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This is another pedigree beginning with a London citizen whose origins are not known. In the last generation there were eight sons, yet all died young except Thomas Audley, of whom after 1790, when he was a man of 45, we have no record.

ADMINISTRATIONS

RICHARD AUDELY, late of St. Peter Poer, London, decd. Admon. granted 2 May 1689 to *James Wilson*, guardian assigned to *Mathew Audely* and *Richard Audely*, sons of decd. (Commissary Court of London, Act Book 26 ——— at Somerset House).

MATTHEW AUDLEY, late of Christ Church, London, decd. Admon. granted 16 Nov. 1725 to *Mary Audley*, the widow and relict (Commissary Court of London, Act Book 34 ——— at Somerset House).

REV. MATTHEW AUDLEY, late of St. Mary Rotherhithe, co. Surrey, clerk, widower, decd. Admon. granted 6 Mch. 1790 to *Thomas Audley*, son and only child of decd. (P.C.C. Admon. Act Book).

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

WOOLNOUGH *v.* AUDLEY

14 Apl. 1714. Complaint by *Francis Woolnough*, of Wenhaston, co. Suffolk, gent., that he was seised of messuages and lands in the manor of Leiston, and on 27 Dec. 1711 made an agreement with *Mathew Audley*, of Leiston, co. Suffolk, clerk, to convey same to said *Mathew* for £114. 15. 0, to be paid by *Mathew*. The latter has got the said premises, but has not paid all the said money, and refuses to do so.

Answer of *Mathew Audley* *re* same ——— no genealogical details [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 383/47].

WOOLNOUGH *v.* AUDLEY

Friday, 1 Feb. 1716/7. Depositions of witnesses taken at the dwelling house of *Daniel Budd*, called the Three Tuns, in Halesworth, co. Suffolk, in a suit between *Francis Woolnough*, complainant, against *Mathew Audley*, clerk, and another, defendants. *Thomas Dawson*, of Sibton, co. Suffolk, gent., aged 30, deposes he knows complainant and defendant very well, and has done so for five years last past, and has viewed the paper writing marked A., bearing date 27 Dec. 1711, purporting to be an agreement between complainant and defendant touching the latter's purchase of the messuages and lands therein mentioned, and he saw said *Mathew Audley* sign same, and he, deponent, was a witness thereunto. *John Lay*, of Middleton cum Fordley, co. Suffolk, yeoman, aged 60, deposes that he knows complainant and defendant. He does not depose as to how long he has known the copyhold estate in question, held of the manor of Leiston, co. Suffolk, which complainant agreed to convey to *Audley*.

He says that *Audley* was arrested by him at the suit of complainant, on 21 Mch. 1713/4, by virtue of a process which he believes issued out of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, upon an action of £120, and for avoiding going to gaol *Audley* requested deponent to be kept in his custody, and accordingly was kept until 18 Apl. following, at which time he was discharged by a writ of *Supersedeas* out of the said Court of Common Pleas

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Robert Wytchingham, of Thwerton, co. Suffolk, aged 60, deposes he was accidentally present in company with the complainants and the defendants, *Mathew Audley* and *Philip Thomas*, on 6 Nov. 1712, at the King's Head in Saxmundham, and there were also present *Mr. John Goodwyn* and *Mr. Benjamin Taylor*, both of Leiston, at which time a note in writing laid loose upon the table, which deponent believes to have been an agreement between complainant and defendant *Audley*, and afterwards deponent delivered same to said *Thomas*, but does not know what it contained.

John Moore, of Yoxford, co. Suffolk, glover, aged 40, deposes that on 8 Nov. 1712, or thereabouts, at the house of *Henry Eyres*, in Yoxford, *Audley* paid the said defendant, *Philip Thomas*, £10 for the use of complainant, and a receipt was given by *Thomas* to *Audley*, to which deponent set his hand as witness.

John Goodwyn, of Leiston, co. Suffolk, gent., aged 40, deposes that about four years ago he was desired by *Mr. John Dawson*, solicitor to *Audley*, to go to the King's Head at Saxmundham, to help settle a compromise between complainant and *Audley*, where an agreement was made, and *Philip Thomas* drew a note for the payment of £10 to complainant, which the latter refused and insisted on 10s/- more, whereupon the 10s/- was interlined, and that on *Audley* paying the said sum he was to be released of the bargain. He does not remember that the note was signed by anyone, but remembers complainant insisted on having his wood tithe free for 5 or 7 years.

