

HARLAKENDEN OF WOODCHURCH.

MR. G. STEINMAN STEINMAN, with great pains and industry, collected all the evidences which he could find respecting the Harlakenden family, and published the complete pedigree in the *Topographer and Genealogist*, vol. i., pp. 228-258; iii., 215-223. He however had failed to discover that in 1317 there were living Moyses de Harlakendenne with Juliana his wife, and William de Harlakendenne with Amanda his wife. Probably Moyses and William were brothers. They had dealings with Hamo Colbraund, of Romney,* respecting land in Hope All Saints; and between themselves there were transfers of land at Shaddockshurst, Warehorn, and Orlestone.† I fear that the earlier entries in Mr. Steinman's version of the pedigree require a good deal of elucidation.

Mr. Steinman says that the ancient inscription formerly in the south chancel of Woodchurch Church, which seemed to commemorate William Harlakenden as having died April 30, 1081, was really inscribed to William Harlakenden who died in 1481. His will was dated April 20th, and proved on October 2nd, 1481. This gentleman in 1450 joined, with many others, in Jack Cade's rebellion.

Mr. Steinman prints an inscription from a monumental brass, in the south chancel, which bore the figure of a man, and a shield of armorial bearings: "Hic jacet Rogerus Harlakynden Armiger filius Will'i Harlakynde' qui obiit xxix die mens' Martij Anno D'ni M^o v^o xxij^o ejus ai'e p'piciet' deus Amen." Against him complaints were made at the visitation of Archbishop Warham, in 1511.

Mr. Steinman thus describes the tomb of Thomas Harlakenden who died in 1558, as it formerly appeared, before the chancel was restored:—"Against the north wall of the high chancel; it is of Bethersden marble. It has a canopy over it, and at the back are figures in brass of a man kneeling before a desk, with six sons behind him. At the other side of the desk are figures of two women kneeling, the first being attended by three daughters, the last by one. Over the man is the arms of Harlakenden. Over the first woman, Halakenden impaling (azure?) a cross engrailed *ermine*; over the second, Harlakenden impaling a mullet pierced."

* *Archæologia Cantiana*, XIII., 314, 316.

† *Ibid.*, XIII., 315, 318.

Martin Harlakenden, who died in January 1584-5, left an only child and heiress Deborah, who in May 1602 married Sir Edward Hales. She inherited, from her father, only one moiety of his estate, together with the mansion-house called Hendon. The other moiety of the estate, together with the manor of Harlakenden, and Woodchurch Place House, were bequeathed by Martin Harlakenden to his widow for her life (she lived until 1611), and after her death, to his cousin Walter, son of Zaccheus Harlakenden, of Ufton in Tunstall.

I find that one Thomas Harlakenden was churchwarden of Ashford in 1552; perhaps he was the gentleman whose tomb at Woodchurch is above mentioned. The pedigree does not enable us to identify Henry Harlackenden, whose daughter married William Glover, and became the mother of Susan Glover who married John Phillipot, the herald, in 1612.

