

PEDIGREES OF ELLIS AND FITZ-ELLIS.



The name of Ellis may be variously derived. It is a common Welch family name, and may be formed similarly with Davies (David-es), and Harris (Henry-es), from Ella. In many early instances it is used synonymously with Elias. But another, though less obvious etymology, seems probable. The tradition of the Yorkshire Ellises (as preserved in the family of the Rev. Ellis Burroughes, of Long Stratton, Norfolk, the representative of the chief or Kiddall line,) is, that their first ancestor in England came over with the Conqueror, and was of a family situated at Lisieux, in Normandy, where there existed, in the last century, several tombs and effigies to the memory of their Norman descendants. The latter part of this tradition seems supported by the following passage from Collins's Peerage, (vol. vii. p. 541): "Sir William Alis, (or de Alis,) with nine other knights, were defeated and taken prisoners when fighting under the banner of the earl of Brettville, in 1091, near Yvery, in Normandy." Now the earliest notices of the name to be met with in England, viz. in the Domesday Survey, and in the reign of King John, spell it *Alis* and *Fitz-Alis*.^h

In Lis-ieux, Liz-ures, St.-Liz, and de Liz, the radical syllable *Liz* is probably a contraction of *Louis*; and these names, with many others, having the same etymon, may indicate settlements in Normandy and other provinces of France by some great person or persons so called. The fleurs de lis of France are supposed to be the *armes parlantes* chosen by one of the early Louises; originally, it is said, by Louis le Jeune, in 1147, because he is the first who is *proved* to have used the Lilies. But their origin is undoubtedly much earlier; and they may not be improbably ascribed to Chlovis, which is the original form of

^h "Terra Willielmi Alis, in Manebridge hund.—Willielmus Alisius tenet Ellatune" in capite. It was rated for 3 hides. There was a church and two mills. The whole was rated at £6 7s. (Domesday Book, co. Hants.)

There can be little doubt that this "Ellatune" (hodie Allington) is the same as "Auditon" below, the three hides being equivalent to half a knight's fee.

1201. Walter Fitz-Alis, Sheriff of London.

1213. Martin Fitz-Alis, ditto.

1217. Roger Alis, by writ directed to the Sheriff of Hampshire, has seizin of ⁴

Louis. There can be little doubt, from the following extracts from the "Dictionnaire Genealogique," (Paris, 1757, 3 vols. 12mo.) that Louis was the original of the names to which these arms are attached:—

ST. LEGER: *De pourpre semée de fleurs de lys d'or, à la bande de geule.*

L'Abbaye de ST. LEGER de Soissons: *D'azur, à une fleur de lys d'or, surmontée en chef d'un croissant d'argent à dextre, et d'une étoile d'or à sinistre.*

ST. LEGER à la Rochelle: *De geule, à la croix d'argent cantonnée de fleurs de lys d'or.*

ST. LIZIER, Evêque d'Autun, et Grand Maître de France sous Clothaire III., l'an 672: *De geule, à la croix écartelée d'argent et d'azur, cantonnée de 4 fleurs de lys d'or.*

Here, if the instance can be authenticated, we have the fleur de lis in the seventh century; and, if we find, as we do, so many families the basis of whose names was originally Louis, so widely scattered, all bearing in their arms the fleur de lis, we can do no other than deduce them, and their armorial bearings, from some very early single source. If we assign an origin to the latter of the period of the Crusades, or subsequently, we must admit the assumption by numerous families of *armes parlantes*, that would resemble those of the king of France, a liberty which, it may be well presumed, subjects would not be allowed (at least so extensively) to take. The majority, it is true, of the families in England and France who bear or bore fleurs de lis wholly or partially in their arms, have names in which Louis in any shape does not appear; but most of these are to be traced to a common ancestor living at or before the Conquest, who would have derived their arms, in various indirect ways, from the original Louis, whoever he may have been, who first assumed the device in question.

In addition to the above list we have ST. LIZ, who bore,

lands in Wellhope, late the lands of Mathew de la Porterie. (Rot. Lit. Claus. p. 305.)

Temp. Hen. III. Roger Alys held Auditon, co. Hants, as half a knight's fee, of Isabella Mortimer. (Testa de Nevill, p. 230.)

22 Ric. II. Roger Elys died seized of Auditon, which he held as half a knight's fee of Roger de Mortimer, Earl of March. (Inquis. p. Mort. iii. 231.)

1395. Roger Ellis, Sheriff of London. Arms: *Or, on a cross sable 5 crescents arg.* (Her. Coll. 19 R.)

Argent, two bars gules, in chief 3 *fleurs de lis* argent; and on the seal of Stephen de Liz, Prior of Lewes in the thirteenth century, there is a *fleur de lis* (v. Suss. Arch. Coll. vol. 1). The Fitz-Ellises, whose pedigree follows, bore a bend between *six fleurs de lis*; and the ancient family of Ellis, of Ystmyllyn, in Wales, bear a chevron between *three fleurs de lis*, which were also the arms of one of the fifteen tribes of Wales from which they are sprung. Roderick the Great, king of Wales 843-76, had a grandson, named Elis, whose maternal ancestor might have been one of the Louises of France (whence his name slightly altered), and from whom the fleurs de lis in the arms might be derived, and by him transmitted to his posterity. Lewis is a common Welch name.

FITZ-ELIAS OR FITZ-ELLIS.

A charter without date, in the Ashmolean Museum, contains a grant of the church of Wormenhall to the church of St. Frideswide in Oxford, and the prior and canons there, by William Fitz-Elias, with the consent of Emma his wife.

Emma de Perie his widow confirms this donation by a charter without date.

Robert Fitz-Elias renewed the gift in a charter without date.

King John, in the first year of his reign, confirmed these grants. A confirmation was also made by Elias, son of Robert Fitz-Elias, and Jeffrey, another son, with consent of Letitia, his wife. (Lipscomb's Bucks.) *

John Fitz-Ellis, of Brokenhurst, died seized of sixty acres of land in Hampshire, temp. Edw. III. (Inq. p. m.)

Note to Pedigree in opposite page.

* The manor of "Lechland" is nowhere to be found: it would seem to be an error for Lechlade in Gloucestershire, which passed from Hugh Ferrers to Isabel, his sister and heir, wife of Roger de Mortimer, grandson of Ralph de Mortimer, a Domesday tenant in Hampshire, and of which she had livery in the 6th year of King John. Afterwards this manor came into the hands of the Crown, and was granted by the King to his brother Richard, Earl of Cornwall, and King of the Romans. Ellis Fitz-Ellis probably held this manor of Isabella de Mortimer, or *farmed* it of her; the Ellises of Hampshire (doubtless his relatives) holding lands of the Mortimers for several generations (ut ante).

FITZ-ELLIS.

[Harl. MS. 1548, p. 58.]

Arms.—Arg. a bend between six fleurs de lis gules.

Ellis Fitz-Ellis, lord of
the manor of Lechland.*Sir Richard
Fitz-Ellis.Sir Archibald Ellis, a crusader under
Rich. I. ancestor of the Yorkshire Ellises.John Fitz-Ellis. — Joan, d. of Sir Stephen Wallis, knt. (Gules,
a fess ermine.)Henry Fitz-Ellis. — Margaret, d. of Sir John Peck, knt. (—, a
fess between two chevrons.)Robert Fitz-Ellis. — Mary, d. of Richard Veland. (Azure, a bend
or, over all a lion rampant argent.)Elizabeth Fitz-Ellis. — Sir Gilbert St. Owen, knt. whose grand-
daughter and heiress, daughter Isabel mar. John Vane, esq. whose
living circa 1300. father was knighted at Poitiers, 1356.

Sir John Fitz-Ellis, knt. —

Helen, ux. John Bayntun, co. Wilts, 7th in descent from Henry
B. living temp. Henry II. (Burke's Commoners, iv. 684.)

* See note * on opposite page.

FITZ-ELLIS OF BUCKS AND OXON.

[Lipscomb's Bucks, i. 585.]

Arms ?

** In the Inquis. p. m. &c. this family is spelt Fitz-Ellis,
or Elys.William Fitz-Elias, had lands
in Ocle temp. Hen. III.

Wm. Fitz-Elias, 1229.

Robert de Thornley, —
alias Thumley.Elias s. of Robert — Matilda, relict
(Rot. Hund. ii.
726.)

Jeffrey.

Thomas Fitz-Elyas. —

Robert Fitz-Elyas de
Thumley, 7 Edw. I.Robert (Rot. Hund.
ii. 725.)Robert Fitz-Elyas, —
21 Edw. I.Robert Fitz-Elyas, — Margaret,
12 Edw. III. ob. 1375.John Fitz-Ellis,
10 Hen. IV.

ELLISES OF YORKSHIRE.

