Walter Fichet's Grant of Lands to Simon Michel, circa 1300.

BY THE LATE REV. E. H. BATES HARBIN, M.A.,

Prebendary of Wells Cathedral.

The following Paper was left by Mr. Bates Harbin as a collection of notes to serve as the basis of a communication to the *Proceedings* of the Somersetshire Arch. & N. H. Society. I have had the honour of being requested to prepare them for the press, and it is with much satisfaction that I have undertaken this small tribute to the memory of a valued friend of many years' standing. With this end in view, I have completed the arrangement of the notes where necessity so required, verified the references, enlarged some of the quotations, and revised the transcript of the early deed, in which the contractions have been expanded.[1] Further than this I have not attempted to go, except by adding a paragraph and a few notes enclosed within square brackets. The Paper itself will commend the ability, learning and diligence of the deceased.

C. H. MAYO.

Gillingham, Dorset,
November, 1918.

The Deed.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod Ego Walterus Fichet de spaxton Dedi Concessi et hac presenti carta mea Confirmaui Symoni michel Totam terram illam que fuit aliquando Roberti | [ ] dun et Stephani michel inpers [? in perpartem][2] Cum homagiis Walteri de

1. I have to thank the Rev. F. W. Weaver for looking up numerous doubtful points from the shelves of the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

2. [*In perpartem.*—The word in the deed is written "inpers," and may stand for "in perpartem" (in purparty). The expression may be illustrated from *Fleta*, bk. 2, ch. 54, 19. "Item dicere poterit tenens excipiendo, quod tenet terram versus ipsum petitorem tanquam terram que sibi descendit in perpartem de haereditate talis antecessoris, cujus haeres

Cheselade Radulfi Doding Johannis mayn Alicie Torold et eorum redditibus seruiciis Wardis releuiis et omnimodis aliis eschaetis | [et] pertinentiis que mihi uel meis aliquo modo iure Accidere possent Tenendam et Hàbendam Totam dictam terram Cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et Cum homagiis Walteri Radulfi Johannis | [et] Alicie et eorum redditibus seruiciis Wardis releuiis et omnimodis aliis eskaetis de me et heredibus meis seu Assignatis dicto Simoni et heredibus suis uel suis Assignatis libere quiete bene | pacifice integre et honorifice in omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus dictam terram contingentibus iure hereditarie inperpetuum Reddendo inde Annuatim mihi et heredibus meis uel meis | Assignatis ipse Symon et heredes sui uel Assignati sui vnum obolum Argenti ad Pascha pro omnibus seruiciis secularibus exaccionibus et demandis Saluo seruicio regali quantum pertinet | [ad] tantam liberam terram de eodem feoudo. Ego vero Walterus Fichet et heredes mei seu assignati mei Totam dictam terram Cum pertinentiis suis et Cum homagiis dictorum Walteri | [de] Cheselade Radulfi Dodyng Johannis mayn et Alicie Torold et eorum redditibus seruiciis Wardis releuiis et omnimodis aliis eskaetis que mihi uel alicui meorum ullo umquam tempore Accidere | [possent] dicto Symoni et heredibus suis seu Assignatis Contra omnes mortales Warantizabimus Acquietabimus et pro predicto seruicio defendemus inperpetuum et si Warantisare | [non possu] mus Volo et Concedo ego Walterus Fichet pro me et heredibus meis [uel] Assignatis meis quod dictus Symon heredes sui seu Assignati sui ingrediantur Totam terram in stables[1] | [ ]m̄ Cum Duabus acris prati jacentibus In [ma ?] demede inter pratum quod fuit Stephani de Stableshore (?) et pratum Ricardi de Bywood et vna domo Cum duobus Curtillagiis cum quinque acris terre In | [ ]croft ibidem Cum homagiis Ricardi Wylling Johannis Carpentar Nicholai

ipse cum talibus vel tali participe qui est infra aetatem, vel qui non nominatur in breve sine quo non poterit respondere, in quibus casibus differtur actio."

On the other hand "inperers" may represent "in Perers (Pury)" and denote the situation of the land. It will be seen, later on, that the forms "de Perers" and "de Perariis" were in use in the thirteenth century. In any case this quotation will clear up the difficulty occurring in the deed as to warranty, which necessitated the grant of ingress to other lands, etc., as a pledge or compensation until the warranty was effected. It may be noted that Walter Fichet gives ingress to the land in Stables ———, etc., to Symon *and his heirs and assigns*, but Symon reconveys the premises to Walter alone, thus limiting his gift to the life of Walter, and retaining the fee simple in his own hands, until the warranty was made effectual.

