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This pedigree, though unsatisfactory in some respects, has gained an added importance through the discovery, resulting from the Inquisition Post Mortem on William Audley, of Southill, in 1626, that he, who came from the Hitchin stock, was brother to Edward Audley [d. 1632], progenitor of AUDLEY OF ROXTON AND HUNTINGDON (see *ante*, pp. 49-56). If, therefore, we accept the claim of the Huntingdon family to descend from "the noble family of the Audleys of Great Gransden" (see AUDLEY OF GREAT GRANSDEN AND HOUGHTON CONQUEST, *ante*, p. 29), we must also accept the Hitchin Audleys as coming from that Huntingdonshire village, which is only about 18 miles from Hitchin. But there is at present no evidence of it : we must suspend judgment on the point.

In constructing my narrative pedigree I have had to start off with a number of detached groups, which there is not evidence enough yet to connect together, simply suggesting possible links. I have omitted Robert "Audisleye," who died in 1551-2, who owned property at Hitchin, as well as at Knapwell, in Cambridgeshire, and had a brother William with a family ; as well as Thomas "Adley," of Hitchin, who died in 1558, but I presume they belonged to the clan. One difficulty in the early period is that one can never be sure that a testator mentions all his children in his will.

Although practically all the entries in the Hitchin registers, from their commencement in 1562, refer to the three brothers, Matthew, George and Edward Audley, with whom I begin my main pedigree, and to their descendants, yet we do not find their names in any of the wills of Hitchin Audleys during the 16th century, though they must have been born round about 1540, or earlier. It is most curious that there should be this break between the earlier and later Audleys of the town, and as it seems unlikely that the first lot vanished completely to make way for an influx of strangers of the same name from some other district, it is reasonable to assume that fuller knowledge would bridge the gap and make the pedigree continuous. Perhaps the father of the three brothers in question went to live elsewhere, his children afterwards returning to their native town. It is to be noted

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that though the distinctive name of Matthew is common in other branches of the family, and runs through five generations in the later part of my pedigree, none of the earlier wills of Hitchin Audleys mention any member so christened.

The wills of the 17th century Audleys suggest that the pedigree could be improved by a fuller knowledge of some other families in the town who had obvious close connexion with them, such as Symms, Laundey, Tristram and Goldsmith. A granddaughter of John Audley [1572-1621], named Elizabeth, seems to have married Thomas Goldsmith, a tanner in Hitchin, and had five children, Daniel, Thomas, John, William and Mary, all alive from 1682 to 1698, but Elizabeth's parentage is not disclosed.

After 1640 there are a number of entries in the registers relating to a family of "Audcy," but as the name is usually distinguished by this different spelling I conclude that it was not nearly akin.

As there are no Audley entries in the Hitchin registers after 1700, down to 1746, it is clear that the family either died out in the male line or moved to another district.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

**RAFFE AWDELEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., yeoman. Will dated 20 Apl. 1534. To be burd. in the churchyard of St. Andrew, Hitchin. To the high altar there, for my tithes negligently by me forgotten, 4d. Whereas my son in law, *William Clerk*, of Royston, co. Herts., owes me £10 that I lent him, my exors. to receive same and divide it among my daus., that is to my dau. *Ellen* 40<sup>s</sup>/-, *Margaret* 40<sup>s</sup>/-, *Elizabeth* 40<sup>s</sup>/-, my youngest dau. *Joan* 40<sup>s</sup>/-, my dau. *Alice Day* 40<sup>s</sup>/-, and my eldest dau. *Joan* 20<sup>s</sup>/-. To *John Aboth*, 20<sup>s</sup>/-. My exors. to pay these legacies as they think fit, or within one year after any of them be married. To *Joan* my wife, my great house, wherein I dwell, with the cottage set at north end of same, wherein *Robert Fowlere* dwelleth, for life of said *Joan*. After her decease, the house and cottage to be sold and money to be bestowed and distributed for my soul, and all my good friends' souls, and amongst my children, at discretion of exors. To each of my four youngest daus., a brass pot, and a silver spoon and a pair of sheets. To *Ellen* and *Margaret*, my daus., each a "demysen girdell." Residue to wife *Joan*, who is to be extrix. with *John Bramfelde*. Overseer, my kinsman, *William Awdeley*. Wits., *John Smythe*, bailey of Hitchin, *John Bramfelde*, *John Serle*, *John Hemyng* and said *William Awdeley*, with others. Proved 7 Feb. 1535/6, in P.C.C. (Hagen 32), by *John Bramfelde* and *Joan Awdeley*. Proved in par. church of Stevenage, 9 May 1536 (Archdcy. of Hunts., V., 11 : at Peterborough).

**AGNES AUDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., widow. Will dated 4 July 1541. My body to be burd. in the par. church of Hitchin, nigh unto the place where my husband is burd. To the reparations of Hitchin church, 40<sup>s</sup>/-. To *Joan Serle*, my dau., my silver salt, my great pan, and my chest in the chamber, and the fold table in the hall. To *Richard Trustram*, 20<sup>s</sup>. - ; to *Joan Trustram*, a silver spoon, 3 platters, 2 dishes, a saucer of pewter, and 2 pair of flaxen sheets. To my dau., *Joan Serle's* children, *Thomas Serle* and *Robert Serle*, 6<sup>s</sup>/8 each. To *Elizabeth Ivery*, my dau., 13<sup>s</sup>/4, and my great brass pot with the long feet. To *Richard Wylsheire*, 40<sup>s</sup>/-, which my dau. *Elizabeth Ivery* is to keep and increase until he can occupy it himself. To *John Wylschere*, *William Wylschere*, *Jamys Wylschere* and *Thomas Wylschere*, 6<sup>s</sup>/8 each. To *Robert Wylschere*, 40<sup>s</sup>/-. These are the children of my dau. *Elizabeth*, and not of age, and each is to be the other's heir. To *John*, my son, £6. 13. 4, three pair of sheets, two platters of pewter, and my chest in the loft, my feather bed, and all the wood in the yard. To *Richard Berne*, two pewter platters, and a pair of sheets. To *William Berne*, 6<sup>s</sup>/8. At day of my burial, my exors. to dispose for my soul and all X<sup>s</sup> souls, 26<sup>s</sup>/8, and at my month day, 20<sup>s</sup>/-. Residue to exors., *John Berne* and *John Serle*, and their children. *John Serle* to promise me that my son *John* shall dwell in the house a year after my departure. Wits., *Thomas Parrys*, *Sir John Buttelere*, priest, and *William Kent*, with others. Proved 2. Jan. 1543/4, in par. church of Hitchin (Archdcy. of Hunts., VII. 91 ——— at Peterborough).