ARMS.—*Or, on a cross sable five crescents argent.*

CREST.—*A naked maid proper, her hair dishevelled.*^b

Kiddall, in Berwick in Elmete, in Yorkshire, and other manors in that county, and in Lincolnshire, are said to have been bestowed upon the Ellis who came in with the Conqueror: but at the Domesday survey "Chidal" was held by Ilbert de Lacy, and was so inconsiderable and devastated, that it was rated at only 3s., its value in the time of the Confessor having been but 30s. The connexion of the De Lacys with Berwick having ceased in the 13th century, it is probable the Ellises settled at Kiddall about the same time, and that they came from Hampshire, where we have seen they possessed Allington from the Conquest to the time of Richard II., if not later.

The following pedigree is compiled in the earlier part, and also in the historical portions, from "Burke's Landed Gentry" for 1850, vol. i. p. 166. The rest is chiefly from the Yorkshire Visitations, which it should be stated do not give the dignity of knight to any of those so styled in Burke's account. These are to be found in Harl. MS. 2118, 1571, 1487, and 4630.

WILLIAM ELLIS, circ. 1218, assisted at the siege of Newark Castle, and served in the royal army against the Earl of Albemarle. The supposed son of this William,

Sir THOMAS ELLIS, was slain about 1265, in a battle at Northampton. He was father of

Sir WILLIAM ELLIS, who appears to have had the "Hall and

^b Sir Archibald Ellys, a Crusader, is said to have first assumed the above coat and crest, the latter being accorded to him in consideration of his capture of a Saracen maiden, and, like another Scipio, preserving her honour inviolate.

Crests were often adopted, wholly or in part, as arms, by some descendant of the original bearer. *Gules, a mermaid arg. holding a mirror and comb or*, are given as the arms of Ellis of Prestwich, Lancashire; and the same, with the colours reversed, as the arms of Ellis of Preston, Lancashire. *Purpure, a mermaid* are the arms of Prestwyk, which name was probably assumed by an Ellis of Prestwich on acquiring that estate and taking that name. The mermaid is used as arms and crest by the Welsh family of Ellis, of Glasfryn, co. Merioneth; and a female couped at the waist is the crest of the ancient family of Ellis, of Overlegh, in Cheshire, also of Welsh origin. And three female's heads occur in the arms of Ellis of Norwich. This extensive and cherished use of some form of the original crest of Sir Archibald Ellys seems to support the truth of the tradition of its origin.

Manor of Kyddall" in 1295, and to have done good service at Dunbar, with Edward I. About 1340,

Sir WILLIAM ELLIS, probably his son, is mentioned among certain knights who accompanied Edw. I. to France. He died at Kiddall, about 1363, and was succeeded by his son,

Sir WILLIAM ELLIS, who mar. 1371, Joan, d. and h. of Adam, Baron *Everingham*. He died at St. Alban's, on his way to Calais. His will, printed in the *Testamenta Eboracensia*, published by the Surtees Society, p. 162, is dated 10 Oct. 1391, and proved 31st of the same month. He had issue ROBERT ELLIS, his s. and h. v. 4 Hen. VI. ob. s. p. Edw. IV. (Bore *Or, on a cross sable 5 crescents arg.* quartering, *Gules, a lion rampant vair arg. and az.* Roll of Arms, Harl. MSS. 1408.) Joanna, Richard, Stephen, living 1398, and Agnes Ellis, d. and h. who married Sir John *Poucher*, Knt. Sir JOHN ELLIS, Knt. was probably elder brother of Sir William. He owned Kiddall, and his will (printed in the *Test. Ebor.* p. 248) is dated 15 Oct. 1398, and proved 7 Nov. same year. He therein mentions his wife Joanna and his brother Robert. His son,

Sir JOHN ELLIS, Knt. took up arms against Richard II. and fled to France, where he married Rosalie *St. Leger*, or *Legard*, and died in exile; leaving a son,

Sir JOHN ELLIS, father of

Sir THOMAS-RICHARD ELLYS, of Kyddal, who, in 1408, levied troops in Yorkshire, with Sir Thomas Rokeby, and defeated the Earl of Northumberland. He married Anne, d. of Sir Wm. *Calverley*, of Calverley, esq. and had issue Ellen, who married Michael *Fawkes*, of Farnley, and

Sir WILLIAM ELLIS, of Kiddal, Knt. who, by his wife, Joan, dau. of William *Pearchehay*, of Ripon, esq. had WILLIAM ELLIS, of Kiddall, esq. qui ob. s. p. and mar. Alice, or Margaret, *Vavasour*, of the Wolds; Ann, mar. John *Moore*, of Austropp, esq. and

Sir HENRY ELLIS of Kiddall, who was slain at Bosworth field. He mar. Anne, d. of John *Gascoigne*, of Lazingcroft, widow of Wm. Mallett, by whom he had

Sir WILLIAM ELLIS, who did great service against the rebels in Yorkshire. His son, or more probably brother,

Sir JOHN GASCOIGNE ELLIS of Kiddall, 1585, joined the royal standard at Nottingham, and was grievously wounded at

Edge Hill. He marr. Mary, d. of Martin *Anne*, esq. of Frickley, in Colbourne, by whom he had

Sir JOHN ELLIS,^c s. and h. æt. 1½ an. 1585, living 1612, who, with his son Charles Ellis, fell at Marston Moor, in the cause of the king; another son, Henry Ellis, being wounded at Wigan Lane, where he died in the hands of the rebels. By his wife Elizth, d. of W^m. (or Peter) *Plumpton* of P. esq. he also had issue, Mary Ellis; mar. 1st, 5 Sep. 1681, Sir Anthony *Chester*, Bart. of Chicheley, Bucks, 2dly, Sam^l. *Loddington*, esq.; and

Sir WILLIAM ELLIS of Kiddall, who was slain at Lansdown Hill, where he fought with Sir Bevill Grenvill and other loyal cavaliers. By Mary, d. of — *Austen*, esq. of London, he had

Sir WILLIAM ELLIS^d of Kiddall, who was slain at the siege of Charlemont in Ireland. He mar. Anne, d. of Thos. *Colepepper*, esq. of Perton, co. Hants, by whom he had issue,

WILLIAM ELLIS, esq. of Kiddall, who mar. Mary, d. of Sir William *Lowther* of Swillington (aunt of the 1st Earl of Lonsdale), who died 1687. By her he had issue, John Ellis, ancestor of the BARONS MENDIP and VISCOUNTS CLIFDEN, of whom see a copious pedigree in Lord Dover's Ellis Correspondence; Jane, mar. Rev. — Moseley, rector of Roleston; Mary; John; and

WILLIAM ELLIS, esq. of Kiddall, who, by Mary, d. of Dutton *Scawen*, esq. of Westminster, had issue, William; Charles; Henry; Mary; Annabella; and Catharine-Mildred; and

JOHN ELLIS, esq.^e of Kiddall, who, by a daughter of John *Butterfield*, esq. of Leeds, had issue, Charles Ellis, and

WILLIAM ELLIS, esq. of Kiddall, who, by Elizabeth, d. and h. of Thos. *Bourne* of Nattingley, co. Hants, had

^c He had brothers and sisters, viz.— Anne Ellis; Frances Ellis, mar. Thomas *Burley*, of Eglesfield; Mary Ellis, mar. Bryan *Bapthorp*, of B.; Mercy Ellis; Samuel Ellis, 10th s. gent. ob. 6 Oct. 1678, æt. suæ 73, (who by Isabella his wife had issue, Elizabeth Ellis); Mary Ellis; 2. Nicholas Ellis; 3. Martin Ellis; 4. Henry Ellis; 5. Robert Ellis; 6. Richard Ellis; 7. Francis Ellis; 8. Thomas Ellis; 9. Gervase Ellis.

^d He joined the Earl of Derby, and assisted in the defence of Scarborough Castle. A son of his, Reginald Ellis, "raised the King's standard in Bramah Wood, Yorkshire, where he gathered together many bold cavaliers, but was defeated, and fled beyond seas."

^e He was out with the Earl of Derwentwater in 1715; and Wm. Ellis, his son, served several campaigns with the Duke of Cumberland, to whose staff or "Family" he was attached, and was with him at Culloden.

ELIZABETH-MARIA ELLIS, d. and h. who marr. Randell
Burroughes of Long Stratton, co. Norfolk, esq.

ELLIS OF LEPTON AND BARNBURGH, YORKSHIRE.

(From Harl. MSS. 1571, p. 43; and 1437, p. 290.)

ARMS.—*Or, on a cross sable 5 crescents arg. in the 1st qu. a crescent gules.*

CREST.—“The naked mayden, the more aunciente crest.”

