will quoted above.

(4) George Smythes of Wrington, his son John, and several of his grandchildren are referred to in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, collated with 1445, fo. 49^b, and 1559, fo. 161 [See (7) and (15 to 21), below.] That George Smythes was the brother of William Smythes de Wyke and therefore son of Johannes Smythes, is shewn by the will of William Smythes de Wyke, dated 1584 (8, Windsor). An entry recording the burial of George Smith [*sic*] at Wrington on 22 July 1590 in the parish registers probably refers to George Smythes. He certainly was alive in 1584, since his brother William made him overseer of his will in that year.

(5) Edward Smythes, William, George, and Robert Smythes are all referred to in the will of Thomas Smythes of Ubleight, dated 1567 (12, Babington), as his brothers. Their relationship to each other and to Johannes Smythes their father is thus established. A bequest in the same will "to my brother Edward's daughter" shews that Edward was married and had a child, but neither the name of the wife nor of the daughter is given.

(6) Jessey Smythes is referred to in the will of his father Robert Smythes (3) quoted above, also in the will of his uncle Thomas Smythes (22) as "my brother Robert's child."

(7) John Smythes of Wrington is shewn by the Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4, above), to have been the son of George Smythes of Wrington; to have married Joane, daughter of Dorrington, and to have had a son John, æt. 25 in 1623, and six daughters. There is a short pedigree at the Heralds' College embodying similar information, and in addition shewing that John Smythes of Wrington bore the same arms and crest as his cousin George Smythes the Alderman (see 31, below), but with a crescent for second branch. George Smythes the Alderman refers to him in his will, dated 1614, as his cozen John Smythes of Wrington, and Robert Smythes of Bristol (3) also refers to him in his will, dated 1584, as "John Smithes the sonne of George Smithes mye brother."

The will of John Smythes, dated 6 June 1626, is a valuable document. It confirms the information given in Harl. MSS. regarding his children, and supplements it by giving the Christian name of the daughter married to James Bisse as Mary, the Christian name of the daughter married to Nicholas Harvey as Sarah, the Christian name of his son John's wife as Sara, the Christian name of the husband of his daughter Judith as John, and further, by recording the marriage of his daughter Joane (shewn as unmarried in Harl. MSS.) to Richard Chichester. In it the testator wills "to be buried in the church of Wrington neere unto the place where my sonne John Smithes was lately buried," and makes bequests to "the poore of Wrington; Johane my wife; my cosen William Strode; my son-in-law John Cope; Elizabeth Godwyn my daughter, the wife of Robert Godwyn; my daughter Sara Harvie, wife of Nicholas Harvie; my daughters Jane Barnard, wife of Edward Barnard, gent.; Mary Bisse, wife of James Bisse, gent.; Johane Chichester, wife of Richard Chichester, gent.; and Judith Taverner, wife of John Taverner, gent.; Susan Passion my kinswoman; my brother-in-law John Bickombe, gent.; my daughter-in-law Mary Cope; my daughter-in-law Sara Smithes, a widowe; my grandchild Johane Strode, etc.

Proved by Joane Smythes the widow at London on 2 September 1626. (109, Hele.)

The will of Joane Smythes of Wrington, widow of the above, is dated 2 May 1638. In it, after expressing a wish to be buried in the church of Wrington "before my seat," she makes bequests "unto my daughter Elizabeth Godwin, my daughter Mary Cope, my daughter Jane Barnard, my daughter Sarah Diar, my daughter Joane Chichester, my daughter Judith Tavernor; my grandchildren Edward Godwin, Sarah Harvey, Elizabeth Godwin, Anna Godwin, Joane Godwin, and Thomas Godwin; two daughters Katherine and Joane; my daughter Mary Bysse; . . . my sonn-in-lawe Edward Barnard and my grandson William Strode to be overseers.

Witnessed by Edw. Barnard and George Foorde, and proved 2 July 1639 in P.C.C. by Mary Bisse, daughter and executrix named.

N.B.—John Smythes refers to John Cope as his son-in-law and Mary Cope as his daughter-in-law; Joane Smythes refers to Mary Cope as her daughter. From this it seems likely that Mary Cope was a daughter of Joane Smythes by a previous marriage. A daughter, Sarah Diar, is also mentioned by Joane Smythes, but not by her husband under that name; she is, however, probably identical with Sarah Harvie, who may have become a widow and remarried in the interval between the wills. A daughter Katherine left £10 by Joane Smythes is not mentioned by John Smythes, and her name has not been included in the pedigree. The Parish Registers of Wrington, however, record that "Katherine d. of John Smythes" was baptized there 16 June 1602. A granddaughter Johane Strode is mentioned by John Smythes and a grandson William Strode by Joane Smythes. These may have been children of Katherine Smythes above mentioned, but her marriage is not recorded at Wrington.

