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Vol III

TWEMLOW OF ARCLID, AND BETLEY CO. STAFFORD.

Communicated by Francis Twemlow, esq. and compiled from settlements and parish registers; [and in the later descents, from the information of the representative of the family in Cheshire and Staffordshire, Thomas Fletcher Twemlow, esq.]

ARMS. Azure, two bars engrailed Or, charged with three boars' heads (two and one) Sable.

CREST. On a wreath, a parrot perched on the stump of a tree proper.

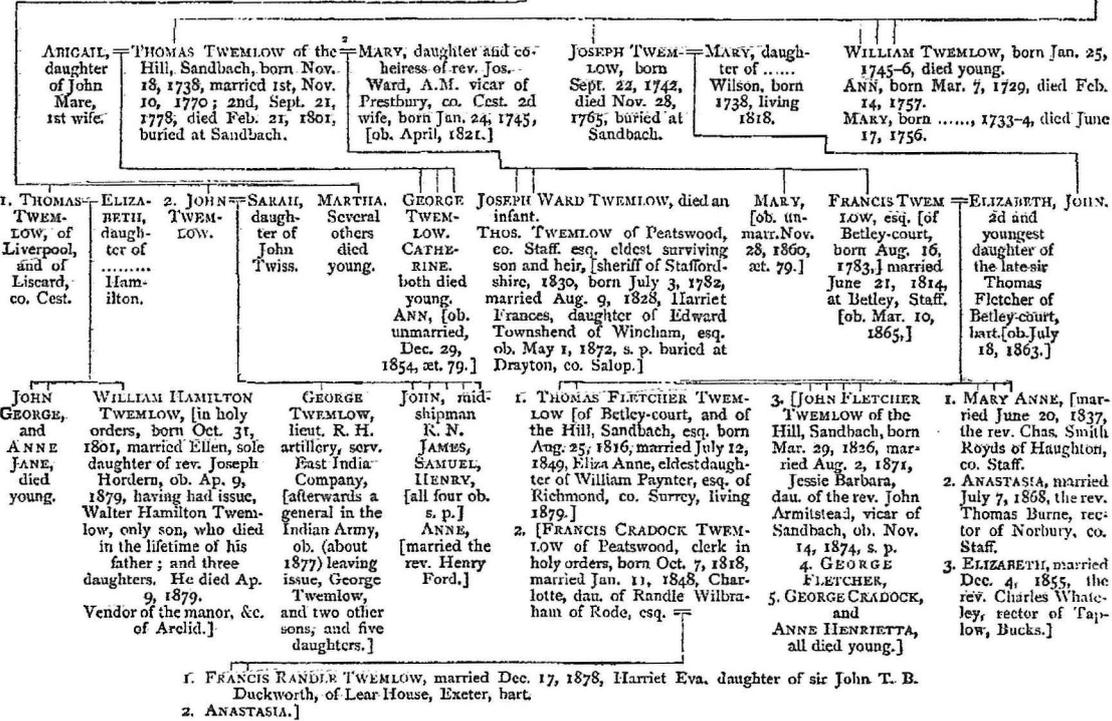


GEORGE TWEMLOW of Arclid, born 1631, married MARY Lingard, granddaughter and sole heiress of William Lingard [of Arclid,] died 1711, aged 74, buried at Sandbach. 1662, died 1704, buried at Sandbach. [See Twemlow for some account of the ancient family of that name.]

JOHN TWEMLOW of Arclid, marr. 1698, bur. at Sandbach. MARY, daughter of James Poole, buried at Sandbach. JOSEPH TWEMLOW of Dursley, co. Gloucester, clerk, baptized 1673, died 1748, [but said to have died, "Aug. 23, 1746, at 67, and buried at Cam" with his wife, Mary, who died Mar. 24, 1759, at 89.] s. p. [JOSIAH TWEMLOW of Bechton, married Hannah, daughter, and eventually coheir of Edward Banester of Allostock, gent. she died Feb. 8, 1729.] NATHAN TWEMLOW of Arclid, clerk, baptized 1675, died [a bachelor,] 1714, s. p. Many other children, died without issue.

