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Who was Thomas Tuchet *alias* Audley, of Heleigh Castle, Audley, who died in 1588, and who starts the pedigree with which I am now dealing? From his own will we learn that in 1574 he had a lease of lands, etc., at Audley, from George Tuchet [1551?-1617], 11th Lord Audley, and afterwards first Earl of Castlehaven; and in 1579 another lease from that young man's mother, Elizabeth [Sneyd], the widow of Henry Tuchet [d. 1563], 10th Lord Audley, of a messuage, etc., in Heleigh. And he was living at Audley, in Heleigh Castle, the ancient seat of the Lords Audley. But as to his relationship to them I have no evidence whatever. The fact that his descendant at Nantwich made no claim to the ancient barony, when the direct male line of peers died out in 1777, does not bear upon the question of Thomas's legitimacy, for in any case a barony by writ, such as was the Audley one, descends to heirs general, the daughter and heir thus carrying it to her issue, who in this particular case were Thicknesses.

Thomas Tuchet *alias* Audley married into a good stock, and his position seems consistent with near relationship to the Lords Audley. The family rather declined during the 17th century, and came down to the yeoman level. The movement to Nantwich, at the end of the century, to engage in trade, and the subsequent entry into the law, did something to restore the family fortunes, and the last male representative died an army officer in Nova Scotia—that is, unless the unnamed child of his will in 1806 was a son. Yet his uncle was an upholsterer at Newcastle-under-Lyme, with two illegitimate families, while his sister, or half-sister, married a working man at Leicester and died in the workhouse. Here are some strange social contrasts.

The family name was never anything but plain Audley after 1672, and was always so in the register, except in 1643, when it once appears as "Audeley *alias* Tutchet."

As regards Henry Audley, of Henleigh, co. Southampton, esq., who leased the property at Audley to Thomas Tuchet *alias* Audley in 1578, I hope to deal with him later in a special note.

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Leslie Hotson, in his *Shakespeare versus Shallow*, 1931, pp. 144-47, prints two Chancery suits of 1562 and 1587, which are concerned with disputes about leases, to Robert Luce and others, of Heley Castle, Staffordshire, by George Tuchet [d. 1560], 9th Lord Audley, and his son and successor, Henry Tuchet [d. 1563], 10th Lord Audley.

The name of "Mr. George Audeley Three," occurs in the list of 1666 for the Hearth Tax, in Staffordshire, under Parke-end, Audley (*William Salt Archaeological Soc.*, "Staffordshire Collections," 1921, p. 112).

The following marriage licence was issued at Chester in 1710 (*Record Soc. of Lancs. and Cheshire*, vol. 85, p. 181):—

June 22. Thomas Cheney, of Barthomley, co. Chester, yeo., and Jane Audley of Audley, co. Stafford, Spr. Bndsmn: Thomas Cheney of Barthomley, yeo. and Thomas Wilkinson of Alsager, co. Chester, yeo. Witn.: Tho. Welles and Margery Lindop.

On 7 Nov. 1679 a licence was issued for the marriage of Thomas Cheney, of Barthomley, gent., to Anne Saxon, of Betteley, spinster; and on 31 Jan. 1697/8 for the marriage of Thomas Cheney, of Barthomley, yeoman, to Elizabeth Cardy, of Nantwich (*ibid.*, vol. 69, p. 252; vol. 77, p. 189). Whether these both refer to the same individual, or whether the second one may be an earlier marriage of Jane Audley's husband, I cannot say.

Administration of the estate of Thomas Cheney, late of Barthomley, yeoman, was granted on 11 Mch. 1737, at Chester, to Randle Kettle, the principal creditor. The sureties to the bond, dated 11 Mch. 1737, were Randle Kettle, of Hassall Green, in Betchton, in par. of Sandbach, yeoman, Thomas Kettle, of Backford, yeoman, and John Doe.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

THOMAS TUCHETT *alias* **AWDELEY**, of Heyley, co. Staffs., gent. Will dated 21 Sept. 1588. Sick and diseased in body. To be burd. in par. church of Awdeley. Whereas I have a lease or deed indenture of a messuage, etc., in Heyley, by demesne of *Stephen Bagott*, of Flynt Castle, co. Chester, and *Dame Elizabeth* his wife, the *Lady Awdeley*, late wife of the *Rt. Hon. Henry Tuchett*, late *Lord Awdeley*, decd., upon the one part, and me the said *Thomas Tuchett alias Awdeley*, of Heyley *alias* Heyley Castle, co. Staff., gent., on the other part, bearing date 3 Oct., 21 Eliz. (1579), to have and to hold said messuage, etc., from Feast of Annunciation 1584, for 50 years, if said *Dame Elizabeth, Lady Awdeley*, shall happen so long to live, I give said lease to *Anne Tuchett alias Awdeley*, my wife, and her assigns, keeping my name and not else. Whereas I have one other lease to the same messuage, granted to me by *Henry Awdeley*, of Henligh, co. Southampton, esq., 16 June, 20 Eliz. (1578), for 99 years, if I the said *Thomas Tuchett alias Awdeley, John Awdeley* and *Rychard Awdeley*, my sons, or any of us, so long live, I bequeath said lease to my wife, she keeping my name, and after her marriage or decease then to my son, *John Tuchett alias Awdeley*, paying yearly 40s/- unto said *Rychard Tuchett alias Awdeley*. Whereas I have another lease or deed indenture from *Rt. Hon. George Tuchett, Lord Awdeley*, bearing date 15 Dec., 17 Eliz. (1574), of lands (named) in par. of Awdeley, and a water grist mill called Buslem Mills, for 99 years (if I the said *Thomas Tuchett alias Awdeley, Thomas* and *George* my sons, or any of us so long live), I give said lease to wife for life, and after her marriage or decease to *George* my son, paying yearly 4 marks to my son *Thomas*. To son *George* two kyne, to be put out for him by my said wife for his best advantage, if he continue to be an overseer of his mother's business and a servant unto her during her life, if she remain unmarried, and if he will not continue with her the two kyne and profits thereof equally between my sons *George, Thomas, John, Rychard* and *Ralph*. To son *Ralph*, two kyne and £20. To my wife, half of my goods, etc., and other half equally between

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my five sons. Exors., my wife *Anne*, and *Henry Draycott*, of Nottingham, gent., my bror.-in-law. Overseer, my very friend, *John Holte*, of Okeels Hill, par. of Madeley. Debts I owe: —*William Bloore*, of Knowle, £18. Debts owing to me: —*Thomas Fytton, esq.*, 10^s/- ; *Rauffe Joynton*, 26^s/8 ; *Andrew Cowdale*, of Keele, 20^s/- ; *Perryn* of the Hough, and *Rycharde Perryn* of Weston, 8^s/4 ; *Ryc. Baddeley*, of the Park Lane in Awdeley, the elder, 6^s/- ; *Robert Rogerston*, of Madeley, 7^s/- ; *Henry Joynton*, 3^s/4. Wits., *George Awdeley*, *Wm. Woodde*, *Rob. Woodde* and *Hugh Pilston*, clerk. Inventory dated 17 Dec., 31 Eliz. 1588 ; total, £134 . 12 . 8. Appraisers, *John Houlte*, *Wm. Bloore* and *Thos. Noden*. Proved 6 Aug. 1589, at Lichfield.

RALPH AWDLEY, of Muckleston, co. Staffs., decd. Admon. granted 19 Mch. 1643/4, at Lichfield, to *Jane Awdley*, of Aston, par. of Muckleston, widow and relict. Surety, *Richard Yardley*, of same town and co., gent. Inventory dated 11 Mch. 1643/4 : total, £74 . 10 . 0. Appraisers, *John Smalwood* and *John Kenricke*.

JANE AUDLEY, of par. of Madeley, co. Staffs. Admon. dated 14 Mch. 1666/7, at Lichfield, to *Richard Erdley*, natural and lawful son of decd. Endorsed on back of letter from *Ralph Lovatt*, of Newcastle, to cosen *John Rawlins*, of Lichfield.* he speaks of *Richard Eardley* as "brother *Erdley*," who was eldest son of Mrs. *Jane Audley*, who died suddenly on 13 Mch. 1666.