(8) Thomas Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record that "Thomas s. of George Smithes" was baptized 26 May 1555, and that on 13 February 1570 "Thomas Smithies" was buried.

(9) Timothy Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "Tymothy s. of George Smythe(s)" on 14 December 1565, and the burial of "Timothy Smythes" 1 October 1566.

(10) George Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "George s. of George Smithes" on 11 November 1569, and the burial of "George Smythe(s)" on 23 August 1570.

(11) William Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "William s. of George Smithes" on 7 October 1576. Between this date and 1626 there is no record of a William Smythes having been buried at Wrington. He is not referred to in the will of his brother Gideon (1609) or the will of his brother John (1626), and no further information regarding him has yet been obtained. He may have gone to London or the eastern counties, and, marrying at about the age of twenty-three, become the father of William Smythies of Gosfields. Having regard to all the ascertained facts this seems most probable.

(12) Gideon Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "Gedion s. of George Smithes" on 5 June 1579, and the burial of "Gideon Smithies" on 30 September 1609. His will, dated 12 September and proved P.C.C., 17 November 1609 (99, Dorset), shews that his wife's Christian name was Elizabeth, and that he had a son living named George (see 14, below).

(13) Edward Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record that "Edward s. of George Smithes" was baptized 5 June 1583. Between this date and 1626 there is no record of an Edward Smythes being buried at Wrington. He is

not referred to in the will of his brother Gideon (1609) or the will of his brother John (1626), and nothing more is known regarding him.

(14) George Smythes is mentioned in the will of his father Gideon Smythes (1609), who died at the age of thirty. Nothing more is known regarding him.

(15) Jane Smythes, one of the six daughters of John Smythes of Wrington, is mentioned in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4 and 7, above). She was married to Edward Barnard at Wrington on 28 December 1606 (Par. Reg. Wrington), and both she and her husband are mentioned in her father's will (1626).

(16) Elizabeth Smythes, one of the six daughters of John Smythes of Wrington, is mentioned in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4 and 7, above). The Parish Registers record that "Elizabeth d. of John Smithes" was baptized at Wrington on 22 June 1595. Her father's will shews that at the time of his death (1626) she was married to Robert Godwyn (or Goodwyn), and her mother's will (1638) gives the names of her children Edward, Elizabeth, Anna, Joane, and Thomas. The name of Robert Goodwyn is of interest owing to the fact that William Smythies of Winesham (PEDIGREE A, 10) by his will, dated 1714, made his "dear friend Mr Robert Goodwin" executor of his will. William Smythies was born in 1635, and it seems likely that the Robert Goodwyn he mentions may have been a son of Robert Goodwyn and Elizabeth Smythes, born in or after 1638.

(17) John Smythes, æt. 25 in 1623, is shewn by Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4 and 7, above) to have been the son of John Smythes of Wrington, and to have married a daughter of . . . Fowen of Bristol. The Parish Registers of Wrington record that he was buried there on 4 May 1626. His father refers to him in his will, dated 6 June 1626, as "lately buried," and also mentions his widow Sara. It is evident from this will that John Smythes, jun., and Sara Fowen had no children.

In "Alumni Ox.," iv., John Smythes is recorded as having matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, 26 May 1609, and become a Student at the Middle Temple 1611.

(18) Mary Smythes, one of the six daughters of John Smythes of Wrington, is referred to as "a da." married to James Bisse in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4 and 7, above). The Parish Registers record that "Mary d. of John Smithes" was baptized at Wrington 21 October 1599. Her father's will shews that her name was Mary, and that at the time of his death (1626) she was married to James Bisse. She proved her mother's will, dated 1638, on 2 February 1639.

(19) Sarah Smythes, one of the six daughters of John Smythes of Wrington, is referred to as "a da." married to Nicho. Harvey in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4 and 7, above). The Parish Registers record that "Sarah d. of John Smithes" was baptized at Wrington 12 February 1597-8. Her father's will shews that her name was Sarah, and that at the time of his death (1626) she was married to Nicholas Harvey. Her mother's will (1638) refers to her and to her daughter Sarah.