GEORGE TWEMLOW of Arclid, born 1703, married 1727, died 1778, buried at Sandbach. MARY, daughter of Francis Parrott, died 1753, aged 52, buried at Sandbach. JOSEPH TWEMLOW of Etwall, co. Derb. clerk, rector of the parish of Morley, same county, died 1775, s. p. WILLIAM TWEMLOW, died an infant. MARTHA ELIZABETH, [MARY, wife of John Lowe of Nether Knutsford, gent. and had issue.*]

JOHN TWEMLOW, born Jan. 7, 1730, died Aug. 27, 1789. ANN, daughter of Jas. Whalley. FRANCIS TWEMLOW, born May 16, 1728, died Nov. 25, 1766, a bachelor. GEORGE TWEMLOW of the Hill, Sandbach, born Aug. 3, 1736, died Jan. 29, 1808, a bachelor, buried at Sandbach.



WHEELOCK.

THE Domesday survey describes this township, as follows, among the manors of the ancestor of the Mainwarrings of Warmincham:

'Isdem Rannulfus tenet Hoiloch. Morcar comes tenuit. Ibi III. hidæ geldabiles. Terra est IIII. caru-

cate. In dominio est una & IIII. servi & II. radmans cum I. carucata. Silva ibi III. leuis longa & una lata Tempore Regis Edwardi & post Wasta fuit. Modo valet xx. solidos.'

No opportunity has occurred of adding [very] mat-

* From deeds, &c. kindly communicated by Captain A. E. Lawson Lowe of Highfield House, Notts.—H.

rially to the following account of the mesne manor (held [but it seems not *immediately*,] under the Mainwarings and their successors by the Wheelocks), which is transcribed from Williamson's MS. Villare Cestriense.

"Roger Mainwaring, about Henry the Second's time, released to Hugh de Whelock all his claim to the village of Whelock, which he (the said Hugh) held of Richard de Moston his knight, and (also released him) from suit of mill and court of Warmincham." [The date of this quitclaim must either be in the reign of Hen. III. or this Hugh be ancestor of William, with whom Mr. Ormerod's pedigree commences.]

"And not long after, Adam de Whelock gave to his brother Hugh all his right in this place—and 1285, Thomas de Whelock bought the lands of Randle, son of Nicolas de Blackwood his brother, in Blackwood, which Hugh his father had given to the said Nicolas." [The son of this Thomas, viz. Thomas de Queloc, occurs as one of the lessees of the town of Middlewich, 3 Edw. II. and 4 Edw. II. as Thomas de Queloc, purveyor to the king in the Hundred of Northwich, in a recog. in 1005. to bring "to Chester within a certain day, all the corn and bacon charged upon the said Hundred, or 4s. for every bacon." He also occurs in a recog. with Adam Malbon, and others, to Philip de Stapelleggh, in 40 marks. Recog. Ro. A brother of this Thomas, was probably Randle de Queloc, whose widow, Amice, 13 Edw. II. sued Richard de Pecton for dower of a messuage, 30 acres of land, one of meadow, and one of moor, in Queloc juxta Sondbache. Pl. Ro.]

"And 15 Edw. II. Thomas de Whelock and Julian his wife, then obtained by fine from Ralph de Hassale, chaplain, the manor of Whelock for life; remainder to Thomas his son and Alice his wife, and their heirs for ever." [Plea Rolls.

11 Edw. III. The manor of Moston, "together with the demesne rents and services of the manor of Queloc," was the subject of a quitclaim to William Thorp, in fee, by William son of Ralph de Moston. Pl. Ro.

40 Edw. III. Thomas de Whelock, senior, occurs as surety that William le Roter should not escape out of gaol. Recog. Ro.

6 Ric. II. Thomas son of Thomas de Whelock was sued by Joan, widow of Thomas de Morton, for dower of land in Magna Morton. Pl. Ro.

11 Ric. II. Thomas de Whelock of Whelock, had letters of exemption from serving on juries (Pl. Ro.), perhaps for military services; and same year, had Letters of Protection on his departure for Ireland in the train of Robert de Vere, duke of Ireland. Recog. Ro. He also occurs 21 Ric. II. as Thomas de Queloc, in the Plea Rolls, *m.* 9.

7 Hen. IV. John de Whelock (son, according to the pedigrees, of the last-named Thomas), died in or about this year, and a writ of mandamus was issued 3 Hen. V. to enquire of what possessions he had died seized. Recog. Ro.]

"And 7 Hen. IV. William Venables of Kinderton brought two writs against Adam, son of Adam de Bostock, and others, for taking away the body of Richard, son of John, son of Thomas de Whelock, and the custody of 16 mess. &c. (1 mill, and 432 acres), which John held of him by knight's service, viz. homage, and 10s. a year; and the jury found for William Venables.