**WILLIAM AUDELEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., yeoman. Will dated 24 July 1546. To be burd. in the south choir of Hitchin church. Legacies to church, highways, etc. To my dau. *Joan*, £40 on marriage, to remain in

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keeping of my son *William*. To the two daus. of *William Papworth*, 10<sup>s</sup>/- each. "To every one of my brothers (*sic*) children," 2<sup>s</sup>/- each. To *James Papworth*, *Elizabeth Munke* and *William Pulter*, gent., 20<sup>s</sup>/- each. To my wife *Alice*, £160, and all the household stuff. To my daus. *Joan* and *Agnes*, two tenements bought of *Thomas Parys*. Resid. legatee and exor., my son *William*, and my bror. *John Audeley* to be co-exor. Overseers, *Edward Brokett* and *Thomas Parys*. Wits., *John Papworth*, *William Papworth* and *Edward Hurste*. Proved 16 May 1547, in P.C.C. (Alan 37), by the exors.

**ROBERT AUDISLEYE**, (no residence given). Will dated 23 Sept., 5 Edward VI. (1551). My lands, freehold, and the house at Knapwell, co. Camb., wherein one *Thomas Mason* dwelleth, with all appurtenances, to *Robert*, one of my bror. *William's* children, the eldest of them. Also my three tenements, my orchard with appurtenances, in Hitchin, I give to the youngest son of my bror. *William*, and to his heirs, on condition that he stand bound to my late Master *Rauff Radclyffe*, with his father, in the sum of £40, not to raise the rents above 6<sup>s</sup>/8 the year, and so to take for every tenement of the three and not above. To *Jone Grene*, two and a quarter year's rent now due freely. To my tenant *Bousden*, one quarter's rent which he owes me. To my tenant *Lambe*, one half year's rent, and the kettle that I took from him, now in tenure of *Jone Grene*. To *John Sheppard*, 5<sup>s</sup>/-, so that he oweth me but 5<sup>s</sup>/-. To *Wyllishere*, 20d. which he owes me. To *Alice Wyllishere*, 4<sup>s</sup>/-. To *Margaret Hatfeld*, 4<sup>s</sup>/-. To *Tiesdale*, 3<sup>s</sup>/-. To *Roffe Radcliff*, my master's son, 4 marks. To *Jeremye Radcliffe* and *Elizabeth Radcliffe*, each 4 marks. To *Thomas Grandisdon*, 13<sup>s</sup>/4. My apparel to be bestowed on poor people at my master's discretion, and my books to be bestowed at his discretion. The three pounds that *Mr. Malette*, vicar of Hitchin, oweth me, to be bestowed on the poor at my master's discretion. To *Sir Nicholas Dyreke*, one crown of five shilling that he owes me. Lands in Knapwell, called *Stacys*, surrendered into hands of *John Basse*, to be sold unto *Dune* for the same I paid for it, so he will have it, else to be sold at my master's discretion and money employed to performance of my will. To *Henry Cranwell*, 6<sup>s</sup>/- which I owe him, for the making of my apparel. Sole exor., *Mr. Rauff Radcliffe*, of Hitchin, and the rest of my goods I give him clearly every penny. Wits., *Laurence Handford*, *Henric Cranwell*, *Richard Carpentere*, *John Grene* and *Roffe Radcliffe*. Proved 21 Jan. 1551/2, at Hitchin (Archdcy. of Hunts., IX. 58 ——— at Peterborough).

**THOMAS ADLEY**, (no residence given). Will dated 10 Mch. 1557/8. Sick in body, perfect of remembrance. My body to be burd. in the churchyard of Hitchin. To the church of Lincoln, 2d. *Alice* my wife to have all my goods, moveable and immoveable, and also four marks, or else barley for it, of my sister of Pirton, *Joone Hammond*. If it fortune my wife *Alice* be with child man or woman, it to have four marks. My wife *Alice* shall bear with my sister till Saints Day next for the money, if she can pay all, or else take the one half then and bear with her for the other half until Christmas next. Extrix., my wife. Wits., *Henric Ashton*, vicar, *Wm. Walles*, *Joone Adley*, *Elsabeth Parish*, *Joone Warner* and *Elsabeth Seybrooks*. Proved 2 Dec. 1558, at Hitchin (Archdcy. of Hunts., XI. 320, ——— at Peterborough).

**RAWFF AUDLYE**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., shoemaker. My body to be burd. in the churchyard of St. Andrew's, Hitchin. Will dated 10 Sept. 1560. To the poormen's box, 12d. To *Thomas Awkins*, my servant, half my shop-gear and 40<sup>s</sup>/-. To *William Awkins*, my servant, my best coat and 10<sup>s</sup>/-. To *Margaret Curtysse*, my servant, for all such debt as I owe her, £4. Extrix., *Joan* my wife, she to use my goods as she will answer before God at the dreadful day of judgement. Overseer, *William Papworth*. Wits., *Ri. Chamber*, *John Gaddysden*, with others. Proved 11 Dec. 1560, in par. church in town of St. Neots. Inventory, £15.4.6. (Archdcy. of Hunts., XII., 121 ——— at Peterborough).

**JOAN AUDLYE**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., widow. Will dated 14 Mch. 1581/2. To be burd. in Hitchin churchyard. To my dau., *Joan Audlye*, a bed and so forth, pewter and brass pots, table cloths, and 20<sup>s</sup>/- a year for ten years out of the lands I have bequeathed to my son *William*. To my son *John*, a bed, sheets, pewter, etc., ewes and lambs. The Sign of the Cock in Hitchin. To my dau. *Agnes Williams*, a quarter of grain yearly, and to her children, *James* and *Joan*, 10<sup>s</sup>/- each. To my dau. *Elizabeth Cooper*, 40<sup>s</sup>/-, and to her children, 10<sup>s</sup>/- each. To my son *Robert Papworth*, £6.13.4, and to his children, 10<sup>s</sup>/- each, and to his son *William*, a coffer. The lands bought by my last husband, *William Audlye*, and me, of *James Tydye*, of Dunstable, co. Bedf., I give to my son *William Audlye*, one close thereof at Chorlton, par. of Hitchin, called the Water Close, and another called *Busshey Leas*, and to my son *John Audlye* all the rest; my son, *Robert Papworth*, to have King's Pound Close until my son *John's* age of 22. Resid. legatee and exor., my son *William Audlye*. Overseers, my son, *Robert Papworth* and friend *Mr. Thomas Parys*. Wits., *Thomas Parys*, *Michell Longe*, *Thomas Saye*, pub. not., *Richard Cooper*, *William Audlye*, *John Audlye* and *Robert Venables*. Proved 6 Feb. 1583/4, by the exor. (Archdcy. Court of Hunton (Hitchin), Reg. 3, f. 42b. ——— at Somerset House).