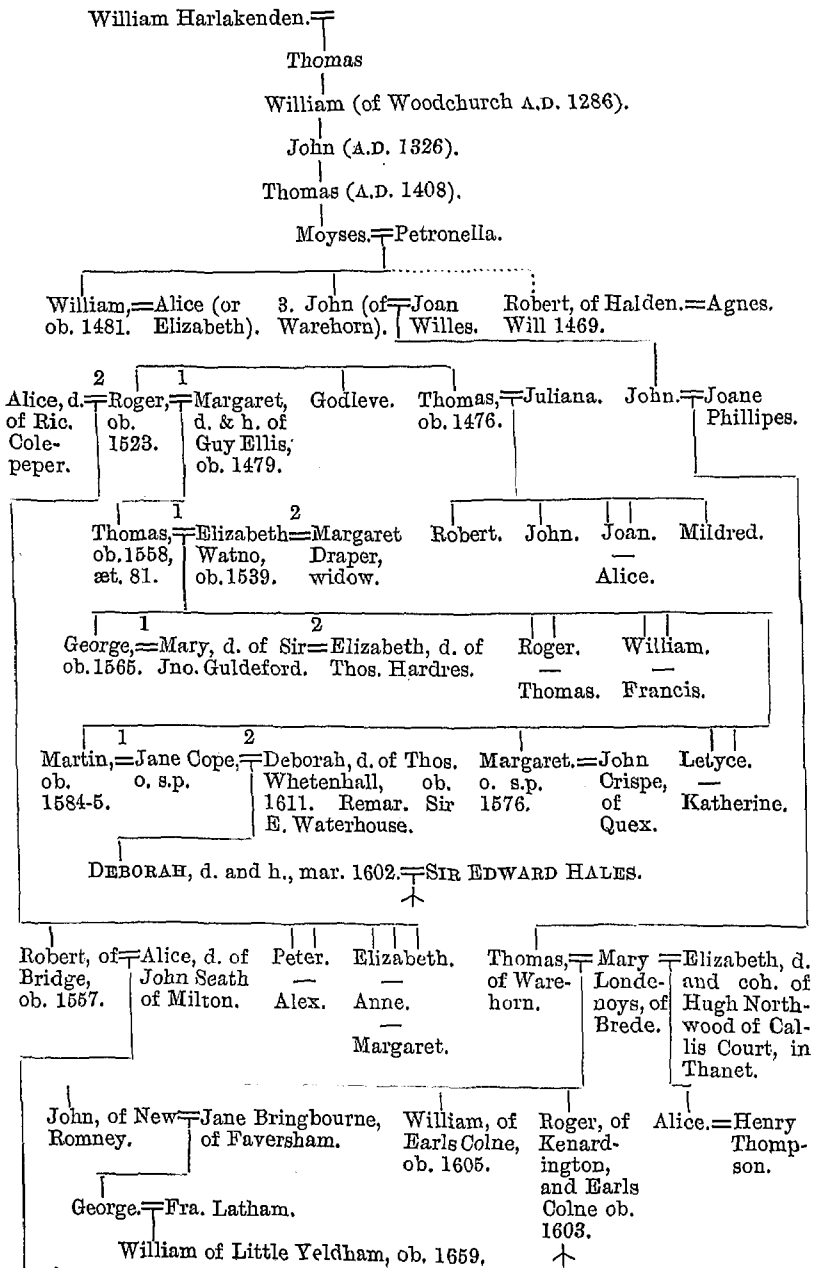
During the first years of the Great Rebellion, Richard Harlakenden and his first cousin William, both of Earls Colne in Essex, were active supporters of the Parliament. They were grandsons of Roger Harlakenden of Kenardington, steward of Edward Earl of Oxford, from whom he purchased the manor of Earls Colne, in September 1583. Roger's heir, his second son Richard, who purchased the Priory at Earls Colne in 1592-3, was father of the Parliamentary Deputy-Lieutenant, Richard Harlakenden. Roger's third son, Thomas, was father of William Harlakenden, of New House, Earls Colne, another Deputy-Lieutenant for Essex. In August 1643 he was deputed, by the Essex Committee at Colchester, to attend the general meeting at Cambridge. William Harlakenden was an active leader, and rendered much assistance to Cromwell during that month. In 1654 the degree of LL.D was conferred upon him by the University of Cambridge.

Those who desire to investigate the pedigree thoroughly must refer to Mr. Steinman's elaborate version of it. For the convenience of general reference the following condensed sketch of it is here given:—

WOODCHURCH NOTES.

PEDIGREE OF HARLAKENDEN OF WOODCHURCH.

ARMS.—*Azure, a fesse Ermine between three lions' heads erased Or.*



A

Bridget, d. of John Astley of Melton Constable and Ufton, ob. 1569. = Walter of Ufton, in Tunstall ob. 1603. = Susan Roper, sister of 1st Lord Teynham, ob. 1587. = Cicely, d. and h. of John Wygan, widow of Ric. Burston of Shorne. = Anne. = Christopher Redwood.

Zacheus, nat. 1566, ob. 1603. = Margaret Trollop, ob. 1603. Dorothy (o. inf.). Jonathan (o. inf.). Jane. = Hen. Clifford mar. 1587, Dec. 26.

Walter, of Woodchurch, ob. 1628. = Paulina, d. of Sir Thos. Colepeper, ob. 1625. Michael, ob. 1596. Anne, ob. 1603. Susanna, ob. inf.

Elizabeth, ob. 1681. = Thomas, ob. 1689, æt. 64. = Philippa, d. of 1st Lord Colepeper. Elizabeth. Katherine. Mary. Paulina.

Thomas, ob. 1675. George, living 1699. Sold the Woodchurch estate. = Anne. Rebekah, ob. 1706. = Rev. Thos. Wrightson, rector of E. Horsley. Elizabeth, nat. 1662. = Walter, living 1689. Gilbert, nat. 1683. William, ob. inf. Katherine, nat. 1685.

Henry, ob. 1601. Walter, nat. 1577, ob. 1620. = Jane, d. of Thos. Proude. Elizabeth, mar. Thos. Awdley. Sarah. John.

Silvester of Ufton, ob. 1659, æt. 54. = Elizabeth, d. of Thos. Stringer. Thomas, nat. 1606. Roger, nat. 1612. = Elizabeth, d. of Rev. Francis Rogers, D.D. Susanna.

Walter, ob. inf. Silvester, nat. 1641, ob. 1678-9. = Elizabeth. Rebecca. John. Mary. Martha. James. Sarah.

Thomas, ob. 1674, bur. at Tunstall. Silvester, of Ufton, nat. 1676, hanged 1704 for the murder of Robert Wincoll. He had sold Ufton, a few years before. Joel, ob. inf.