"Ever since which time the Wheelocks were under lords hereof, till Tho. son of Richard de Whelock died

s. p. 1439, at which time Agnes, wife of Richard de Leversage, but daughter to Elizabeth, sister to John, father of Richard de Whelock abovementioned, was found his cousin and next heir."

[10 Hen. V. This Richard de Whelock, having, without license from the king, married Elcanor, who was the wife of Richard de Vernon, knt. (and then a widow or divorced), with William Venables of Kinderton, and other sureties, entered into a recognizance to the king in 10 marks. Recog. Ro. In 8 Hen. VI. he occurs in the Plea Rolls; and 9 Hen. VI. in the Recog. Rolls, as being appointed collector of a subsidy. In 11 Hen. VI. a warrant was issued to John Savage, constable of the castle of Halton, to receive this Richard and George de Wever into his custody. He occurs in several other recognos, and died 17 Hen. VI. on which date his writ de diem clausit extremum was issued.

18 Hen. VI. Alianor, widow of Richard de Whelock, occurs with John son of Hugh del Huls, knt. and John de Wetenhale of Wichmalbank, in a recog. in £500 to Randal Maynwaryng, armiger, Cecily Fouleshurst, and William Lee, that the said Alianor find security for the fulfilment of the marriage articles of an indenture made between Robert son and heir of Thomas Fouleshurst, and Joan daughter of the said Alianor. See Fulleshurst of Crewe. By his Will, Richard de Whelock devised the use of lands to the yearly value of 40s. to this Joan (called Dame Joan wife of Robert Fouleshurst, knt.), in tail, with remainder to testator's own right heirs; and which 21 Edw. IV. formed the subject of arbitration on a traverse of the will by Reynald Lyversegge.

The Leversages next came in, and were of an ancient family of minor gentry, probably coming out of Derbyshire into this county about the reign of Ric. II. or Hen. IV. In the 9th year of the latter king, Richard de Livversedge occurs as lessee of the mills of Macclesfield, and he will be found mentioned in the account of Worth of Titherington, under date 1419 and 1427. There appears to be a chasm in the descent at this point, where Mr. Ormerod (on the authority of the pedigrees), gives Reginald as son and heir of this Richard. Unless there existed a second Reginald (which is improbable), there is sufficient on the face of the pedigree itself to cast doubt on its accuracy; and it appears that 11 Hen. VI. there was a John Lyversegge who occurs several times in the Recog. Rolls, as being bound over to keep the peace, the names of whose sureties (the Savages, Suttons, and others), render it very probable that he was son of this Richard (farmer of Macclesfield Mills), and most likely heir, as left undecided in the annexed pedigree.

Inq. p. m. 14 Edw. IV. Eleanor, widow of Richard Whelock died seized, inter alia, of 20 messuages, one water mill, 500 acres of land, 40 of meadow, and 12 of wood, in Whelock (which seems to have comprised the whole manor), held of sir William Trussell by knight's service, Val. p. a. 20 marks. Reginald Leversiche, remainderman in fee.

Reginald Leversage, (the Reynald above-mentioned 21 Edw. IV.) occurs as collector of a subsidy, along with Ralph Bostok of Multon, and others, 5 Hen. VII. Oct. 23. Thomas Leversiche, his son and heir, was collector of a subsidy 19 Hen. VII. Recog. Ro.]

"Ever since which time, the Leversages have been lords of this place, till William Leversage of Bechton,^a wrongfully (as I am informed) sold this place during the

^a M.S. Note in the Overleggh copy of the Villare. "The person supposed to be wrongfully disinherited was William, son of Thomas Leversage of

unnatural war betwixt king and parliament, to Thomas Stephens, esq. who was lord thereof 1662."

The following Inquisitions relating to the Leversages will find their place best after this extract, and confirm Williamson's account of Wheelock being a second sub-infeudation under Moston.

Inq. p. m. [30, *not*] 28, Hen. VIII. Thomas Leversage held in demesne as of fee the manor of Wheelocke from sir William Venables, knight, as parcel of the manor of Moston, by military service, and by the render of xs. per ann. Val. XIII. vis. VIII. ; also lands in Haslington, Hulme, Parme, Odroade, Mickell Moreton, Congleton, Buglawton, Hulme and Walfeld, Hassal, Bradwall, Bydnall, Betchton, Church Lawton, Alcomelov, Kinderton, Wheelock, and Thurlewood: Val. tot. XLVII. os. Xd. Oblit Mar. 29, 24 Hen. VIII. Ralph Leversage son and heir; aged 56 years.