**WILLIAM AWDELY**, of Wardon, co. Bedf., yeoman. Will dated 12 Apl. 1591. To the poor of Hitchin, £6.13.4, and to poor of Warden, £3.6.8. To my second son *Nicholas*, half the house called the Cock, in Hitchin, and 3 acres of land in Beryfield, and 8 acres of land in Redfield, Hitchin, held of the manor of Medencroft,

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8 acres in Burford Field (boundaries given). To my son *Thomas*, 4 acres in Burford Season, and 6 acres in Pirwell Field (boundaries given), and 200 marks, at his age of 21. To my son *Edward*, £20, and to my son *Nicholas*, £20. To *Richard Cowper*, son of my sister *Cooper*, £6.13.4, and to her other children, and the children of my sisters *Agnes* and *Joan*, 20s/- each. To my sisters *Agnes* and *Elizabeth*, £20 each. Resid. legatee and extrix., wife *Elizabeth*. To my son *William*, born since the date hereof, £300 at his age of 21. Signed, *Willm. Awdely*. Wits., *Nicholas Thurgood* the elder, *Nicholas Thurgood* the younger, and *Agnes Williams*. Proved 7 Nov. 1593, in P.C.C. (Nevell 88), by *Richard Goddard*, pub. not., proctor to extrix.

**EDWARD AWDLEY**, whilst he lived of Hitchin, decd. On 11 Oct. 1598, in par. church of Baldock, before Mr. *James Rolfe*, A.M., surrogate of Ven. *Othowell Hill*, LL.D., Commissary and Official of the Archdcy. of Hunts., *Radolph Awdley* presented his accounts, at whose petition the judge decided that *Rob. Hanscombe*, a creditor of decd. in particular, and all others who had any claims, should be cited to appear at the next court, and *Radolph Awdley* is warned to be then and there present to exhibit in writing his counts (Archdcy. of Hunts., Act Book, Herts. II, 257a. — at Peterborough).

**EDWARD AWDLEY**, late of Hitchin. Court held at Baldock, Monday, 30 Oct. 1598. Office of the Judge against *Radolph Awdley*, admor. Ordered that *Hanscombe*, a creditor, be cited; *Awdley* warned to present his accounts. Public notice was given in the church in Hitchin, 31 Oct., by Mr. *Alured Birthy*, vicar there (Archdcy. of Hunts., Act Book, Herts. II, 260 — at Peterborough).

**AGNES AUDLEY**, of Hitchin, Herts., widow. Will dated 30 Aug. 1607. Sick in body, but of good and perfect memory. My body to the earth whereof it is made. To the poor of Hitchin, 20s/-, to be distributed amongst them at discretion of extrix. To the daus. of *Mary Granite alias Francis*, my eldest dau., viz. *Mary* and *Roda*, £20 to be equally divided and paid to them at 14 years of age, and in meantime *Mary* my dau. to have use of it. To *Mary Granite alias Francis*, a kettle. To my dau., *Arys Bosworth*, £20, to be delivered into hands of *John Bosworth*, her husband; also to her a standing bedstead in the chamber where I lie, feather bed, blankets and coverlets thereto belonging, and one other bedstead in same chamber, my cupboard in the hall, two pot shelves, a dozen pewter platters, two saucers, my least brass pot, a brazen candlestick, my brewing vessel in the buttery, two tables, one in hall, the other in the loft, the mill, the "boulting houtche," the cask, the warming pan, a brazen posset, all the shelves except that standing against the door in the buttery, and all the boards except two, which are given to my dau. *Marshall*, and all the wood in the yard. Five sheep and my three lambs, to my dau. *Mary's* children. To my dau. *Avisc*, two spits. To my dau. *Roda Marshall*, £20, and a great chair at the cupboard's end in the hall, one little table in the hall, a mortar and pestle, the powdering trough, the great cupboard, one shelf, two barrels and the biggest tub, one other featherbed which I lie upon, two bolsters, and one blanket thereunto belonging, one trunk bedstead, one cow, and a cheese press. Resid. legatee and extrix., dau. *Roda*. Wits., *Willm. Gyber*, *John Davides* and *Agnes Audrey*. Proved 30 Oct. 1607. Admon. granted to *Roda Marshall*. Inventory total, £77.14.4 (Archdcy. of Hunts., XVIII. 88 — at Peterborough).

**MATHEW AWDLEY**, the elder, of Hitchin, co. Herts., yeoman. Will dated 14 Aug., 9 James I. (1611). To my youngest son, *Mathew Awdley*, the messuage wherein I now dwell in Hitchin, in tail male, in default to my right heirs, and my dau., *Elizabeth Moncke*, to have one chamber in same while a widow, and £30. To my eldest son, *Edward*, £60. To my son *John*, £6.13.4. To my dau. *Mary*, wife of *Humfrey Symmes*, £20. To my dau. *Frances*, £5, and to her eldest child, *John Symmes*, £10 at his age of 21, and to his bror. *Nicholas Symmes*, £5 at 21. To *Ralph Awdley*, son of my son *Edward*, £5. To *Joan Awdley*, dau. of said *Edward*, 40s/-, and to his dau. *Sarah*, 40s/- . To *Avis*, dau. of my son-in-law, *Edward Symmes*, 40s/- at her age of 21. To *Avis*, dau. of my son-in-law, *Humfrey Symmes*, 40s/- . To my kinsman, *Ralph Awdley*, and *Mary Awdley* his sister, 20s/- each. To my dau., *Elizabeth Moncke*, half my household goods, and the other half to my son *Mathew*. Resid. legatee and exor., my son *Mathew*. Wits., *John Skynner*, *Edmond Hayle* and *M.M. (sic)*. Proved 3 Mch. 1614/15, in P.C.C. (Rudd 24), by the exor.

**JOHN AWDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., maltster. Will dated 21 Mch. 1620/1. Requests to poor, and to preachers. To my bror., *Edward Awdley*, £5. To my sister, *Frances Syms*, £5. To my kinswoman, *Mary Awdley*, dau. of my uncle *Awdley*, 20s/- . Whereas my uncle, *George Awdley*, delivered to me £10 in trust for the children of his dau. *Anne* and *Thomas Cooper* her husband, whereof I have paid *Joseph (sic)*, their dau., 50s/-, and *Mathew* their son, 40s/-, I bequeath to said children £16 more, to be distributed by my neighbours, Mr. *John Skynner* and *Richard Lawndey*. To my younger son *George*, the tenement wherein my sister, *Mary Syms*, dwells, and land by the river, at his age of 21. To *Francis*, my eldest son, land surrendered to me by *John Authure alias Fawcett*. To my daus., *Sarah* and *Jane*, £30 each, at their ages of 18. To my brors.-in-law, *Richard* and *Jeremy Lawndey*, £200, hoping that for the love they bear their sister, my wife, they will distribute it among my children. To *Edward Syms*, son of *Mary Syms*, £5. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife *Sara*. Signed, *John Awdley*. Wits., *John Skynner*, *Thomas Gourney*, *John Harmer*, *Richard Laundry* and *Edward Laundry*. Proved 26 Apl. 1621, in P.C.C. (Dale 28), by the extrix.