RICHARD ELLIS of Lepton, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, entailed his estates 1421, and had issue,

RICHARD ELLIS, s. and h.; John Ellis; Robert Ellis; and William Ellis of Kiddall. Richard had issue,

JOHN ELLIS of Barnburgh, in the West Riding, who, by —, d. of Sir — *Langton*, knt. had

RICHARD ELLIS of Barnburgh, who, by —, d. of Rafe *Aunger*, had issue,

JOHN ELLIS of Barnburgh, 13 Hen. VIII.; Wm. Ellis, 2d s. a priest; and Anne Ellis, ux. Bryan *Allen* of Brayton, co. Yorks. John, by his 2d wife Frances, d. of John *Fleming* of Charlton, near Wakefield, had issue, Anne Ellis, mar. 1st, Robt. *Dawson*, 2d, John *Creekes* of Retford, co. Notts.; Elizth. ux. Charles *Slingsby*, 3d s. of Edw. S. and parson of the rectory of Ripeberne; Frances, twin sister to Elizth.; Edmund Ellis of London, merchant-taylor; and Clement Ellis, Fellow of Linc. Coll. Oxford. By his 1st wife Jane, d. of Thos. *Leeds*, esq. of Milford, he had issue,

BRYAN ELLIS, 2d s.; John Ellis, 3d s. merchant adventurer; Elizth. Ellis, ux. Nicholas *Scargill* of Doncaster; and ANTHONY ELLIS, eldest son, of Holme-upon-the-Wolde, 1584, who, by Isabel, d. of Henry *Lechford* of Shelwood, in Leigh, co. Surr. esq. had issue, Richard Ellis, s. p., and Thomas Ellis, s. p. Bryan Ellis, by his first wife Mary, d. of Wm. *Hamon* of Hardingwell, esq. had Helen Ellis, and Margaret Ellis; and by his 2d wife Elizabeth, d. of Richard *Aske* of Owthorp, nunc grvida, 1584,

MATHEW ELLIS, æt. 2, 1584.

ELLIS OF BOTHELL, CO. CUMBERLAND.

(From Harl. MSS. 1487, p. 290; and Collins's Baronetage, ed. 1741, iii. 681.)

ARMS.—Ellis of Kiddall, *a crescent charged with a mullet for difference.*

ROBERT ELLIS of Bothell had

JOHN ELLIS of Bothell, who, by Anne, d. of Thos. *Denton* of Warnell, co. Cumberland, had issue, Adam Ellis, s. p.; Wm. Ellis, s. p.; Launcelot Ellis, s. p.; Robt. Ellis, s. p.; THOMAS ELLIS, eldest son, who, by Mary, d. of Wm. *Osmotherly*, had issue, John Ellis, æt. 20, 1612: and

BARNARD ELLIS, 3d son, Recorder of York, 1612, who, by Mary, d. of John *Darley* of Kilnhurst, co. York, had issue,

JOHN ELLIS, s. and h. æt. 12, 1612; Robert Ellis, 2d son; Margaret, ux. Wm. *Beckwith* of Thurcroft, co. York, esq. Anne Ellis, Mary, Frances, Catharine, and Martha.

ELLIS OF BRADFORD, CO. YORK, AND OF LONDON.

(From Visitation of London, 1633-4.)

ARMS.—Ellis of Kiddall.

BARNARD ELLIS of Bradford, co. York, by — *Sugden*, had issue,

GEORGE ELLIS, s. and h. who, by Grace, d. of Edwd. *Brooks-bank* of Brook House, co. York, had issue,

JAMES ELLIS of London, living 1633-4, eldest son, and Thomas Ellis.

ELLIS OF LINCOLN AND CHESTERTON, CO. CAMBRIDGE.

(From Vis. of Lincoln, 1634, and Kimber's Baronetage, iv. 252.)

ARMS.—Ellis of Kiddall.

LION ELLIS, 3d s. of — Ellis of Kiddall, mayor of Lincoln, had issue,

Sir WM. ELLIS, knt. 2d s., of the Close, Lincoln, one of the Council in Ordinary at York, 1634; Elizabeth Ellis, ux. Thos. *Thorold*, rector of Calthorp, co. Lincoln, 1636; and EDWARD ELLIS, eldest son, of Chesterton, esq. (who died at Cambridge, 20 Nov. 1596: he marr. Jane, d. of Thos. *Stoteville* of Brinkley,

co. Camb. esq. who died 27 Apl. 1631, æt. suæ 78, who re-married Othowell *Hill*, D.C.L.; by whom he had issue, ROBERT ELLIS, s. and h. æt. 13, 38 Eliz. of Chesterton, gent. ob. 18 Feb. 1613; Jane Ellis, ux. John *Thorold* of Chesterton, esq. 1619, nupt. ante 1610; Edward Ellis, gent. waiter to Jas. I. and Chas. I.; 4 other sons and 2 other daughters. Robert Ellis, by Ursula *Pell*, had issue Edwd. Ellis, s. and h. æt. 9 days, 10 Jac. I.) Sir Wm. Ellis, by his wife Anne, eldest d. of Sir Edmd. *Thorold* of Haugh, knt. had issue Martha Ellis, ux. Thos. *Copledike* of Harrington; Mary Ellis, ux. Wm. *Lister* of Horncastle; Richard Ellis, 2d son; and

EDMUND ELLIS, 1634, who, by Mary, d. of Thos. *Copledike* of Harrington, co. Linc. esq. had issue,

WILLIAM ELLIS, s. and h. æt. 16, 1634; Thos. Ellis, æt. 5, 1634; Martha, Elizabeth, Mary, Anne, Eleanor, and Hesther.

ELLIS OF RUDSTON, CO. YORK, AND OF BEVERLEY.

(Vide Pedigree of 4 descents in Surtees' *Durham*, iii. 220.)

ELLISES OF NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK.

About 1300, a branch of the Ellises of Kiddall settled in Norfolk, and had the manor and hall of Welhams, which now belongs to the Rev. Ellis Burroughes. During the whole of the 14th century, and the first half of the next, the Ellises are to be found as bailiffs and mayors of Yarmouth, and owners of considerable property in the county. It is not, however, till the beginning of the 18th century that the name again occurs on the roll of the Yarmouth officials. This obscurity of the family in the interval may account for the non-appearance of the name in the visitations of the county which were held during that period.

The arms of Ellis of Kiddall are assigned to the Ellises of Yarmouth, who lived in the 15th century, by a memorandum in the visitations of Norfolk, 1563-1613. (Harl. MSS. 1552, p. 138.)

Norfolk produced a Baron of the Exchequer of the name of Ellis, whose father,

THOMAS ELLIS, was mayor of Norwich, 1460, 1465, and

1474, and once burgess in Parliament. He died 5 Sep. 1487, and lies buried in the chapel of Norwich. (Weever, Fun. Mon. p. 801.) On his monument are these arms: *Sable, 3 women's heads erased argent, crined or, and on a chevron argent 3 roses gules*; quartering, *Argent, on a chevron sable 3 leopard's faces of the first, between 3 crescents azure*. By Margaret, his wife, he had

WILLIAM ELLIS, Esq. one of the Barons of the Exchequer, who was lord of Attlebridge, co. Norfolk. By Elizabeth his wife, he had

WILLIAM ELLIS, s. and h. bur. at Attlebridge. (Bloomfield's Norfolk.)

The following short pedigree is from the College of Arms, drawn up, it would seem, by a herald, and with rather a disdainful feeling to the Sir John Ellis therein mentioned, who probably refused to take out a grant of arms from the college:—

— ELLIS of Somerley, co. Suffolk, “an ordinary man, and had no pretence to arms.” He had issue, 1. Thomas Ellis of Lounde, co. Suffolk, who marr. — *Colville*, and had issue; 3. Edward Ellis, 4. Nicholas Ellis; and

2. JOHN ELLIS of Treslenden, co. Suffolk, born and bur. at Ashley, co. Suffolk. He marr. Mary, d. of — *Barre* of Syleham, attorney of the Court of Wards, and had issue,

Sir JOHN ELLIS, Master of Gonville and Caius Coll. Camb. V. C. of the University, M.P. then 72 yrs. old and cœlebs; obiit, s. p. 1716, bur. in Caius Coll. chapel; commonly called “The Devil of Keys:” knighted at Trin. Coll. Camb. on the Queen and Prince visiting the University, 16 Apl. 1705. The coat he pretends to is *a mermaid gules, crowned with a mirror and comb*, but I believe he hath no right to arms. Thomas Ellis, 3d son, merchant of Yarmouth, marr. Catharine, d. of John *Fuller* of Yarmouth. Anthony Ellis, another son, of Yarmouth, merchant, living 1705, marr. Margt. *Welton*, by whom he had issue,

1. ANTHONY ELLIS of Yarmouth, who married — *Ferrer* of Yarmouth; 2. John Ellis, Fellow of Caius Coll. Camb. cœlebs 1705; 3. Thos. Ellis of Jamaica, mercht. 1705; Mary, ux. Rev. William *Peters*, Rector of Weeting, co. Norfolk; Hannah, cœlebs 1705; and Elizabeth ux. — *Stacey* of Yarmouth.

ELLIS OF SWINESHEAD, CO. LINCOLN.

