CHAPTER VI
THE LEICESTERSHIRE BEAUMONTS - THE COLE ORTON FAMILY.

"It is not the times are bad, but men."


Cole Orton is situated about two miles from Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

The Cole Orton, Grace Dieu, Stoughton, Barrow on Trent and Buckland families all bear the following Coat of Arms: Az., semée de fleurs de lys, a lion, rampant, or. Crest: on a chapeau az. semée of fleur de lys, turned up Erm, a lion, passant, with tail extended or. Motto: "Erectus non elatus". (Burke's General Armoury.)

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Sir Tho- William mas 1st Sir George John Christopher Vct. of Villiers
Swords

George Duke Mary Elizabeth of Buckingham.

Susan


Sir Henry Kt.

Sir Thomas

The estates passed to Sir George, Bart. 1st Bart.
of Stoughton Grange, Sir Henry 2nd Bart.
great-great-grandson of Thomas Beaumont. Sir Thomas 3rd Bart.
George, 4th Bart.

Sir Thomas of Stoughton Grange
1st Bart. (see p. 175.)

Sir Henry Thomas William founder of the Dunmow Family

William Henry Henrietta Jane Mary

George William Thomas Elizabeth Margaret
6th of Bart. Buckland Buckland

Charles William George William Thomas
7th Bart.
d.s.p.

Sir George Thomas William Francis
Howland Davie. Bertie.
Willoughby
8th Bart.

George Howland Willoughby Susan Mary. Constance Mary.
9th Bart. Hastings.

George Francis Frederick Henry Lina Mary Howley
Howland Howley Lewis Cecil
Willoughby Maureward Charles
10th Bart.

George Arthur Hamilton
11th Bart.
The second son of John 4th Baron Beaumont (see p. 104) was Thomas, the founder of the Cole Orton family. He was knighted and afterwards created Lord of Basqueville in Normandy; he was probably slain there or near Calais circ. 1458.

He was Regent of France during the minority of Henry VI; Warden of the Cinque Ports, Captain of the Galliard, Governor of Dover Castle 1457, and Governor of the Bastille, Paris.

The Pipe Rolls of Henry V when recording the battle of Agincourt, 25th October, 1415, probably refers to him in the following passage, "EXERCITUM HENRICUS IBI INSTRUIT: SAGITTARIIS PREFICITUR EDWARDUS DUX EBORACENSIS; HUNC SECULI SUNT HONORATISSIMI VIRI DE DOMINI BEAUMONTUS, WILLOUGHBEIUS, ET FANHOPUS" (1). "Henry drew up his army there, Edward Duke of York was at the head of the vanguard of archers and under his command were the Lords Beaumont, Willoughby and Fairhope". Drayton, the poet laureate (1563-1631) in his ode on the battle (The Cambro Britans and their Harpe, p. 308) says:

"Waurwick in Bloode did wade,
Oxford the Foe invade,
And cruel slaughter made.
Still as they ran vp:
Suffolke his axe did ply,
Beamont and Willoughby
Bore them right doughtyly
Ferrers and Fanhope.
On happy Crispin day
Fought was this Noble Fray,
Which fame did not delay
To England to carry."  (2)

(Their are other references to him ibid pp. 63, 68 and 69).

When serving under Richard, Earl of Warwick, at the Siege of Paris, in 1433 he made a sortie, out of the city with some six hundred of the garrison, with the object of finding out the strength of the French; he was surrounded and captured with eighty of his men, about two hundred were killed and the rest regained the shelter of the ramparts. A week later Paris capitulated.

He evidently possessed lands in Devonshire, for Robert and Elizabeth Burton sued him for land at Parkham, but the

(1) CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF GREAT BRITAIN, HENRY V. Charles A. Cole, p. 43; also Holingshed, CHRONICLES III. 79.
plaintiffs lost their case.

He married, 1427 Phillipa, daughter and heiress of Sir Thomas Maureward, of Cole Orton and Quartermerson and she inherited the whole of these estates which had been held by her family from A.D. 1218; they have remained in the Beaumont family up to the present time (1922). Godeby Manor in the County of Leicester, was also held by the family until Nicholas Beaumont conveyed it to the Villiers in the sixteenth Century.

He had issue:

I. John, heir.

II. Henry, of Godeby, slain at Towton Field 29th March 1461/2. Issue:

(1) John.

III. Thomas, held estates at Thringston, near Cole Orton, he became the founder of the Grace Dieu (see p. 151) and the Barrow on Trent families (see p. 191).

John Beaumont, of Cole Orton and Overton, slain at the Battle of Towton Field, Palm Sunday 29th March 1461/2 fighting under the banner of the "Red Rose", when the Yorkists were victorious. His brother was likewise killed, and his second cousin, William taken prisoner. In the act of attainder passed immediately after the accession of Edward IV, their names are mentioned and their estates confiscated. The following is an extract from the act:

"Who on Sunday called comynly Palme Sunday, the XXIX of Marche, the first yere of his Reigne in a Feld Bitwene the townes of Shirbourne in Elmett and Tadcastr' in the Shire of York, called Saxton Feld and Towton Field in the Shire of York accompanied with the Frenchmen and Scotts, the Kynges enemyes falsely and traiterously agenst their feith and liegeance, there rered werre agenst the same Kyng Edward, their rightwise true and naturall liege lord purposyng there to have distroyed hym, and deposed hym of his roiall estate, coroune and dignite: and then and there to that entent, falsely and traiterously moved bataille ageinst his seid estate, shedying therein the bloode of a great nombre of his subgetts: in which bataille it pleased Almyghty God to geve unto hym of the mysterie of his myght and grace, the victorie of his enemyes and rebelles and to subdue and avoyde th' effect of their fals and traiterous purpose."

The King on the passing of the act of attainder 16th May 1462, gave the Cole Orton estates to Richard Hastings
and his heirs, and they remained in his possession until 1485, when John, the eldest son of Henry of Godeby, petitioned Henry VII for a reversal of the attainder; this was granted to him and to the other members of the family.

The petition was as follows: "To the King our liege lord humbly beseecheth your noble grace, your true subjett and liegeman, John Beaumont, eldest son of Henry Beaumont late of Godeby, in the Shire of Leicestre, gentleman, while in the service of the moste blessed and Chisten prynce Henry VI, late King of England, upon Palme Sunday, in the felde called Saxton felde in battail was slayn; and after for that cause, was by an acte of atteyndre, made in the Parliament of Edward the IVth late King of England holden at Westmr the 11th day of Novemb. in the first yere of his raigne, atteynt of high treason: and by the same acte, forfeited to the same late King all his inheritance; as in the same acte is expresed more at large" ........