(20) Judith Smythes, one of the six daughters of John Smythes of Wrington, is mentioned in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31 (see 4 and 7, above). The Parish Registers record that "Judith d. of John Smeethes" was baptized at Wrington 24 June 1608, and that she was married to John Tavernor at Wrington on 1 January 1622. (From this it would appear that she was under 14 when married.) Both she and her husband are mentioned in the will of her father (1626).

(21) Joane Smythes, one of the six daughters of John Smythes of Wrington, is mentioned as unmarried in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4 and 7, above).

The Parish Registers record that "Johanna d. of John Smythes" was baptized at Wrington 22 September 1605, and that she was married to Richard Chichester at Wrington on 22 May 1625. Both she and her husband are mentioned in the will of her father (1626).*

(22) Thomas Smythes of Ubleight (Ubley, near Bristol), co. Somerset, in his will dated 10 March 1567, after expressing his wish to be buried in the church of Ubleight, makes the following bequests: "... to William Busshe (and others), each 20s.; ... to my brother William Smythes' children, my brother George Smythes' children, and my brother Robert's child, £40, equally divided; ... to my brother Edward's daughter 40s.; ... to Thomas my son all my lands, tenements, rents, reversions, and services in Axbridge, Cheddar, and Compton for life, with remainder to my son John and his heirs for ever; ... to the said Thomas £200 at 21; ... to George my son all my lands and tenements in Boltonsborough for life, with remainder to John my son and his heirs for ever; also £200 to the said George at 21; ... to my son John £400 at 21, also my lease of my manor house in Ubleight and of the park there with the lands, etc., provided always that Elizabeth my wife have the profit thereof during her life; ... to my said four brothers my lease of the manor of Dreiton to the use of my daughter Susan and to the child my wife goeth withal; ... my brother Robert Smythes to have my interest in the parsonage of Wrington; ... my tenants of Balchborowe; ... Elizabeth my wife, whom I make executrix, to have the residue of my goods; ... my said four brothers, John Walche, and Thomas Williams to be overseers."

Witnessed by William Busshe, William Hawll (?), William Sallwey, and Ellen Preston, and proved in P.C.C., 1 June 1568, by Justinian Kydd, proctor for Elizabeth Smythes the relict and executrix. (12, Babington.)

(23) Thomas Smythes.

(24) John Smythes.

(25) George Smythes.

(26) Susan Smythes.

Children of Thomas Smythes of Ubleight (22), and mentioned by him in his will quoted above as under 21. Any one of these three sons may have been the father, or grandfather, of William Smythies of Gosfields.

(27) William Smythes of the Court of Wyke in the parish of Yatton, co.

* The following entries in the Parish Registers at Wrington, in addition to those quoted above, evidently refer to members of the family:—

BAPTISMS.

Jone d. of William Smithes, 20 February 1543.
Edith Smithes, 21 February 1546.
Martha Smithes, 3 November 1564.
Robart s. of Jone (?) Smithes, 30 October 1567.

MARRIAGES.

John Kent and Agnes Smythes, 26 June 1552.
William Shepparde and Maud Smythes, 9 February 1555.
John Williams and Gwend(ol)ine Smithes, 17 May 1571.
John Allen and Doritye Smithes, 11 November 1583.
John Prigg and Martha Smithes, 11 September 1586.
Robert Egriment and Agnes Smithes, 4 November 1593.

BURIAL.

Jone Smythes, 30 June 1553.

There are also some other entries which *may* refer to the family, in which the name is spelt Smyth, Smithe, etc.

Somerset, is mentioned in the Vincent MS. 141,111 (see 1 and 2, above) as the son of Johannes Smythes and grandson of Wiffus Smithes de Wrington. In his will, dated 3 September 1584-5, bequests are made as follow: "... unto Jone my wiffe all those goodes which I haue in Glastenbury which were hers before tyme; ... unto my sonne John Smithes of Compton my clocke withe the bell, etc.; ... to John Smithes of Austen Sutton* fyve markes of lawfull moneye of Englande; ... to William my sonne thre score and eleven poundes of lawfull moneye of Englande; ... unto Thomas Earle thelder my best blacke cloke; ... unto Jone my saide wiffe my littell blacke mare, one macer silver parcell gilt and one silver cuppe white and ungilted. All the reste of my goodes not given nor bequeathed, moveable and unmoveable, I give and bequeathe unto George Smethes and unto William Smethes my sonnes, whome I make and ordeyne my whole and sole executors ... I doe ordayne, make, and appointe my brothers Robert Smithes and George Smethes, my cosen John Busshe of Undcombe and Nicholas Mors my neighbour, overseers; ... my will is that yf either of my sonnes, that is to saye George Smethes or William Smethes, happen to departe this naturall life before he come to the full age of one and twentye yeares,† that then his saide porcion so dycinge do remayne to the longest lyver of the twayne; ... my will is that my sonnes John Smethes and Thomas Parmynter‡ shall see and provyde that my wiffe be well used," etc.