GEORGE TUCHETT alias AUDLEY, of Audley, in co. Staffs., gent. Will dated 19 Sept., 24 Charles II. (1672). Weak in body, etc. To be burd. in par. church of Audley, near unto place where my wife was burd. Whereas I am lawfully seised of a messuage and tenement, wherein I now dwell, and also of one water corn mill called Audley Mill, by virtue of an assignment dated 3 Feb., 20 Charles II. (1667/8), made between (1) *Gabriell Smith*, of Park Lane, Audley, afsd., and *Thomas Right*, of Rapp, co. Chester, (2) *George Tuchet alias Audley*, my late father, and (3) myself, now my mind and will is and I do by this my last will devise and bequeath my said messuage and tenement and water corn mill unto my bror. *Thomas*, provided he acquit and remit what I owe him on any account, and also that he give sufficient security by bond unto my exors. to pay £260 within two months after my decease, to be disposed of by my exors. for payment of the following legacies : —to sister *Margery*, £160, in full satisfaction of what I owe her, and also my best joined bed standing in the chamber over the parlour, and the livery table and all my brass and pewter ; to bror. *John*, £80, in full satisfaction of what I owe him, and my best suit of apparel and my cloak ; to cousin *Jane Breerton*, of Newcastle, £5 ; to bror. *Thomas*, two bullocks called Sweeting and Swan, all my husbandry ware, my great chest and my desk, on condition he permit the cattle to go upon the ground till they can be disposed of ; to all my godchildren, 12d. each ; to *Mr. Richard Parker*, of Audley, and *Mr. Weaver*, of Newcastle, 10^s/- each, to buy either of them a mourning scarf. All my tables, frames, formes, cubwards and bedsteads not before bequeathed, to stand where they be as heirlooms to the house . To my exors., 20^s/- each. In case my bror. *Thomas* refuse or neglect to give security to my exors. for the £260, then I devise my said messuages, etc., to my exors., to be by them disposed of during my term I have of them, for payment of my legacies and debts. All the rest of my goods to my bror. *John* and sister *Margery* equally. Exors., *John Beech*, the younger, of Knutton, *John Smith*, of Bound Hill, and *Thomas Beech*, of Audley. Signed, *George Audley*. Wits., *Isaack Johnson*, and *Tho. Beech*. Inventory dated 1 Oct. 1672 : total, £458 . 0 . 0, includes two guns and three rapiers. Appraisers, *John Craddock*, *John Baddeley* and *Richard Beech*. Proved 15 Apl. 1673, at Lichfield, by the exors.

THOMAS AUDLEY, of Park end, par. of Audley, co. Staffs., gent. Will dated 8 Aug. 1714. Of sound and understanding mind. To son *George Audley*, messuage, etc., at Park end, called Horton's Tenement, now in my holding, for 500 years, on trust to pay to my wife, *Jane*, out of the rents thereof, etc., £5 yearly for life, and £5 yearly for the maintenance and education of my grandson, *Thomas Cheney*, until he attain 21 years, and within 6 months after my wife's death to pay same to my son, *Thomas Audley*, and my dau. *Margaret Audley*, equally, and £50 to my grandson, *Thomas Cheney*, at 21. From and after the end, surrender or sooner determination of said term of 500 years, I give said messuage or tenement, lands, etc., unto my son, *Ralph Audley*, and his heirs. By indenture dated 10 July 1704, my son *George Audley* covenanted to pay me £250 ; I bequeath same to my son *Thomas Audley* and my dau. *Margaret Audley*, to be paid by £50 per annum. To wife *Jane*, £10, and the best bed standing in the parlour chamber, with the feather bed, bolsters, pillows, quilt, blankets, sheets, etc., thereunto belonging, and one of my best cows, and the large brass pot. To son *George*, my best chest. To wife *Jane*, son *Thomas Audley*, and dau. *Margaret Audley*, all the rest of household goods and furniture equally. To son *Thomas Audley* and dau. *Margaret Audley*, all the rest of my goods, cattle, chattels and personal estate equally, they paying my debts and funeral expenses. Whereas I have paid a debt of £50 and interest due upon bond from my said son *George Audley* to one *Margaret Steele*, my will is that said son *George* be discharged from said bond. Exors., wife *Jane* and bror. *John Audley*. Signed, *Thomas Audley*. Wits., *John Sherrat*, *Wm.*

*Jane, dau. of John Terrick, mard. 1stly. John Rawlins, of Little Fenton, and had a son, John Rawlins, of Lichfield; and 2ndly. Thomas Lovatt, of Clavton (*William Salt Arch. Soc.*, "Visitations of Staffordshire in 1614 and 1663-64," vol. V., part 2, p. 284). This evidently bears upon the relationships indicated.

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(*mark*) Crosby and Hannah Beech. Inventory dated 25 Aug. 1714: total, £245.14.6. Appraisers, William Eardley, William Kelshall and William Vernon. Proved 29 Oct. 1714, at Lichfield, by John Audley, power reserved for other exor.

THOMAS AUDLEY, of Parkend, par. of Audley, co. Staff., yeoman. Will dated 25 Feb., 2 George, 1715/6. To nephew, Thomas Cheyney, £30, when my exors. have received from George Audley the three several sums of £50 secured by certain lands in Parkend, and if exors. do not receive the whole of said sum then £20 to said nephew, Thomas Cheyney. To said nephew £20 out of the money due to me by the will of my father, decd., to be paid him at age of 21. Resid. legatee and exor., my bror.-in-law, William Eardley. Signed, Thomas Audley. Wits., John Audeley, Robert Lindop (*mark*) and Christopher Daine (*mark*). Proved 26 Apl. 1716, at Lichfield, by William Eardley.

JANE AUDLEY, of Audley, co. Staff., widow. Will dated 29 July, 5 George, 1719. Weak in body. After payment of debts and funeral expenses, then all my real and personal estate to son, Ralph Audley. I would have my said son Ralph give some part of my personal estate to my grandson, Thomas Cheney, at such time and in such proportions as he shall think fit. Exor., said son, Ralph Audley. Signed, Jane Audley. Wits., Will. Fletcher, Richard Taylor and John Audley. Proved 3 May 1723, at Lichfield, by Ralph Audley, the exor.

JOHN AUDLEY, of Audley, co. Staff., yeoman. Will dated 1 Feb. 1727/8. Of perfect mind and memory. To children of my late niece, Margaret Eardley, decd., £20 equally. To poor of Audley, £2. To cousin, Elizabeth Singleton, half a broad piece of gold. To Jane Eardley, dau. of said late niece Margaret, one broad piece of gold. To Ann Stubbs, of Audley, widow, and to George Audley, son of my nephew George Audley, each one broad piece of gold. Whereas my said nephew, George Audley, stands indebted to me by bond in the sum of £140 for payment of £70 at a day long since past, if said nephew George pay same with interest, without being forced, then my exor. shall return him £40. Resid. legatee and exor., said nephew, Ralph Audley. Signed, John Audley (*mark*). Wits., Sam. Stubbs and William Beech, jun. Proved 23 Apl. 1730, at Lichfield, by Ralph Audley, the exor.

RALPH AUDLEY, of Newcastle under Lyne, co. Staff., gent. Will dated 25 May 1734. All estate, after payment of debts, etc., to dau. Mary, and if she die before 21 then real estate to my nephew, George Audley, if living, but if dead then to my bror., George Audley; and personal estate, if she so die, to said bror., George Audley. To wife, £20 for mourning. Exors., Mrs. Gerard Parker, of Audley, my bror. George Audley, and John Fenton, of Newcastle under Lyne, they to be guardians of my said dau. during her minority. Signed, Ralph Audley. Wits., Richard Booker, Edward Vernon and W. Fenton. Proved 14 Nov. 1734, at Lichfield, by all exors.

GEORGE AUDLEY, of Audley, co. Staff. On 13 Oct. 1773 appeared before me (*Rev. John Smith*, clerk), George Audley, gent., and did allege that George Audley, decd., his late father, died intestate, possessed of certain land in par. of Audley, called Horton's Tenement, for a term of years yet unexpired, and that he, said George Audley, the son, was next of kin, and the person now principally interested in said land and premises, and prayed letters of admon. Letters of admon. granted 19 Oct. 1773, at Lichfield, to said George Audley, of Nantwich, co. Chester, gent. Sureties, Samuel Bovever, of Newcastle under Lyne, co. Staff., gent., and William Massey, of same, yeoman.

GEORGE AUDLEY, of Nantwich, co. Chester, gent. Will dated 7 July 1774. All my messuages and lands in co. Chester or elsewhere to Peter Walthall, of Wistaston, esq., Richard Wrench, of Nantwich, surgeon and apothecary, and Richard Beckett, of Baddiley, gent., to sell same and to pay my daus., Elizabeth, Mary, Frances and Jane Audley, £100 each, and to my dau. Massey, £10.10.0, and residue to my sons, John, Ralph, William and Richard Audley, and my said daus. equally, share and share alike. I desire them to set my son Richard as clerk or apprentice. Exors., said trustees. Signed, G. Audley. Wits., Dormer Harris, William Glenton and Tho. Moss. Codicil dated 1 Dec. 1775. To my son Richard, 100 guineas beyond the above. Wits., Wm. Wrench, Jno. Tomlinson and Thos. Child. Proved 24 Apl. 1777, in P.C.C. (Collier 143), by exors. named.