Consequent on the loss of the French possessions by the English Crown, John in common with all other English barons forfeited his French estates.

He married Joan, daughter of Lord John Darcy, of Torksey and Menell: (Leic. Pedigrees, G.F. Farnham) she married secondly, Giles Daubeney. John had issue:

I. John, heir.

II. George, heir to his brother John.

III. Henry d.s.p.

IV. William, d.s.p.

V. Richard, d.s.p.

VI. Robert, d.s.p.

JOHN BEAUMONT, K.B., born 1446, d.s.p. 11th August, 1531, he inherited his father's estates on the reversal of the attainder in 1485, and he held Manors at Eggynton, Typton, Langelegh, and Sapurton in Lincolnshire, Greatnorin and Thirfford in Norfolk, Long Whatton and Haloughton in Leicestershire and North Horrigge, Devon (Calendar of Inquisitions, H. VII. Vol 2.) At his death they passed to his great nephew Richard the grandson of his brother George.

He was created a Knight of the Bath, at the installation of Prince Arthur, as Prince of Wales, in 1490. He married 19th March, 1514, Alice daughter of Sir William Fielding of
Newnham Paddox, K.T., and had no issue.

GEORGE OF OVERTON Quartermersh, brother of John died 1530, married first Thomasin daughter of William Motton, and had no issue by her; he married secondly Joane daughter and heiress of Sir Thomas Paucefoote of Northall, Gloucestershire. Issue:

I. William, heir.

II. Edward, married Katherine daughter of William Lexham of Lexham Manor, Norfolk, and had issue:

(1) a son who died without issue and

(2) a daughter Mary, who married Sir William Charnock.

III. George, of Godeby, either he or his nephew George had an estate in Kent. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Leign, of Abbington, Surrey, and relict of Robert Lusher, of Surrey. Issue:

(1) Thomas of Gittisham, Devon (see p. 70).

(2) Henry, S.T.P., died 30th June, 1627. He was buried in S. George's Chapel, Windsor, near to the door of the Chapter House. B.A. Cambridge, 1569/70; M.A. 21st May 1574 Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, 1571, a founder's kinsman on his mother's side; Pro-Proctor 1581, B.D. 4th July 1586, D.D. 1616; Professor of Sacred Theology; Rector of Long Ditton, Surrey; Canon of Windsor 1600; Dean of Peterborough 1617; Dean of Windsor, and Registrar of the Order of the Garter, 24th August, 1622. A man named Chamberlaine when writing to Carleton, 4th January 1617, says "One Beaumont, an obscure Prebend of Windsor, kinsman of my Lord Villiers, was in a fair way to be Bishop of Worcester, but the conferring of Carlisle and Bangor upon the unworthy Snowdon and Baylie, was so generally distasted, that his appointment fell through" (Camden Society, 1859 p. 88). He married Ann Backford (or Buckford) of Exeter. Issue: a son, alive in 1620.

(3) Margaret married James Gryent and had issue:

1a. Elizabeth.

2b. Mary.

IV. Ann, married firstly a son of Francis Tickenhall, Derby, and secondly William Turner.

WILLIAM died before his father 1528/9, married Mary,
daughter of Sir Thomas Basset, Kt., of Blore, Stafford and Fredborough, Co. Nottingham; she died 2nd July 1537 (? 1529). (Fernham, Leic. Pedigrees). Issue:

I. Cecilia, married Henry Fenton, grandfather of Sir William Fenton.

II. Katherine, married Leonard Bardsey.

III. Richard, heir. See p. 128.

IV. George.

V. James married a widow named Leigh.

VI. Edward, died young.

VII. Simon, died young.

VIII. John, d.s.p. Rector of Cole Orton 1534. The Greyfriars at Bridgnorth, founded in the reign of Henry VI was granted in 1545, by Henry VIII to John Beaumont together with the manor of Whately, Warwick (? Somerset). He (John) sold the latter in the same year to Nicholas Wilson. A John Beaumont was Rector of Oxwick, Norfolk, 1542 and st Colkirk, Norfolk 1558.

IX. Anthony, of Glenfield, Leicestershire, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Armstrong of Corby, Co. Lincoln. Issue:

(1) Francis, knighted at Whitehall 1618; and buried at Washingborough, Co. Lincoln 11th August 1625; he married Cassandra, daughter of Thomas Ogle, of Pinchbeck, and widow of Robert Lacy. She was baptised at Pinchbeck, 7th January, 1514/15 and died at Washingborough 23rd December, 1632, and buried with her husband. Issue:

1a. Mary, married 20th October 1621 to Spencer Compton, Earl of Northampton, King James being present. He was killed at the Battle of Hopton Heath, 19th March 1643.

2a. Elizabeth, married Robert first Earl of Nithsdale, and Baron Maxwell.

(2) Mary, born 1559 died 19th April, 1632, buried in S. Nicholas Chapel, Westminster Abbey, with her first husband Sir George Villiers of Brokesby. A year before her death she erected over her husband's grave a black and white marble tomb with alabaster figures of herself and husband on the top. It was sculptured by Nicholas Stone and cost £560. The inscription on the north side reads:
This may be translated

"To George Villiers of Good memory, knight
Well deserving of his relatives and countrymen
His most beloved wife Mary Countess of Buckingham had made at her expense."

That on the south side:

To God Almighty
The bones of Mary de Beaumont Countess of Buckingham descended from Five Kings of the most powerful kingdoms of All Europe (and that through as many direct descents) aged 62 Years 11 months 19 days This monument the survivors have had erected.

(1) Bene Merenti.
(2) Surs et populum.
(3) Sua pecunia faciendum fecit.
(4) Vivi Faciendum Coraverunt.
At the east and west ends of the tomb the Villiers and Beaumont arms are shown quartered.

On the 1st of July 1618 James I created her Countess of Buckingham and Baroness Compton. She was a charming woman and possessed great strength of character. She was lady in waiting to Queen Henrietta Maria, Consort of Charles I (ROMANCE OF GEORGE VILLIERS, PHILLIP GIBBS). When James I was on his death bed, she and her son George in the absence of the doctors applied a plaster to the King's heart and breast, whereupon he fainted and appeared to be in great pain. When the physicians entered the room they said the patient had been poisoned, but they afterwards agreed that he died from natural causes. She married secondly Sir William Rayner and thirdly Sir Thomas Compton. She had issue:

1a. George, born at Brooksby, Leic. 28th August 1592. Succeeded to his mother's dukedom, he was a great favourite of James I and Charles I, he was made Lord Admiral of England and Constable of Windsor Castle. He had a daughter Susan, who married William, Earl of Denbigh.