Mr. Bates Harbin read the contraction as "inperpetuum."—C.H.M.]

1. [This probably recalls the name of Roger Estables, who held lands in Newton (in North Petherton) before Richard I. (*Collinson*, III, 62)].

le chepman Rogeri Wryhe[1] Rogeri de Blakemore Rogeri Carpentar Lucie filie Geruasii super la Thurne | [Matildis] filie eiusdem Geruasii Rogeri Torel Willelmi de Regni et Cum eorum fidelitatibus redditibus seruiciis Wardis releuiis et omnimodis aliis eschaetis tenendo adeo integre et plenarie | [ut] me feoffauit absque omni contradictione uel impedimento mei heredum meorum seu Assignatorum meorum inperpetuum vna cum dote eiusdem terre et Rogero filio Amicie de Touktone cum | homagiis redditibus seruiciis Wardis releuiis et omnimodis aliis eschaetis. Pro hac autem donatione et concessione dedit mihi dictus Symon Totam dictam terram et pratum cum omnibus supradictis pertinentiis | [et] vna cum homagiis predictorum Ricardi Johannis Nicholai Rogeri Rogeri Rogeri Lucie Matildis Rogeri Willelmi vna cum dote et Rogero filio Amicie de Touketon cum omnimodis seruiciis suis redditibus | ut supradictum est in recognitione. Et vt hec igitur mea donatio Concessio rata et stabilis inperpetuum permaneat, Huic presenti Carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis Testibus | Walterus de Cheselade Johanne de Cheselade Willelmo de Pilloc Ricardo mayn Johanne le Wyte. Et multis aliis.

This is a grant from Walter Fichet of Spaxton to Symon Michel, *circa* 1300, or late in the thirteenth century, [and his heirs (*hereditarie*) for ever of all the land sometime of Robert ——dun and Stephen Michel as parceners (?), with the homages of Walter de Cheslade, Ralph Doding, John Mayn, Alice Torold and their rents, services, wards, reliefs, etc., for the rent of one silver half-penny payable at Easter for all secular services, the King's service only excepted. Warranty against all men. If the grantor, his heirs and assigns, are unable to give warranty, he, Walter, grants for himself his heirs and assigns that the said Symon his heirs and assigns may enter upon all the land in Stables——, with two acres of meadow lying in Ma(?)demede, between the meadow which was of Stephen de Stableshore and the meadow of Richard de Bywood and one house with two curtilages with five acres of land in ——croft there ; with the homages of Richard Wylling, John Carpentar, Nicholas la Chapman, Roger Wryhe, Roger de Blakemore, Roger Carpentar, Lucy daughter of Gervase super la Thurne, Matilda daughter of the same Gervase, Roger Torel, William de Regni and their fealties, etc., with dower

1. [Mr. Bates Harbin considered this name to be Wryte, and Geruasii to be Bernardi].

of the said land, and with Roger son of Amice de Touktone. And for this gift the said Symon has given to the said Walter all the said land, meadow, homages, dower, and Roger son of Amice, in acknowledgment. Witnesses, Walter de Cheselade, John de Cheselade, William de Pilloc, Richard Mayn, John le Wyte, and many others. No date.]

The foregoing deed forms part of the large and growing collection of County documents presented to Taunton Castle.

The parchment measures 8½ins. by 5½ins. (not counting the fold), and contains eighteen lines of writing. Unfortunately, owing to decay arising from damp, each line is deficient at the beginning by one or two words, and there are also other gaps and faded sections which cannot always be filled in from the context. The seal is missing. Besides an early endorsement too faded for explanation,[1] the deed is endorsed: "Found in the roof of Clayhill House, 1820."

With hardly an exception,[2] none of the names of the two lists of tenants or of the parties and witnesses appears in the Great Tax Roll of 1327.

Cheselade is not mentioned in Domesday, but is probably quite as large a holding as many of the minute manors entered in this record. Its situation, however, seems to be settled by the following lease,[3] for fourteen years from the Trustees of Roger's Charity (consisting of lands, etc., in Wembdon and Chilton, purchased under the will of Henry Rogers late of Cannington, dated 8th May, 1672, *Collinson*, I, 236) to Nathaniel Tucker—pasture ground called Great Cheslade containing 77 acres heretofore enclosed and allotted to William Clarke out of the common mead called Cheslade Warth[4] in lieu of sheep leazes for 606 sheep in all the common mead before the enclosure which pasture is bounded on one side by Cheslade Farm and Potters Slimes by the lands heretofore of

1. [This endorsement begins,—"Carta de terra in 13..."].