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**WILLIAM AUDLEY**, of Stanford, par. of Southill, co. Bedford, yeoman. Will dated 16 July 1625. Being sick in body. To my wife *Elizabeth*, my message or tenement, with the land and meadow to the same belonging, for life, and afterwards to my son-in-law, *Abraham Albon*, and his heirs. To said *Abraham Albon*, all my grain, growing or not growing, my horse, beast, bullocks, etc. To my bror., *Oliver Simms*, £10, payable two years after my decease. To *Thomas Albon*, my son, £10, at 21, and to *John Albon*, the same. To *Frances Albon*, my dau., £10, to be paid at the birth of her first child. To the poor of Southill, 10<sup>s</sup>/-, and to the minister at my funeral, 6<sup>s</sup>/8<sup>s</sup>, both payable within one month of my decease. Said *Abraham Albon* to be sole exor. Signed, *Williame Audley*. Wits., *Benjamin Randell*, his mark, and *Nicholas Daye*. Proved 24 Sept. 1625, in the Bedford Archdeaconry (at Northampton), by the exor.

**MATHEW AUDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., maltster. Will dated 1 Feb. 1628/9 (nuncupative). He bequeathed all his goods, etc., to his wife *Mary*, she to bring up his three children, *Hamlet*, *Elizabeth* and *Sara*. Signed, (mark). Wit., *Robert Mathewe*, of Meyparsall (Meppershall), co. Bedf., yeoman. Admon. granted 29 Apl. 1629, to *Mary Awdley*, the relict. Inventory of *Mathew Awdley*, of Hitchin, victualler, dated 9 Mch. 1628/9: total, £48. 10. 8. Appraisers, *John Taylor*, *William White* and *James Turner* (Archdcy. Court of Hunton (Hitchin), 1629 ——— at Somerset House).

30 Apl. 1634. Officer of the lord granted against *Helen Awdley*, of Hitchin, widow, for account (Archdcy. Court of Hunton (Hitchin) Acta 1634/5, f. 3).

14 May 1634. Account paid 19 Apl.; the said *Helen Awdley* appeared 14 May 1634 and produced the account, and was sworn to administer ——— no mention of whose goods (*ibid.*, f. 6).

**SARAH AUDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., widow, decd. Admon. granted 25 May 1655 to *Francis Audley*, the son (P.C.C., Admon. Act Book, f. 111d.).

**FRANCIS AUDLEY**, of St. Sepulchre's par., co. M'sex, gent. Will (nuncupative) dated 16 Jan. 1676/7. Universal legatee and extrix., wife *Rose*. Wits., *William Hart*, *Richard Richmond*, *Priscilla Thornhill* and *Littleton Westley*. Proved 26 Jan. 1676/7, in P.C.C. (Hale 1), by the extrix.

**FRANCIS AWDLEY**, late of Hitchin, co. Herts., widower, decd. Admon. granted 5 July 1677 to *Elizabeth Awdley*, the dau. (P.C.C. Admon. Act Book, f. 89).

**ELIZABETH AWDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., spinster. Will dated 26 Oct. 1682. To my sister *Sara*, £50. To my sister, *Mary*, £30. To my cousin, *Jeremy Awdley*, £10. To my cousin, *Elizabeth Awdley*, now wife of *Mr. Wigg*, £10. To *Francis*, son of my cousin, *Mathew Awdley*, £20, and to another of his sons, *Mathew Awdley*, the younger, £10, and to his two daus., £5 each. To *Sara Awdley*, dau. of my cousin, *George Awdley*, £5. To *Mary*, dau. of my cousin, *Thomas Goldsmyth*, £5. To the four sons of said *Thomas Goldsmyth*, 20<sup>s</sup>/- each. To the wife of my bror., *Hamlet Awdley*, £5. To my cousin, *Mary Awdley*, 20<sup>s</sup>/-. To my cousin *Betterice*, wife of *William Chapman*, 20<sup>s</sup>/-. To the poor of Hitchin, 40<sup>s</sup>/-. Resid. legatee and exor., my bror., *Hamlet Awdley*. Signed, (mark). Wits., *William Hanscombe*, *Elizabeth Lawe* (mark) and *Easter Plumer* (mark). Proved 24 Apl. 1685, by the exor. (Archdcy. of Hunton (Hitchin), 1685 ——— at Somerset House).

**MARGARET AUDLEY**, late of Hitchin, decd. Admon. granted 27 June 1693 to *Hamlet Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., the husband of decd. Surety to bond, *Edward Plumer*, of same, tanner (Archdcy. of Hunton (Hitchin) ——— at Somerset House).

**HAMLET AWDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., maltster. Will dated 28 Nov. 1694. To my sister, *Sara Conway*, £50. To my sister, *Mary Simpkins*, £50, and £10 a year for life. To *Daniel*, *Thomas*, *John*, *William* and *Mary*, children of my cousin, *Thomas Goldsmith*, tanner, £20 each. To my cousin, *Eleanor Smyth*, £20. To my cousin, *Sara Rolfe*, £20. To my cousin *Mary*, wife of *William Dellow*, and her children, *John*, *William*, *Thomas*, *Susan* and *Mary*, £5 each. To *Betterice*, wife of my cousin, *William Chapman*, £10, and to his five children, £5 each. To *Francis*, *Mathew*, *Daniel*, *Mary* and *Martha*, five of the children of my cousin, *Mathew Awdley*, decd., £40 each, at their ages of 21. To *William Hanscombe*, of Walsworth, par. of Hitchin, £40. To Mr. *William Terry*, £10. To my sister, *Sara Conway*, my message in Bancroft Street, Hitchin, for life, with remainder to *John Simpkins*, son of my sister *Mary*, and his heirs, for ever, and to said *John*, £100 at his age of 22. To *Edward Plummer*, my tenant, a close in Buntingford, par. of Aspden, co. Herts., late the ground of my wife *Margaret*, decd. Resid. legatees and exors., my neighbours and kinsmen, *John Foskett* and *Edward Plummer*. Overseer, my neighbour, *William Hanscombe*. Wits., *Jos. Hurst*, *Jeremiah Carter* and *John Pakes*. Proved 10 June 1695, by the exors. (Archdcy. of Hunton (Hitchin), Reg. 10, f. 156 ——— at Somerset House).

**MARY AUDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., spinster. Will dated 11 Apl. 1698. Being aged. To my cousin, *Francis Audley*, son and heir of my late nephew, *Matthew Audley*, decd., my leasehold message near Bridge Foot, in Hitchin, in tenure of *Thomas Hitchin*, he to provide for his younger brors. and sisters until their ages

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of 21. To the children of my late niece, *Elizabeth Tookey*, £50 at 21. To *Daniel, Thomas, John, William* and *Mary Goldsmith*, children of my niece *Elizabeth Goldsmith*, £10 each. To Mr. *Lawrence Tristram*, of Hitchin, *Anne* his wife, and Mr. *Robert Tristram*, his son, 20<sup>s</sup>/- each. Resid. legatees, my nephew *Thomas Goldsmith*, of Hitchin, tanner, and *Elizabeth* his wife, and make them exors. Signed, (*mark*). Wits., *Geo. Draper, Robert Lucas* and *Jonathan Burr*, jun. Proved 2 June 1698 by the exors. (Archdcy. of Hunton (Hitchin), Reg. 11, f.15d. — at Somerset House).