2a. John, created Viscount Purbeck.

3a. Christopher, created Earl of Anglesea.

4a. Susan.

(3) Anna, born 1567 married firstly James Brett of Hoby, Co. Leicester, secondly married in 1617 Sir Christopher Perkins, Kt., of Rotherby, Co. Leicester. He died in 1622. By her first husband she had issue:

1a. Henry.

2a. Alexander.

3a. Arthur.

4a. Anthony.

5a. Anne, married Lionel Cranfield, Earl of Middlesex, Lord Treasurer of England (Notes and Queries, 6 S. XI. 435).

(4) Thomas, d.s.p.

(5) Maurice, d.s.p.

(6) Barbara, married George Ashby of Thringston, he
died 1615. She married secondly Thomas Sheldon of Hoby, Co. Leicester. Issue:

1a. Elizabeth.

2a. A daughter.

(7) Dorothy she married John Hill of Honilley Co. Warwick. Issue:

1a. A daughter who married into the Bulkeley of Beaumaris family.

2a. Dorcas.

3a. Susannah. She had two husbands the second being Sir Thomas Compton Reid, brother of William first Earl of Northampton.

X. William, youngest son of William, (see p. 124) died at Stordon, near Thringston.

Richard of Godeby and Cole Orton. Died 18th October, 1537 his will was proved 19th February 1538/9. He inherited from his great uncle the Cole Orton estates. A Richard Beaumont from Co. Leicester, born 1465 was admitted a demi of Magdalen College, Oxford, 12th October, 1484.

He married Colleta (Mary?) daughter and heiress of Richard Clerke, of Buckingham, she married secondly William Villiers of Brokesby and thereby became the ancestress of the Earls of Jersey. Issue:

I. Nicholas, heir.

II. Thomas.

III. Mary, she married firstly - Sharpe, secondly - Hatcliffe. She had no issue.


V. Anne, married William Keldon.

VI. Dorothy, d.s.p.

VII. Etheldred (?)

Nicholas, born 25th November 1526, (Farnham, Leic. Pedigrees) died 4th November 1598 and buried in Christ
Church, Newgate Street. This building was destroyed in the great fire of London, 1666. He was M.P. for Co. Leicester and Knight of the Shire 1572, Sheriff 1577; and M.P. for Bramborough 1585.

He married Anne, daughter of William Saunders, of Welford, Co. Northampton. She died 10th February 1591 and was buried with her husband. The following is a copy of the inscription on a memorial slab which was in the church at the time of its destruction.

"Neere unto this place lyeth buried the body of Nicholas Beaumont of Cole Orton
In the County of Leicester, Esquire and Anne his wife
the daughter of William Saunders of Welford
in the County of Northampton, Esq. by whom
he had issue 4 sons and 2 daughters, viz.
Henry, Francis, Thomas, and Huntingdon
Dorothy and Catherine.
The said Nicholas died 4th day of November 1598
His wife the 10th day of February 1591.
In affectionate remembrance of whom, this memorial
Was erected at the care and cost of
Elizabeth, Lady Ashburnham widow,
late wife of Sir John Ashburnham, Kt.
daughter of Sir Thomas Beaumont of Stoughton
in the county aforesaid: Their 3rd sonne
at the appointment of her uncle
Francis Beaumont Esqr, their 2nd sonne
to whom the erector thereof was executrix."

Another memorial slab near the altar recorded:

"Within this grave enclosed here, Anne Beaumont now doth rest
A loving and a faithful wife, with many children blest.
She served God with zeal and truth and learnt to flee from sinne;
And as she learned his holy will, she livd and dyd therein.
A friend to such as virtue sought, a foe unto no wight;
A help to those that feared God, with all her power and might;
The poore shall oft bewaile her want, by whom they found reliefe,
Whose mind with earnest care was bent, to ease them of their griefe,
Thus happy she, that now is gone from hence, rewarde to finde
Unhappy yet for such her friends, as she hath left behinde:
But thrice unhappy for his losse, that doth her praise rehearse
A woful praise unto her sonne, who wrote this doleful verse."
"Anne, wife unto Nicholas Beaumont of Cole Overton in Leicestershire Esq. and daughter unto William Saunders, of Welforde in Northamptonshire Esq. and half sister unto Walter Haddon Master of the Requests departed this life the 7th day of September A.D. 1581 leaving behind her six children."

(The dates of Anne's death on the two memorials do not agree).

They had issue:-

I. Henry, heir.

II. Francis born 1551, d.s.p. 18th June 1624; (view of London 1901) B.A. 1569/70; M.A. Cambridge, 1573, admitted to Gray's Inn 3rd March, 1617/8, resided at Leicester from which borough he, in 1597, addressed "a judicious apology for the supposed levities of Chaucer", which was prefixed to the 1598 edition of that great poet's works. This is frequently attributed to his cousin Francis the Dramatist. In March 1617/8 he was elected master of Sutton Hospital. Thomas Pauly wrote to Sir Richard Beaumont of Whitley "Mr. Francis Beaumont is maister of Suttone Hospitall, it is worth £200 per annum; a place so fitt for him, that all this Kingdom cannott yeeld a more fitt" (BEAUMONT PAPERS, Roxburgh Club). He was in 1624 appointed by the King Master of the Charterhouse the fourth in order of election.

In 1622 he obtained from King James a grant of lands in the counties of Leicester, Warwick and Cambridge. He was much interested in cock fighting. He was buried in the chapel of the Charterhouse; at the east end of the north aisle is a monument consisting of a figure habited in a gown and ruff, kneeling at a prie dieu, the inscription is as follows:

"In the vault under the fownders tombe lyeth Buryed the bodye of Francis Beaumont, Master of Artes Esquire, late Master of this ye Kinge's hospitall; He was seconde sonne of Nicholas Beaumont of Coloverton in ye County of Lecesr Esq., He dyed ye 18th of June Ad. 1624. This monument was erected by Elizabeth Lady Richardson, Baroness of Cramond in Scotland, his nece and Executris Daugtr to Sir Thomas Beaumont of Stanton in ye Co. Affor-
said and brother to ye said Francis."

III. Thomas of Stoughton Grange (see p. 176).

IV. Huntingdon, of Bedworth, Co. Warwick, born 1565
(? 1559-1561), d.s.p. 1616, admitted to the Inner Temple 1580, married into the Holland family.