Proved by George Smithes and William Smethes, sons, in P.C.C., 26 February 1585-6. (8, Windsor.)

(28) William Smythes was the third son of William Smythes of Wyke Court, and with his elder brother George proved his father's will (see 27, above). The two brothers were joint residuary legatees, and a dispute may have arisen between them as to the division of the property, or William may have died; but however that may be, no mention is made by George in his will, dated 1614, of either of his brothers John or William or of any children of theirs. Either John or William may have been the father of William Smythies of Gosfields.

(29) ... Smythes, a daughter of William Smythes of Wyke Court, married to Thomas Parmynter, whom William Smythes refers to in his will as his son (see 27, above).

(30) John Smythes of Compton, son of William Smythes of Wyke Court (see 27 and 28, above). The Parish Registers of Wrington record the baptism of a John Smithes 22 June 1544, who may have been John Smythes of Compton.

(31) George Smythes (so spelt in the signature to his will) was born *circa* 1563.§ He was admitted to Gray's Inn 14 March 1608-9 (Adm. Reg. Gray's Inn). A member of the Goldsmiths' Company, he was Prime Warden in 1610-11, and Alderman of Bridge from 30 April 1611 till his death in 1615. In 1611 he was elected Sheriff of London, and there is a note in the records of the Goldsmiths' Company that a gratuity of £100 was given to him on his election "towards the tryming of his house and other charges in the time of his Shrievalty." His arms (*Argent, a chevron azure between three oak-leaves vert, each charged with an acorn or*) were exemplified and a crest granted to him (*A demi-arm azure and hand proper, holding a branch of oak-leaves with acorns or, set in a wreath of his colours*) on 9 March

* Probably the same person as John Smythes of Wrington, whose father George Smythes of Wrington was still alive in 1584.

† See note to (31), below.

‡ Son-in-law.

§ He was recorded on his monument in St. Mary's Steyning as aged 52 when he died, 11 July 1615, but in his father's will, dated 3 September 1584-5, he is spoken of as under age. If he was 52 when he died it is obvious that he must have been 21 before 11 July 1584. It may be that he was not 52, but in his 52nd year at the time of his death, or possibly his father's will was drafted some little time before it was signed and dated.

1602. This document, signed by William Dethick, Garter Principal King of Arms, and William Camden, Clarencieux King of Arms,* is now, and has been for generations, in possession of the Essex family of Smythies, descended from William Smythies of Gosfields (Vicar of Belchamp Walter, co. Essex, in 1623). In March 1869, being then in possession of Francis Smythies, Esq., of Headgate House, Colchester, it was published in "Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica" (Series I., Part XI., p. 96); it is now the property of his son. In the grant George Smythes is described as "of ye Court of Wike in the Countie of Somerset, gent., descended of that name in the Countie of Lancaster." From this it would appear that by 1602 he was in full possession of Wike Court, which by his father's will was, with all other property, except certain legacies and annuities, left jointly to George and his brother William, the inference being that William had either died or sold his rights to his brother. As regards his descent in the County of Lancaster, we find this referred to also in the Vincent MS. quoted above, and since there are frequent mentions of the name in early records of the northern counties of Northumberland, York, and Lancaster, there seems no justification for concluding that the descent was merely conjectural.†

On 12 April 1588 a licence (Mar. Lic. Chester and London) was granted for the marriage of George Smythes, described as "of St Mathew, Friday Street, Goldsmith," and "Sara Woolhouse, spinster, of St Magnus, London, da. of Anthony Woolhouse, haberdasher, deceased, gen.," also of St. Magnus, London, and of Chapwell, co. Derby.