Inq. [*per de B. de mand.*] 6 Edw. VI. Ralph Leversage, esq. held the manor, or capital message of Wheelocke, from sir Thomas Venables, knight, as before, Val. LVIII. os. IVd. [including lands ;] and [the] lands in Sandbach, and the before-mentioned townships. Died July 23 a^o p^dto. William Leversage son and heir.

[13 & 19 Eliz. William Lyversage (son of Ralph) occurs in several exemplifications of Fines and Recoveries ; and by *Inq.* 23 Eliz. Thomas Venables of Kinderton, was seized, int. al., of the manor of Moston, "with the rents and services of William Leversage; of the town of Wheelocke," 5 Eliz. In 25 Eliz. a writ de perambulatione facienda was issued for the settlement of the boundaries of the lands of Thomas Vernon in Haslington, and those of William Liversage in Wheelocke.

26 Eliz. Nov. 25. Enrollment of warrant for the appointment of William Liversage, esq. as sheriff of Cheshire. By *Inq.* 23 Eliz. Hugh Bostock of Moreton Saye, co. Salop, held lands in Thirlewood of William Leversage who held of sir John Savage as of his manor of Shipbrooke. He also occurs as William Lyversage, in 1586, in an action of trespass at Haslington, and in other proceedings connected with the boundaries of that manor and Wheelocke.

21 Jac. I. William Liversage of Wheelocke (son of the last-named William) occurs in an enrollment as purchaser of the manor of Hassall. *Recog. Ro.*]

Mr. Stephens, to whom the descent of the manor is brought down by Williamson, is stated in the *Magna Britannia*^b to have sold the same to Mr. Richard Vernon of Middlewich, who [appears in an indenture (*penes me*) dated 23 Dec. 11 Geo. I. 1724, made between Richard Vernon of Middlewich, esquire, Christopher Appleby of the Middle Temple, London, gentleman, and Thomas Weston of Middlewich, gentleman, of the one part, and the Right Honorable James, earle of Barimore, in the kingdom of Ireland, John Crew of Crew Hall, esquire, and the honorable James Tyrrell of Shotover, co. of Oxon,

esquire, of the other part ; by which "the manor or lordshipp of Wheelock," &c. "with the manor house or capital message," &c. and tenements in Alcomloc and Church Lawton, and the manor of Hassall, and all other "hereditaments purchased (the day before)" of John Stephens, esquire, and his trustees, were conveyed to the said parties of the second part in fee ; whether as trustees for sale does not appear, but it is probable, as Mr. Vernon] is stated to have re-sold the same to Edward Powis, esq.^b

From the Powis family the same passed by sale to the late Holland Ackers, esq. of Manchester, with the manors of Great Moreton and Smallwood, and is now [1817.] vested with them in James Ackers, esq. his brother, for life ; with remainder to George Ackers, esq. son of the purchaser and his issue.^c [The estates afterwards descended to the late George Holland Ackers, esq. and are now held in trust^d for his coheiresses, as stated in the account of Great Moreton.]

No court is held for the mesne manor, but the township continues subject to the leet of Warmincham,^e the present chief scat of the Norman fee in which it was included. The hall is a half-timbered building, occupied by a farmer, [1817, and 1879.] and seated on rising ground near the left bank of the river Wheelock, about one mile south of Sandbach. Below it is a populous village, which has much increased in size of late years, in consequence of the business brought here by the wharfs on the Grand Trunk Canal, the introduction of cotton manufactories, and the salt works, which are supplied by numerous and rich brine-springs, [1817 ; but there are no works of any sort now in this township, the only remnant of former industry, a small silk mill, being now in the course of conversion into cottages.^d

A church was erected here many years ago as mentioned in the monumental inscription of the revd. John Armitstead, in Sandbach church. Wheelock is now a distinct parish, and the living is accounted a vicarage; which is in the gift of the vicar of Sandbach, who presented the rev. Charles Lane, M.A. in 1873. Its gross Val. is £185, and the ecclesiastical district has a population of 2146. There is also a vicarage-house and a school.

It may be added that the Wheelocks who became thus early extinct in this township, were probably survived by lines of yeomanry of the name, settled in Bechton and Hassall, where the parent-house, or, it is certain, its heirs, the Leversages, formerly held lands.