2. John Willing, Curypole, 1327; John Pillok (Hillok) of Purye, 1327.

3. [This ease was lent to Mr. Bates Harbin by Mr. F. Hornsby, of Bridgwater].

4. Warth in *Cent. Dict.* = ford. [*Cf.* J. O. Halliwell's *Dict. of Arch. and Prov. Words.*]

Richard Musgrave, gent., and on the other side with Middle Cheslade being the lands heretofore of William Strode, Esq., together with such lands as are since granted and added thereto by the course of the river, which premises are in the parishes of Wembdon and Chilton for £160 per ann. Dated 5th December, 1799.

Thos. Broughton, of Sampford Bickefield, Wembdon, in his will dated 20th August, 1579 (2 Arundell), left to his son George Broughton an annuity of £20 out of the farm of Cheslatte.[1] His eldest son, Robert, left two daughters, co-heiresses, of whom the elder, Jane, was married to James Clarke of Norton Fitzwarren, and left a numerous family. From her, no doubt, descended the William Clarke, allottee of pasture known as Great Cheslade.

The first part of the name is found either by itself or as an affix—Chese ; Cheseburford [Chesilborneford in Puddletown], Dorset ; Chesecrumbe ; Cheseford ; and Cheselade which has several variations. (*S.R.S.*, xi, p. 477. Index.)

It may be identified with Chefled [*sic*] (Sheslede), where a virgate of land was transferred from Robert son of Warner to Angod de Marisco by a final concord, 3 John, 1201–2. (*Ibid.*, vi, no. 55, p. 13.) The title to the land had been the subject of a recognition by the assize taken at Taunton in 1201. (*Ibid.*, xi, nos. 36, 37, p. 11.) William de Revell was vouched to warranty, but being in the service of the King beyond the seas, no day was given. Joan, wife of Ralph de Fontibus, had dower in five acres of the land, and so was probably the widow of Warner.

In 27 Hen. III, 1242–3, John Pillok was in mercy for not prosecuting his suit against Henry son of Humphrey concerning one ferling of land in Cheselade. (*Ibid.*, xi, no. 540, p. 171.) At the same assizes John Pillok was in mercy as one of the pledges of Peter de Bere, who did not prosecute his assize of novel disseisin against Ralph son of Bernard for his tenement in Henebir'. He gave as his pledges Roger de Cheselade and Hugh de Pophill'. (*Ibid.*, xi, no. 580, p. 183.)

At the same assizes Ralph Russel of Edmeston did not

1. Brown's *Somersetshire Wills*, i, 47.

prosecute his suit against Roger de Cheselode for refusing to take his homage and reasonable relief for his tenement in la Fenne. Ralph and his pledges, one of whom was Peter de Bere, were therefore in mercy. (*Ibid.*, XI, no. 733, p. 225.)

Henry de Cheselade with others was defendant in a writ of warranty of charter. (*Ibid.*, XI, no. 641, p. 203.)

At the great assize in 1243, John de Cheselode, within the hundred of North Petherton, was accused of immoral behaviour; but it was found that the woman was a consenting party. (*Ibid.*, XI, no. 1120, p. 300.)

1279. Walter de Cheselade was witness to a deed of covenant between Alice Barell, widow, and John Barell in North Petherton (*Ibid.*, XXV, no. 35, p. 28. Buckland Cart.); also to a deed of Roger de Ferendon to Abbot Andrew of Athelney (1280–1300). (*Ibid.*, XIV, no. 153, p. 174. Athelney Cart.). John and Walter de Cheselade were witnesses to a deed of gift by Margery Beugraunt of Honespull (Huntspill), widow, to Buckland (*Ibid.*, XXV, no. 61, p. 42); also to a charter of Henry de Erleghe to Athelney (before 1270). (*Ibid.*, XIV, no. 69, p. 149.)

[1280. Eve of St. Matthew, 8 Edw. I, John Painhot (?) appoints Richard Wrench his attorney to receive seisin of the services due to him by the decease of Wm. Painhot his father for lands held by John de Cheslade in Dounwere (Hill Cartulary, 8*th Report of Deputy-Keeper of Public Records*, pp. 151–166.]

The next references I can find, link together the names of Cheselade and Michel.

Symon Michel and John de Cheselad were jurors on Kirby's Quest for North Petherton Hundred, 1284, and in the supplemental inquest for 1303.