Benjamin Taylor, of Leiston, co. Suffolk, gent., aged 40, deposes as *John Goodwyn* did, and further cannot depose. 22 June 1717. Another set of depositions taken in same suit. *Robert Bence*, of Sibton, co. Suffolk, aged 40, deposes that he believes *Mathew Audley* entered into possession of said premises the Michaelmas following the agreement, and that he has enjoyed them ever since; the premises have become very ruinous. Some time after the said agreement he was employed by *Audley* to acquaint *Woolnough* that, owing to the failure of a person in London, from whom *Audley* was to have money, he was rendered incapable to pay, and an agreement was made that if *Audley* paid £24 on 1 Nov. 1712, and £15 on 1 May 1713, and £15 on 1 Nov. 1713, then *Woolnough* would convey the premises to said *Audley*, on condition he paid the rest of the purchase money with interest.

Elizabeth Collins, of Walbeswick, co. Suffolk, widow, aged 68, deposes ——— nothing *re Audley* [C.P. C.12, Bndle. 1462].

HOPE v. AUDLEY

18 May 1768. Answer of *Lough Carleton, gent.*, one of the defendants to the bill of complaint of *Margaret Hope*, relict of *John Hope, gent.*, decd., a lunatic, by *John Hope*, her only son and "committee" of the person and estate of said *Margaret* and of *John Hope* and *Thomas Hope*, grandchildren of said *John Hope, decd.*, and children of *John*, son of *Margaret* and *John*, infants, that he believes it to be true that *John Hope, decd.*, made his will as declared by complainant, and that he died 8 June 1764, and admits that after *Hope's* death the said defendant and the other defendants, *Matthew Audley* and *Thomas Hill*, the exors. named in *Hope's* will, proved the said will in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, but he did not intermeddle with the administration of said estate, which he believes was left entirely to *Thomas Hill*. He believes *John Hope, decd.*, had two freehold houses in Prince's Street, Rotherhithe (continues *re Hope*: nothing further *re Audley*) [C.P. 1758-1800, C.12, Bndle. 1604].

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

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

ROTHERHITHE, CO. SURREY

(Extracted from the general index of The Society of Genealogists, London.)

1619. *Mch. 9. mard. William Audley and Elizabeth Musterson.*
1708. *Sept. 12. bapt. Sarah, child of Richard and Elizabeth Audley.*
1732/3. Jan. 24. bapt. Charles, child of Mat. and Susanna Audley.
1732/3. Mch. 23. burd. Charles Audley.
1733/4. Feb. 14. bapt. Robert, child of Mat. and Susanna Audley.
1734. Nov. 17. burd. Robert Audley.
1734. Nov. 26. burd. Mat. Audley.
1735. Nov. 3. bapt. Jane, child of Mat. and Susanna Audley, born 7 Oct.
1737. May 24. bapt. Matthew, child of Mat. and Susanna Audley, born 30 Apl.
1738. June 9. bapt. Thomas, 13 days old child of Mat. and Susanna Audley.
1738. June 14 (?). burd. Thomas Audley.
1738. June 28. burd. Mat. Audley.
1739. June 8. bapt. James, 26 days old child of Mat. and Susanna Audley.
1739. Aug. 7. burd. James Audley.

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The Duties and Offices of Friendship a Sermon preached at St. Pauls Deptford on the twenty third of June 1739 before a select number of gentlemen who stile themselves Ubiquarians *Lond.* 1739. 4^{to} on 1^o Sam. xx. v. 19 dedicated by the author to his Brethren of the Right worthy and amicable order.

From the *Merchant Taylors' School Register*, ed. Rev. Charles J. Robinson, 1883, vol. ii., p. 59, we learn that these two names occur together therein, as admitted in 1722:—

Matthew Audley.
Thomas Audley, b. 14 Apr. 1711.

A footnote on the former says:—"prob. son of Rev. Matt. A. Curate of St. Laurence Pountney, 1705, and afterwards Hd.-M. of Christ's Hospital, who died 1725. One of the name was Rector of Rotherhithe and died 1790." It seems probable that Thomas would be a younger brother of Matthew.