V. Dorothy married William Reade of Barton on Humber.

VI. Catherine, married firstly Anthony, son and heir of Sir John Byron, of Newstead, Notts. She married secondly Sir Henry Berkeley, of Wymondham, Co. Leicester, the latter was born 1566 and was alive in 1622. Catherine left no issue.

Sir Henry Beaumont, Kt., born at Cole Orton died there and buried in the south aisle of the Church 31st March, 1607, M.P. for Derby 1585 and for Leicestershire 1589. High Sheriff of the County 1594. He formed one of the company of Leicestershire gentlemen who met James the VI of Scotland at Worksop when on his journey to London to receive the English Crown. He was knighted by the King, 20th April, 1603, and he received at the same time a grant of lands in Leicestershire and Derbyshire. He petitioned the King to revive the Viscounty forfeited by the attainder of John and William, Viscounts Beaumont (see p. 112). This resulted in his son being raised to the Irish Peerage, as Viscount Beaumont of Swords. The Petition, taken from a MS. in possession of the family, (BETHAMS BARONAGE II) was as follows:

"The Petition and Case of Sir Henry Beaumont, to be restored to be Lord Viscount Beaumont being the male issue of that family.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty."

May it please your Majesty, to understand the humble petition of your loyal subject, Sir Henry Beaumont, Kt., who being descended from the ancient family of the Viscount Beaumont, and heir male of the said lyne, as appeared in this paper, within written more plainly, - yet notwithstanding anie claime which he could justly make unto the present title and honour, humbly referreth himself wholly unto your gratious favor, desiring that your Majesty will vouchsafe to commit this his suite unto the right honourable the Lords of the counsail, commissioners in that behalf; that your Majesty may receive by them, true information of your said subject's humble petition.

To the King's Most Excellent Majestie,

May it please your Majesty to understand the humble petition of your loyal and obedient subject, Sir Henry Beaumont, Kt., that whereas his ancestors, time out of mind, as Peeres and barons of this realmz, in sundrie Kings raignes, have been summoned to divers parliaments and as Viscounts of
this Kingdome in like manner have taken their places, which
dignity and honor did belong to their heires males, and hath
continued in their blood, by succession, till of late yeares;
the last Viscount having only issue, two daughters, the
patrimonie being divided, and the dignity discontinued, by
the monage of some of your petitioners ancestors - and as
forasmuch as your said suppliant is now next heir male of
that family, and nothing doubting of your Majestie's princely
disposition and inclination to re-edifie the ruines of your
declyned nobility, doth most humbly beseech your Majestie's
most gracious favour, for restauration of your said suppliant
to his ancient right and dignity, whose prayers shall be
continued for your Majestie's happy preservation, and long
reigne over us.

The original of the house being first highly derived,
as appeareth by authentique pedigrees.
The antiquity and long continuance of them in the state
of peers of the realme, as by the records
is manifest.
Their honourable matches, both with the bloud royal
and with the ancientest houses of the
nobility;
as with the heir of Alexander Comyn, Earl of Bogham,
and High Constable of Scotland, whose
mother was
One of the co-heires of Roger de Quincy, Earl of
Winchester.
With the daughter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster,
With a daughter of the Earl of Oxford,
With a daughter of the Lord Mowbray, that was Earl
Marshall
With a daughter of the Lord Wells
With the only daughter and heir of Lord Bardolph
With a daughter of the Duke of Buckingham, and with
many other houses of great honour.
Besides the
Bestowing of their own female offspring upon the greatest
houses of the nobility of this realme.
As Elizabeth (Isabel) daughter to Henry Lord Beaumont,
who married to Henry, Duke of Lancaster,
Whose daughter, Blanch was wife to John of Gaunt and
mother to Henry IV.
Another daughter of the Lord Beaumont was married to
the Earl of Arthell, whose son married
The daughter of the Lord Ferrers.
Another was married to the Lord Lacey
Another to the Lord Audleigh
All which ancient and noble families, are by reason
thereof, mixt in bloud with the said
Henry Beaumont - The truth of all which is evident, out
of inquisitions, and other good matters of record.
This great honour, favours, and pre-heminences they have been heretofore endowed withal, by the King's progenitors, for the great estimation they had them in, for their faith and service, having been always respected by them, near in bloud and lynnage.

John, Lord Beaumont, was created Viscount Beaumont, whereas his ancestors long line before, had been barons.
And great revenues and titles of honour, granted to the said Viscount Beaumont, in France, the King of England then having a great part of Fraunce.
And giving him precedency on places of honour, next to Earles.
Great priviledges and franchises granted to them in all their lands and manors by Henry VI.
The grant of the Castle of Folkingham and other lands by Edward I and many grants of that nature in all Kings times to them and to their heires males.
They have been imploited very honourably in services both of warre and peace as appeareth plainly by our Chronicles.
John Viscount Beaumont was High Constable and Great Chamberlain.
The Lord Beaumont was Constable of Carlisle 12 Richard III. They have suffered great diminutions of estate, hazards, and damage for their faith and service to their Prince.
John Lord Beaumont was slaine in the service of his country at Striveleng in the time of Edward III.
John Viscount Beaumont, was slaine at Northampton 38 Henry VI in the defence of the most Christian Prince Henry VI.

Richard Beaumont, grandfather to Sir Henry Beaumont, your Majestie's now suppliant, was taken prisoner in the King's service in the time of Henry VIII and was enforced to redeem his liberty by sale of part of his inheritance.

That Sir Henry Beaumont is next heire male in bloud to the family - That is to say sonne and heire of Nicholas, sonne and heire of Richard, sonne and heire of William, some and heire of George, sonne and heire of John, son and heire of Thomas, Lord Backville, younger sonne to the Lord John Beaumont.
The last of the males of which family was the Lord William, who being Viscount Beaumont and Lord Bardof, dyed without issue, in the time of Henry VII. - which derivation of bloud, as also that the said Sir Henry Beaumont is the next in bloud, is apparent, both by records, and by approved pedigrees, and the servise of Queen Elizabeth.

For the competency of his means and ability, for doinge this honourable service, and for the upholding of the estate of a Peere, he humbly referreth himself to that which your highness shall be informed, upon enquiry thereof.

Notwithstandinge, your Majesty's said suppliant referreth himself, and all his titles unto your majestie's grace and shall think himself highly honoured to be a creature of your handy worke, to be disposed of as by your princely favour shall be thought fit."

In 1599 the borough of Leicester made an appeal to the Earl of Huntingdon to free the city from tolls, owing to its poverty, there being no cloth making and no trade, caused by the raising of soldiers and the payments of subsidies and the relief of the poor. This was at the time of the Irish rebellion under O'Neale. Amongst others it was signed by a Henry Beaumont (RECORDS BOROUGH LEICESTER III. 355, Mary Bateson).