1307. By a final concord, 35 Edw. I, Walter de Cheselade, senior, transferred to Simon Michel for £20, sundry pieces of property in Cheselade. (*Ibid.*, VI, p. 360.)

[1412. John Brent has certain lands, etc., in Cosyngton, Forde, South Brent, Whatele, Cheselade and Middelsowey, worth, etc., xlvij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.* (*Feudal Aids*, VI, p. 510.—H.M.L.].

Cheselade was perhaps situated in the north part of Wemb-

don parish, in a loop of the Parret. Some fields here are known as Chisletts, a memory of a farm so called marked on Bowen's map (1750). Another farm marked in the new 1-inch Ordnance map is called "Walldrons Farm" (or Wallens).

From this position it would appear to have formed part of Pery (Perry, Pury), situated between Cheselade and Wembdon village.

Cheslade (Cheslitt) does not appear in other early records. The Cheselade family occurs as late as 1372, when a grant by Richard Cheselade and C. his wife was made to Richard Hyntelsham, clerk, of a half-burgage in St. Mary Street, Bridgwater, 1372. (Powell's *Ancient Borough of Bridgwater*, p. 124).

There are no early Inq. p.m. of Fitchet or Furneaux families. The two following occur:

1349-50. William Furneaux, 23 Edward III, no. 176. Of Carleton in Lyndrik, Notts.

1390-91. Ricarda, wife of Thomas Fychet, chivaler, of Somerset, held the manor of Spaxton, divers lands and tenements in Lytelton *juxta* Somerton, two parts of the manors of Edynton and Purys, and the manor of Harnam, besides other manors in Berks, Cornwall and Devon. 14 Richard II, no. 23.

Calendar of Ancient Deeds, P.R.O., vol. I, A. 655, 9 Henry IV, 1407-8. Release by Thomas, son of Hugh Popham, to Robert Hull, lord of Spaxton, of lands in Cannington, etc.

Ibid., vol. II, B. 2966, gives a copy of the deed by which W. Stapylton holds certain lands in Pury Fychet, which Robert Hull had there.

[Purifichet. Feast of St. Barth., 35 Hen. III, 1251, Matthew de Forneaus grants to Hugh Fitchet certain rights of way (*Hill Cartulary*, already quoted, which also contains many Fitchet charters].

The rise of a landed proprietor family in the XIII Century, is illustrated by the history of

MICHEL OF GURNEY STREET.

The Buckland Cartulary[1] contains the earliest references to

1. *S.R.S.*, vol. xxv. The manuscript is very corrupt and shows signs of having been dictated to the scribe.

this family that I have come across,—beginning with Stephen Michel, *temp.* Henry III.

Besides appearing as witness to three general charters of Henry de Erlegh, who was head of the family, 1228–1272, he also by a deed confirms a gift of land in Tuckerton (part of Newton in North Petherton) made by Gervase de la Yerd (nos. 56, 57).

Now, no. 59, p. 41, is a quitclaim by Stephen son of Michel of Emelot Frewere, his neif, to Buckland Priory; no. 55 is a grant of lands in Tuckerton by Stephen son of Michael de Perariis to the same; and no. 58 a quitclaim by Stephen de Pyrariis of Walter Frewere from all challenge of neifty. It looks as if all these diversities referred to the same individual,—Perariis perhaps the equivalent for Peri, later Pury, *hodie* Perry.

Anyway, Stephen Michel was a person of means; and Simon Michel, the next in succession, was of greater position in the county.

Gerard de Brocton (Bratton St. Maur) was probably descended from Gerard who in Domesday is entered as holding Bratton under Walter de Dowai for 4 hides. Elsi held it T.R.E.

In Devon he held Dunesford, 1½ hides, again succeeding a certain Elsi. (*Trans. Devon. Assoc.*, XXXVII, 445.)

As Gerard, the steward (*Dapifer*), he witnessed the donation by Walter de Dowai of the church of Bampton, co. Devon, to the Abbey of Bath, and himself gave the church of Broctone with a virgate of land and all the tithes and customary dues. The date of the deed was in the days of Bishop John of Tours, 1088–1122. (*S.R.S.*, VII, p. 39, and notes, p. 80. Bath Cart.).

But for some unexplained reason the gift did not take effect, and a later Gerard de Bratton gave the patronage of this church to the Priory of Bruton, but again the gift failed (no. 96). The priory did, however, benefit by his gifts of lands in Bratton and Bruton, the deeds being entered in this cartulary. (*Ibid.*, VIII, nos. 92–101, pp. 22–24.) He left three daughters, Aliva, Sibyl married to Robert de Bagadrapa, Sarah to Stephen Michel (Pirie). Aliva, the eldest daughter, confirmed all the charters of her father in 1232 (no. 95 of Cartulary), and

Robert de Bagadrapa and Sibyl his wife did the same (no. 98).