Edward Arber's *Term Catalogues*, iii., 425, has this publication entered under Nov. 1704:—

The full extent of the Doctrine of Christian Moderation and Peace. A Sermon Preach'd in the Parish Church of St. *Benedict*, vulg. *Bennet Fink*, behind the Royal Exchange, *London*. By Matthew Audley, M.A., Curate of the United Parishes of St. *Mary's*, *Abchurch*, and St. *Lawrence*, *Pountney*. Quarto. Printed for E. Evets at the Green Dragon in St. *Paul's* Churchyard.

In 1926 I received the following note from Mr. William Lempriere, who has done so much to elucidate the records of Christ's Hospital:—

The following is the information I have about the Rev. Matthew Audley. He was son of Richard Audley, Citizen and Cutler, decd. before the boy entered the School: baptd. 13 Apr. 1679: adm'd. into C.H. from St. Peter the Poor on presentation of Sir John Chapman: discharged & preferred to Trin. Coll., Oxon., 8 Feb. 1696. B.A. 1700. M.A. (St. Alban Hall) 1703. He was Vicar of Leiston, Suffolk, 1707-19. Upper Grammar Master of C.H. 1719 till his death in 1725. Curate of St. Mary Abchurch & St. Lawrence Pountney, London, 1719. Curate & Lecturer of Rotherhithe, Surrey. (His son, Matthew Audley, who was educated under his father in the Grammar School, was entered at Trin. Coll. Oxon. in 1725).

As Upper Grammar Master Audley was not a success. He was "complained of" several times to the Governors, for severity to a boy, for "divers neglects and irregularities in his conduct and duty," etc. And as Dr. Pearce, Bishop of Worcester, says in his *Annals of Christ's Hospital* (1st ed., p. 87), "probably, from the point of view of the Governors, nothing in Audley's life became him like the leaving of it the same year [i.e. in 1725, when he had been complained of for another "great irregularity"], when death saved him from dismissal."

In answer to a further enquiry from me, Mr. Lempriere wrote as follows:—

I have delayed replying to your letter until a further examination of the Christ's Hospital Minute Books enabled me to judge whether Matthew Audley, Jun., could have been at Merchant Taylors' School in 1722. On reading the Minutes I find that this was quite feasible. He was not on the Foundation of C.H., but a private pupil and that apparently only of his father, for the words "who was educated under his father in the Grammar School of Christ's Hospital" are from a letter written by his mother Mary Audley early in Feb. 1725-6. On the father's application a small Exhibition of £3.6.8 a year had been granted in 1725, tenable at Trin. Coll. Oxon. This was not restricted to Blues. After the father's death two others, also not restricted to Blues, were granted in consideration of the mother's circumstances.

As Upper Grammar Master — there was no Head Master in those days — the father was preparing boys for the University, so probably preferred teaching his son to leaving him at Merchant Taylors' or any other School. Each Master was allowed until quite modern times to take a certain number of private pupils in his class. Unfortunately no record was ever kept of their names.

My note that the father was Curate, &c., at Rotherhithe was taken from Foster. In the circumstances you mention, I have transferred it to the son.

The Rector of Rotherhithe kindly informed me that the name of M. Audley, Curate, first occurs 1 June 1733, and his writing continues to 1764. He occurs in the Baptisms and Burials till June 1784, and in the Marriages till 28 March 1784. He was also Afternoon Lecturer, and his handwriting is stated to be beautiful.

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1740. July 15. bapt. Ann, child of Mat. and Susanna Audley.
1740. July 20. burd. Anne Audley.
1741. Dec. 15. bapt. Elizabeth, 39 days old child of Mat. and Susanna Audley.
1741/2. Jan. 2. burd. Elizabeth Audley.
1745. May 24. bapt. Thomas, child of Mat. and Susanna Audley, born 25 Apl.
1747/8. Jan. 17. bapt. John, 7 days old child of John and Elizabeth Audley.
1748/9. Jan. 5. bapt. John, 28 days old child of Mat. and Susanna Audley.