**FRANCIS AUDLEY**, of St. Lawrence Ayott, co. Herts., gent. Will dated 27 Nov. 1719. To my wife, *Grisell*, my freehold messuages and lands in co. Herts., as well in Hitchin as elsewhere; and my customary lands there and in Ippolitts, co. Herts., held of the manors of Temple Dinsley, Maiden Croft and Hitchin, with remainder to *Edward*, son of *Sarah Renolds*, and his heirs for ever, except those held of the manors of Maidencroft and Hitchin, which shall remain to my cousin, *Robert Tristram*, for life, and after his death to his third son, *Lawrence Tristram*. To my sister *Mary*, £20 a year. To my said wife my freehold messuages and lands in St. Lawrence Ayott and Datchworth, co. Herts., with remainder to my friend, *William Lucas*, of Hitchin, woollendrapier. To my sister *Martha*, £20 a year. Exors., my wife *Grisell*, *Robert Tristram* and *William Lucas*. Signed, *Francis Audley*. Wits., *William Hanscombe, Fr. Thatcher* and *Sarah Renolds*. Proved 11 Jan. 1724/5 by the exors. (Archdcy. of Hunton (Hitchin), Reg. 15, f. 362b. — at Somerset House).

## POST-MORTEM INQUISITION

*Bedfordshire*. WILLIAM AWDELEY, GENT. Writ dated 9 Feb., 1 Charles I. (1625/6). Inquisition taken at Bedford, 5 Apl., 2 Charles I. (1626), before the King's Escheator there, to enquire after the death of *William Awdeley*, late of Stanford, co. Bedf., gent., decd. The jurors (named) say on oath that the said *William Awdeley*, long before his death, and at the time of his death, was seised in his demesne, as of fee, of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 110 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 8 acres of pasture, in Southill and Stanford, and so being seised on 16 July last past made his will, bequeathing the same to his wife *Elizabeth* for life, and after her death to *Abraham Albone*, son of his said wife, and his heirs for ever. The said *William Awdeley* died 25 July last past, at Stanford, and *Elizabeth*, his wife, survives him there, and *Edward Awdeley*, of Roxton, co. Bedf., is bror. and heir of said *William*, and at his bror.'s death was aged 40 years and more. The said premises held of the King in chief, by Knight service, but what part of a fee the jurors know not, and worth yearly 10s. 4d. (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 428, no. 57).

## CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

## AWDLEY v. PAPWORTH

22 Nov. 1624. Complaint by *Hugh Audley*, son and heir of *John Audley*, late of Hitchin, co. Herts., yeoman, decd., that complainant's grandparents, *William Audley* and *Joan* his wife, were seised of divers messuages and lands in Hitchin, which they purchased of *James Tydy*, of Dunstable, co. Bedf., and *William* died, and *Joan* was seised of same, and made her will in Mch. 1581/2, bequeathing same to her son, *John* (complainant's father), and the heirs of his body, and said *John* was then seised thereof, and died about 1 James I. (*circa* 1603), complainant, his son and heir, being then aged about ten years. *William Papworth* and others, having got into their hands the deed of purchase of *William* and *Joan Audley* of *James Tydy*, have taken possession and divided same amongst them, and he desires they may be caused to appear and answer the premises.

Answer of *William Papworth* and the others, saying that said *William Audley* made his will on 10 Sept. 1574, bequeathing his freehold lands to his son *John*, which lands he had bought of *James Tydy*, to said *John* and the heirs of his body, in default to his sons *William* and *James* and the heirs of their bodies. Soon after, *William* died, and they deny the premises ever came to *Joan*, but came to *John*, who by indenture of 31 Mch., 33 Eliz. (1591), conveyed same to said *William Papworth* and the others. Continues at length *re* lands: nothing further *re* genealogy [C.P. James I., C.2, A. 5/19].

## AWDLEY v. HALSEY

(No date). Complaint by *Sara Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., widow, that *Alice Squire*, of London, widow, and *John Hill*, of London, brewer, being beer and ale brewers, and complainant being a maker and seller of malt, they had dealings in business together, and became indebted to her in £150, and afterwards became bankrupt. Continues *re* debt.

7 June 1629. Answer of *Edward Halsey*, another defendant. Concerning debts [C.P. Charles I., C.2, A.14/67].

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AUDLEY v. FLETCHER

17 May 1648. Complaint by *George Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., grocer, that he is lawfully possessed of a messuage and lands in Wrestlingworth and Cockaine Hatley, co. Bedf., for 300 years, and the evidences and leases thereunto belonging have come into the hands of *William Fletcher*, of Baldock, co. Herts., butcher, and although often requested he has refused and still refuses to give up same, and he desires *Fletcher* may be summoned to answer the premises [C.P., Series 2, C.3, 432/66].

ARNOLD v. AUDLEY

28 June 1672. Complaint by *Jeremiah Arnold*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., carpenter, and *Judith* his wife, late wife of *John Carter*, of Hitchin, decd., that the latter in his lifetime was a common innholder in Hitchin, in a house there called the "Sign of the Bell," and took his beer from *Francis Audley*, of Hitchin, brewer there, and at his death in Dec. 1663 the said *Carter* owed *Audley* £10 and other small sums amounting to £20. A few hours before his death, *Audley* brought him a deed of sale of all his goods for payment of said debt, promising to re-convey residue to *John Carter*, or his widow if he were dead. Immediately after *Carter's* death, *Audley* possessed himself of the goods, etc., to the value of £100 and more, and *Judith* was forced to buy furniture of said *Audley*. Continues *re* said money, etc.

9 July, 24 Charles II. (1672). Answer of *Francis Audley*, brewer, *re* money matters [C.P. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 61/2].

AUDLEY v. BARNARD

16 June 1676 (*sic*). Complaint by *Mathew Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., brewer, and *Alice* his wife, only dau. and heir of *Daniel Hale*, late of Datchworth, co. Herts., gent., that said *Daniel* in his lifetime, about 1656, was seised of three messuages, two cottages, and 190 acres of land, in Datchworth, Wellwyn and Hertford, co. Herts., of the yearly value of £76. 10. 0, and died leaving his said dau., then aged one year, and as her guardian his wife *Martha*, now wife of *Richard Barnard*, of Wellwyn, gent. *Martha* entered into same, and married *Barnard* about two years after *Hale's* death, and has ever since taken said profits, although same rightfully belong to said *Alice*. They desire said *Richard* and *Martha* may be summoned to answer the premises.

24 Oct. 1674 (*sic*). Answer of *Richard Barnard* and *Martha* his wife, saying *Daniel Hale* died in May 1655, and was not seised of said lands in 1656; that part thereof belonged to *Martha* in her own right, and they exhibit a true account of the lands and profits therefrom. *Edward Hale*, uncle of *Alice*, and *Alice Hale*, mother of *Edward*, have brought several suits against complainant *Alice* and these defendants *re* same.