The Funeral Certificate of George Smithes (College of Arms, Book I., 16, p. 372^b) shews that he died in July 1615, and was buried at St. Mary's Steyning on 10 August following; that he had four sons, Arthur (the eldest), William, and two named George, who died young, also a daughter Hester, who married Christopher Eyre, Esq., of Wilts, Citizen and Merchant of London, and a daughter Elizabeth, who married Edward Semster (Anne, Frances, and Goodlife are not mentioned). His wife is described as Sara, daughter of Anthoné Wollis [*sic*] of the county of Derby, gent., late Citizen and Haberdasher of London. His son William is recorded as chief mourner at the funeral, and it is stated that he left a will.

George Smythes' will, dated 25 February 1614, is an interesting document of great length. By it he leaves, with certain provisos regarding a life interest to his wife, etc., the manors of Ladysbury and Obden, co. Worcester, to his son Arthur, and the manor of Templeton in Berkshire to his son William. No mention is made of the Wike Court estate, which had presumably been sold. To the Goldsmiths' Company he bequeaths "one guilt Standynge Cupp of the value of thirty and five pounds with my name and armes to be set thereupon" (this is no longer in possession of the Company and was no doubt melted down with other plate during the Civil War), also a legacy of forty-six pounds, and in addition he directs that a banquet shall be given at Goldsmiths' Hall on the day of his funeral. This

* A fine portrait of William Camden is preserved in the Hall of the Painter-Stainers' Company.

† The following are a few references to the name in the north which seem worth noting:—

In the Roll of Peers, Knights, and Men-at-Arms who were at Agincourt (Hen. V., 1415), Harl. MS. 782, reprinted (1827) by Sir H. Nicholas in his "Story of Agincourt." The Duke of Gloucester with his retynew (Lancas., cxlii.) is mentioned, and among the names, John Smythes.

In "Letters and Papers Foreign and Domestic," Record Office, Henry VIII., vol. iv., Part 2, 1526—1528, p. 1906. Confession of Humphrey Lisle regarding rebellion in Northumberland, 1528. The Book of the Names of the inhabitants of Ryddesdale arranged under surnames, viz., Smythes, six names. The Book of the Names of the inhabitants of Tyndaill, viz., Smythies, six names.

In "A History of the House of Percy," vol. i., pp. 193-4, by Gerald Brenan, the confession of Humphrey Lysle with reference to the rebellion in Northumberland led by his father Sir William Lysle of Felton and William Charleton of Shottlington, is quoted, and the names of the families in rebellion with the numbers of each in arms are given. In Redesdale, according to this account there were two members of the Smythes family amongst the rebels.

In Neve's "Monumenta." Death. John Smythies of York died 8 Jan. 1658, aged 38.

banquet was duly held, and the following memorandum in the books of the Goldsmiths' Company records the event: "12 Jas. I. 1614.* On Tuesday the 11th July instant the Right Worshipful and worthy member of the City, George Smythes, Alderman, departed this transitory life, and on Thursday the 10th August following he was interred in the chauncel of the parish church of St Marye Steyning, there being present at the funeral the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City, with many of the Aldermen, his brethren, and other worshipful persons, who dined at Goldsmiths' Hall that day. The Wardens gave license to M^{rs} Smythes to have the use of the Hall, plate, linen, and other necessaries for the funeral dinner. The plate, etc., she is to receive by inventory, and re-deliver in good plight, without prejudice or charge to the Company the next day after the funeral at the latest."

The will further contains bequests of a cup value £20 to the city of Bristol; ten pounds to the poor of Wrington and Yatton "at the discretion of my cosen M^r John Smythes of Wrington;" "gownes worth twenty shillings a piece" to fifty-four "poor Goldsmythes;" "ringes with deathea heades worth forty shillings" to "my Lady Pemberton, my Lady Jennynge, my brother Barnard, my brother Woolhouse, my cosen Arthur Salwey, my cosen John Smythes," and several others; and "ringes worth twenty shillings a piece" to "my cosen Susane Grub, my cosen William Smythes," and others.

Besides his sons Arthur and William he mentions his daughter Hester and her husband Christopher Eyre, his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Edward Semster, and his daughter Anne.

The will was proved by Sarah Smythes, the widow, on 18 July 1615 (67, Rudd).

A concise account of George Smythes and his wife Sara Woolhouse, who married secondly General Sir Arthur Savage, is given in "The London and Middlesex Note Book," by W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L. (published 1892).

(32) Sir Arthur Smythes, the eldest son of Alderman George Smythes (Funeral Cert. of George Smythes, Coll. of Arms), was left by his father the manors of Ladysbury and Olden, co. Worcester, also property in Gloucestershire (will of George Smythes, 67, Rudd). He was knighted 26 February 1623-4, and was still living in 1653 ("London and Middlesex Note Book"). In 1631-33 he was Sheriff of Worcester (Calendar of State Papers, 1631-33, p. 88, etc.).