He married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Lovis of Ogbear, Cornwall and of London. She was also heiress of her brother Humphrey; she died 26th March 1608 and was buried at Cole Orton. In the church is a fine alabaster altar tomb with full length figures under a Grecian arch with cornice and arms and crest over. The Knight is depicted in the tasset period of armour with ruff at neck. The lady wears a handsome Marie Stuart headdress, a full skirted robe with a mantle over, ruff and quadruple chain round her neck. The eldest son is also depicted in armour kneeling at a prie dieu. Nichols in his VISITATION OF LEICESTER says "Where his fair and beautiful tomb has the effigies of him and his lady at full length, couered, painted and gilt, and inscribed

"Here lieth ye bodies of Sr Henry Beav Mont, Knig: and Ladie Elizabeth, his wife
Wch Sr Henry was son to Nichol Beaumot
Esq. and Elizabeth was daught. and heire of John Lovis
Esq. by who (sic) he had one only son vz.
Sr Thomas Beaumot (sic) Knit. who married
Ye daught. and heire of Henry Sapcotts Esq.
Wch Sr Henry died ye 31 th (sic) of March. Anno
Do'ni, 1607 and ye said Ladie Elizabeth
died the 26th of March. An. 1608."
They left issue:

I. Thomas, heir.

II. William.

Sir Thomas Beaumont, Viscount and Baronet, died 1624/5; buried at Cole Orton, his will was dated 22nd February 1603, it was proved 31st May, 1625. He inherited the Devonshire estates in 1591 (see p. 69). He was one of the Royal Progress Knights, that honour having been conferred on him by James I at Belvoir Castle at the same time that his father was raised to the nobility. On the 13th (?) September 1619 he was created a baronet and he was further raised to the dignity of a Viscount of Swords, Co. Dublin, 22nd May, 1622. The Viscounty lapsed on the death, in 1702, of his grandson Thomas without male issue.

He was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1609, High Sheriff of Co. Leicester, 1610, M.P. for the county 1604 to 1611 and again in 1620. On the 13th June 1610 he moved a resolution in Parliament "That it were more for the King's safety and honor, for our own credits and reputations and for the satisfaction of our contrary to defer a suppliance till we have had an answer of our grievances and had concluded the contracts for the tenures" (CAMDEN SOC. Vol. LXXXI p. 55). On the 6th November, he objected to the raising of £200,000 on land, and said "if we go forward we are undone, charging the land, so deeply as is desired; and on the other side, if we go not forward, it is dangerous" (IBID, p. 129). On the 23rd of the same month he moved for a committee to be appointed to consider supply (CAMDEN, 1862, Vol. LXXXI. p. 142). The King replied by adjourning the house from time to time, and finally dissolved it 9th February 1611; so the committee was not appointed, and four years passed before the financial straits of the Government forced James to face the two Houses again (Green, HIST ENG. p. 411).

He married his licence being dated 2nd October 1600 - Elizabeth daughter and heiress of Henry Sapcote, of Elton, Co. Huntington, and of Bracebridge, Co. Lincoln, the latter was a recusant and died a prisoner in the Fleet July 1629. Elizabeth was born in 1580 and was alive at the time of her husband's death. They had issue:

I. Sapcote, heir.

II. Farnham, born 1615 died 1670, married Frances........ she afterwards married George Long, of Preston Candoner.

III. Henry, was born 1616, he died without issue, and
inherited the Devonshire estates from his father, he subsequently sold them to Nicholas Putt.


   VI. Elizabeth, married firstly Sir Thomas Waldron of Charley, Co. Leicester; secondly married Henry, Lord Hastings third son of the Earl of Huntingdon. Issue:

      (1) Henry, born 1653;
      (2) Elizabeth.

   VII. Anne.

   VIII. Jane, d.s.p.

   IX. Mary, born 13th February, 1607/8, married Francis Manby of Riby, he died 1671.

   X. Katherine.

   XI. Frances.

   XII. Eleanor married 2nd May, 1639 at Norton Disney, Daniel Disney, of Norton Disney and Hyde, Essex barrister-at-law, he was born in 1616. She was buried at Norton 23rd March, 1643/4.

   SIR SAPCOTE BEAUMONT 2nd Viscount of Swords, born 10th May, 1614, died 1658. He in common with his brother and son suffered much for his fidelity to the Royalist cause. He fortified his mansion at Cole Orton and made it his headquarters when attacking Ashby-de-la-Zouch. It was however captured by the Puritans, who made it their headquarters, only to be recaptured and burnt by the King's forces in 1646. After its destruction Sapcote lived at Whitwick. Symonds in his diary says "A rebel garrison occupied Cole Overton, a house of Lord Beaumont's, one mile from Ashby, under the command of Temple and fifty men". On the 28th May, 1645 he writes "His Majestie marched with his army near Cole Orton, garrison of the enemyes, then by the Abbey of Grace Dieu where Sir Thomas Beaumont lives." On the establishment of the Commonwealth, he compounded for his estates.
He married firstly, 28th May 1632 Bridget daughter of Sir Thomas Monson, of Burton and Carleton, Co. Lincoln, Knight Banneret. She was buried at Burton 1st June 1640, and the sermon preached at her funeral service by the Rev. T. Hodgson will be found amongst the Sloane MSS. at the British Museum (1470. f. 249) also a letter from the rector to her three eldest children, dated 19th January 1640/1 (Harleian 7041). He then married c. 1643 Anne daughter of Sir William Villiers of Brokesby, she was buried in Brokesby Church. He subsequently married Rebecca second daughter of Robert Roper of Heanor, Co. Derby, the latter died 1678. He had issue:

I. Thomas, heir.

II. John, born 1638, d.s.p. 3rd July 1701 (? 1704). M.P. for Nottingham 1685-88 and for Hastings 1688-90, Lord Warden of the cinque Ports 1689. He was a Royalist, and on his estates being sequestered by the Cromwellians he attended Charles II in his exile. After the restoration, he held several offices at Court, and served in Ireland with the Royal regiment of Guards in June 1678. He was appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the 8th Regiment of the line, by James II and resigned his commission December 1695. In the previous May he fought a duel with Sir William Forrester, occasioned by a quarrel, the latter was disarmed.

On the accession of James II, he received from that monarch £50 secret service money. In 1686 he was awarded by the government £244. 3s. 2d. towards the cost of the repairs of his house. Probably it was damaged, in the previous year by the rebels led by the Duke of Monmouth.