RICHARD CRAFORD MASSEY, of Stockport, co. Chester, esq. Will dated 13 Dec. 1779. All my real and personal estate and effects, after payment of debts, etc., and subject to payment of £50 a year secured by my marriage articles, to my dear wife Sarah, to my cousin Pearse Tarrant, esq., and my bror. William Massey, upon trust to pay thereout the annuity of £50 to my wife, as long as she liveth my widow and unmard., and allow such annual sum as they think proper for maintenance and education of my dau. Henrietta, or such other children as may be born to me, until they attain 21, and then for her or them, share and share alike; and if all my children die before 21 then to my said bror., subject to said annuity to wife, provided that if during her widowhood my share of the profits of the tithes of the parishes of Great Budworth and Frodsham shall not yield a clear annual sum of £200, all deductions for interest, etc., and particularly the annual contribution towards the fines for the

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renewals of the College leases of Budworth and Frodsham in pursuance of the direction in the will of the late *Gilbert Craford, esq.*, my great-grandfather, having first been made, then the deficiency in such annual income of £200 shall be made good out of the said additional annuity of £50, if same will so far extend. To my wife, so much of the household furniture as she shall think proper, to value not exceeding £100. Said *Pearse Tarrant* and *William Massey* to be exors. and guardians of my dau. *Henrietta*, or other children, till 21. Signed, *Richd. C. Massey*. Wits., *Mary Sandford*, *William Hartley* and *John Keeling*. Proved 5 May 1780, at Chester, by *Pearse Tarrant* and *William Massey*, the exors.

GEORGE AUDLEY, a minor aged 10 years, and **JOAN AUDLEY**, aged 7 years, having goods left them under will of their grandfather, *William Penlington*, late of Odd Rode, co. Chester, gent., decd. Tuition granted 22 Feb. 1787, at Chester, to *Ralph Audley*, of Nantwich, co. Chester, gent., their father. Bond £1600. Sureties, *John Hanshall* and *Henry Jones*.

CHRISTOPHER WETHERHERD, late of Liverpool, co. Lanc., merchant and broker, decd. Admon. granted 8 Sept. 1800, at Chester, to *Mary Wetherherd*, the widow and relict. Bond, £3000; sureties, *John Preston*, of Liverpool, wine merchant, and *Thomas Dickinson*, of Liverpool, merchant; wit., *R. H. Roughsedge*. Effects above £1000 and under £2000.

GEORGE AUDLEY; will as follows:—

Annapolis Royal Nova Scotia
10th May 1806

My dear Sister — After a confinement of Six Months apprehensive that I may not recover I enclose a Power of Attorney I beg you to receive my Effects and after paying my debts give the remaindr. to my Wife and Child. GEO. AUDLEY. Witness *J. Gethings* Capt. R.N.S.

In P.C.C., in the goods of *George Audley*, decd., appeared personally, 19 Jan. 1815, *Mary Fox*, of Cheam, co. Surrey, spinster, and swore she knew *George Audley*, late an ensign in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment of Fencible Infantry at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia, decd., for a considerable time before his death, and swore to above being in his handwriting. Proved 23 Jan. 1815, in P.C.C. (Pakenham 3), by *Joan Lownds Penlington Sims*, widow, sister and extrix. of decd.

MARY WETHERHERD, of Liverpool, co. Lanc., widow. Will dated 19 May 1812. To my friends, *Thomas Dodson*, and *Thomas Kirby*, both of Liverpool, gent., all my estate and effects on trust to sell same and after payment of debts, etc., to divide into five equal shares, one fifth each to daus., *Mary*, *Fanny*, *Eloisa*, *Harriet* and *Ursula*, and after death of *Ursula* to divide her share between said daus., *Mary*, *Fanny*, *Eloisa* and *Harriet*, share and share alike. Exors., said *Thomas Dodson* and *Thomas Kirby*. Signed, *Mary Wetherherd*. Wits., *Jas. Rowe*, *Joseph Gill* and *Thos. Dodson*. Proved 24 Aug. 1814, at Chester, by *Thomas Dodson* and *Thomas Kirby*, the exors. Testator died in Apl. 1814. Gross effects under £1000.

RALPH AUDLEY, of Nantwich, co. Chester, gent. Will dated 2 Aug. 1814. The whole of my property and estate to be divided between all my children. Exors., *William Audley*, of Newcastle, co. Staff., upholsterer, and *Jane Audley*, of Nantwich. Signed, *Ra: Audley*. Wits., *Willm. Pass*, and *William Audley Brereton*. Admon., with will annexed, granted 20 Nov. 1832, at Chester, to *Augusta Cowell*, the wife of *Charles Cowell*, of Leicester, framework knitter, the dau. and only surviving resid. legatee named in will. Bond £400; sureties, *Peter Bailey*, of Sandbach, co. Chester, saddler, and *John Blease*, of Sandbach, barber. Testator buried 14 Dec. 1814.

JANE AUDLEY, of Nantwich, co. Chester, spinster. Will dated 25 Oct. 1816. Whereas under the will of my late father, decd., I was possessed of certain monies, etc., now vested in name of *Peter Walthall*, of Wistaston, co. Chester, esq., my father's sole exor., which I intend to pass under my will, I give to *William Tomlinson*, the younger, of Nantwich, gent., £200 in trust to invest same and apply proceeds for benefit of my bror., *John Audley*, for life, and after his decease said interest between the two children of my late bror., *Ralph Audley*, for their lives. To said *William Tomlinson*, the younger, £20. Residue among the four unmarried daus. of my sister, *Mrs. Mary Wetherherd*. Exors., said *William Tomlinson*, and *Frances Wetherherd*, of Liverpool, spinster. Signed, *Jane Audley*. Wits., *Edwd. Kent* and *Edwd. Hall Martin*. Proved 25 Oct. 1817, at Chester, by the exors. named. Under £450. Testatrix died 25 Oct. (?) 1817.

WILLIAM AUDLEY, of Newcastle under Lyme, co. Staff., upholsterer. Will dated 1 Dec. 1819. To *Maria Audley*, otherwise *Mountford*, natural dau. of Mrs. *Mary Mountford*, who now lives with me, £1400 at 21 or marriage. To said *Maria Audley*, otherwise *Mountford*, the choice of such of my household goods as will furnish three rooms, and also £100. To my three exors., £400 upon trust to invest same and pay interest to said *Mary Mountford* for her life, and after her decease said £400 to fall into residue of my estate. Residue to *William Audley*, otherwise *Brereton*, and *John Audley*, otherwise *Brereton*, who now live with me, the natural sons of *Jane Brereton*,

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decd. Exors., my friends, *William Holland*, of Newcastle under Lyme, hat manufacturer, *Robert Hill*, of the same, late victualler, and *Samuel Jackson*, of the same, schoolmaster, and also make them guardians of said *Maria Audley*, otherwise *Mountford*. Wits., *W. Wayte*, *William Wayte, jun.*, and *Richard L. Rolls*. Proved 18 Aug. 1825, at Lichfield, by all the exors. Sworn under £1500. Testator died 28 Dec. 1824.

ELIZABETH AUDLEY, late of Birmingham. Admon. granted 26 Dec. 1820, at Lichfield, to *Frances Wetherherd*, of Liverpool, niece and next-of-kin. Sureties, *William Slade*, of Liverpool, gent., and *William Tomlinson, jun.*, of Nantwich, co. Chester. *Elizabeth Audley* died 4 June 1794. Sworn under £450.

FRANCES AUDLEY, late of Nantwich, co. Chester, who died intestate, leaving goods within the diocese of Lichfield and Coventry. Admon. granted 26 Dec. 1820, at Lichfield, to *Frances Wetherherd*, the niece and next-of-kin. Sureties, as in preceding admon. *Frances Audley* died 4 Aug. 1797. Sworn under £450.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

AUDELEY v. BABINGTON

21 Nov. 1612. Complaint by *George Audley*, of Audley, co. Staff., gent., and *Richard Hunt*, of Newcastle under Lyme, in said co., gent., exor. of the will of his bror., *John Hunt*, of Newcastle afsd., draper, decd., the said *John* leaving nine children, 5 sons and 4 daus., and *Richard* took out letters of admon. from *Zachary Babington*, Commissary General to the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and *George Audley* became surety for the same [continues *re Hunt* family; nothing further *re Audley*] [C.P. James I., C.2, A. 10/41].