(From Visitation of Linc. 1562-92; Harl. MSS. 5874, p. 45, 1550, p. 36, and 1436, p. 32.)

ARMS.—*Gules, on a fess arg. 3 escallops azure, between 3 crescents or.*

CREST.—*On a wreath arg. and az. a garb vert bezantée.*

This coat and crest were granted by Christopher Barker, Garter, to Thos. Ellis of Swineshead. In the north window of Swineshead church these arms are impaled with, *Nebuly arg. and sa. on a chief gules 3 mullets or*, this being underwritten "Thomas Ellys, Mercator Stapule, et Agnes uxor ejus" (Harl. MSS. 6829, p. 224), and they occur alone in Whaplode church (p. 234).

WILLIAM ELLIS of Swineshead, in the hundred of Kirton, had issue,

JOHN ELLIS of Swineshead, who had

THOMAS ELLIS of Swineshead [? grantee of arms], who, by — *Marshall* of Notts. had Mary, ux. 1st, — *Walcott*, and 2d, — *Colville*; — ux. Thos. Hough of Whigtoft, Jane, ux. Rd. *Conny* of Basingthorp, and

ANTHONY ELLIS of Swineshead, who mar. d. of Geo. Sherwood of Stapleford, co. Leic.

ELLIS OF WYHAM, CO. LINCOLN, BARONETS.^f

(From Visit. of Linc. 1634; Kimber's Baronetage, ed. 1727, ii. 73; and Cole's Escheats, Brit. Mus.)

THOMAS ELLIS of Wyham, had

THOMAS ELLIS, s. and h. who, by Jane, d. of John *Hutchinson* of Owthorp, co. Notts. had issue,

Sir THOMAS ELLIS, knt. s. and h. of Grantham; GEORGE

^f This family bore the same arms as the Ellises of Swineshead, and were, there is little doubt, of that stock. The following account of them, given in the Baronetage, can scarcely be true, in so far as they are derived from the Anthony Ellis therein mentioned, for he was living A.D. 1519, and had then a coat of arms, which was anterior to the grant to Thomas Ellis of Swineshead.

"This family is supposed by an ancient tradition to have been originally settled in Wales; but what we know with certainty is, that they have been of very long continuance in Lincolnshire, of which the parish church of Great Ponton, in that county, is still an evidence, it having been built several hundred years ago (A.D. 1519,

ELLIS, 2d son, of Wyham, 1634 (who, by Frances, d. of Wm. *Rodley* of Yarborough, esq. had issue, Wm. Ellis, s. and h. æt. 23, 1634, Jane Ellis, Anne Ellis, ux. Nicholas *Clipson* of Othby, co. Linc. Mary Ellis, Frances Ellis, and Dorothy Ellis, ux. Robt. *Knight* of Lincoln), Frances, ux. William *Savill* of Notts, esq., and Dorothy, ux. William *Ashurst* of Ashurst, in Lancashire, esq. The said Sir Thomas, by Jane his wife, had issue,

THOMAS ELLIS, esq. ob. 6 Apl. 1640, seized of Wyham, Norhill, &c. By Elizabeth *Hardinge* his wife, he had Anne Ellis, Elizabeth Ellis, and

Sir THOMAS ELLIS, s. and h. æt. 10, 1640, and Sir WILLIAM ELLIS, knt. Att.-Gen. and Justice of the Com. Pleas temp. Chas. II. Sir Thos. was *created a Baronet*, 30 June, 1660, and by Anne his wife, d. of Sir John *Stanhope* of Elvaston, co. Derby, brother of the first Earl of Chesterfield, had issue,

Sir WILLIAM ELLYS, s. and h. bart.; John Ellys, ob. æt. 24, bur. in the Temple church, and Jane Ellys, ux. — *Strode* of Barrington, co. Somerset, esq. Sir William, who died 6 Oct. 1727, æt. 74, had 5 sons and 3 daughters; the sons died single, except his heir.

Sir RICHARD ELLYS, bart. Anne Ellis his sister mar. Edward *Cheke* of Essex, esq. Sarah Ellis ob. cœlebs, Isabella mar. Richard *Hampden*, esq. Sir Richard was M.P. for Boston, ob. s. p. 14 Jan. 1742. "Of an estate of 4000*l.* per ann. which he left, after the death of his lady, to a son of Lord Hobart his cousin." (*Gent.'s Mag.*) His first wife was —, d. and coh. of Sir Thos. *Hussey* of Doddington, co. Linc. bart.; his 2d, Sarah, d. and coh. of Thos. *Gould* of Iver, co. Bucks, esq.

according to Leland) at the expense of Anthony Ellys, esq. (merchant of the Staple), who married a lady of the family of Ascoughs (an ancient name in that county), as appears by his and her arms and the inscription yet remaining on the tower of the church, which is esteemed one of the finest old buildings in that part of England.

"A younger branch of this family had formerly been settled in Bedfordshire, and in possession of the lordship of Norhill in that county, but are now extinct."

ELLISES OF FLINTSHIRE.^g

ARMS.—*Ermine, a lion passant gules, tail coward.*

CREST.—*On a chapeau az. turned up ermine, a lion passant gules.* [Granted to Humphrey Ellis of Flint, per Robert Cooke, Clarencieux, 4 Feb. 1587. (Harl. MSS. 1422, p. 242.)]

(Chiefly from Vincent's North Wales, in the Coll. of Arms.)

ELLIS ap Richard ap Howell, mar. Jane, d. of Sir Thos. Hanmer, knt. and had 11 children, of whom

^g A pedigree of four descents, ending with John Williams Ellis, esq. born 1808, of the Ellises of Glasfryn, co. Merioneth, is to be found in Burke's Landed Gentry, Ed. 1850, which remarks, "this family is entirely of Welsh extraction, and traces its descent through many of the oldest Welsh families." The arms assigned to them, are *Argent, a mermaid gules crined or, holding a mirror or in her right hand, and a comb or in her left hand*, and for a crest, a mermaid as in the arms.

The family of Ellis, Baron Howard de Walden and Seaford, is originally of Welsh extraction. In 1810 the following armorial ensigns were granted to this family: Arms, *Erminois, on a cross sable 5 crescents argent*: Crest, a goat's head argent, issuant from a mount vert.

In the memorial for the grant, it is stated that the family was, for several generations, established in Jamaica, possessing considerable property, and holding some of the principal offices there; that, from legal documents and grants of land by patent in the said island, it appears that the ancestor of this family, John Ellis, was a colonel in the army, and served at the conquest thereof in 1655; that he was, by tradition, descended of a family of the same name seated at or near Wrexham, co. Denbigh; and that he and his descendants used for arms, "on a cross 5 crescents;" and for crest, "a goat's head." (Burke's Peerage.)

Colonel Ellis of Denbighshire had a daughter, Jane ux. Francis Cole of London, who had issue. (D. 24, p. 35, Coll. of Arms.)

Another family of the name of Ellis, of Welsh lineage, was settled in Cheshire.

MATHEW ELLIS of Overleigh, in the county of the city of Chester, one of the gentlemen of the body guard to Hen. VIII., was son of Ellis ap Dio ap Griffith, and lineally descended from Tudor Trevor, Earl of Hereford. He died 20 April, 1574. By Alice his wife, who died 1547, he had

MATHEW ELLIS of Overleigh, gent. who died 1575. By his wife Elizabeth, d. of Thomas Browne of Netherlegh, gent. who died 1570, he had issue,

MATHEW ELLIS of Overleigh, gent.; Julien, ux. Thos. Cowper of Chester, esq.; and Margery. Mathew died 31 July, 1613. By his wife Alice, d. of Richard Birkenhead of Manley, esq. who died 6 July, 1640, he had issue,

MATHEW ELLIS of Overleigh, gent. who died 3 Nov. 1663, and Catharine, wife of Randle Holme of Chester, gent. By his wife Elizabeth, d. of Wm. Halton of Baddiley, gent. who died 4 Nov. 1671, he had

MATHEW ELLIS, gent. who married Anne, d. of John Birkenhead, esq. of Backford. He died 17 Feb. 1685; she ob. 4 Aug. 1689. (M. I. St. Mary's church, Chester, whereon are these arms: *Ermine, a lion rampant azure*; and this crest, *a female affrontée proper coupé at the waist, crined or.*)

JOHN AP ELLIS, mar. Jane, d. of John *Edwards*, and had William Ellis, and

HUMPHREY ELLIS^b of Alrey, in Flintshire, who mar. Margaret, d. of Thos. *Hanmer*, esq. temp. Eliz. (*Wootton's Baronetage*, ed. 1741, i. 414), by whom he had

ANDREW ELLIS of Alrey, esq. who mar. Frances, d. of James *Viscount Say and Sele*, by whom he had

CECILIA ELLIS, ux. Rich^d. *Langley*, esq. and (?) — ELLIS, ux. Wm. 4th s. of Richard *Fiennes*, esq.

ELLISES OF DEVON AND CORNWALL.