The Davenports, and other neighbouring families, also the Davenports of Bramhall, were small land proprietors in Wheelock in the 15th and 16th centuries. Another family which held a small estate here in the 17th century, was that of Moulson (probably originally Moulton^f), one of whose monuments still remains in Sandbach church.]

Wheelock, (which Thomas was) elder brother of W. Leversage of Bechton. The above William Leversage, son of Thomas, died 1653." See the same more fully explained by the additions (in hooks) to the following pedigree, from Harl. MSS. 2153, 34.

^a Namely, by lease and release of 21st and 22d Dec. 1724, respectively made between John Stephens, esq. of the 1st part, Kinard de la Beye, Hen. Neale, and Edw. Stephens, esqrs. of the 2d. part, said Richard Vernon of the 3d. part, said Christ. Appleby and Tho. Weston of the 4th part, Jas. Lightbourn and Ric. Godfery esqrs. Janet Lawson (or Lawton?)widow, and Tho. Tweedal, of the 5th part, by which the manors, &c. were conveyed to Appleby and Weston, most probably as trustees for Vernon.—II.

^b Vol. II. p. II. p. 768.

^c Information of the revd. John R. Armitstead of Cranage Hall.—H.

^d Information of James Ackers, esq.

^e Information of Henry Tomkinson, esq.

^f There are several instances of a similar corruption of the spelling of surnames. Among others the following : Haslington 5 Hen. VII. is (for once) called Haselyson ; Snelston became permanently Snelson ; and Lawton is found Lawson.—II.

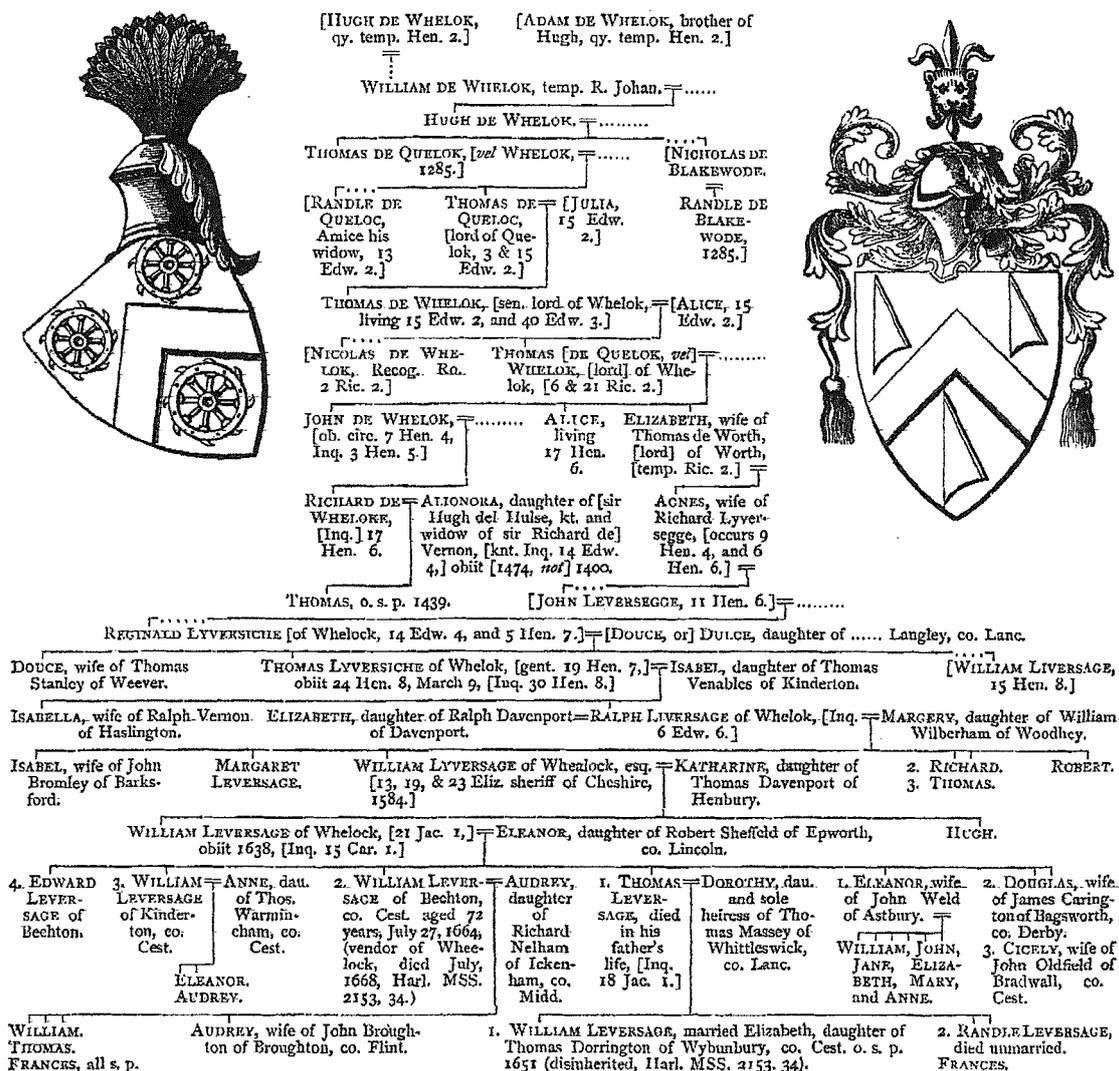
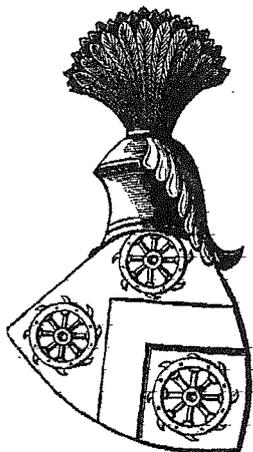
WHELOK AND LEVERSAE OF WHELOCK.