[The witnesses were Walter de Esselegh, Wm. son of Robert of Godmanston, Henry de Careville, Jordan de Clington, Richard de Muscegros and Wm. de Bonham].

In the carta of Henry Lovel, 1166, Robert de Bakatripe (Bagatripe) and Robert son of Baldwin held 1 fee; but there is no mention of a Brocton among the knights.

Stephen Michel and his wife Sarah, the third sister, do not seem to have given a confirmation; but by a final concord, 20 Hen. III, 1236, as Stephen de Pirie, with Sarrah his wife he gave a third of a hide of land in Brocton to William de Insula. (*Ibid.*, VI, no. 205, p. 92.)

This supplies the necessary proof that Stephen de Pirrie and Stephen Michel are the same person. In 1236 the two married sisters with their husbands Robert de Baggedrep and Sibilla his wife, and Stephen Michael and Sarra his wife, acknowledged the right of the Prior of Taunton to a virgate of land at Hathpole, (*rectius* Bathpole) as the gift of their father Gerard de Brocton, and warranted against all men. In return the prior received them into all the benefits and orisons in his church. (*Ibid.*, no. 180, p. 86.)

In 1249, after Robert Bagedripe was dead, the prior brought an action against the other parties at the assizes at Ilchester, because they had not discharged the rent due to the Abbot of Glastonbury as chief lord of the fee. They pleaded guilty, paid the prior's damages estimated at 25*sh.*, and a fine of one mark to avoid imprisonment. (*Ibid.*, XI, no. 1378, p. 371. Som. Plea Roll.)

In Domesday Wembdon belonged to Walsein de Duaco; Peri to Roger de Corcelle, Roger Arundel, John Hostiarius. Raimar (Ratemer, Ramer) held Bur, Hursi, Paulet, Wallpilla and Cruca,—of Walsein de Dowai.

In 1166, in the carta of Gerbert de Percy, successor to Arundel, Alan de Furnellis held 1 fee. [1166. Henrico Regi Anglorum . . . . Gerbertus de Percy fidele servitium ut domino. Sublimitati vestræ insinuo de militibus meis quos de vobis in capite teneo. Dorsete. Alanus de Furnellis j militis. (*Red Book of Exchequer*, I, 216-17).] Pery Furneaux

was West Perry ; and it was at Perry Court in West Pury that the tragedy, presently to be mentioned, took place.

In 1243, 27 Hen. III, William son of Andrew and Cristiana his wife received a moiety of certain lands in Wallepoll from Stephen de Perers and Sarra his wife and Robert de Baggeripe and Sibilla his wife. (*Ibid.*, VI, no. 57, p. 114).[1]

1284. *Feudal Aids*, Somerset, vol. IV, p. 278. William Testard holds Wemedone of Richard de Greynvile and Richard of the heir of William de Moyon (who is in ward of the king), and William of the king, and answers for two parts m.

Matthew de Fornival holds Perers of Cecilia de Beaucham, and Cecilia of the Abbot of Glastonbury, and the abbot of the lord the king, and answers for half a fee. (*Ibid.*).

1316. Wenedon cum Purye, Sidenham, Sanford. Held by Matheus de Furneaux, John F., Robt. Testard, Gilbert de . . . , Wm. Wygel, Walt. de Sidenham, and Roger de Bykefoud. (*Ibid.*, p. 332).

1249. Stephen Michell was witness to three charters of Henry de Erlegh, *ob.* 1272 ; he also confirms the gift of Gervase de la Yerd in Tuckerton. (*Ibid.*, XXV, nos. 25, 27, 37, pp. 22, 23, 29 ; and nos. 56, 57, p. 40. Buck. Cart.). [Also on p. 40, no. 55, Stephen, son of Michael de Perariis grants to the brethren of the Hospital of Jerusalem at Buckland two denes of land lying in Tuckerton]. *Cf.* Assize Rolls (*Ibid.*, XI, no. 1378).

1284. Simon Michel, 1284, 1303, 1307 ; 1298, juror for lands of Neroche Forest. (*Cal. of MSS., D. and C. of Wells*, I, 354.)

1327. Matthew Michel in Sandford (Wembdon) paid iij*sh.*, the highest sum. (*S.R.S.*, III, p. 243. Exch. Lay Sub.).

1341–9. Matthew Michel, witness to a deed of John atte Yerde within the period 1341–9, when Richard de Gothurste, was abbot (no. 185*a*). (*Ibid.*, XIV, p. 181. Athel. Cart.).