In 1688 James II resolved, with the view of retaining his hold on the army, of filling it as far as possible with Roman Catholics; for this purpose he introduced Irish papists into England, but, at that time, so strong and general was the aversion of the English to the Irish, that Roman Catholic leaders in England were included, it even permeated in the Privy Council and Powis and Bellasyse expressed their antipathy to the aliens. This was more strongly felt amongst the English protestants, especially in the army, neither officers nor privates were disposed to bear patiently the preference shown by the King to - as they considered - a foreign and subject race. Forty of these men were sent to Portsmouth to be incorporated with the garrison, serving under the command of the Duke of Berwick. The English soldiers declared that they would not serve with these intruders and Lieutenant Colonel John Beaumont and Captains Thomas Paston, brother of the Earl of Yarmouth, Simon Pack, Thomas Orme, William Cooke, and John Port protested to the Duke against this insult to the English army and nation. Lieutenant Colonel Beaumont
stated that "they had raised the regiment at our own charges to defend His Majesty's Crown in a time of danger. We had then no difficulty in procuring hundreds of English recruits. We can easily keep every company up to its full complement without admitting Irishmen. We therefore do not think it consistent with our honour to have these strangers forced on us; and we beg that we may either be permitted to command men of our own nation or to lay down our commissions."

The Duke confined the officers to their chambers. They then wrote to Major Slingsby, the Lieutenant Governor of Portsmouth, stating the grounds of their refusal to admit these men, saying they had no intention of being mutinous or disrespectful. The Duke in the meantime informed the King, who was at Windsor, of the matter, and he fearing that their example would spread, immediately ordered a party of Horse to go to Portsmouth, to bring the delinquents to him. A court martial was summoned, 10th September, they were offered free pardon and reinstatement, if they would accept the Irishmen, they all refused and were therefore dismissed from the army, the protestant party and feeling were too strong at the time, or some would doubtless have been condemned to death. The resistance of these officers was supported by the general sentiment of the army and nation, and no further attempts were made to introduce Irishmen into English regiments (Macaulay II 128).

This incident led to the final undoing of the King for on the 5th of the following November William of Orange landed at Torbay. John with his brother Thomas and cousin Thomas of Stoughton Grange, and many others met William on this epoch-making day; by Christmas James was a fugitive at the Court of Louis XIV at S. Germains. John Beaumont was then made a Colonel and he and his regiment were present at the battle of the Boyne 1st July, 1690. (Macaulay III, 182). He also served in Scotland and Flanders.

He married firstly, 10th September, 1663 Felicia, daughter of Sir Hatton Fermor, of Easton Neston, Northants, ancestor of the Earl of Pomfret. She was widow of Sir Charles Compton, Kt., second son of Spencer, Earl of Northampton. He secondly married, at S. Anne's Westminster on the 28th September, 1693, Phillipa daughter of Sir Nicholas Carew (Carey) of Beddington, Surrey, she was born in 1668. He had no issue by either wife.

III. Elizabeth, married at Burton Co. Lincoln 8th August 1650, Sir John Hotham of Scarborough, Baronet, issue two sons. She was buried at Dalton 10th December, 1697 and had two sons. (Harl. MSS 7041).

IV. Mary, married Francis Manby of Elsam.
V. William, baptised at Whitwick, 10th December, 1643, d.s.p.

VI. Henry, baptised at Whitwick, 24th December, 1643.

Sir Thomas Beaumont, 3rd Viscount, born at Cole Orton 1633, baptised at Burton, Co. Lincoln 10th April, 1634, died 11th June, 1702, when the Viscountcy lapsed; he was buried in the church at Cole Orton and his estates passed to his cousin, Sir George Beaumont, of Stoughton Grange, (see p. 187). He raised a troop in support of the Duke of Orange and met him at Tor Bay. He was a Justice of the Peace and in 1662 was active in persecuting Quakers and other non-conformists. On 2nd September, 1659 he raided a meeting house at Submington and arrested and cast into gaol, George Fox, William Smith, Margaret Bayley, and Susannah Faith, Joane Brockesby, Henry Walker, Edward Middleton, Thomas Fowkes, and Joane Rose.

He founded and endowed Free Schools at Cole Orton in 1701 and residences for masters and mistresses, also a hospital for six widows; a slate slab over the door reads "This hospital and school was founded and endowed by the right honourable and truly charitable Thomas, Lord Viscount Beaumont of this place".

He married Mary daughter of Sir Erasmus de la Fontaine of Kirby Bellars, Co. Leicester, Knight, he was alive in 1671. Issue:

I. Elizabeth, married Henry son of Sir Henry Hastings of Kirby, and apparently died without issue.

Sir George Beaumont 4th Baronet of Stoughton Grange inherited the Cole Orton estate (see p. 187) and on his death without a direct heir it passed to his eldest surviving brother Lewis, who thereby became the 5th baronet.

The Reverend Sir Lewis Beaumont 5th baronet, of Stoughton Grange (see p. 184) born 1674, d.s.p. 23rd December 1738. In the Chancel of the Church at Pyecombe, a black marble slab records that:

"Under this marble is the body of the Revd Sir Lewis Beaumont, bart. M.A. He was thirty six years rector here, and dyed December the 23rd 1738 aged 64"
VIXI
E
PECCAVI
POENITUI
NATURAE CESSI
RESURGAM." (1)

(I have lived, I have sinned, I have yielded to the penalty of nature, I shall rise again).

He was succeeded in the barony by his cousin, George son of William Beaumont, of Great Dunmow (see p.198).

He matriculated at New College, Oxford 24th August 1694; B.A. 22nd June 1698, M.A. 16th January 1701/2, ordained deacon 22nd September 1700 Rector Pyecombe, Sussex, 1702, Prebendary Chichester 1719.

There is a curious entry in the register at Pyecombe under April 30th, 1719: "Memorandum, that whereas Mr. Barret (a former rector) granted to Nath. Hobbes leave in the year 1690 to erect a seat in the Chancel, which seat upon N. Hobbes, his leaving the parish, took away: upon Mr. Tho. Norton's earnest request, I gave him leave to sett up another seat in the same place for himself and his wife.

BENE
PLACITO ET QUAMDIU
BENE
SEGESSENT (It being well pleasing, so long as he should conduct himself well),

and no otherwise, Witness my hand

Lewis Beaumont, Rector
de Pyecombe."