From Booth's Pedigrees and Dugdale's Visitation 1663-4, [collated with the Plea and Recognizance Rolls.] Additional particulars will be found in the preceding extract from the Villare Cestriense.

ARMS OF WHELOK. Argent, a chevron between three Catherine wheels Sable.

ARMS OF LEVERSAE. Argent, a chevron between three ploughshares erect Sable.

CREST. On a wreath a leopard's face jessant a fleur de lis Or.



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The Course of the River of WHEELLOCK.

The Wheelock is also engendered of three small rivers, which spring not far from Mowcop Hill. The first cometh from Morton Hall, in Astbury parish, the other two from Lawton and Rode Hall, and meet together not far from Sandbach. From whence it passeth to the town and manor place of Wheelock, belonging to Mr. Liver- sedge; to Elton, where it taketh in the Fulbrook, that cometh out of Oke-hanger Mear; and then goeth to Warmincsham, Sutton Mill, Wheelock Mill, and not far off falleth into the Dane at Croxton. This is here to be noted, that like as the water which falleth down on the west side of Mowcop engendereth this Wheelock, so doth that which falleth on the east-side make the very head of the famous river of Trent. The whole course of the Wheelock is about twelve miles.

The Course of the River of TAUME.

The Taume springeth in Yorkshire, at a village called Taume, and parteth Lancashire and Cheshire asunder all its course, which is from Micklehurst to Staly Hall, Ashton Under Lyme, Duckenfield, Denton, Redish, and so near Stopford falleth into the Marsey, where it giveth over both name and office. The whole course is about ten miles.

The Course of the River of GOIT.

The Goit springeth in Maxfield Forest, and keepeth his course directly north to Taxhall and Shawcrosse, taking in on the east side two or three small rivers, and is a limit between Cheshire and Derbyshire, until it fall into the Marsey, which is not far from Goit Hall; the space of nine miles, or thereabouts.

RIVERS IN CHESHIRE.

These be the chiefest rivers of name in Cheshire: But whereas some have written of divers others, as the Gowy, Wirral, Combrus, Betley, Salop or Bar, Lea and Wul- varn, Ash, Biddel, Croco, Birkin, Mar, and Grimsditch. These names are rather devised, or conjectured, than otherwise; yea, some of them feigned. Yet, to satisfy such as be desirous to know their courses, I will set down what I know, and not follow the reports of them which have written.

THE GOWY.