Account of the lands attached [C.P. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 68/4].

KETTLE v. AUDELEY

10 Dec. 1677. Complaint by *Humphrey* and *Kinbrugh Kettle*, grandchildren of *Henry Kettle*, of St. Mary Islington, late citizen and brewer of London, and son and dau. of *Humphrey Kettle*, of Islington, brewer, infants, by *Humphrey Kettle*, their father, that said *Henry Kettle* made his will 1 Oct. 1670, bequeathing to his grandchild, *Humphrey Kettle*, £500, and to *Kinbrugh Kettle*, £250, at their ages of 21 or on marriage, and appointed *Francis Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., exor., who proved the will but refused to raise money for said children. *Francis Audley* died about six months ago, and admon. of his estate was granted to his dau., *Elizabeth Audley*, who has possessed herself of all the deeds, etc., of said *Henry Kettle*, and they desire she may be summoned to appear to answer the truth thereof.\*

10 Dec. 1677. Answer of *Elizabeth Audeley*, admitting truth of above, but she has not the will in her custody, and she supplies a list of all the deeds in possession of *Francis* at his death, concerning said *Kettle* [C.P. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 510/34].

AUDLEY v. SHIERS

15 Feb. 1678/9. Complaint by *Mathew Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., brewer, and *Alice* his wife, dau. and heir of *Daniel Hale*, late of Burnham Green, co. Herts., gent., that the latter on 25 Mch. 1655 was seised, among other lands, of 5 closes called Perries, in Thatchworth *alias* Datchworth, co. Herts., and on 26 Mch. 1655 he

\*The will of *Henry Kettle*, of St. Mary Islington, co. M<sup>s</sup>sex, citizen and brewer of London, was dated 1 Sept. 1670, and proved, with a codicil of 23 Oct. 1670, on 5 June 1671, by *Francis Audley*, esq. On 22 Apl. 1678 admon. was granted to *Humphrey Kettle*, son and residuary legatee (*sic*) of decd., of goods, etc., left unadministered by *Francis Audley*, now also decd. On 5 Mch. 1680/1 admon. was granted to *William Wornham*, guardian assigned to *Kinborough Trumplin*, a minor, wife of *Thomas Trumplin*, and grandchild by the son of decd., until she attains age of 21, the said *Audley* being dead and the admon. to *Humphrey Kettle* revoked by Act of the Court (P.C.C., Duke 78). In the will testator says he has only two children, *Humphrey* and *John Kettle*, both married; also mentioning *Humphrey's* son *Humphrey*, under 21, and dau., *Kinbrugh Kettle*, under 20. He makes a bequest to his granddau., *Elizabeth Cunliff*, under 20; appoints as exor., *Mr. Francis Audley*, of Hitchin; and as one of his overseers, his bror.-in-law, *Mr. Robert Briscoe*. There is nothing to indicate his connexion with *Francis Audley*.

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mortgaged same to *Robert Shiers*, of the Inner Temple, London, esq., for £200. After *Daniel's* death the same ought to descend to said *Alice*, who was aged one or two years at her father's death, and left to the care of her mother *Martha*, who soon after married *Richard Barnard*, who neglected to pay the interest to *Robert Shiers*, who entered on said lands and has since died and left same to his widow, *Elizabeth Shiers*, of Slayfield, co. Surrey. They desire the latter may be summoned to answer the premises [C.P. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 415/6].

TRUMLIN v. AUDLEY, etc.

8 May 1679. Complaint by *Thomas Trumplin*, of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, co. Surrey, grocer, and *Kinbrugh* his wife, that *Henry Kettle*, of St. Mary Islington, late citizen and brewer of London, decd., grandfather of said *Kinbrugh*, was seised of a good estate, and intending to make provision for her and her broor., *Humphrey Kettle*, aged 12, made his will on 1 Oct. 1670, bequeathing to said *Humphrey* £500 at his age of 21, and if he died the same to said *Kinbrugh*, and bequeathed to the latter £250, and appointed *Francis Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., his exor., who proved said will. The said *Francis Audley* died intestate, and admon. of his estate was granted to his dau. *Elizabeth Audley*, who has all the evidences, etc., regarding *Kettle's* estate. They brought a suit against her, and in her answer of 10 Dec. 1677 she admitted having such deeds, but has not delivered same, and has combined with others to prevent complainants enjoying said estate.

6 June 1679. Answer of *Henry Rochdale* re same. Nothing further re Audley [C.P. before 1714, C.10, Whittington 197/95].

AUDLEY v. SHIERS

(*Torn*) 1679. Complaint by *Mathew Audley*, of Hitchin, co. Herts., brewer, and *Alice* his wife, sole dau. and heir of *Daniel Hale*, late of (*torn*), that in 1655 the said *Daniel Hale* borrowed of *Robert Shiers*, of the Inner Temple (*torn*), by the name of *Daniel Hale*, of Barnham Green, certain sums of money, conveying to him certain premises, which were to be re-conveyed to *Daniel Hale*, but *Shiers* by deed made same over to *Elizabeth* [? *Shiers*, of] Slayfield, co. Surrey, widow, his late wife, and he made said *Elizabeth* his extrix.

Answer of *Elizabeth Shiers*, concerning said premises and money. Nothing further re Audley [C.P. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 90/13].

GOOSE v. AUDLEY

28 Nov. 1716. Complaint by *Thomas Goose*, of Datchworth, co. Herts., yeoman, and *John Bassett*, of (*blank*), co. Herts., labourer, that *John Eprgrave*, late of Datchworth, yeoman, hired a farm of *Francis Audley*, of Ayott St. Lawrence, co. Herts., gent., called Barratts Farm, in Datchworth, at a yearly rental of £20, and continued in possession until Michaelmas 1715. He had an account with *Audley*, and as he owed money, and *Audley* was a hard, grasping landlord, he asked complainants to intervene, who became sureties for him. Continues re bond given; no *Audley* details.

Answer of *Francis Audley* re said lease and bond [C.P. 1714-1758, C.11, 263/9].

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

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

HITCHIN, HERTS.

(Register begins 1562. Searched by the Rev. W. M. Noble, to end of 1746. Very incomplete from 1648 to 1678; for instance, in 1675, the register states there were eight burials in Oct., but only two are recorded; that there were twenty-one burials in Nov., of which none are recorded; and that in Dec. there were ten burials, which again are not recorded. William Audley signed as churchwarden in 1609, and Francis Audley in 1644.)

- 1562. June 4. bapt. The sonne of William Audely, christened and named John Audely.
- 1564. July 23. bapt. Ann Awdely.
- 1565. Oct. 7. mard. Edward Awdley and Dorretye Deacon.
- 1567. Apl. 20. bapt. Richard, sonne of George Awdly.
- 1567. Apl. 27. burd. Marsye Awdly.
- 1567. Apl. 28. burd. Richard Awdly, sonne of George Awdly.
- 1570. Apl. 9. bapt. Edward Awdly, sonne of Mathew Awdly.
- 1571. July 7. bapt. Ralfe Awdley, sonne of Edward Awdly.
- 1571/2. Jan. 6. bapt. John Awdly, sonne of Mathew Awdly.
- 1572. June 26. mard. George Awdlye and Annys Rugmer.