1. *See* also no. 64, one third part of a hide in Brocton. Stephen de Perers is there called Stephen de Perres.

1347. Simon, son of Matthew Michel, querent *v.* Roger Tillot, deforciant, 21 Edw. III. Land in Wemedone and Briggewater. (*Ibid.*, XVII, p. 10.)

1360. Thomas Michel and Joan his wife, tenants in Northbere, High Ham, 33 Edw. III. (*Ibid.*, XVII, p. 43.)

1364. Matthew Michel, witness to deed of Nicholas de Claveleshegh, 38 Edw. III, 1364 (no. 155, p. 174); witness to deed of John Clavyle, 37 Edw. III, 1363 (no. 163, p. 175); referee in a dispute between Abbot of Athelney and Richard Lyf, 13 Rd. II, 1389 (no. 246, p. 201). (*Ibid.*, XIV. Athel. Cart.).

1365. Licence for John 'be the see,' Walter Dodde, John Michel of Sydenham, and Robert Plumpton, to export 100 qrs. of wheat and 200 qrs. of beans and peas from Bridgwater to Bayonne, and 100 qrs. of beans and peas to Ireland, and sell them to buy other merchandise there. 38 Edw. III. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, XIII, p. 61.)

1369. John Michel of Sydenham and John Payn of Gretham, querents, *v.* John Halswell, deforciant. Land in Dulverton, 43 Edw. III. (*S.R.S.*, XVII, p. 71).

1369. Matthew Michell, witness to charter of John de Erleigh. (*Ibid.*, XXV, p. 31. Buck. Cart.).

1412. Thomas Michel, held the manors of Cleyhull and Chelton, and lands in Streccholt and Aysshcote, worth xxv*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*
(John Brent, *inter multa alia*, Cheselade). [*Feudal Aids*, VI, 514].

1418. Thomas Michel, served on an episcopal inquisition concerning chantry at Newton Plecy. (Bubwith's Register, *S.R.S.*, XXX, p. 329).

1427. *Feudal Aids.* (*P.R.O.*, vol. IV, p. 364).
Thomas Mychell, William Besyle and John Walyngford held ¼ fee in Boure, formerly the heirs of Robert de Chilton.
Thomas Michel, ½ fee in Wemedon, formerly the heirs of Robert Testard.
Thomas Mychel, William Besyls and John Walyngford (*ut supra*) ¼ fee in Chilton, formerly the heirs of Robert de Chilton.

Thomas Michel, William Stapelton and Isabella Hone, ½ fee in Cleyhull, formerly the heirs of Robert Testard and the heirs of Richard le Hare.

1431. *Feudal Aids.* (*P.R.O.*, vol. IV, p. 434).
Johanna Michell, widow, John Beseles and Alice Northlode, widow, of Pury, are seised of lands, etc., in East Boure and Chilton Trinity for ¼ fee.
William Michell of Pury 'gentilman,' Robert Grendour and John Hille of Spaxton were seised of lands in Pury and Hethcombe for 1 fee.

1455. William Michel, esq., owed homage and service with other persons, knights and squires, to William Dodesham, 33 Henry VI. (*S.R.S.*, XXII, no. 60, p. 120).

1470. Walter Michel, esq., querent, *v.* Adam Hameleyn and Joan his wife, deforciants, obtained lands including one-third of the manor of Cleyhull, 10 Edw. IV. (*Ibid.*, XXII, no. 39, p. 139).