That, therefore, which they call the Gowy, hath his head not far from Bunbury, and runneth north-west by Beoston Castle, to Teerton and Huxley, where it divideth itself into two parts; one goeth west to Tattenhall, Gos- burn, Lea Hall, and at Aldford falleth into the Dee. The other part goeth northwards to Stapleford, Hocknel- plat, and Barrow (where it taketh in a brook that cometh from Tarporley and Tarvin), and so passeth to Plemstow- bridge, Trafford, Picton, and Thornton, where it divideth itself again into two parts; one of which keepeth its course north-west to Stanley, Stanney, and Poole, and afterwards falleth into the Marsey. The other part goeth south-west to Stoke, Croughton, Chorlton, the Baits, and so falleth into the Dee, hard by Chester, being there called Flooker's-brook, and divideth Wirral from the rest of Cheshire; and therefore some imagine that it is called Wirral.^a

^a See this very erroneous account of the Gowy, corrected in the Introductions to Broxton and Wirral Hundreds.

THE COMBRUS.

The Combrus is that which cometh out of Comber Mere, and falleth into the Weever.

THE BETLEY.

The Betley cometh from a town called Betley, near the Wrine Hill, and runneth by Duddington, Wybenbury, Barderton, and so into the Weever.

THE HURLSTON.

The Salop is a little brook which falleth into the Weever on the west-side, not far from Beambridge: He that did name it Salop did greatly mistrust himself, for Salop runneth beneath Durwich, in Worcestershire, John Leland calleth it Bar, because it runneth from Bar- bridge into the Weever. But they of the country (whom we may best believe) call it Hurlston.

ASH-BROOK.

The Ash (commonly called Ash-brooke) springeth in the forest of Delamer, and keepeth his course south, pass- ing between Over and Little Budworth, (a mile from each) and after meeteth with another coming from the hall of Darley. Lastly (by Darnal Grange), maketh a pool, called Darnal Pool, and falleth also into the Weever, not far from the hall of Weever.

BIDDELL.

The Biddel cometh out of Staffordshire, from a town called Biddel or Bidulph, and falleth into the Dane, near unto Congleton.

CROCO.

That which they call the Croco is a small brook, which cometh out of Bagmer-mear, and passeth by Brereton church and hall (the ancient house of the surnames of Breretons) through Brereton park, Kinderton park, through the Middlewich, and not far from thence, falleth into the Dane at Croxton, near the same place, where the Wheelock falleth in also.

BIRKIN.

The Birkin is a small brook, which springeth not far from Chelford chapel, and runneth northward to Mob- berley, and after taketh in a little rill that cometh out of Tatton-mere; from which place, little more than a mile it falleth into the Bollin.

MAR.

The Mar cometh out of a mear, by the hall of Mere, and after at Rostorn maketh also a great mere, (called Rostorn-mere); and lastly, falleth also into the Bollin.

GRIMSDITCH.

The Grimsditch cometh from the hall of Grimsditch, by Preston, Darsbury, Kekewich, and so falleth into the Marsey.

WULVARN.

The Wulvarn cometh from Bartumley, by Crew and Copenhall, and at Marchford-bridge meeteth with the Lea, which cometh from Lea and Wistanson, and so falls into the Weever.

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nion table. The design is from Watts, R.A., executed by Nelson, and bears on a tablet at the base of the niche, the following inscription :

“ To the glory of God and in remembrance of
John Armitstead, M. A.
Vicar of this Parish from A.D. 1828 to A.D. 1865.
During his incumbency, and mainly through his efforts
and influence,
this, the mother church, was restored and enlarged ;
three district churches were erected and endowed at
Whellock, Elworth, and Sandbach Heath ;
the *Grammar School* was rebuilt, and the *National
Schools* were established ;
the *Alms-houses* were erected with the noble object of
giving help
to deserving poverty, and shelter to decent old age ;
and provision was made for the wise expenditure of the
income of the Sandbach charity estate.
A Landowner in the parish caused this monument to be
placed here,
as a memorial of long friendship, and as a record of
public worth.

“ ‘Glorious is the fruit of good labours.’ Wisdom III.
chap. xv. verse.”]

In the WHEELOCK CHANCEL, on a mural monument :

In memoriam
Thomæ Moulson
de Whelocke
armigeri,
qui obiit
tertio die Septem’
annoq’ Domini
1648.

*Arms : Quarterly, 1, Gules, a chevron Argent, chec-
quy Azure, between three mullets Or, Moulson ; 2d,
Or, a fesse indented Sable, in chief three martlets of
the second, [Rosengrave] ; 3, Gules, two lions passant
Argent, a label of three points Or, [Strange] ; 4, Argent,
a griffon segreant party per fesse Gules and Argent,
[Hargrave]. Crest : On a wreath a griffon passant
[party, *not*] parted, per pale Gules and Argent.