He married Elizabeth Temple, née Courtney of the Isle of Wight, she died 15th July, 1750, and was buried with her husband, a small black marble slab on the dexter side of her husband's records:

Elizabeth relict
of Sr Lewis
Beaumont Bt.
died July ye
13, 1750
aged 84.

(1) Nichol's LEICESTERSHIRE III. Pt. 1, p. 548.

A memorial in the church at Great Dunmow recites "In this chancel are deposited the remains of Sir George Beaumont, Bart. of this place, who died Feby IV MDCCLXII aged XXXVI years, and of Dame Rachel, his wife, who died May V MDCCLXIV aged XCVI years:

"The dreaded hour is come. 'Tis come, 'tis past! That gentle sigh, dear mother, was thy last; And now, diffused among the blest above, Glows the pure spirit of maternal love; Ting'd by whose beams my very failings shone, Grac'd in thy eyes with something not their own. No more affection shall thy fancy cheat, Or warp thy judgment when again we meet; But every action in its nature hue Rise undisguis'd, and open to thy view. May every action then be duly weigh'd, Each virtue cherish'd and each duty paid; That when my trembling soul shall wing her flight, Thro' death's dark valley to the realms of light; I may expect where no false view beguile, The approving look and that accustom'd smile, Blest smile! becoming her sublime abode. And harbinger of pardon from my God."

Erected to the memory of his parents by Sir George Howland Beaumont, Bart., of Cole Orton Hall in the County of Leicester. Arms Beaumont impaling argent 2 bars SA. in chief 3 lions rampant (Howland). A hatchment also hangs in the Church.

He married at S. John's Church, Clerkenwell 26th March, 1761, Rachel, daughter of Michael Howland, of Stonehall, Dunmow, Essex, "a lady of talent and taste"; she died 5th May, 1814. Issue:-

I. Charles, born at Dunmow died 1757.

II. William, born at Dunmow died 1758.

III. George Howland, heir.

SIR GEORGE HOWLAND BEAUMONT, 7th Baronet born at Dunmow 6th November and baptised 17th December, 1753, d.s.p. at Cole Orton Hall 7th February 1827, and buried in the
Church there. He is commemorated by a white marble tablet:

"Sacred to the memory of
Sir George Howland Beaumont bart.,
of Cole Orton Hall in the County of Leicester
who departed this life on the 7th of February 1827,
in the 73rd yr of his age.

Also of
Dame Margaret his wife
who died the 14th of July 1829
in the 73rd year of her age."

He was Educated at Eton, and matriculated at New College, Oxford 4th May 1772, Fellow 1829, when he presented a silver bread-tray with a lattice work edge and vine and wheat ears in high relief, to the college. D C.L., F.R.S., F.S.A., a Trustee of the British Museum; M.P. for Beeralston 1790-6.

He was a great traveller visiting France, Switzerland, and Italy. He rebuilt Cole Orton Hall in 1800 but it was not completed until about 1807, George Dance being the architect. Here he kept open house, where he welcomed the great poets and painters of his day. He numbered amongst his friends Sir Joshua Reynolds, Wordsworth, Southey, Coleridge, Rogers, Byron, Wilkie, Haydon, Dr. Johnson, Sir Walter Scott and Sir Humphrey Davy. Another of his friends was Dr. Burney the musician, Sir George acted as pall bearer at his funeral.

His tastes were early devoted to art and he gained distinction as an amateur landscape painter. One of his water colours, size about eleven inches by eight inches is in the National Gallery at Edinburgh. It depicts a tower near Ponte Molle, Rome, with three Corinthian columns connected by a broken entablature, and surrounded by a lofty building (CAT. NAT. GALL. Edinburgh; 1706, E. 233). Two of his works are found at the Tait Gallery, No. 119, is a landscape eight feet by two feet, representing a scene from Shakespeare's "As you like it" Act II. this was painted in 1819. The other, No. 105, is a small landscape seven and a half inches by nine and a half inches. He was a frequent honorary exhibitor at the Royal Academy. In 1818 he commenced an agitation for a National Gallery of paintings, and it was mainly due to his appeals, tact and gifts that it was founded in 1824 and has now become one of the famous art treasures of the world. His own collection of paintings included examples by Rembrandt, Claude, Rubens, Wilson, Wilkie and Reynolds sixteen of these he left by will or presented in his lifetime to the Gallery, (The Times, 1st April 1924, Col. 15), also Angelo's unfinished bas relief of the Holy Mother and Child and S. John. Sir Joshua Reynolds painted a portrait of Sir George and Lady
Beaumont in 1778, the latter is represented looking to the right, garbed in a dark costume, with her hair dressed high, the canvas measures two feet six inches by two feet one inch. This is or was in the possession of the Earl of Arran. Sir George's London house in Grosvenor Square was a rich museum of books and paintings.

He presented Wordsworth, who was one of his great friends with a small estate at Applethwaite near Keswick, on the receipt of the gift in 1804 the poet composed the following sonnet:

"Beaumont! it was thy wish that I should rear
A seemly Cottage in this sunny Dell,
On favoured ground, thy gift, where I might dwell
In neighbourhood with One to me most dear,
That undivided, we from year to year
Might work in our high Calling - a bright hope
To which our fancies, mingling, gave free scope
Till checked by some necessities severe.
And should these slacken, honoured BEAUMONT! Still
Even then we might perhaps in vain implore
Leave of our fate thy wishes to fulfil.
Whether this boon be granted us or not,
Old Skiddaw will look down upon the Spot
With pride, the Muses love it evermore."

Sir George gave this land to Wordsworth in order that he might build a house upon it, for the sake of being near Coleridge then living at Greta Hall near Keswick. "The severe necessities" that prevented the scheme from being carried out, arose from his domestic situation. The property was beautifully situated on the southern flank of Skiddaw and on the banks of a rill that gurgled down the mountain side and the orchard and other parts of the grounds commanded a magnificent prospect of Derwent Water and the mountains of Borrowdale and Newlands.

Wordsworth said when writing to Sir George that "several of my best pieces were composed under the shade of your own groves upon the classic ground of Cole Orton, where I was animated by the recollection of those illustrious poets of your name and family, who were born in that neighbourhood, and we may be assured did not wander with indifference by the dashing stream of Grace Dieu and among the rocks that diversify the forest of Charnwood."

In 1808 the following lines by Wordsworth, describing the grounds at Cole Orton, were cut in stone and placed close to the cedar referred to:
"If but the Cedar thrive that near them stands,
Planted by Beaumont's and by Wordsworth's hands,
One wooed the silent Art with studious pains;
These groves have heard the Other's pensive strains;"  ........................................