1487. Inq. p.m. Walter Michel; the first in Visitation, 1623.

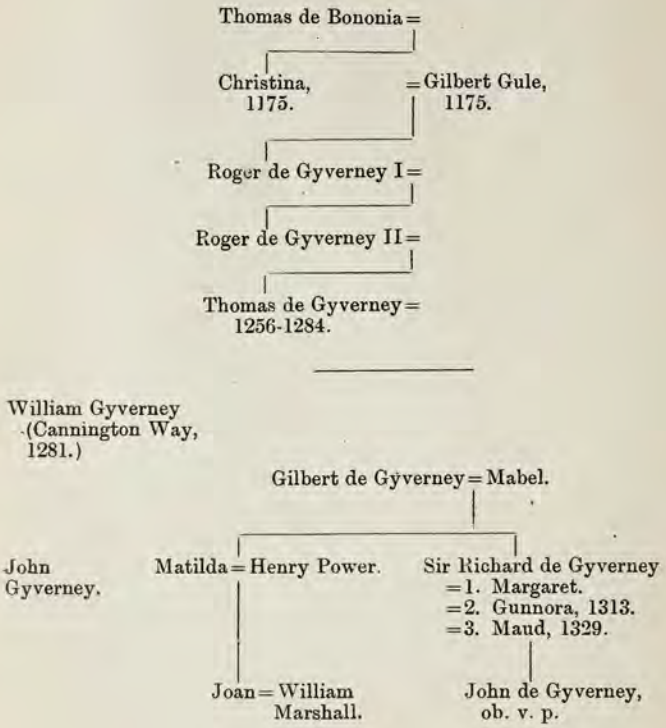
1490. John Michell, esq., of Cannington, is a likely husband for Margaret Burnell of Newton. "I bequeath to the mariage of my doughter Margarete 200 marces, so that she mary with John Mychell esquier, dwelling within the parish of Canyngton." Will of Henry Burnell, of Poyntyngdon (27 Miller). (*S.R.S.*, XVI, p. 291.) Perhaps a younger brother of Thomas and Reginald.

1517. Alice Brymore, widow, of Bruton, bequeathed legacies to Richard, William, Water and Margaret, children of Reynold Mychell and Anne, late his wife, now dead. Reynold Michell to be executor. Perhaps Reginald *ut supra*. 33 Ayloffe, P.C.C. (*Ibid.*, XIX, p. 191).

c. 1500. Thomas Michell, xl^{li}, certified to be K.B., occurs among Somerset gentlemen *temp.* Hen. VII. (*Collinson*, I, xl).

1569. Elizabeth Mychell of tithing of Chilton (Trivett) provided a corslet furnished. (Certificate of Musters, *S.R.S.*, XX, p. 249.) She was widow of Richard Michel, but does not appear in Armada lists.

THE GYVERNEY PEDIGREE.



[The first part of this pedigree is derived from the MSS. of the D. and C. of Wells, vol. I, p. 315. At page 10 Thomas de Bononia is termed de Bolonia.

The next section comes from Gerard's *Description of Somerset*, *S.R.S.*, XV, pp. 185, 186.]

Gerard at this reference notes that Bonville obtained not only Limington, but also Gurney Street in Cannington. He thought that the family of Gyverney took its name from Gevernay near Cannington.

The arms of this family are, *A bend between six escallops*. The colours are not on record.

It may be a link that in 1329, when Sir Richard Gyverney founded a chantry in Limington church, John Fychet was the first chaplain. Also Philip de Columbers and Eleanor his wife would be commemorated (*Collinson*, III, 218).

THE MICHEL PEDIGREE.

(Gurney Street, in Cannington).

Gerard, dapifer of Walsein, and probable ancestor of =

Jordan =Matilda
(Bruton Cart., *S.R.S.*, VIII, nos. 92-101, pp. 22-24.)

Michael de Perariis = Gerard de Brocton = Cristina

Stephen Michel = Sarah *temp.* Hen. III (1249.)

Aliva = Jordan de Clington, ob. s.p.

Sibilla = Robert de Bagadrapa, ob. 1236-1249.

Simon Michel, *temp.* Edw. I.

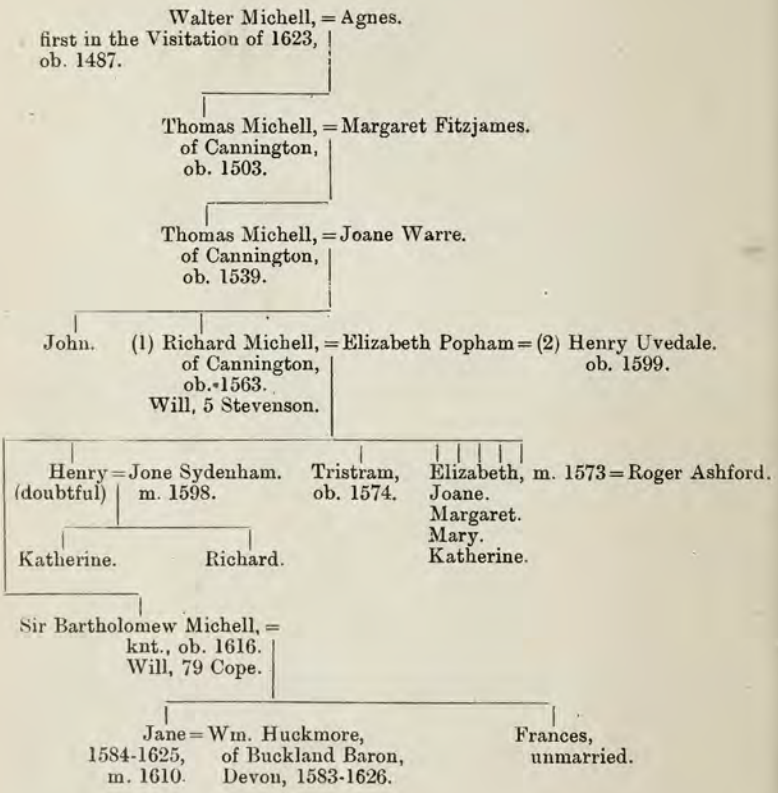
Matthew Michel = 1327-49.