(33) William Smythes of Cardington, co. Bedford (Pedigree, Coll. of Arms, D. 24, 39), son of Alderman George Smythes, was left by his father the manor of Templeton, co. Berks (will of George Smythes, 67, Rudd). He was chief mourner at his father's funeral (Funeral Certificate of George Smythes, College of Arms). Matriculated at St. John's College, Oxford, 19 February 1618, æt. 15 (Alumni Oxoniensis, iv.), and was admitted a student of Gray's Inn 1 August 1619 (Foster's "Gray's Inn Registers"). He proved the will of his mother, Lady Savage (200, Alchin), 3 June 1654. His marriage to Elizabeth, daughter of . . . Cutts, is recorded in a pedigree at the College of Arms registered by his son William (D. 24, 39).

The above William Smythes may be the same person as William Smythes of Fleet Street, whose will (521, Ruthen), dated 20 November and proved at London 16 December 1657 by Elizabeth Smythes his widow, contains the following:—

"In primis I give and bequeath unto my sonne William Smythes the summe of fiftie pounds. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving sonne in lawe Master Joseph Hobson and unto my loving sone in Lawe Master Robert Tilney the summe of Twenty pounds a peece to buy mourning for themselves and their wives to wear in my remembrance. Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild

* From this it would appear that George Smythes died on 11 July 1614, not 1615. The inscription on his monument and his funeral certificate at the College of Arms, however, give 1615 as the date, and his will was proved on 18 July 1615.

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Elizabeth Winch the summe of three hundred and fiftie pounds my grandchild Mary Winch (both under 18) my beloved grandchild John Tilney to binde him an apprentice the sume of one hundred pounds my grandchild Sarah Tilney my grandchild Mary Tilney my grandchild Elizabeth Tilney I give unto my sonne William Smythes an Annuity of fifty pounds Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Smythes all the remainder of my estate whatsoever as well real as personall making my said wife Elizabeth sole executrix." Witnesses : Edward Richards, Fran: Wiseman, etc.

N.B.—No mention is made of any children of the testator's son William, which is strange if William of Cardington and William of Fleet Street are the same, for William of Bedford, son of the former, had at least two children, Mary and William [see below (41) and (42)], born before 1657. There are details, however, in the will which suggest that father and son were not on the best of terms.

(34) Hester Smythes, daughter of Alderman George Smythes, is mentioned by her father in his will, also her husband Christopher Eyre of Wiltshire, Citizen and Merchant of London (George Smythes' will, 67, Rudd, and his Funeral Certificate at the College of Arms).

(35) Elizabeth Smythes, daughter of Alderman George Smythes, is mentioned by her father in his will, also her husband Edward Semster of Herts, Citizen and Goldsmith of London (George Smythes' will, 67, Rudd, and his Funeral Certificate, College of Arms).

(36) Anne Smythes, daughter of Alderman George Smythes, is mentioned in her father's will (67, Rudd). She was aged nine in 1615, was about to be married with the consent of the Court in 1624, and was living as Anne Vernon in 1653 (Phillimore's "London and Middlesex Note Book").

(37) There were two sons named George of Alderman George Smythes who died young (Funeral Certificate at the College of Arms). There were also two daughters, Frances and Goodlife, who died in their father's lifetime (Phillimore's "London and Middlesex Note Book").

(38) William Smythes of Bedford, son of William Smythes (33), the son of Alderman George Smythes, registered his pedigree from his grandfather (College of Arms, D. 24, 39). In this pedigree the details are very meagre, but we learn from it that William, son of the Alderman, was "of Cardington, co. Bedford," and that he married "Eliz. da. of Cutts," also that William who registered the pedigree had two sisters Eliz. and Mary (39 and 40), and married Mary, daughter of John Manley of Willshamsted, co. Bedford, and that by her he had the following children : Mary, William, æt. 15 anno 1669, John, Richard, Arthur and Mathew (41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46).

(39) Elizabeth Smythes and (40) Mary Smythes, sisters of William Smythes of Bedford (College of Arms, D. 24, 39).

(41) Mary Smythes, (42) William Smythes, æt. 15 anno 1669, (43) John Smythes, (44) Richard Smythes, (45) Arthur Smythes, (46) Mathew Smythes, children of William Smythes of Bedford (College of Arms, D. 24, 39).