A branch of the Yorkshire Ellises seems to have settled early in Devonshire. In Harl. MSS. 1417, p. 24, the cross and crescents are attributed to

Sir JOHN ELYS of Devon, who marr. Alianor *Russell* of Hereford, and by her had issue,

JOHN ELYS, ob. s. p.; Giliave Ellis, d. and coh. ux. Sir Henry *Fielding* of Lutterworth, co. Leic. and Jacqueta, d. and coh. ux. Everard *Digby*, living 1434. But on the monument of Digby, in Tilton church, co. Leic. another coat as his wife's, is impaled by him, viz. *Or, a dolphin embowed az. debruised by a bend sinister or, on a chief az. a stork proper, collared or* (vide Nichols' Leic. iii. 472, and ii. 262); but these, if correct, might be the arms of the heiress of some family into which the Ellises had married, and were adopted by them, in lieu of their ancient coat; for JOHN ELLYS of Ellys, co. Devon (i. e. the manor of Ellys, named after the family), who was probably of the same stock as the foregoing, bore the cross and crescents, whose daughter Margaret was wife of Nicholas *Maynard* of Sherford, co. Devon, who died 10 Hen. VIII.

In Gilbert's Hist. of Cornwall are the following notices of the Ellises in that county:—

Vol. iii. p. 83. Oct. 1620, Pascoe Ellis, alderman of Penzance.

P. 432. In the chancel (of Sennen) are some monuments, particularly to the Ellises, who have relinquished the three eels,

^b HUMPHREY ELLIS, by Lucy *Armstrong*, had issue. (*Burke's Commoners*, iv. 349.)

mentioned by Mr. Hals as an armorial bearing, and, instead, have sculptured on these stones the blazon appropriated to the name throughout England, *Or, on a cross sable five crescents arg.* [without probably any right to them.]

P. 429. "Trevear in this parish (Sennen) is the dwelling of John Ellis, gent. attorney-at-law, who married — *Davies*, and giveth for his arms, a field, *Arg. three eels proper*, after the English, out of a supposed allusion to the name of Ellis; whereas Ellis, Elles, in British, is a son-in-law by the wife, and Els, Eels, a son-in-law by the husband. And as gealvy is an eel fish in Scotch and Irish, so malsay is an eel in Welch-British."

ELLISES OF BERKSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE.

Few notices of the name in these counties have been met with, as no copious histories have been published of either.

1295. *Roger Ellis* was manucaptor of Bartholomew de Erle, knight of the shire returned for Berks.

1433. *John Elys*, of Thoreham, is returned as one of the gentry of Berkshire.

On a brass, on a gravestone lying near the high altar in Shinfield church (Charleton hundred), co. Berks, is the following inscription: "Here lyeth the body of ANNE ELLYS, the wife of JOHN ELLYS, of Shynfield, in the county of Berks, gent. daughter of John *Gunter*, of Barton, in the said county of Berks, esq. departed this life the 17 day of September, anno Domini 1617. Vivit post funera virtus." Arms: *Or, on a cross sable 5 crescents arg.* (Ellis) impaling . . . 3 *gauntlets* . . . (Gunter.)

1433. *John Ellys* is returned as one of the gentry of Oxfordshire.

ELLIS OF SANDWICH, CO. KENT.

Boys, in his Hist. of Sandwich, speaking of this family, says:

"THOMAS ELLIS was a wealthy draper at Sandwich, and is mentioned in Rymer,ⁱ as having lent 40*l.* to King Richard the Second, in the first year of his reign, to supply his necessities. His wife's name was Margaret,^k and he had a son,

ⁱ *Foedera*, vii. 178.

^k Philipott's Vis. of Kent, 1619.

THOMAS ELLIS,¹ and a dau. Constance,^m who was mar. to John *Septvans*, Esq. son of Sir William Septvans, Knight, by Anne, d. and h. of Sir Nicholas Sandwich, Knight; which Constance, on the death of her husband, became the wife of John *Notbeame*. In a MS. in my possession, Thomas Ellis is said to have been a worshipful merchant, and to have been buried with his wife in the north aisle of St. Peter's church. He represented Sandwich in Parliament, 43 Edw. III. and 1 Rich. II., and was Mayor there 1370 and 1382.ⁿ His name occurs among the witnesses to a number of deeds between 1356 and 1389. He or his son was a Commissioner of Sewers 3 Hen. V., as was another Thomas Ellys 18 Edw. I.^o”

The following coat was, inter alia, on the window of Ash church, near Sandwich, viz. *Azure, on a fesse argent 3 roundels sable between 6 cross-crosslets fitchée arg.*, which are ascribed to this family. Also a shield of 8 quarterings, viz. 1. and 8. Septvans. 2. Twitham. 3. Sandwich. 4. Ellis. 5. Brooke. 6. Winbourne. 7. Wolfe. (Peter Le Neve's Church Notes in Kent. Add. MSS. Brit. Mus. 5479, p. 3.) Alice Ellis, another daughter (and ultimately coheiress), mar. Sir Thomas *Chiche*, Knight, whose descendants quartered these arms of Ellis. One of the Harl. MSS. the reference to which is lost, mentions other members of this family, viz.:

— ELLIS,^p probably brother of Thomas Ellis, the Mayor, who, by Constance his wife, had

THOMAS ELLIS; Edward Ellis, who had Constance, and Margaret ux. — Barton de Barton. Thomas Ellis had issue

JOHN ELLIS.

Boys further says: “In the wall of the north aisle (of St. Peter's church, Sandwich) are three arches; the 2nd arch is

¹ Evidences of St. John's Hospital, No. 9 in the original.

^m From a grant of arms to Christopher Septvans, alias Harflete, by Robert Cooke, Clarencieux, dated 1574, in the possession of Mr. Thomas Jull, of Molland.

ⁿ Harris's Hist. of Kent, and Records of Sandwich.

^o Dugdale on Embanking.

^p And it is further probable that this was William Ellis, M.P. for Canterbury, father of Thomas Ellis, Sheriff of Kent, and grandfather of John Ellis of Stoneacre. This latter's son Thomas, it will be seen, married the daughter and heiress of — *Chiche*, who might have been son of Sir Thomas Chiche, Knight, who married Alice, co-heiress of Thomas Ellis of Sandwich. Investigation into the inter-marriages of two families (unless both of very common names), in the same county,

behind the pulpit. The tomb was exposed to view in digging a vault in August, 1770. Its front is divided into 6 compartments. The two at the ends are demi-quatrefoil arches. In each of the 4 middle ones is a shield, in the centre of a starred quatrefoil highly embellished with tracery. The first shield has 3 *wheat-fans*, a *crescent in the fess point* [the arms of Septvans]; the second, a *fesse fusilly between 3 griffin's heads*; the third has 3 *lions rampant* [the arms of Chiche]; the fourth is without any engraving. * * The second coat I cannot appropriate. Did it belong to the wife, or to another child of Thomas Ellis, who, as well as Constance and Alice, died in the lifetime of the father, and were buried here in order to have the supposed benefit of the prayers of his chantry priests? And were his paternal arms omitted after his death by neglect, or painted on the shield and since effaced? Over this monument on stones in the wall are two coats of arms. That on the left-hand has, *fretty, a chief* [St. Leger], and the other the Port's arms, three lions passant and three ships dimidiated. This tomb likewise projects into the churchyard." Pp. 308-9.

of the same rank, and within the period of a century, generally establishes the fair presumption of antecedent identity of family, as well as of name. If so, in this case, either the Sandwich or the Stoneacre family must have changed their arms, or each simultaneously have adopted a different coat; but neither this, nor a change by the Ellises of Stoneacre, is likely: the latter, so far back as Edward the Second, were of the rank of gentry, and then undoubtedly bore the cross and crescents, found on their monuments in the 14th century. The arms, therefore, of Thomas Ellis of Sandwich would have been adopted by him in lieu of his paternal coat, which, as probably a younger son, and engaged in commerce, he would at first not use at all, and afterwards, on acquiring station and landed property, readily relinquish for another more peculiarly his own. Now the coat he bore, *on a fess 3 roundels between 6 cross-crosslets fitchée*, were in stained glass in Ash church, near Sandwich, in which parish he had land. This he might have acquired in right of his wife, whose arms, if a heiress, he would take; or if not, might, after the fashion of the day, appropriate, with some alteration. The arms of Norman Fitz-Dering, alias De Ash, or De Fresne, Lord of that Manor, were, temp. Ric. I. *2 bars, in chief 3 roundels*, which was probably the source of many similar derivatives in the district.

ELLIS OF OTHAM AND KENNINGTON, IN KENT.