AUDLEY v. AUDLEY

--- 1716. Complaint by *George Audley*, of Audley, co. Staff., gent., son and heir of *Thomas Audley*, late of Audley, gent., decd., that in 1701 there was a treaty of marriage to be had between complainant and *Elizabeth Werden*, of Manchester, co. Lanes., spinster, £500 being settled on her by agreement, made 26 Nov. 1701, and said *Thomas Audley* covenanted with *Robert Deves*, of Manchester, trustee of said *Elizabeth*, to settle Audley Mills and certain closes in Audley on complainant for life. The said marriage took effect, and in Aug. 1714 *Thomas Audley* died, and complainant became entitled to the abovesaid leasehold tenements, but his brother *John Audley*, of Audley, and his mother *Jane Audley*, of Audley, relict of said *Thomas*, *William Eardley*, of Audley, yeoman, and *Margaret* his wife, complainant's sister, and *Ralph Audley*, of Newcastle under Lyne, co. Staff., his younger bror., have combined to disturb complainant in his enjoyment of said premises, and pretend his father did not die intestate, but made his will in Aug. 1714, bequeathing same to said *Jane* and *John* and making them exors. He therefore desires the above named may be summoned to answer the premises [C.P. 1714-1758, C.11, 1695 34].

AUDLEY v. BYROM

18 Dec. 1730. Complaint of *George Audley*, of Nantwich, co. Chester, gent., and his dau. *Elizabeth* (by his late wife, formerly *Elizabeth Werden*, granddau. and co-devisee of *Eleanor Shuttleworth*, of Manchester, co. Lanes., widow, decd.), *James Gartside*, of Chester, son and heir of *Jane Gartside*, late of Manchester, widow, decd., who was a dau. and co-devisee of said *Eleanor Shuttleworth*, and *John Copely*, of Thornhill, co. York, clerk, and *Eleanor* his wife, who was dau. and heir of *Katherine Scott*, dau. and co-devisee of *Eleanor Shuttleworth*, that said *Eleanor Shuttleworth*, in 1670, being then widow of *William Page*, her first husband, by her indenture of 31 Mich. 1670 let to *Edward Taylor*, citizen and merchant taylor of London, and *John Jerom*, of London, carpenter, for building purposes, certain lands in Mincing Lane, par. of St. Dunstan's in the East, London, for 60 years, at a peppercorn rent. They built 8 houses on same. On 20 Apl. 1695, *Eleanor*, then widow of *Edmund Shuttleworth*, of Manchester, esq., made her will, dividing said premises into 6 parts, one for her granddau., the said *Elizabeth Werden* (wife of complainant *George Audley*), one to her dau. *Alice Lightbonn*, one to her grandson, *William Byrom*, one to her dau. *Ann Hynde*, one to her dau. *Jane Gartside*, and one to her dau. the said *Katherine Scott*. On 8 Mich. 1697-8, *Eleanor Shuttleworth* died. *Elizabeth Werden* married *George Audley* in 1701, and they had issue their only dau. *Elizabeth*; *George's* wife, *Elizabeth*, died 31 July 1703, whereby said *George*, in right of his wife, and said *Elizabeth*, in right of her mother, are entitled to a sixth part. Continues *re other complainants*. But now *Samuel Lightbonn*, *Richard Byrom* and *Mary Byrom* have taken possession of said houses and refuse to give complainants their share. They therefore desire the same may be summoned to answer the premises.

5 Jan. 1730 1. Answer of *Richard* and *Mary Byrom*, agreeing with most of the statements of complainant. They further say that *Ann Hynde*, one of the daus. of *Eleanor Shuttleworth*, made her will giving her share of the property in question to her nephew, *William Byrom*, grandson of *Eleanor Shuttleworth*, who thus became

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possessed of two sixth parts, and died leaving his son, this defendant *Richard*, his heir, who claims same by his mother, said *Mary*. They are willing to pay such proportion as is right and just.

5 Feb. 1730/1. Answer of *Samuel Lightbonn*, an infant, by his mother, *Sarah Bamlot*. As the afsd. answer, and further that *Alice Lightbonn* died 1708, leaving her sixth part to her son, *John Lightbonn*, and defendant is son and heir of *John* and is entitled to a sixth part, and he believes *Richard* and *Mary Byrom* are entitled to the other five parts. Defendant is now 8 years old [C.P. 1714-1758, C.11, 1694/19].

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

Entries not incorporated in the pedigree that follows are printed in italics.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE

(Register begins 1538. Searched by the Rev. F. A. Homer, to 1812).

1540.	<i>Aug. 7. bapt. Margareta, filia Georgii Audeley.</i>
1543/4.	<i>Mch. 21. bapt. Georgius, filius Georgii Audeley, vicarius.</i>
1544.	<i>June 18. burd. Georgius Audeley.</i>
1551/2.	<i>Mch. 9. bapt. Maria, filia Georgii Audeley, Militis.</i>
1556.	<i>May 19. burd. Maria, filia Georgii Audeley, Militis.</i>
1558.	<i>June 25. burd. Edwardus, filius Henrici Audeley, Ar.</i>
1560.	<i>Oct. 22. bapt. Elizabetha, filia Henrici Dni. Audeley.</i>
1563.	<i>Nov. 21. bapt. Henricus, filius Thomae Audeley.</i>
1563/4.	<i>Jan. 5. burd. Dns. Henricus dns. Audeley.</i>
1564/5.	<i>Mch. 14. bapt. Georgius, filius Thomae Audeley.</i>
1569.	<i>Mch. 31. burd. Johes., filius Thomae Audeley.</i>
1570.	<i>Nov. 28. burd. Radus., filius Thomae Audeley, gen.</i>
1571.	<i>Apl. 29. bapt. Thomas, filius Thomae Audeley, genosi.</i>
1573.	<i>Nov. 17. bapt. Johes., filius Thomas Audeley, gen.</i>
1582.	<i>Oct. 25. burd. Margeria Audeley, vid.</i>
1588.	<i>Oct. 12. burd. Thomas Audeley, gen.</i>
1597.	<i>Mch. 30. bapt. Willmus., filius Georgii Audeley, gen.</i>
1598.	<i>Nov. 18. burd. Willmus., filius Georgii Audeley.</i>
1599.	<i>Sept. 2. bapt. Anna, filia Georgii Audeley.</i>
1601/2.	<i>Mch. 14. bapt. Radus., filius Georgii Audeley.</i>
1604/5.	<i>Feb. 3. bapt. Georgius, filius Georgii Audeley.</i>
1642/3.	<i>Feb. 2. bapt. Georgius, filius Georgii Audeley alias Tutchet.</i>
1645.	<i>July 22. bapt. Thomas, filius Georgii Audley, jun.</i>
1653.	<i>Dec. 20. burd. Margerie Audeley, viduwa.</i>
1666/7.	<i>Jan. 29. burd. Margeria, uxor Georgii Audeley.</i>
1670.	<i>May 4. mard. Georgius Audley et Elizabetha Furber.</i>
1670.	<i>Sept. 12. mard. Thomas Audley et Jana Vernon.</i>
1670/1.	<i>Feb. 14. burd. Elizabetha, uxor Georgii Audeley.</i>
1672.	<i>Sept. 23. burd. Georgius Audley, gen.</i>
1674.	<i>Nov. 3. bapt. Johanes, filius Thomae Audley.</i>
1676.	<i>May 22. bapt. Thomas, filius Thomae Audley.</i>
1678/9.	<i>Feb. 11. bapt. Anna, filia Thomae Audley.</i>
1680/1.	<i>Mch. 13. bapt. Margeria, filia Thomae Audley.</i>
1684/5.	<i>Feb. 10. bapt. Radulphus, filius Thomae Audley, gener.</i>
1699/1700.	<i>Jan. 1. burd. Anna, filia Thomae Audley.</i>
1703.	<i>July 12. burd. Elizabetha, uxor Georgii Audley de Namptwich, mercator.</i>
1706.	<i>July 16. burd. Margeria Audley.</i>
1713.	<i>Oct. 24. burd. Johannes Audley.</i>
1714.	<i>Aug. 19. burd. Thomas Audley.</i>
1715/6.	<i>Mch. 6. burd. Thomas Audley.</i>
1722.	<i>Dec. 6. burd. Mrs. Jane Audley.</i>
1727/8.	<i>Feb. 28. burd. John Audley.</i>
1734.	<i>May 28. burd. Ralph Audley, gent.</i>

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(*Register begins 1539. Searched by the Rev. F. A. Homer, to 1812.*)