Simon Michel, 1347.

Matthew Michel, 1363-89.

Thomas Michel = Johanna
1412-28. (widow in 1431).

William Michel, 1431-55.


Walter Michell, first in the Visitation of 1623, ob. 1487.
Agnes.
Thomas Michell, of Cannington, ob. 1503.
Margaret Fitzjames.
Thomas Michell, of Cannington, ob. 1539.
Joane Warre.
John.
(1) Richard Michell, of Cannington, ob. 1563. Will, 5 Stevenson.
Elizabeth Popham
(2) Henry Uvedale. ob. 1599.
Henry (doubtful)
Jone Sydenham. m. 1598.
Tristram, ob. 1574.
Elizabeth, m. 1573
Roger Ashford.
Joane.
Margaret.
Mary.
Katherine.
Katherine.
Richard.
Sir Bartholomew Michell, knt., ob. 1616. Will, 79 Cope.
Jane 1584-1625, m. 1610.
Wm. Huckmore, of Buckland Baron, Devon, 1583-1626.
Frances, unmarried.

Notes to the Michel Pedigree.

Walter Michel was followed in succession by his two sons, William and John, who both died without issue. On 13th December, 1539 (31 Hen. VIII), Thomas Michel the third son murdered his wife and her sister Eleanor Sydenham, and then committed suicide. (Star Chamber Cases, *S.R.S.*, xxvii, 216.) She was the wife of George Sydenham of Chilworthy, near Ilminster. This can only be paralleled by the Hartgill tragedy and the Yorkshire tragedy.

Will of Joane Combe of Cannington, widow, proved 1562 (13 Strete),—Brown's *Somersetshire Wills*, iv, 12. [She mentions Richard Michell and his wife, Bartholomew Michell her godson, and Mary Michell her god-daughter].

Will of Edward Popham of Huntworth, Somerset, proved 27th April, 1586 (26 Windsor). [He mentions his god-daughter, the daughter of his brother-in-law, Richard Michell, deceased. Also his niece, Susan Michel. (Brown, v, 107)].

Cannington Registers. 1598. Henry Mychell=Jane Sydenham.
1614. John Mychell=Jane Frye.
1641. John Mychell=Katherine Edwards.

Inq. p.m. Tristram Michell, Chanc. Ser., 16 Eliz., 1573–4, 167, 97.
George Michell, Miscel. Ser., 2 Chas., 1626–7, 20, 91.
John Michell, Chanc. Ser., 16 Chas., 1640–1.

Sir Bartholomew Michell of Gorneystrete. *Per fesse gules and sable, a chevron between three swans argent.* (T. Risdon, *Note-book*, p. 277). Will proved 10th August, 1616 (79 Cope),—Brown, vi, 3. *Inq. p.m.*,—Wards and Liveries Ser., 14 Jas. I, 1616-17, 46, 62; Chanc. Ser., 4 Chas. I, 1628-29, 1, 89.

John Michel married Dorothy and had issue Conand, aet. 27, George and Robert. Ob. 21st March, 1616–17. Will proved December, 1616 [as of John Mitchell the elder, merchant, of Old Cleeve, Somerset. 68 Cope.]. His lands in Wembdon held of Richard Michell, Esq., as of his manor of Chilton Tryvett (East Chilton). (*Chanc. Inq. p.m.*, 16 Chas. I, no. 46, file 505).

Hercules Holworthy, 3 Chas. I (1627–8) held lands of Sir Bartholomew Michell, as of the manor of Wembdon. (*Chanc. Inq. p.m.*, 436 (41).

Bartholomew Michell, of Compton, Dorset, 1638. Admon. to brothers, Thomas and Richard, during minority of Barth. and Agatha, his children, 5th October, 1638. P.C.C. (Brown, v, 41).