When Inspiration hovered o'er this ground,
The haunts of him who sang how spear and shield
In civil conflict met on Bosworth Field; (1)
And of that famous Youth, full soon removed
From Earth, perhaps by Shakespear's self approved,
Fletcher's associate Jonson's Friend beloved"  ........................................

The winter gardens were fashioned out of an old quarry
under the superintendence of Mrs. Wordsworth and her sister
Dorothy in 1807, Wordsworth commemorates this by a Sonnet
of fourteen lines addressed to Lady Beaumont (Poems I. 453;

His social standing, wealth and culture secured him a
distinguished position in society. He made himself familiar
with Greek and Roman lore and with English dramatic poetry and
he committed some of the plays of Shakespeare to memory and
occasionally took a part on the boards of a private theatre.
One evening when acting at North Aston, he observed a young
lady of great beauty amongst the audience, who seemed to be
thoroughly enjoying the play. On enquiring her name, he
was told that it was Margaret daughter and heiress of John
Willes of Astrop, Oxon M.P., and grand-daughter of Lord Chief
Justice Willes. On being introduced to her, he found that
her tastes nearly resembled his own, and that she was a lover
of poetry and painting. This resulted in an engagement and
they were married at St. George's, Hanover Square 6th May
1778; she died 14th July, 1829, in her 73rd year, leaving
no issue; Henry Crabb Robinson writes in his diary (II. 245)
that "she was a gentlewoman of great sweetness and dignity,
I should think among the most interesting by far of persons
of quality in the country."

Wordsworth in his "Elegiac Musings in the grounds of
Cole Orton Hall", wrote in November, 1830, on Sir George's
death:

"With copious eulogy in prose or rhyme
Graven on the tomb, we struggle against Time,
Alas, how feebly! but our feelings rise

(1) See p. 164.
And still we struggle when a good man dies.
Such offering Beaumont dreaded and forbade,
A Spirit meek in self abasement clad."

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Sir Walter Scott wrote in his Journal (I 358), 14th February, 1827, "Sir George Beaumont is dead, by far the most sensible and pleasing man I ever knew, kind too, in his nature and generous; gentle in society....as an amateur he was a painter of the very highest rank." Sir Humphrey Davy said to a friend, "Sir George Beaumont is a remarkably sensible man, which I mention because it is somewhat remarkable in a painter of genius, who is at the same time a man of rank and an exceedingly amazing companion."

Sir George was succeeded by his cousin George, eldest son of Thomas Beaumont of Buckland (see p.198 ).

SIR GEORGE HOWLAND WILLOUGHBY BEAUMONT, 8th Baronet, born 16th December, 1799, died 7th June, 1845. Matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, 14th October, 1819. He too was a patron of art and a friend of Wilkie, the artist. He presented the west window to the church at Cole Orton.

He married at St. George's Hanover Square, 16th June, 1825, Mary Anne, daughter and co-heir of the Most Reverend William Howley, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury; she died 15th February 1834/5 aged twenty-eight years.

Underneath the monument to the 7th Baronet in Cole Orton Church is a white marble tablet under a freestone canopy, carried by side shafts and a base, inscribed:

"In the vault beneath
are interred the remains of
Sir George Howland Willoughby Beaumont
Bart.
who died June 7th 1845 aged 45
also of Dame Mary Anne Beaumont his wife
who died Feby. 15th 1835 aged 28
also of their children
Susan Mary
who died Sept. 25, 1827 aged 1 month
Raymond Curzon second son
who died April 1830 aged 1 month
and Willoughby Hastings
fourth and youngest son
who died February 20th 1835
aged two years and a half."

They had issue:
I. George Howland, heir.

II. Raymond Curzon, born and died in April, 1830.

III. William Beresford, born at Addington 31st March 1831, died at Cole Orton 18th February, 1901; there is a memorial window in the north aisle of the church with an inscription in the glass:

"To the glory of God and in memory of
Will. Beresford Beaumont M.A.
for 36 yrs. rector of this parish.
This window
is dedicated by his parishioners
and friends 1902."

Beneath the memorial of his grandfather, Sir George, is a marble tablet inscribed:

"To the glory of God and in loving memory of
William Beresford Beaumont, for 36 yrs. Rector of Cole Orton, Born at Cole Orton Mch 31st, 1831
died at Cole Orton Feby. 18th, 1901, also of
Eliz Mary Beaumont, his second wife born at
Sicklesmere, Suffolk Sept. 25th 1831 died
at Cole Orton Apr 5th 1900."

He was educated at Winchester, entering the school at thirteen years of age, he matriculated at Christ Church Oxford in 1849, B.A. 1853, M.A. 1856. Curate at Church Stretton, 1858/60 and at Scawton S. Mary, 1860/3. Rector of Cole Orton 1864-1901. Rural Dean of West Akeley, 1875; Hon. Canon of Peterborough 1889, J.P. and County Councillor for Leicestershire.

He married, 13th December, 1861, Julia daughter of Charles Soames, of Coles, Linc. She died without issue 1866. He married secondly Elizabeth Mary born at Sicklesmere, Suffolk, 25th September, 1831, daughter of the Reverend Samuel Hurrey Alderson, of Risby, Suffolk, she died at Cole Orton without issue 5th April, 1900. The lych gate at the Church was erected to her memory.

IV. Willoughby Hastings, born 15th April, 1832, died 20th February, 1835.

V. Susan Mary, born at Fulham Palace 31st August, and died 25th September, 1827.

VI. Constance Mary, born at Addington Park 25th July 1834, died 1902. Married 6th July, 1852, William Unwin Heygate
of Roecliffe Manor, Leicestershire, and Mapledene, born 1825, second son of Sir William Heygate of Swithland Co. Leicester, Baronet. He was a Barrister-at-law, and M.P. for Co. Leicester 1861/5; Stamford 1866, and South Leicestershire 1870/80. He died in 1902 and had issue three sons and one daughter. Their eldest son was William Howley Beaumont Heygate, born 1854, died 1902, Captain R.A. 1883-90, Hon. Major 1916. Married, 1881, Helen daughter of the late James Dalglish, J.P. Mericneth. Issue: Mary Florence, born 16th January, 1861; she married 20th May, 1890, Reverend Canon John Nigel Philpott, M.A. Rector of Cole Orton 1922 (Kelly's HANDBOOK).

VII. Mary Ann Bridget, died 21st March 1883.

VIII. Margaret Sophia, married her cousin the Reverend James Beechamp, Rector Crowell, Oxon, and had issue three daughters.

IX. Alice Eleanor, d.s.p. April, 1833.