1702. Sept. 15. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of George Audley, mercer.
1703. July 12. burd. at Audley. Elizabeth, wife of George Audley, mercer.
1705/6. Jan. 28. bapt. William, son of George Audley, mercer.
1706/7. Feb. 2. bapt. Frances, dau. of George Audley, mercer.
1708. Aug. 12. burd. Frances, dau. of George Audley, mercer.
1709. June 15. bapt. Frances, dau. of George Audley, mercer.
1712. May 29. bapt. George, son of George Audley, mercer.
1718. Sept. 3. bapt. Anne, dau. of George Audley.
1719/20. Jan. 27. burd. William, son of George Audley, mercer.
1728. Dec. 31. burd. Elizabeth, wife of George Audley, mercer.
1740. Dec. 8. bapt. Anne, dau. of George Audley, jnr., Attorney.
1742. Apl. 8. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of George Audley, jnr., Attorney.
1743. June 15. bapt. George, son of George Audley, jnr., Attorney.
1744. May 15. burd. Ann, dau. of George Audley, sen., gent.
1744/5. Jan. 17. bapt. John, son of George Audley, jnr., Attorney.
1747. Apl. 28. bapt. Ralph, son of George Audley, jnr., Attorney.
1747. Oct. 9. burd. (*blank*), son of George Audley, attorney.
1748. Nov. 29. bapt. Thomas, son of George Audley, jnr., Attorney.
1751. May 7. bapt. William, son of George Audley, Attorney.
1754. Nov. 28. bapt. Catherine, dau. of George Audley, Attorney.
1755. Aug. 3. burd. Catherine, dau. of George Audley, Attorney, in the Church.
1756. Jan. 1. bapt. Jane, dau. of George Audley, gent.
1758. Jan. 18. bapt. Richard, son of George Audley, Attorney.
1763. Jan. 21. burd. Ann, dau. of George Audley, Attorney (*affidavit recd.*).
1765. Sept. 10. burd. Mrs. Audley.
1775. Nov. 7. mard. Ralph Audley, of this par., gent., and Joan, dau. of William Penlington, esq., of this par., by banns. Wits., Ann Penlington and William Penlington. Joan signs as "Joan Audley late Joan Penlington, being married in August last to the said Ralph Audley in North Briton commonly called Scotland".
1775. Dec. 18. burd. Mr. George Audley, Coroner & Attorney at Law.
1776. June 28. bapt. George Penlington, son of Ralph and Joan Audley.
1771. Jan. 1. mard. Richard Crawford Massey, of Great Budworth, co. Chester, esq., and Sarah Audley, of this par., spinster, with consent of George Audley, esq., her natural and lawful father. By *lic.* Wits., P. Farrant and G. Audley.
1774. Sept. 9. mard. Christopher Wetherherd, of Liverpool, merchant, and Mary Audley, of this par. By *lic.* Wits., Peter Walthall and Ra. Audley.
1797. Oct. 30. burd. *Elizabeth Audley.*
1800. Dec. 3. burd. Frances Audley, spinster.

ST. MARY'S, LEICESTER

1816. Jan. 30. bapt. Charlotte, dau. of Charles and Augusta Cowell of Bowling green Yard, framework knitter.
1816. May 5. burd. Ann, dau. of Charles Cowell, Bonners Lane, infnt.
1818. Jan. 8. bapt. William Audley, son of Charles and Augusta Cowell, Bonners Lane, f. w. k.
1821. Feb. 14. bapt. Ann, dau. of Charles and Augusta Cowell, Bonners Lane, f. w. k.
1821. Feb. 25. burd. Ann Cowell, infant, Bonners Lane.
1823. Feb. 13. bapt. Ann, dau. of Charles and Augusta Cowell, Bonners Lane, f. w. k.
1825. May 30. bapt. Charles, son of Charles and Augusta Cowell, Bonners Lane, f. w. k.
1837. Jan. 1. burd. Charles Cowell, of Bonners Lane, 51.
1847. June 13. burd. Augusta Cowell, of the Union House, 58.
1849. Nov. 25. burd. *Richard Audley Langham, of Mill Lane, 3.*

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE

(*Extracted from the printed register of Betley, 1538-1812, Staffordshire Parish Register Society.*)

1539. July 4. bapt. Agnes, fa. Geo. Audeley.
1541. 2. Jan. 5. burd. John, fi. Georgii Audeley.

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1555. June 20. *maid*. Thos. Toochet (?) & Katherine Henburye.
1556/7. Jan. 2. *bapt* Johanna Touchet (?).
1559. Sept. 10. *burd*. Maria Audeley *alias dicta Turget* (? Tucht).
1563/4. Jan. 5. *burd*. Henricus Audeley, *Dominus de Audeley*.
1563/4. Feb. 6. *burd*. Henricus Audeley, fi. Thomas Audeley.
1564. Nov. 3. *burd*. Ellena Audeley.
1566 (? 1565). Jan. 26. *bapt*. Rad. fi. Thos. Audeley.
1580. Aug. 13. *bapt*. Rad., fi. Thom. Audeley.

SANDBACH

(Extracted from J. P. Earwaker's "History of Sandbach," 1890, pp. 68, 72).

- 1739/40. Jan. 25. *maid*. George Audley, of Namptwich, gent., and Mary Stevenson, of this parish, spinster, by Licence.
1779. June 25. *burd*. Joan, wife of Ralph Audley, gentleman, Nantwich (*footnote says one of the daughters of William Penlington, of Odd Rode, esq., by Joan, daughter and coheir of Richard Lowndes, of Bostock House, esq.*).
(from the Rector)
1789. Nov. 8. *bap*. William & John Audley, s. of Jane Brereton, Sandbach ("*& John*" *has been added above the line, in a different handwriting*).

ST. GILES', NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

1820. Aug. 8. *bap*. Maria, natural daughter of Mary Mountford.
1832. Jan. 26. *mar*. John Ryles, of par. of Stoke, co. Staffs., of full age, bach., and Maria Audley Mountford, of this par., spinster of full age, by lic. Wits., William Audley, Harry Hill, Mary Pass and William Mills.

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

From James Hall's *History of Nantwich*, 1883, we learn (p. 200) that an inscription on one of the cross-beams of the south transept of Nantwich church says:—"This Roofe was Repared and three new Beames put up when Benjamin Wright & Geo. Avdley were Wardens 1698." On p. 223 is given a list of gentlemen chosen on 29 January 1746 to compose the Monthly Vestry, among them being "Mr. [GEO.] AUDLEY the elder," and "Mr. AUDLEY the younger." In 1727 a faculty was granted to build a South gallery in the church, and the plan of allotment, in January 1729/30, shews that Mr. Geo. Audley paid £11.10.0 for a front pew, 8 ft. 6 in. long, under the West arch (p. 218). On 4 January 1738/9, "Geo. Audley" was one of those who signed a new set of "Rules and Orders" for the town (p. 221). On 7 January 1770, "G. Audley" signs the Town Book in connexion with a new door for the church (p. 227).

Two of the family occur in the "Manchester School Register" (*Chetham Soc.*, lxi., 70, 157):—

1756. June 28. John, son of George Audeley, attorney-at-law, Nantwich, Cheshire.
1770. Jan. 11. Richard, son of George Audley, attorney, Namptwich, Cheshire.

In *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Ser. 4, vol. 1, p. 154, is given the following copy of a monumental inscription at Fort Ann, Annapolis, Nova Scotia:—

Sacred | to | the Memory of | Ensign GEORGE AUDLEY | of the Royal Newfoundland |
Regiment | who died the 25th day of May 1806 | in the 30th Year of his Age.
This stone is placed | by his Brother Officers | as a testimony of their friendship | and esteem.

Charles Lynam's *Church Bells of Staffordshire*, 1889, p. 54, gives the inscription on the 7th bell at St. Giles's, Newcastle under Lyme:—"John Fenton & Ralph Audley Gent^s iustices of the peace 1732."

Mr. T. Pape, F.S.A., sends me the following extracts from the Corporation Minutes of Newcastle, between 1728 and 1736:

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Assembly in Guildhall, 5 Oct. 1731. "Att this Assembly Mr. Ralph Audley and John Lightfoote were elected Capitall Burgesses of this Burrough in the room & to succeed Mr. Tho: Hart and Mr. Colclough decd. who thereupon severally tooke y^e oath of a Capitall Burgess and y^e other Oaths enjoyed by Law."

At the same meeting the officers for the ensuing year were chosen, and first on the list was "Radulphus Audley, Armiger, Maior." The last Council meeting at which Ralph Audley attended as Mayor was on 3 October 1732, when he was succeeded by James Taylor, and when he and John Fenton were elected Justices of the Peace for the year. A minute of 10 September 1734 runs :—

"Orderd that John Baddely and John Clough bee required to serve as Capitall Burgesses of this Burrough in the room and to succeed Mr. Fra: Burton and Mr. Ralph Audley lately decd."