Philipott, in his "Villare Cantianum," published in 1659, speaking of this family, says: "Stoneacre, in this parish, [Otham], is an ancient seat, which for some centuries of years has acknowledged no other proprietary but Ellys; but whether Burton, in Kennington, or this mansion, were the original fountain from whence this family did extract its first etymology, is uncertain, for once they had one and the same possessor. The deeds that fortify their interest in this place reach as high as the time of Edward II., and instruct us that Ellys, which enjoys it now, is by a stream of many uninterrupted descents issued out from John Ellis, who possessed it then," p. 263. The same author (p. 202) thus further alludes to the family: "Bibrooke, [in Kennington,] was granted by Richard II. in the thirteenth of his reign to William Ellis, who was at that time one of the conservators or justices of the peace of this county, whose capital seat was at Burton, in this parish; though in very old deeds it is written Burston, as being indeed the seat of a branch of that family, from whom it came out about the latter end of Edward II. to Ellys; but in the name of Ellys the title of Bibrooke was not long lived, for about the beginning of Henry VI. I find it by purchase invested in Shelley: * * * * but Burton was more constant to the family of Ellys, and remained linked to the patrimony of that name, until that age which bordered upon our father's remembrance; and then it was demised by sale to Hall, in whose descendant, Mr. Nevill Hall, the proprietary is at present resident." Of this mansion of Bibrooke, Hasted speaks as follows: "The ancient mansion of Bibrooke has been uninhabited, and in ruins, for several years; but the front of it, which has a stately appearance, is still remaining entire. A low, mean building, has been erected against the south side of it, which is made use of as the farm-house belonging to the estate." (Hasted's "Kent," fol. ed. iii 267).

The pedigrees in the Kentish visitations go no higher up than William Ellis living temp. Richard II. These pedigrees were made out from deeds produced by the families whose descent they record; and deeds by which Philipott traced the family up to John Ellys living temp. Edward II. were not seen, it would appear, by the heralds at the visitation. The pedigree in the visitation of 1619, (Harl. MSS. 1548, p. 6,) is thus prefaced:—

"Proofs for the descent following:

"King Richard the Second, by his charter, dated in the 13th yeare of his reigne, gave unto William Ellis, of Canterbury, Esq. those lands in Kennington, Barton Alufe, Eastwell, Hinxhill,

and Erthford, with other parcells of land in Hoking, Bethersden, Woodchurch, and Barecosinden, in the countie of Kent, which came unto the said king by the attainder of Robert Belknap, who held them. Vide Patt. Turri Lundinensi de anno 13 Ric. 2, pars prima, memb. 23."

There are 3 quarterings given in the visitations, as borne by the family: 1. —. 2. Barry. 3. Sevington. The first, *Or, on a chevron engrailed azure three escallops of the first, between three leopards passant guardant sable*, is affixed to the name of William Ellis, the first name in the pedigree, as quartered by the Ellis arms, indicating that his ancestor married a heiress who bore that coat. In Le Neve's Church Notes for Kent, (Add. MSS. 5479, p. 135,) these arms are said to have been placed, in stained glass, in one of the windows of Otham church. There is little doubt that they are the bearings of Stoneacre of Stoneacre, which estate probably came by marriage into the family. It does not seem, however, to have been in the possession of William Ellis, or his son the sheriff; but the latter's son John we find to have been the owner of this as well as of Burton. If he acquired it by inheritance, it must have been from a second or third cousin; it is more likely, therefore, that he purchased it from his relations.

JOHN ELLYS, of Stoneacre, lived temp. Edward II.

THOMAS ELLIS, of Kennington, 44 Edward III., held the manor of Sothertons, alias Willesborough.

WILLIAM ELLIS,⁹ of Burton, in Kennington, Esq. conservator of the peace, formerly of Canterbury, and M.P. for that city, 8, 11, & 18 Rich. II., and King's Attorney (General) in the Common Pleas. He had issue,

THOMAS ELLIS, of Burton, Esquire, high sheriff of Kent 6 Hen. VI., bur. at Willesboro': he married Catherine, da. and

⁹ 3 Ric. II. Willielmus Elys de Cantuar. attornatus Regis in communi banco ad placitum Regis. (Cal. Rot. Pat. p. 204.)

There was a law-officer of the crown called the King's Attorney, but no King's Solicitor-General, till the reign of Edward IV., in which reign we also find the first mention of "Attorney-General in England," *attornatus generalis in Angliâ*. (Pictorial Hist. of England, i. 164.)

13 Ric. II. Rex concessit Will. Elys de Cantuar. in feodo unum cottagium et centum et triginta acras terræ et pasturæ, et tres acras prati, in Kenington, et alibi, unde aliquæ terræ vocat. ville Houkins Lambes, et pro 5s. 2d. redd. et reddit. xvij. gallorum et gallinarum ad prædict. terr. vocat. ville pertinen. et un. pastur. vocat. Berbodydenne in Beatrichsdenne et Woodchurch nuper Roberti Belknapp attincti, per servitium, &c. (Cal. Rot. Pat. p. 218.)

h. of John *Barry*. Esq., s. of Sir Humphrey Barry, of Sevington, and had issue,

JOHN ELLIS, Esq. who owned both Burton and Stoneacre; a daughter, ux. — *Shelving*, of Shelvingbourne, and another, ux. THOS. *Towne*, of Towne Place, in Throwley. He had issue,

JOHN ELLIS, Esq., of Willesboro': bur. in the church of Otham, ob. 28 Sep. 1467, seized of Stoneacre, Willesboro' Manor, &c.; and THOS. ELLIS, of Stoneacre, who, by his wife — d. and h. of — *Chiche*, had 3 daughters and coheirresses, — Ellis, ux. *Tattesham*, of Tattesham Hall; Agnes, ux. John *Finch*; and — Ellis, ux. Stephen *Norton*. The aforesaid John, by his wife Alice, had—

JOHN ELLIS, of Stoneacre; ^r GUY ELLIS, Esq., of Kenning-

^r This John Ellis, by his will, in the Prerogative Office, Canterbury, appears to have been possessed of a house and lands at Lecton, in Willesborough, and a principal messuage at Swatford, which he devised to William and Richard, his sons, successively, in tail, the latter of whom appears to have become possessed of it, and by his will, proved in 1471, willed to be buried in the churchyard here, and devised the manor of Sotherton in W. Hinxhill and Ashford to his issue in tail general. (Hasted's Kent, fol. ed. iii. 375.)

On the monument of this John Ellis, he is kneeling, in a coat of his arms, and this underwritten, "Hic jacet Johannes Ellis armiger, qui obiit 28 Septembris, anno Domini 1467, cujus animæ propicietur Deus. Amen."

The north chancel of the church belongs to Willesborough Court, in which are several stones without inscriptions: there is here, too, good painted glass in the window at the east end, and in the lower part of it two figures kneeling, and this legend,—*Ora pro animabus Thomæ Ellis et Thomasinæ uxoris ejus*. (Hasted's Kent, vii. 573.)

In a window of Kenington church remaynes the figure of Sir William Walsted, and thus written under the same, "Ora pro animabus Willielmi Walkesley et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus."

These armes of Towne [*Arg. on a chevron ermine, 3 cross-crosslets of the field*], impaled with Ellis, remayne yett in a window of Kenyngton church, in Kent. The seate of Towne was in Throwley, now in the possession of Sir Richard Sandes, whose predecessors, the Wattons of Addington, and the Lewknors of Challope, are descended from the three daughters and heyres of that familie of Towne.

These armes [*Shelving — party per pale, a lion rampant*, impaling Ellis [remayne thus impaled in Woodchurch. The seat of this Shelving was at Bourne, where now Sir Anthony Aucher dwelleth; the female heire of that familie was married to Hawte. and from the heiress of Hawte the Wyatts and the Culpepers are descended.

In Mr. Ellis, his house, are these armes, thus placed:—

Quarterly, 1 and 4, *a buck's head caboshed*, Walstede; 2 and 3, *Gules, a fess between 3 owls or*, Webb.

Arg. on a chevron ermine 3 cross-crosslets sa. Towne.

Gules, a fess between 6 billets or, a crescent gules on the fess for difference, May.

ton (who, by his wife, Phillipa, d. and h. of Wm. Walstede, s. of Sir Wm. W. of Swalelyne, co. Kent, had Margaret, d. and h. ob. 29 Octr. 1479, bur. in Woodchurch, mar. Roger *Harlaken* of Woodchurch, ob. Mch. 29, 1523, bur. at W.), Richard Ellis of Willesborough, will dated 1471, ob. seized of Willesboro', &c. 12 Edw. IV. who marr. Joane —; WILLIAM ELLIS, esq. of Kennington, will dated 1494 (by Margery his wife, living 1494, he had Thos. Ellis,^s s. and h. of Kennington, living 1494, who marr. — *Porter*; John Ellis of New Romney, 1494, inherited New Harbour jointly with his brother Nicholas, and marr. Margaret, whose will is dated 1505; Joyce Ellis, living 1494, ux. Richd. *Fineux* of Dover, Alice Ellis, 1494, and Nicholas Ellis, 1494). The aforesaid John Ellis of Stoneacre, had—

HENRY ELLIS,^t of S. who had two sons named Thomas: the

Gules, a fess between 6 mullets arg. a crescent on the fess for difference, Ashburnham, impaling quarterly, 1 and 4, *a chevron engrailed between 3 birds*, a crescent for difference, Cromer; 2 and 3, *a squirrel sejant, cracking a nut*, Squeries.