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- 1572/3. Jan. 18. mard. Richard Cooper and Elizabeth Awdlye.  
1573. Oct. 8. *mard. John Awdely and Annys Halle.*  
1574/5. Jan. 20. burd. William Awdlye.  
1576. June 29. bapt. Mary Awdly, dau. of Edward Audlye.  
1576/7. Mch. 24. bapt. Susanna, dau. of George Awdlye.  
1577/8. Feb. 2. bapt. Frauncis, the dau. of Mathew Awdely.  
1579. June 20. burd. Marye, the dau. of Edward Audley.  
1579. Nov. 15. *burd. Joane, the wife of William Awdlye.*  
1579. Dec. 11. *burd. William Awdlye.*  
1579. Dec. 20. bapt. Marye, dau. of Mathew Awdlye.  
1580. Apl. 10. bapt. Annys [*sc. Avis*], the dau. of George Audlye.  
1582/3. Feb. 3. bapt. Martha, the dau. of Edward Audlye (burd. 6 Feb.).  
1583. Aug. 28. burd. Joane Awdlye, widow.  
1583. Nov. 24. bapt. Mathew, the son of Mathew Awdlye.  
1584. May 3. bapt. Rhoda, the dau. of George Awdlye.  
1584. June 1. burd. Susanna, the dau. of George Awdlye.  
1585. Nov. 11. mard. Thomas Godfrye *alias* Cooper and Annys Awdlye.  
1585/6. Jan. 3. bapt. Jeremie, the sonne of Mathew Awdly.  
1593. Mch. 28. burd. Edward Awdlye, senior.  
1593. Nov. 8. mard. Ralfe Awdlye and Elizabeth Mosher.  
1594. *June 9. mard. John Marshall and Mary Awdlye.*  
1595. June 1. mard. William Moonke and Elizabeth Awdlye.  
1599. Oct. 3. mard. Edward Simmes and Francis Awdlye.  
1602. Aug. 18. burd. George Awdlye.  
1603. Oct. 20. mard. John Bosworth and Avis Awdelye.  
1604. Apl. 19. mard. Edward Audlye and Hellen Austen.  
1604. Sept. 9. burd. Agnis Banbery, servant to Mathew Awdelye.  
1604. Dec. 24. bapt. Avis, the dau. of Edward Audelye.  
1604. Dec. 26. burd. Avis, the dau. of Edward Audelye.  
1604/5. Feb. 7. mard. John Awdeley and Sara Laundye.  
1605. Dec. 29. bapt. Joane, the dau. of Edward Awdlye.  
1607. Apl. 16. mard. Umfric Symmes and Marye Awdelye.  
1607. Aug. 14. burd. Agnis Awdelye, widow.  
1607/8. Feb. 28. bapt. Sara, the dau. of John Awdely.  
1607/8. Mch. 7. burd. Avis, the wife of Mathew Awdlye.  
1609. Nov. 17. bapt. Jane, the dau. of John Awdelye.  
1612. Apl. 5. bapt. Frances, the sonne of John Audleye.  
1613. Apl. 25. bapt. Avis, the dau. of Edward Audlye.  
1614. *Nov. 5. mard. William Lane and Ann Audie.*  
1614/5. Jan. 29. bapt. Marie, the dau. of John Audleye.  
1614/5. Feb. 20. burd. Mathew Awdlye, widower.  
1615. July 2. bapt. Sarah, the dau. of Edward Audleye.  
1616. Sept. 22. bapt. George, the sonne of Mathew Audly.  
1616/7. Feb. 16. bapt. George, the sonne of John Audleye.  
1618. Mch. 29. bapt. Margaret, the dau. of Edward Audleye.  
1619. Sept. 5. bapt. Hamlett, the sonne of Mathew Audleye.  
1620. Mch. 27. burd. Elizabeth, the wife of Ralfe Audleye.  
1620. June 2. burd. Ralph Audleye, widower.  
1621. Apl. 7. burd. John Audley.  
1622. Nov. 20. bapt. Elizabeth, the dau. of Mathew Audley.  
1622. *Nov. 27. mard. Daniel Rollins and Mary Audly.*  
1626/7. Feb. 18. burd. A still borne child of Mathew Audley.  
1628. June 25. bapt. Sarah and Mary, daus. of Mathew Audley.  
1628. Aug. 21. burd. Mary, dau. of Mathew Audley.  
1628/9. Feb. 16. burd. Mathew Awdlye.  
1631. Apl. 27. mard. Anthony Sturmen and Mary Audley, widow.  
1632. May 20. bapt. John, the sonne of Francis Audly.  
1635/6. Mch. 3. bapt. Francis, the sonne of Francis Audley.  
1636. *Sept. 19. mard. George Fenner and Marie Audley.*  
1638. June 6. bapt. Sarah, the dau. of Francis and Marie Audley.

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1639. Sept. 22. burd. Ralph, sonne of Edward and Helen Audly.  
1639/40. Mch. 7. burd. Francis, sonne of Francis and Mary Audly.  
1640. Nov. 15. bapt. John, the sonne of Edward and Elizabeth Audey.  
1641. June 9. bapt. Richard, the sonne of Francis and Mary Audley.  
1642/3. Feb. 24. bapt. John, the sonne of George and Susan Audeley.  
1643. July 16. burd. John, sonne of Edward and Elizabeth Audey.  
1643. Aug. 9. bapt. Mary, the dau. of Francis and Mary Audeley.  
1644. Nov. 29. bapt. Sarey, the dau. of George and Susan Audley.  
1644/5. Feb. 23. bapt. Elizabeth, the dau. of Edward and Elizabeth Audey.  
1645. Dec. 14. burd. Agnes Audley, John Arnoles wife's mother.  
1646. Apl. 27. burd. Mary, the dau. of Francis and Marey Audly.  
1647/8. Mch. 17. bapt. Gorge, sonn of Gorge and Susane Audly.  
1648. July 3. burd. Agnes, dau. of Edward and Alice Awady.  
1648/9. Jan. 18. bapt. Marey, the dau. of Frances and Mary Audley.  
1650. May 2. bapt. Roberd Audeley, the sonne of Gorge Audely.  
1651. Aug. 22. bapt. Frauncis, y<sup>e</sup> son of Frauncis Audly.  
1652. Oct. 16. burd. Robert Ginn alias Audey.\*  
1663. July 14. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Jeremye and Ellenor Audey.  
1680. Aug. 6. bapt. Mary, the dau. of Mathew Audley.  
1681. Sept. 8. bapt. Martha, dau. of Mathew Audley.  
1683. Sept. 1. bapt. Daniele, sonne of Mathew Audley.  
1685. Apl. 17. burd. Elizabeth Audley, spinster.  
1685. Dec. 2. bapt. Hamlett, sonne of Mathew Audley.  
1686. Aug. 14. bapt. Elizabeth, the dau. of Francis Audley.  
1688/9. Feb. 7. mard. James Neegose and Elinor Audey.  
1690. Nov. 5. bapt. Thomas, sonne of Thomas Audley of Preston.  
1692. Aug. 10. mard. Jeremy Audey and Mary Hawkins.  
1694/5. Feb. 3. bapt. Sarah, dau. of Jeremy Audley.  
1695. Apl. 19. burd. Hamlett Audley.  
1697. July 17. bapt. Mary, dau. of Jeremy Audley, jun.  
1697/8. Jan. 29. burd. Elinor, wife of Jeremy Audey.  
1698. May 1. burd. Mary Audley, spinster.  
1698. July 17. burd. Jeremy Audey.  
1701. May 8. burd. Mary, wife of Jeremy Audey, labourer.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE

(from *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica, Series 2, vol. 4, p. 260*).