HARLEIAN SOCIETY (REGISTER SECTION)

- Vol. VI., p. 78. St. Thomas the Apostle, London.
1731. July 13. bap. Matthew s. of Matthew & Susannah Ordrey.
Vol. XV., p. 276. St. George's Chapel, Mayfair.
1754. Mch. 3. mar. Thomas Elston & Jane Audley of Rotherhithe, Surrey.
Vol. XXI., p. 356. Christ Church, Newgate Street, London.
1725. Oct. 27. bur. The Reverend Matthew Audly.

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

The following are extracts from Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*:—

AUDLEY, Matthew, s. Ric., of London, pleb. Trinity Coll., matric. 10 Mch. 1696/7, aged 18, B.A. 1700; M.A. from St. Alban Hall 1703, curate of the united parishes of St. Mary Abchurch and of St. Lawrence Pountney, and grammar-master Christ's Hospital, London, 1719, curate and lecturer of Rotherhithe, Surrey. See *Rawl. MSS.*, iii. 158; vi. 266; xvi. 103; xx. 36.

AUDLEY, Matthew, s. Math., of St. Lawrence. London, cler. Trinity Coll., matric. 25 Feb. 1724/5, aged 17 (Rev. M.A. of Rotherhithe, died 20 Feb. 1790).

Rawlinson's accounts of these two clerics run as follows:—

Matthew Audley was son of Ric. A. born in the parish of . . . on . . . 1680 in the City of London, educated in Grammar learning at . . . became a member of Trinity College Oxford . . . and matriculated 16 March 1696-7. A.B. 12 Octobr 1700 and removing to Alban Hall, took there the degree of M.A. 28 June 1703. Deacons orders at . . . from the Bp. of . . . on . . . Priests at . . . from the Bp. of . . . on . . . was curate of the united parishes of St. Mary Abchurch and St. Lawrence Pountney London elected Master of the Hospital Schole of Christ Church. died . . . and was buried . . .

He has published

The full extent of the doctrine of Christian Moderation and peace, a Sermon lately preached in the parish church of St. Benedick, vulgo Bennet Fink behind the Royal Exchange *London* 1705 4^{to} on Romans 12. vers. 18 (MS. Rawl. J. fol. 6. fol. 36).

Matthew Audley Son of the Revd. Mr M.A. born in the parish of St. Laurence . . . on . . . 1707 educated in Grammar learning at . . . admitted a member of Trinity College . . . matriculated in the university of Oxford 25 February 1724 took the degree of A.B. . . Deacons orders at . . . from the Bp. of . . . on . . . Priests at . . . from the Bp. of . . . on . . . became curate . . . and Lecturer of Rotherhith in Surrey.

He has published

The duty of Benevolence and Charity A Sermon preached at Mercers Chapel in Cheapside on the fifteenth of June 1742 at the anniversary meeting of the Governors of the London Infirmary published at the Command of the President and Governors London 1742 4^{to} on St. Matthew 4 v. 24-25. He sometime recd. the thanks of the subscribers and benefactors, and dedicated it to the duke of Richmond as their President (*ibid.*, fols. 37-8).

He gives two other accounts of the elder Matthew (MS. Rawl. J. fol. 2. fol. 103, and J. 4^{to} 3. fol. 158), it appearing from the second reference that he was appointed to Christ's Hospital on 22 October 1719, and died October 1725. And at another reference we are told (MS. Rawl. 4^{to} 6. fol. 266) that Matthew the younger was son of Rev. Matthew Audley, Master of the Latin School in Christ's Hospital, was born in the parish of St. Lawrence Jewry, and published in addition to the sermon mentioned above:—

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The "Register of Books for August, 1739," in *The Gentleman's Magazine* (1739, p. 444), includes this item :—

A Sermon at *Deptford* before the Ubiquarians. By *M. Audley*. Printed for *J. Carter*. pr. 6 d.

The Suffolk Poll Book for 1710 has the name of Mathew Audly, clerk, as a freeholder at "Layston" (Leiston).

The following obituaries are taken from the periodicals cited :—

(*Historical Register Chronicle*, 1725, p. 46). Oct. 24. Dy'd Mr. *Matthew Audley*, Head-Master of the Grammar School in *Christ's-Hospital*.

(*European Mag.*, 1790, i., 238). Feb. 20. The Rev. *Matthew Audley*, Vicar and Lecturer of Rotherhithe 59 years, and Chaplain to the London Hospital 50 years.