Ellis and May, quarterly, impaling Cromer and Squeries quarterly, a crescent in the centre of the latter.

Gules, 3 unicorn's heads coupé or, "this joyned to May."

Ermine, on a bend 3 lions rampant or (Bourne), impaling Cromer and Squeries, quarterly.

Ellis and Barry, quarterly.

Ellis and Barry, quarterly, impaling, *Sable, 3 bells arg. a canton ermine* (Porter). (Harl. MSS. 4031, p. 162.)

The following inscription is on the floor of Hertingfordbury church, co. Herts.: "Here, under this stone, lye buried the bodyes of Thomas Ellis, gentleman (sonne of Stephen Ellis of Kennington, in the county of Kent, gentleman), and Grace, his wife (daughter of Owen Hawkins, cittizen and mercer of London), who lived together man and wife 49 yeares and 7 moneths and odd dayes, and had issue betwixt them one sonne onely, named Frauncis (which lived but three weekes and three dayes after his birth). The aforesaid Thomas departed this life the 4th day of February, 1608, and the saide Grace afterwards departed this life the 23^d day of March, anno Domini 1612." (Clutterbuck's Herts. ii. 206.)

Mrs. Grace Ellis, widow, by her will, dated Feb. 20, 1612-13, and proved at London 31 March, charged certain houses in Norton Folgate, London, with the payment of 40s. to the poor of this parish upon the day of her burial, and so 40s. yearly on the day of her burial to the end of the world. (Ibid. p. 209.)

^s He had Stephen Ellis, son and heir, of Kennington, gent. (and ? Richard Ellis of Ashford, gent.), who, by Grace his wife, third dau. and coheiress of John, second son of Sir James *Cromer* of Tunstall, Knt. had John Ellis, Thomas Ellis, William Ellis, Jane Ellis, Marian, ux. John, son and heir of Paul *Johnson* of Nethercourt, and Thomas Ellis, gent. of Hertingfordbury, ob. Feb. 4, 1608, who, by Grace his wife, dau. of Owen *Hawkins*, citizen and mercer of London, who died 3 March, 1612, had Francis, ob. inf.

^t The Ellises of East Grinstead, in Sussex, who settled there temp. Hen. VII.,

2d Thomas Ellis was of Otham, and had Catharine, d. and h. ux. Richd. *Nightingale* of Essex, by whom she had issue. The eldest son,

THOMAS ELLIS had issue Edmund Ellis; Peter Ellis; a daughter, marr. — *Ford*, another marr. — *Wood*, and another marr. John *Bishop*. The said

EDMUND ELLIS was of Stoneacre, gent. will dated 1615, bap. at Otham, Dec. 24, 1559, bur. there Aug. 2, 1615. By his wife, Ann, d. of Hen. *Fryer*, he had issue, Elizth. Ellis, bap. 24 May, 1613, marr. Hen. *Fryer*; Thomas Ellis; Catharine, ux. Thos. *Grange* of Cheshire; a 2d Thomas Ellis; Edmund Ellis, bap. Apl. 6, 1607; Anne, bap. 20 Jan. 1604; Grace, bap. 30 Jan. 1609; Christopher Ellis, bap. 3 Octr. 1602 (who had Thomas Ellis, bap. Jan. 6, 1632, at Lydd), Henry Ellis, gent. of Lydd, bap. 13 Apl. 1600, at Otham, will dated 1633 (by Catharine his wife, he had Catharine, Anne, Susannah, Henry, bur. at L. 1632, and Thos. bap. 1632, at L.) and

ELLIS ELLIS, esq. of Stoneacre. By his last will, dated Dec. 3, 1638, he devised S. to his eldest son; bur. 17 Dec. 1638. By Cecily, dau. and h. of Henry *Franklyn* of Throwley, he had

1. HENRY ELLIS,^u esq. s. and h. resided at S. and continued possessed till his death in 1643, bap. 24 Decr. 1617; Jane Ellis, bap. 4 Jan. 1632; Elizth. bap. 1 June, 1623; Anne, bap. 6 Mch. 1624; Thos. Ellis, bap. 16 Feb. 1616, bur. 12 Mch. 1616; Francis Ellis, bap. 26 Mch. 1620; Edward Ellis; and EDMUND ELLIS of Stoneacre, gent. bap. Sep. 16, 1629, cœlebs, 1663, who by Elizabeth his wife had issue,

EDMUND ELLIS of Stoneacre, gent.; Susannah, bap. 18 Mch. 1685; Mary, bap. 11 Nov. 1674; Henry, bap. 24 Mch. 1680, bur. 19 Jan. 1685; Thomas, bap. 18 Aug. 1682; Richard, bap. 7 Jan. 1669; and Wm. Ellis, bap. 20 Dec. 1672 (who by Anne, his wife, had Henry Ellis, bap. 27 Oct. 1710). The

are conjectured to have sprung from a brother of this Henry Ellis. The prevalence of the name of Edmund in this family, and the existence in that town of a branch of the Fryers, who intermarried with the Ellises of Otham, countenance this supposition. George Ellis, esq. of East Grinstead, is the present representative of this family, and bears the cross and crescents.

^u During the Rebellion he adhered to the royal cause, for which his estate here was sequestered; and he compounded for it for 114*l*. Stoneacre, in 1753, with the lands belonging to it, was let for 100*l*. per ann. (*Hasted's Kent*, ii. 492.)

aforesaid Edmund was bap. Oct. 21, 1668; *sold Stoneacre* 1710; of Langley, gent. bur. at Otham, 12 July, 1712; by Elizth his wife, he had

WILLIAM ELLIS, Thos. Ellis, Edmund Ellis, another Edmund Ellis, Mary Ellis, Susan Ellis, and Catharine Ellis, ux. — *Slaney*.

The following entries from Otham cannot be identified:

Bap. 1559, Dec. 24, Edmund s. of Thos. Ellys.

Bap. 1590, July 26, Edmund s. of Edmund Ellys.

Bap. 1710, Oct. 27, Henry s. of Wm. and Anne Ellys.

In the Register of Lydd there are 17 baptisms of the name of Ellis from 1546 to 1701; 9 marriages from 1542 to 1679; and 27 burials from 1540 to 1703. The whole of these have not been obtained, and the following cannot be appropriated:

Baptisms.

Catharine, d. of Henry Ellis	. . . . .	1591
Thomas, s. of — Ellis	. . . . .	1632
Thomas, s. of Christopher Ellis	. . . . .	Jan. 6, 1632
Sarah, d. of Hen. and Ann Ellis (born Aug. 9, 1666)		June 24, 1701

Marriages.

Henry Ellis and Thomazine Whatman	. . . . .	July 5, 1613
Eliz th Ellis and Nicholas Dimkar	. . . . .	Aug. 25, 1616
Mary Ellis and John Daw	. . . . .	Apl. 20, 1679

[This is the only entry of marriage between 1662 and 1692.]

Burials.

Henry, s. of Henry Ellis	. . . . .	1632
Mary, d. of Henry Ellis	. . . . .	June 15, 1655
Sarah Ellis	. . . . .	Feb. 22, 1703

[No entry of burial between the two last.]

ELLIS OF CHISELHURST.

Whether this family were an early offset of the Stoneacre family, or branched off from the main stem independently of them, does not appear. If the arms assigned to them are correct, they were obviously of the great Yorkshire family, though the crest is not the early one said to be assumed by Sir Archibald Ellys. The following pedigree is from Harl. MSS. 1144, p. 7,

and professes to be made out by a herald. It does not occur in the visitations of Kent. The more recent additions are from a book in the College of Arms, marked "H 2 Kent," p. 10.

JOHN ELLYS of Chiselhurst, in the county of Kent, lived the 23 of Edw. III. and the 30 of the same king's reign; hee marr. Joane da. of—

JOHN ELLYS, s. and h. of C. lived the 44 and 47 of Edw. III. and the 12 of Rich. II.

HENRY ELLIS, s. and h. lived the 14 of Hen. IV.

THOMAS ELLIS, s. and h. "father of John and Bernard. John Ellis of C. lived 49 Hen. VI. as by his deed it appears."

BERNARD ELLIS, s. and h. of C. made his will the 12 of Hen. VII.: hee marr. Margaret da. of — and had John, Henry, Bernard, Richard, Agnes, Catharine, and

THOMAS ELLIS of C. s. and h. made his will the 20 of Hen. VIII.; his wife was Joane da. of [John *Hawte*,] and had Alice, Joane, Henry Ellis of C. who made a release to John, his brother, 2 of Edw. VI.