Mr. Pape also sends me this extract from the first book of the Newcastle Quarter Sessions :—

25 July 1732. "Memorandum Since the last Sessions Richard Hulme of Adderley Green in the County of Stafford, yeoman, was convicted before Ra: Audley Esq., Mayor, for swearing or cursing four oaths for which hee paid four shillings to y^e Churchwardens for the use of the poor."

On 7 November 1732 John Withington, before Ralph Audley, gent., paid two shillings for swearing one oath.

Mr. W. Fowler Carter, F.S.A., in his valuable "Notes on Staffordshire Families" (*William Salt Archæological Society*, "Staffordshire Collections," 1925, pp. 130-4), has an account of the Draycotes. Richard Draycote, of Draycote, co. Staff., died 1544, eldest son of Sir Philip Draycote, married Alice, died 1579, daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, of Wollaton, co. Notts., and had issue five sons, the second of whom is thus described in Mr. Carter's pedigree :

2. Henry, mentioned in the Will of his grandmother Dame Elizabeth, and in the 1566 pedigree. According to the "1604" pedigree, he married a wife whose Arms were *A chevron between three leopards faces, a crescent for difference*, a coat which might be for Parker of Caverswall, Hawes of Walsall, and for many other families.

Mr. Carter's pedigree shews also the two daughters of Richard and Alice :—

1. Mary, } mentioned by name in the pedigrees and referred to by Sir Philip as "the two daughters
2. Ann, } of my son Richard."

Sir Philip Draycote's will, dated 6 Sept. 1558 and proved 8 Jany. 1562/3 at Lichfield, left "To my son Richard's two daughters 40 marks each."

Mr. Carter says that there used to be a monument to Richard and Alice Draycote on the north side of the chancel at Draycote :—

On the east part of this tomb were four shields of Arms :—

(1) *Draycote* impaling *Per bend sinister ermine and, a lion rampant* ; (2) *Ermine, a chevron gules differenced by a crescent* impaling *Draycote* ; (3) *Draycote* impaling *Argent, on a fess sable, 3 escallops or* ; (4) *Draycote* impaling a blank shield.

In all these the Draycote Arms are given as their "fretty," not their "paly" coat. (1) represents the Arms of Richard's eldest son John impaling those of his wife, and I therefore suppose that the others also refer to his children, and that (2) shows that a daughter married a Touchet, while (3) shows that one of his sons married perhaps a Waver.

The will of Thomas Touchet *alias* Audley, dated 21 September 1588, shows Mr. Carter's supposition to be correct, for he mentions his wife Anne and his brother-in-law Henry Draycote, of Nottingham, gent., who therefore must have been the children of Richard Draycote and Alice Willoughby.

As bearing upon the family particulars given in the Chancery suit of 1730, I have an abstract of the will of John Werden, of Milngate Street, Manchester, co. Lancs., gent., dated 1 Mch. 1685/6, and proved 10 July 1686, at Chester, in which he mentions his daughter,

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Elizabeth Werden (under 21) ; his sister, Margaret Werden ; his mother Shuttleworth ; his mother, Mrs. Ellen Werden ; his brother, Joseph Werden ; his brother Hinde and his wife ; his brother, John Lightbonne, and his wife ; his brother, John Byrom ; his brother Digle and his wife ; and his brother Gartside and his wife, appointing as exors. his brother, Joseph Werden, of Derby, gent., and John Lightbonne, of Manchester.

The will of Ellen Shuttleworth, of Manchester, co. Lancs., widow, and relict of Edmund Shuttleworth, late of Manchester, esq., decd., and heretofore the widow of William Page, late of Manchester, gent., decd., was dated 20 Apl. 1695, and proved 21 Nov. 1696 at Chester. She mentions her daughter, Anne Hynde, wife of John Hynde, of Manchester, clerk ; her daughter, Alice Lightbowne, wife of John Lightbowne, of Manchester, gent. ; her daughter, Jane Gartside, wife of Robert Gartside, of Prestwich, co. Lancs., yeoman ; her daughter, Katharine Scott, wife of Edward Scott, of Manchester, grocer ; her granddaughter Elizabeth Werden (under 21) ; John Werden, late father of said Elizabeth ; her grandson, William Byrom (under 21) ; Edward Shuttleworth, eldest son and heir of her late husband ; her granddaughter, Mary Byrom (under 21) ; and her brother, Mr. Robert Leatherbarrow. She seems to have been a woman of considerable wealth, with property in Mincing Lane, London, and in Lincoln, as well as at Wigan, Warrington and in Manchester. Ellen Page, wife of William Page, of Manchester, was licensed to practise midwifery on 5 Aug. 1665 (*Lancs. and Cheshire Record Soc.*, vol. 65, p. 157) : perhaps the profession was profitable.

In spite of all this wealth of information about these families, we do not yet know the Christian name of John Werden's wife.

The Rev. John Copeley, Rector of Thornhill, co. Yorks., who married Eleanor Scott, had three daughters, who all married into county families (see Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1853, p. 614).

The will of William Penlington, of Odd Rode, co. Chester, esq., dated 18 Dec. 1781, with a codicil of 12 Jan. 1782, was proved 11 Apl. 1782 at Chester. He mentions his son, William Penlington ; his four daughters, Margaret Penlington, Ann Wrench, Diana Penlington and Catherine Penlington ; his grandchildren, George Audley and Joan Audley (both under 21) ; and his son-in-law, Mr. Ralph Audley.

The will of William Penlington, of Odd Rode, esq., dated 18 Nov. 1784, was proved 18 Nov. 1819, at Chester. He mentions his late father, decd., and his wife Mary. He died 9 June 1819.

The baptisms of six children of Mr. William and "Jane" Penlington appear in the register of Betley, as printed by the *Staffordshire Parish Register Society*, Margaret on 11 Oct. 1752 ; Jane on 5 Aug. 1755 ; Ann on 17 June 1757 ; Diana on 1 Nov. 1758 ; William on 24 June 1760 ; and George on 7 Oct. 1761. This is clearly the family of William Penlington, afterwards of Odd Rode, and *Joan* his wife, and the "Jane" of 1755 was evidently the *Joan* who married Ralph Audley in 1775. There are other Penlington entries there ; and Samuel Denton Penlington, baptized 29 May 1753, son of George and Anna Charlotta Penlington, was buried 12 Nov. 1793, as of Nantwich, shewing that the family connexion with the two places was more than casual.

The will of Catherine Penlington, of Nantwich, co. Chester, spinster, dated 21 Jan. 1804, with a codicil of 20 Feb. 1804, was proved 4 Mch. 1806, at Chester : she died 1 Sept. 1805. She mentions her sisters, Margaret Penlington and Diana Collison (and her husband) ; her brother ; her nephew, William Penlington ; her niece, Ann Wrench ; her cousins, Ann Penlington and Ellen Penlington ; and her cousin, George Skerrett. She also mentions Jane Audley, Jane Wrench and Elizabeth Wrench, and Mary Penlington ; and leaves George

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Audley's picture to Miss Ann Rawsthorne. No doubt this was a portrait of her nephew, then alive.

Dr. William Wrench [1751-1821], of Nantwich, married Ann, daughter of William Penlington, on 8 Feb. 1776, and had two daughters by her, Anne and Mary (James Hall's *Nantwich*, 1883, pp. 230, 350). "William Penlington Esq., of Rode," was buried 22 Jan. 1782, at Sandbach, where his wife, Joan, had been buried on 8 Sept. 1769 (*ibid.*, 125).

Mr. W. F. Carter tells me that a licence for the marriage of Thomas Audley to Jane Vernon, at Audley, was issued from Lichfield in 1670; also that the *Staffordshire Poll Book* for 1747, p. 46, has this:—"George Audley, gent. — lease in possession of Edw. Rees — resides at Namptwich — vote for property at Audley."

A correspondent of *Notes and Queries*, one "G.W.M.," in 1871 (4th Ser., vol. 7, p. 11), quotes a memorandum book of 1864 in which the writer mentions visiting Sandbach church, a few years after it had been almost entirely rebuilt, and being shewn in the clerk's house a brass plate to a "Raph Audley," which the clergyman thought too shabby to replace. Presumably this would be to Ralph Audley, of Nantwich, who died in 1814: his first wife was buried at Sandbach in 1779.