On another mural monument in the same :

In memory of
Edward Powys,
of Whellock, esq. who departed
this life September 29, 1768,

* These quarterings will be found engraved in the Ashburner pedigree, in *Miscellanea Genealogica*, N. S. Vol. i. 224, where it will be seen that some of the tinctures differ from those given by Mr. Ormerod, whose transcriber perhaps wrongly read the decaying ones on the monument. See also Vol. ii. 805.—H.

^b The church notes of Sandbach church (Harl. MSS. 2151 taken 1596), notice the following monuments, not now existing :
In the window on the north side of the chancel, an armed figure habited in a surcoat, emblazoned with the arms of Brereton, kneeling before a desk, with three sons behind him, behind them a lady kneeling before a similar desk with three daughters behind her. Over their heads Brereton impaling Done of Utkinton, on the dexter side of which is Brereton unimpaled, and on the sinister, a shield containing the badge of Delamere forestership.

In other windows the arms of Sandbach † quartering Radclyffe, Wheelock, Dieulares Abbey, Wheelock quartering Leversage, Ashton impaling Brereton, Leversage, and also the carved coats of Oldfield now remaining in the Bradwall chancel.

On a blue stone in the chancel, three mutilated brass figures within shrine-work.
On a tablet the arms of “ John Kinsey, of Blackden, sen. aged 58, died Oct. 22, a° 1695.”

In the middle of the quire (chancel) a stone with this inscription :
“ Hic jacet Ricardus Quelot armiger, qui obiit 27^o die mensis Decemb. an^o Dⁿⁱ 1439. Et d^{na} Elinora Vernon uxor ejus que obiit a^{no} Dⁿⁱ 1400, ac Thome Quelot filius eorundem Ric. et Elnore, qui obiit ultimo die mensis — et a^{no} Dⁿⁱ 1439. A^uabus propicietur Deus.

Vive Deo gratus, toti mundo tumulatus,
Crimine mundatus, semper transire paratus.
Non melius poterit mala caro viva domari,
Mortua qualis erit, quam semper premeditari.
Post hominem vermis, post vernem fetor et horror,
Sic in non hominem vertitur omnis homo.

Arms. Wheelock impaling Vernon.—The two first lines of this inscription occur also on the monument of James Stanley bishop of Ely, at Manchester.

† The coat with the *beta*.

aged 59,
much lamented by his acquaintancce.
This monument is erected by his relict Catherine Powys,
and his son Thomas Jelf Powys, esq.

In the ceiling of this chancel are the following arms.
Quarterly, 1 and 4, a chevron between three delves, [qy. a
Delves’ rather than] Hassal. 2 and 3, a chevron between
three Catherine-wheels, Wheelock. Crest : on a wreath
a leopard’s head, a fleur-de-lis issuing from the mouth.

In the BRADWALL CHANCEL is an antient carved
subsellium, and on the sides of the Hall pew are
carved the arms of Oldfield impaling Hanmer and other
coats.

Both chancels have been separated by screens from
the principal one, but these are destroyed, and the gal-
lery has been extended over this chancel by permission
of the last Oldfield of Bradwall.

The font is octagonal, and ornamented with large
acanthus leaves, but bears a date of 1667. It has an in-
scription, which occurs in other instances, and will bear
reading either way,

NIYON ANOMHMA MH MONAN OYIN.

The Registers begin in 1562.^b

[As noticed on the above-mentioned monument of
Mr. Armitstead, three new parishes were many years
ago carved out of Sandbach by the exertions, and consi-
derably at the cost, of the late Vicar.

The church erected at SANDBACH HEATH (to which
the rev. Sidney Henry Armitstead, M. A. was presented
in 1862), is of the gross Val. of £220, pop. 978.

The church erected at ELWORTH (to which the rev.
Henry Brandt, B.A. was presented in 1873), is of the
gross Val. of £120, pop. 1355. There are inscriptions in
this church to Charles Ingram Ford, esq. of Abbeyfield,
buried at Elworth in 1862 ; also to several of his sons.
His brother Henry erected the east window of stained
glass in memory of their father licut.-col. John Ford of
Abbeyfield.

The advowson of all these livings is vested in the
Vicar of Sandbach, and there is a vicarage-house and
school in each parish.]

Since the Parliamentary Return of Charitable Dona-
tions, [1787-’88,] the charities of Sandbach have received
an augmentation of £5. per ann. under the will of Mrs.
Goodfellow in 1791.