JOHN ELLIS of C. marr. Juliana da. of John *Shott* of C. and had Richard of C. who died sans issue, and

JOHN ELLIS of C. lived the 5 of Charles, as by his deed to his son—"yeoman"—will dated 5 July 1625, proved 14 March, 1638, at Rochester. He marr. Anne da. of Willm. *Holmes* of C. descended from the ancient family of the Holmes in the North, and had Anne, wife of Christopher *Comport* of C. gent. who were both living 1652, and

JOHN ELLIS of C. only sonn and heir of John, is now living in 1647—"gent."—will dated 13 Aug. proved 26th, 1652, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. He marr. Mary, da. of John *Scudder* of North Cray, Kent, and had 1. Anne, 2. Mary, a minor in 1652, and

JOHN ELLYS, only son, is now living 1647; under age 1652.

Arms: *Or, on a cross sable five crescents argent.*

Crest: *On a goat's head couped or, a pale sable, charged with three crescents arg.*

Subscribed, "This is the atchievement and descent of John Ellys of Chiselhurst, in the county of Kent.

"WM. RYLEY, Norroy, King of Arms."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES OF THE ELLISES OF KENT.

(From Dugdale on Embanking and Draining.)

7 Edw. II.—*Thomas Ellys* int. al. was appointed a Commissioner for divers purposes, and affixed his seal. P. 28.

3 Rich. II.—Robert Belknapp, Wm. Homewith, Nicholas Herryng, Thos. Shardlowe, Wm. Makenade, and *Wm. Ellys*, were constituted Commissioners to view and repair the banks, &c., lying between Pekesmere and Stonare, near Sandwich. P. 45.

17 Rich. II.—Commission directed to John Colepepper, John Septvans, *Wm. Ellys*, Wm. Tydecombe, and Richd. Bartlett, to view and repair the banks, &c. between Canterbury and Sandwich. P. 46.

2 Hen. IV.—The same to Wm. Rykhill, Wm. de Makenade, Stephen Betenhamme, John Colepepper, Wm. Bertone, *Wm. Ellys*, John Ikham, and Thos. Martin, to view and repair the banks, &c. between Grete and Sandwich.

13 Hen. IV.—*Thos. Ellys*, one of a Commission to view and repair the banks between Pekesende and Stonare.

3 Hen. V.—*Thos. Ellys*—the same—between Smallhede and Romney.

Members of Parliament.

40 Edw. III.	.	.	Walter Ellis, Baron for Dovor.
50 Edw. III.	.	.	John Ellis, do.
12 Rich. II.	.	.	John Ellis, Baron for New Romney.
15 Rich. II.	.	.	John Ellis, do.
31 Hen. VI.	.	.	Guy Ellis, do.
13 Edw. III.	.	.	John Ellis, Citizen for Canterbury.
15 Edw. III.	.	.	John Ellis, do.
20, 21, 22, 34 Edw. III.	.	.	John Ellis, do.
1 Rich. II.	.	.	Walter Ellis, do.
6, 7 Rich. II.	.	.	Walter Ellis, do.
8, 11, 18 Rich. II.	.	.	Wm. Ellis, do.

Extract from the Act of Resumption, passed 1 Hen. VII.

“ Provided always that this Act of Resumption, or any other, extend not, nor be prejudiciall of, to, or for any graunte made by our noble progenitor King Edw. the iiijth, by his Letters Patent, to oure well beloved *John Elys*, esquier, of the iiijth part of a messuage and lx acres land, in the parish of Thurnham, in the countie of Kent, with the appurtenances; but that the said Letters Patent, according to the tenour thereof, be and stande to the saide John good, effectuell, and availlable, by whatsoever name or names the said John in the said Letters Patent be named or called, this Acte of Resumption, or any other, made or to be made notwithstanding.” (Rolls of Parliament, vi. 350.)

(From the Parliamentary Writs.)

1326. *John Ellis*, appointed by Commission, tested at Hawley 3 Jan. to assist in blockading the sea coast between Hythe and Romney, for the purpose of preventing the landing of emissaries from France, &c.

1326. *John Ellis*, appointed in like manner from Milton to Rochester.

1311. *Roger Ellis*, manucaptor of Thomas Chiche, returned M.P. for Canterbury.

1320. *Roger Ellis*, manucaptor of William de Den, knt. of the shire, returned for Kent.

1503, Nov. 3, *Robertus Elys* e dioc. Cant. (Soc. admissus 1503), obiit de peste anno probationis, et statim eadem nocte, pro timore infectionis, sepulturæ traditus est (et quia non dicitur in ecclesiâ) in cemeteriis ut videtur. (Gutch's Oxford, iii. 205, art. "Merton Coll.")

Eustace Ellis, vicar of Linsted, inducted Nov. 11, 1571.

John Ellis, rector of St. Alphage, Canterbury, 1467.

Thos. Ellis, vicar of Thorne: bur. there, ob. 18 Mch, 1569.

ELLIS OF ST. ALBAN'S AND ST. JULIAN'S, CO. HERTS.

This short pedigree is from a book in the College of Arms, marked "D 24," p. 53. No arms are given with it; but, if the derivation from the Ellises of Chiselhurst be correct, the above family were entitled, of course, to the arms and crest borne by the former. The ancient arms of Ellis of Sandwich are, therefore, erroneously impaled with the arms of Rudston on the latter's monument.

JOHN ELLIS of Chiselhurst, co. Kent, had

JOHN ELLIS of St. Alban's, co. Herts, who marr. Elizabeth da. of John *Chamberlaine* of King's Clere, co. Hants; Mary Ellis; and Elizabeth Ellis, the wife of — *Glover*. John Ellis was father of

JOHN ELLIS^{*} of St. Julian's, co. Herts, high sheriff of the

^{*} John Ellis, esq. bought the advowson of the vicarage of St. Stephen's, near St. Alban's, and by his will, dated 30 June, 1680, devised it to Rebecca, his wife, for life, remainder to his second son Thomas, to his third son John, and his fourth son James, successively in tail male: remainder to the heirs of his second son Thomas for ever. John Ellis died. Rebecca ob. 1682. Thomas Ellis, his second son, suffered a common recovery of the advowson 2 James II., and, in conjunction with Mary his wife, levied a fine to the use of Henry Killigrew in fee. (Clutterbuck's Herts. vol. i. p. 230.)

Memorial in St. Stephen's church: "Under this stone lyeth the body of James

county 1668; will dated 30 June, 1680; therein described "Citizen and Draper of London;" Elizabeth Ellis, who marr. Robert *Rudston*,⁷ who died 21 Aug. 1642; James Ellis, eldest son (? born 15 Mch, 1643, ob. 29 June, 1668), William Ellis, 2d son, Thomas Ellis 4th son, and Rowland Ellis 5th son. John Ellis mar. 1st Elizabeth da. of — *Bridges* of Lancashire, 2d Rebecca, da. of Richard *Read* of London, esq. who died 1682. By the first he had

RICHARD ELLIS, s. and h. ob. 12, 1669; Thomas, living 2 James II. who marr. Mary —; John and James, living 1680; Rebecca, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Martha, and Anne, married to Thos. *Chamberlain*² of London, by whom she had issue.

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Ellis, eldest son of John Ellis, esq. of St. Julian's, born 15 March, 1643; died, 29 June, 1668." (Ibid. p. 234.)

⁷ In Harpenden church, co. Herts. is the following, on the tablet of a monument affixed to a pillar south side of the main aisle, with these arms,—*Arg. 3 bull's heads erased sa.* (Rudston) impaling, *Azure, on a fess arg. 3 torteaux between 6 cross crosslets fitchée of the second* (Ellis of Sandwich). "Neare this pillar lyeth interred the body of Robert Rudston, son of Belknap Rudston, of Boughton-Chelsey, in the county of Kent, esq. Hee tooke to wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Ellis of St. Alban's, in y^e county of Hertford, gent. Hee departed this life the 21st of August, 1642, leaving to his friends fair testimonies of his love; to y^e poore, of his charitie; to y^e world, of his vertue; for whose pious memorie his brother erected this deserved memorial." (Clutterbuck's Herts. i. 415.)

² In St. Alban's church: "Nigh hereunto lye interred Mary the mother, John the brother, Christopher and Benjamin, the children, of Thomas Chamberlaine of London, esq. He married Anne, the daughter of John Ellis of St. Julian's, esq. and to their memories erected this monument.

Christopher Benjamin John Mary Samuel	C.	dyed	esq. of London	aged	Y. M. D.		
					12 Oct. 1682	1	7 6
					15 Nov. 1690	0	6 20
					4 Sept. 1696	27	0 0
					3 Dec. 1696	70	0 0
					19 Feb. 1794	80	0 0

Arms: *An inescutcheon arg. within an orle of mullets or* (Chamberlaine), impaling Ellis of Sandwich as before. Crest: *Out of a ducal coronet or, an ass's head.*" (Clutterbuck's Herts, i. 70.)