Perhaps the Audleys connected with Keele, which is but four miles south of Audley, were of the same family. A note in *The Gentleman's Mag.* for 1811, pt. 2, p. 410, says that among the benefactors of the parish buried at Keele were Mr. Thomas Audley, gent., on 10 Jan., 1692, and his widow Elizabeth, from Newcastle, on 13 Nov. 1698. The following records from the Lichfield Probate Office refer to them:—

THOMAS AUDLEY, of Keele, co. Staffs., gent. Will dated 5 Jan. 1691/2. Weak in body, etc. To be burd. at discretion of extrix. To wife *Elizabeth*, my messuage or tenement, and lands at Hilton, co. Derby, for her life. All personal estate to *Elizabeth*, my dau., for use of her and her children. Extrix., wife *Elizabeth*. Signed, *Thomas × Audley*. Wits., *Thomas Hemings, Tho: Wardle and John Corne*. Proved 5 May 1692, by *Elizabeth Audley*, the sole extrix.

ELIZABETH AUDLEY, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, co. Staffs., widow, late wife of *Thomas Audley*, gent., decd. Will dated 15 Sept. 1698. To be burd. at discretion of exor. To grandson, *Thomas Austen*, of Congleton, co. Chester, barber "chirurgion," all my money, goods, cattle, chattels whatsoever, after discharge of debts, etc. Refers to indenture tripartite dated 19 Dec. 1693, made between (1) her the said *Elizabeth Audley*, (2) *Charles Hawys*, and (3) *Robert Austen*. Exor., *Charles Hawys*, of Chebsey, co. Staffs., clerk. Signed, *Elizabeth × Audley*. Wits., *Jostiah Foxall, Richard Bolton and Sarah × Church*. Proved 17 Feb. 1698/9 by *Robert Austen*, of Keel Hall, co. Staffs., gent., *Charles Hawys* renouncing. Inventory, undated, by *Thomas Peake*, of Keele, yeoman, and *Samuel Bedson*, of same, yeoman; total, £18.3.5.

The Newcastle-under-Lyme register, printed by the *Staffordshire Parish Register Soc.* from 1563 to 1705, contains no Audley entries, but if the search were continued through the 18th century some would no doubt be found concerning the Ralph Audley [1685-1734], of my pedigree, who lived there, and had a wife and child.

As regards Ralph Awdley, of Mucklestone, co. Staffs., gent., admon. of whose estate was granted at Lichfield, on 19 Mch. 1643/4, to Jane Awdley, the widow, of Aston, parish of Mucklestone, which is about ten miles south-west of Audley, perhaps he was the Ralph Audley, of my pedigree, born in 1602, or his uncle Ralph, born in 1580. Neither his nor his widow's burial appears in the Mucklestone register, printed by the *Staffordshire Parish Register Soc.*

Richard Dobson and Jane Audley, both of Newcastle-under-Lyme, were married at Norton-in-the-Moors on 14 Dec. 1794, in the presence of Richard Ball and Wm. Steel. I cannot place her.

From *Giggleswick*, by Thos. Brayshaw and Ralph M. Robinson, 1932, p. 158, I learn that Christopher "Weatherhead," a Liverpool West India merchant, was the owner of

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Stainforth Hall, which was sold on his bankruptcy in 1774. Whether he was the Christopher Wetherherd, of Liverpool, who married Mary Audley in the same year, I cannot say.

My own great-grandfather, James Reade [1749-1814], writing to his brother John, at Barbridge, in the parish of Acton, near Nantwich, on 15 Feb. 1777, just after the death of their father, John Reade, of Barbridge, asks him to let Mr. Wilbraham know "that the reason why Mr. Audley delayed the execution of the Lease was, on account of the Canal going thro' one of the fields, & the allowance to be made to Father, cou'd not then be ascertained" (*Reades of Blackwood Hill and Dr. Johnson's Ancestry*, 1906, p. 34).

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

THOMAS TUCHET *alias* **AUDLEY**, of Heleigh Castle, in the par. of Audley, co. Staffs., gent.; in 1574 had lease of lands at Audley from George Tuchet, 11th Lord Audley of Heleigh, and in 1579 another lease from Elizabeth, widow of Henry Tuchet, 10th Lord Audley; burd. 12 Oct. 1588 at Audley. Will dated 21 Sept. 1588, proved 6 Aug. 1589 at Lichfield. *Mard.* Anne, dau. of Richard Draycote, of Draycote, co. Staffs., esq. (by Alice his wife, dau. of Sir Henry Willoughby, of Wollaton, co. Notts.), and granddau. of Sir Philip Draycote, of Draycote, and by her, who was living 21 Sept. 1588, had issue,

- I. Henry Tuchet *alias* Audley, bapt. 21 Nov. 1563 at Audley; burd. 6 Feb. 1563/4 at Betley, co. Staffs.
- II. **GEORGE TUCHET** *alias* **AUDLEY**, of whom presently.
- III. Ralph Tuchet *alias* Audley, bapt. 26 Jany. 1565-6 at Betley; burd. 28 Nov. 1570 at Audley.
- IV. John Tuchet *alias* Audley, burd. 31 Mch. 1569 at Audley.
- V. Thomas Tuchet *alias* Audley, bapt. 29 Apl. 1571 at Audley; living 21 Sept. 1588.
- VI. John Tuchet *alias* Audley, bapt. 17 Nov. 1573 at Audley; living 21 Sept. 1588.
- VII. Richard Tuchet *alias* Audley, living 21 Sept. 1588.
- VIII. Ralph Tuchet *alias* Audley, bapt. 13 Aug. 1580 at Betley; living 21 Sept. 1588. Perhaps Ralph Audley, of Muckleston, co. Staffs., admon. of whose estate was granted 19 Mch. 1643/4 at Lichfield, to Jane his widow, previously widow of Eardley; she died suddenly on 13 Mch. 1666, in par. of Madeley, co. Staffs., admon. of her estate being granted 14 Mch. 1666/7 at Lichfield.

GEORGE TUCHET *alias* **AUDLEY**, eldest surviving son of *Thomas Tuchet alias Audley preceding*; of Audley, gent.; bapt. 14 Mch. 1564/5 at Audley; "senior," on 22 July 1645. *Mard.*, dau. of, and had issue,

- I. William Audley, bapt. 30 Mch. 1597 at Audley; bard. 18 Nov. 1598 at Audley.
- II. Ralph Audley, bapt. 14 Mch. 1601/2 at Audley.
- III. **GEORGE TUCHET** *alias* **AUDLEY**, of whom presently.
 - I. Anne Audley, bapt. 2 Sept. 1599 at Audley.

GEORGE TUCHET *alias* **AUDLEY**, youngest son of *George Tuchet alias Audley preceding*; of Audley; bapt. 3 Feb. 1604/5 at Audley; living 3 Feb. 1667/8; dead 19 Sept. 1672. *Mard.* Margery, dau. of, who was burd. 29 Jany. 1666/7 at Audley, and had issue,

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I. George Tuchet *alias* Audley, of Audley, gent.; bapt. 2 Feb. 1642/3 at Audley, burd. there 23 Sept. 1672. Will dated 19 Sept. 1672, when "weak in body," proved 15 Apl. 1673 at Lichfield. Mard. 4 May 1670, at Audley, to Elizabeth Furber, who was burd. 14 Feb. 1670/1 at Audley, leaving no issue.

II. **THOMAS AUDLEY**, of *whom presently*.

III. John Audley, of Audley, yeoman; living 19 Sept. 1672; died unmard.; burd. 28 Feb. 1727/8 at Audley. Will dated 1 Feb. 1727/8, proved 23 Apl. 1730 at Lichfield.

I. Margery Audley, living 19 Sept. 1672 (? died unmard., and burd. 16 July 1706 at Audley).

THOMAS AUDLEY, *second son of George Tuchet alias Audley preceding*; of Parkend, par. of Audley, gent.; bapt. 22 July 1645 at Audley; burd. there 19 Aug. 1714. Will dated 8 Aug. 1714, proved 29 Oct. 1714 at Lichfield. Mard. 12 Sept. 1670 (*lic.* from Lichfield), at Audley, to Jane Vernon, who was burd. 6 Dec. 1722 at Audley. By her, whose will, dated 29 July 1719, was proved 3 May 1723 at Lichfield, he had issue,

I. **GEORGE AUDLEY**, of *whom presently*.

II. John Audley, of Audley; bapt. 3 Nov. 1674 at Audley (living in 1716).

III. Thomas Audley, of Parkend, par. of Audley, yeoman; bapt. 22 May 1676 at Audley; died unmard.; burd. 6 Mch. 1715/16 at Audley. Will dated 25 Feb. 1715/16, proved 26 Apl. 1716 at Lichfield.