(*Gentleman's Mag.*, 1790, p. 186). Feb. 20. In Princes-street, Rotherhithe, the Rev. *Matthew Audley*, who had been curate and lecturer of that parish upwards of 59 years. He had been also chaplain of the London-hospital 50 years, from its first establishment, 1740.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

RICHARD AUDLEY, of St. Peter-le-Poor, London, citizen and cutler ; admon. granted 2 May 1689, in Commissary Court of London, to James Wilson, the guardian assigned to the two sons. *Mard*....., and had issue,

MATTHEW AUDLEY, of whom presently.

Richard Audley, living a minor 2 May 1689.

REV. MATTHEW AUDLEY, elder son of *Richard Audley preceding* ; bapt. 13 Apl. 1679 ; admitted into Christ's Hospital, from St. Peter-le-Poor, on presentation of Sir John Chapman, and discharged 8 Feb. 1696/7 ; matric. 10 Mch. 1696/7, from Trinity Coll., Oxford ; B.A., 12 Oct. 1700 ; M.A., from St. Alban Hall, 28 June 1703 ; Vicar of Leiston, co. Suffolk, 1707-19 ; Upper Grammar Master of Christ's Hospital, from 22 Oct. 1719 till death, though guilty of various irregularities ; Curate of St. Mary Abchurch and St. Lawrence Pountney, London, from 1704 ; died 24 Oct. 1725 ; burd. 27 Oct. 1725, at Christchurch, Newgate Street, London. Admon. granted 16 Nov. 1725, in Commissary Court of London. *Mard*. Mary, dau. of....., who was living in Feb. 1725/6, and had issue by her,

MATTHEW AUDLEY, of whom presently.

Thomas Audley, born 14 Apl. 1711, and admitted in 1722 to Merchant Taylors' School, with Matthew Audley preceding.

REV. MATTHEW AUDLEY, son of *Rev. Matthew Audley preceding and Mary his wife* ; born 1707, in par. of St. Lawrence Jewry (? Pountney) ; educated in Grammar School of Christ's Hospital, under his father ; admitted to Merchant Taylors' School in 1722 ; matric. 25 Feb. 1724/5, from Trinity Coll., Oxford ; B.A. ; Curate and Afternoon Lecturer of Rotherhithe, co. Surrey, 1733-84 ; Chaplain to London Hospital, from its foundation in 1740, till his death, on 20 Feb. 1790. Admon. granted 6 Mch. 1790, in P.C.C. *Mard*. Susanna, dau. of....., and by her, who predeceased him, had issue,

I. Matthew Audley, bapt. 13 July 1731, at St. Thomas the Apostle, London ; burd. 26 Nov. 1734, at Rotherhithe.

II. Charles Audley, bapt. 24 Jan. 1732/3, at Rotherhithe, and burd. there 23 Mch. 1732/3.

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- III. Robert Audley, bapt. 14 Feb. 1733/4, at Rotherhithe, and burd. there 17 Nov. 1734.
- IV. Matthew Audley, born 30 Apl. 1737; bapt. 24 May 1737, at Rotherhithe, and burd. there 28 June 1738.
- V. Thomas Audley, born May 1738; bapt. 9 June 1738, aged 13 days, at Rotherhithe, and burd. there 14 June 1738.
- VI. James Audley, born May 1739; bapt. 8 June 1739, aged 26 days, at Rotherhithe, and burd. there 7 Aug. 1739.
- VII. Thomas Audley, born 25 Apl. 1745; bapt. 24 May 1745, at Rotherhithe; living, as only child, on 6 Mch. 1790.
- VIII. John Audley, born Dec. 1748; bapt. 5 Jan. 1748/9, aged 28 days, at Rotherhithe; dead 6 Mch. 1790.
 - I. Jane Audley, born 7 Oct. 1735; bapt. 3 Nov. 1735, at Rotherhithe; mard. 3 Mch. 1754, at St. George's Chapel, Mayfair, to Thomas Elston, and died before 6 Mch. 1790.
 - II. Ann Audley, bapt. 15 July 1740, at Rotherhithe, and burd. there 20 July 1740.
 - III. Elizabeth Audley, born Nov. 1741; bapt. 15 Dec. 1741, aged 39 days, at Rotherhithe, and burd. there 2 Jan. 1741/2.