IV. Ralph Audley, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, co. Staffs., gent.; Mayor of Newcastle in 1731-2; bapt. 10 Feb. 1684/5 at Audley; burd. 28 May 1734 at Audley. Will dated 25 May 1734, proved 14 Nov. 1734 at Lichfield. Mard., dau. of, and by her, who was living 25 May 1734, had issue,

Mary Audley, under 21 on 25 May 1734.

I. Anne Audley, bapt. 11 Feb. 1678/9 at Audley, burd. there 1 Jan. 1699/1700.

II. Margaret Audley, bapt. 13 Mch. 1680/1 at Audley; unmard. 8 Aug. 1714; dead 1 Feb. 1727/8; mard. in 1716 or earlier to William Eardley, of Audley, yeoman, who was living 26 Apl. 1716, and had issue by him, Jane Eardley, living unmard. with other children on 1 Feb. 1727/8.

III. Jane Audley, mard., by licence dated 22 June 1710, to Thomas Cheney, of Barthomley, Cheshire, yeoman, and had issue by him Thomas Cheney, under age on 8 Aug. 1714, and living 29 July 1719.

GEORGE AUDLEY, *eldest son of Thomas Audley preceding*; of Audley, gent., and of Nantwich, co. Chester, mercer; churchwarden of Nantwich, 1698; living 1747. Admon. granted 19 Oct. 1773 at Chester. Mard. 1stly Elizabeth, dau. of John Werden, of Milgate Street, Manchester, gent., by, dau. of William Page, of Manchester, gent., and of Ellen his wife, who afterwards mard. Edmund Shuttleworth, of Manchester, esq. By her, whose marriage settlement was dated 26 Nov. 1701, and who was burd. 12 July 1703 at Audley, he had issue,

I. Elizabeth Audley, bapt. 15 Sept. 1702 at Nantwich; living only dau. of marriage, and unmard., 18 Dec. 1730.

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He mard. 2ndly Elizabeth, dau. of, and by her, who was burd. 31 Dec. 1728 at Nantwich, had further issue,

- I. William Audley, bapt. 28 Jany. 1705/6 at Nantwich, and burd. there 27 Jany. 1719/20.
- II. **GEORGE AUDLEY**, of whom presently.
- II. Frances Audley, bapt. 2 Feb. 1706/7 at Nantwich, and burd. there 12 Aug. 1708.
- III. Frances Audley, bapt. 15 June 1709 at Nantwich.
- IV. Anne Audley, bapt. 3 Sept. 1718 at Nantwich, and burd. there 15 May 1744.

GEORGE AUDLEY, only surviving son of *George Audley preceding* ; of Nantwich, Coroner and attorney-at-law ; bapt. 29 May 1712 at Nantwich, and burd. there 18 Dec. 1775. Will dated 7 July 1774, with codicil of 1 Dec. 1775, proved 24 Apl. 1777 in P.C.C. Mard. 25 Jany. 1739/40, at Sandbach, to Mary, dau. of Stevenson, of Sandbach, and by her, who was burd. 10 Sept. 1765 at Nantwich, had issue,

- I. George Audley, bapt. 15 June 1743 at Nantwich, and burd. there 9 Oct. 1747.
- II. John Audley, bapt. 17 Jan. 1744/5 at Nantwich ; entered Manchester Grammar School, 28 June 1756 ; living 25 Oct. 1816.
- III. **RALPH AUDLEY**, of whom presently.
- IV. Thomas Audley, bapt. 29 Nov. 1748 at Nantwich ; probably died young.
- V. William Audley, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, upholsterer ; bapt. 7 May 1751 at Nantwich ; died 28 Dec. 1824, unmard. Will dated 1 Dec. 1819, proved 18 Aug. 1825 at Lichfield. By Jane Brereton, who was dead 1 Dec. 1819, he had illegitimate issue,

William Audley *alias* Brereton (see *post*, AUDLEY OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME AND AUSTRALIA) ; bapt. 8 Nov. 1789 at Sandbach.
John Audley, bapt. 8 Nov. 1789 at Sandbach ; living with his father, 1 Dec. 1819.

By Mary Mountford, who was living with him 1 Dec. 1819, he had further illegitimate issue,

Maria Audley Mountford, living under age, 1 Dec. 1819 ; bapt. 8 Aug. 1820 at Newcastle-under-Lyme ; mard. 26 Jan. 1832, at Newcastle, to John Ryles, of Stoke-upon-Trent.

- VI. Richard Audley, bapt. 18 Jan. 1758 at Nantwich ; entered Manchester Grammar School, 11 Jan. 1770 ; living 1 Dec. 1775, to be put out apprentice or clerk.
 - A. Anne Audley, bapt. 8 Dec. 1740 at Nantwich ; died unmard. ; burd. 21 Jan. 1763 at Nantwich.
 - B. Elizabeth Audley, of Birmingham ; bapt. 8 Apl. 1742 at Nantwich ; died unmard. (?) 4 June 1794. Admon. granted 26 Dec. 1820 at Lichfield.
 - C. Mary Audley, mard. 9 Sept. 1774, at Nantwich, to Christopher Wetherherd, of Liverpool, merchant, admon. of whose estate was granted 8 Sept. 1800 at Chester. Mrs. Wetherherd died Apl. 1814, and her will, dated 19 May 1812, was proved 24 Aug. 1814 at Chester. She left issue,

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- a. Mary Wetherherd, living 19 May 1812.
- b. Frances Wetherherd, of Liverpool ; living 19 May 1812, and 26 Dec. 1820, unmard.
- c. Eloisa Wetherherd, living 19 May 1812.
- d. Harriet Wetherherd, living 19 May 1812.
- e. Ursula Wetherherd, living 19 May 1812.
- D. Frances Audley, of Nantwich ; died unmard. 4 Aug. 1797 (? or burd. 3 Dec. 1800 at Nantwich). Admon. granted 26 Dec. 1820 at Lichfield.
- E. Catherine Audley, bapt. 28 Nov. 1754 at Nantwich, and burd. there 3 Aug. 1755.
- F. Jane Audley, of Nantwich ; bapt. 1 Jan. 1756 at Nantwich ; died unmard. 25 Oct. 1817. Will dated 25 Oct. 1816, proved 25 Oct. 1817 at Chester.
- G. Sarah Audley, mard. 1 Jan. 1771, at Nantwich, to Richard Craford Massey, of Great Budworth, co. Chester, and later of Stockport, esq., whose will was dated 13 Dec. 1779, and proved 5 May 1780 at Chester. Mrs. Massey, with one dau., Henrietta, was alive on 13 Dec. 1779.

RALPH AUDLEY, *second surviving son of George Audley preceding* ; of Nantwich, gent. ; bapt. 12 Apl. 1747 at Nantwich ; burd. 14 Dec. 1814. Will dated 2 Aug. 1814 ; admon. with will granted 20 Nov. 1832 at Chester. Mard. Aug. 1775, in Scotland, and 7 Nov. 1775, at Nantwich, to Joan, dau. of William Penlington, of Odd Rode, co. Chester, esq., by Joan his wife, dau. and coheir of Richard Lowndes, of Bostock House, co. Chester, esq., and by her, who was bapt. 5 Aug. 1755 at Betley, co. Staffs., and burd. 25 June 1779 at Sandbach, he had issue,

I. **GEORGE PENLINGTON AUDLEY**, *of whom presently.*

1. Joan Lowndes Penlington Audley, aged 7 on 22 Feb. 1787 ; mard.....Sims, and was living a widow on 23 Jan. 1815 and 25 Oct. 1816.

Ralph Audley evidently mard. again and had issue,

- II. Augusta Audley, only surviving child of her father on 20 Nov. 1832. Mard. Charles Cowell, of Bonners Lane, Leicester, framework knitter, who was burd. 1 Jan. 1837, aged 51, at St. Mary's, Leicester. Mrs. Cowell died at the Union House, Leicester, and was burd. 13 June 1847, aged 58, at St. Mary's, Leicester, where the registers record the following children :--Ann Cowell, burd. 5 May 1816 ; Charlotte Cowell, bapt. 30 Jan. 1816 ; William Audley Cowell, bapt. 8 Jan. 1818 ; Ann Cowell, bapt. 14 Feb. and burd. 25 Feb. 1821 ; and Charles Cowell, bapt. 30 May 1825.

GEORGE PENLINGTON AUDLEY, *only son of Ralph Audley preceding* ; Ensign Royal Newfoundland Regt. of Fencible Infantry ; bapt. 28 June 1776 at Nantwich ; died 25 May 1806, aged 29 ; burd. at Fort Ann, Annapolis, Nova Scotia ; monument erected by brother officers. Will dated 10 May 1806, proved 23 Jan. 1815 in P.C.C. Mard., dau. of., who was living 10 May 1806, with a child.