1573. Dec. 14. mard. William Audley & Elizabeth Thurgood.  
(From *Genealogia Bedfordiensis, 1538-1700, by F. A. Blaydes, pp. 260-261*).
- 1611-12. Jan. 27. mard. Nicholas Audley and Elizabeth Watts.  
1617. May 26. mard. William Audley and Katherine Carter.  
1620. May 15. mard. William Audley and Elizabeth Albon.  
1623. July 25. burd. John Audley, son of William.  
1631. Apl. 25. burd. Elizabeth, wife of William Audley.

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

The following wills proved in the Archdeaconry of Hunts., at Peterborough, contain references by Hitchin testators to Audleys :—

MARGARET LAWE, of Hitchin, Herts. Dated 1551. Mentions Jone, wife of Ralphe Awdley, and Ralphe Awdley is a witness as well as an exor. Proved 4 Nov. 1551 (IX., 44).

JOHN FRYDAY, of Hitchin, Herts. Dated 8 Aug. 1558. Mentions a tenement that William Yelborn dwells in, next to William Awdelye, who is alluded to again. Proved 11 July 1559 (XII., 120).

\*The nuncupative will of Agnes Aldey alias Gimme, of Hitchin, co. Herts., widow, dated 10 Mch. 1663/4, names her kinsman, Robert Warner, of Hitchin, carrier, as universal legatee and exor. Wits., Elizabeth Allen and Margaret Dawson. Proved 10 Dec. 1665, by the exor., in Archdeaconry Court of Hunton (Hitchin), Reg. 8, f. 8b. (at Somerset House). No doubt she was widow of Robert.

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JOHN GRAVELEY, of Hitchin, Herts. Dated 28 Mch. 1570. William Awdeley a wit. Proved 3 Nov. 1570 (XIV., 27).

From the marriage licences issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury I extract the following (*Harleian Soc.*, XXIII., 238 and 259) :—

1674/5. Mch. 18. Matthew Audley, of Hitchin, Herts., brewer, bach., about 28, & Mrs. Alice Hale, of Welwin, said co., spr., abt. 21; consent of her mother Mrs. Bernard; alleged by Francis Audley, of St. Sepulchre's, London, gent.; at St. James's, Clerkenwell.

1676. Oct. 14. Francis Audley, of St. Sepulchre's, Middx., bach., abt. 25, & Mrs. Rose Hart, of same, spr., abt. 22; consent of father, William Hart, of same, gent.; at St. Catherine Cree Church, London.

The following is extracted from Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses* :—

AUDLEY, JOHN. Adm. pens. (age 15) at Christ's, June 8, 1649. S. of Francis. B. at Hitchin, Herts. School, Hitchin. Matric. 1649; B.A. 1652/3; M.A. 1656.

*The Register of the Stationers Company of London, 1554-1640*, ed. Edward Arber, vol. II., p. 235, contains the following entry :—

Jeremy Awdeley son of Mathewe Awdeley of hychen in the county of hertford maltman hath putt him self an apprentice unto Henry Wall citizen and Stacioner of London for nyne yeres from the feaste of pentecost next [27 May 1599] ii<sup>s</sup> vi<sup>d</sup>

Canon Noble sent me the following extracts from the "Feet of Fines" printed by *The Herts. Genealogist and Antiquary* :—

1566. Easter Term. 8 Eliz. Anthony Stibbinge gent. and Wm. Awdeley : Robt. Papwourth. Messuage in Hitchyn (I., 344).

1579. Mich. Term. 21 and 22 Eliz. Matthew Audley : Wm. Fraunces esq., Rich. Fraunces gent. and Susan his wife and John Hunt jun. gent. Messuage and garden in Hitchen (II., 256).

1582/3. Hilary Term. 25 Eliz. John Bowyer esq. : Wm. Awdeley and Mark Willyams and Agnes his wife. Messuage etc. in Hitchyn alias Hutchyn (II., 307).

1594. Easter Term. 36 Eliz. Nich. Awdeley : John Awdeley and Susan his wife. Moiety of a messuage and land in Hitchyn alias Hutchyn (III., 149).

From the same source he derived the following "Will Abstracts" :—

(P.C.C. Drake 57). Thomas Humberstone of Hytchyn, yeoman. (Dat. 14 Jan. 1595). Bur. at Hitchin; Kinsman Gyles, son of my bro. Richard Humberston; Henry, Leonard, Edw. and Wm. sons of sd. Richard; Gyles son of my kinsman John Humberston. Maid servt. Alice Woodlande; Dennys Seabrooke widow; Anne wife of Nich. Lyle; Avis wife of Mathewe Audeley; Mary wife of Wm. Chambers; Eliz. wife of Wm. Monke the younger; Frances Awdeley dau. of sd. Matthew; Servt. John Copcott; Servt. Edw. Harrolde; Luce wife of John Lawe the elder; Tho. Chapman gent.; Mathew Audeley yeoman; ..... Edw. and John sons of Matt. Audeley. Pr. 2 July 1596. (II., 2).

Archdeaconry of Huntingdon (Hitchin Registry) Register III. folio 46. John White of Hitchin, coller-maker. (Dat. 2 Nov. 1584). Bur. at Hitchin; sons John and Edward; Wife Elynn; Friend Edw. Marshall overseer; Kath. Oncle my daughter's dau.; Annys Uncle; Edw. Dyer. Wits. Edw. Audlye, Edm. Symes, John Dermer, Edw. Hall and Wm. Abbott. Pr. 14 Jan. 1584-5. (II., 230).

Archdeaconry of Huntingdon (Hitchin Registry) Register IV. folio III. William Sympsonn of Hytchyn, butcher. (Dat. 9 Oct. 38 Eliz.) ..... Servt. Edw. Awdeley. .... pr. 13 Mch. 1599-1600. (III., 219).

From the "Subsidy Rolls for Hertfordshire," printed in the same periodical, he extracted the following :—

Hundred of Broadwater and the Half Hundred of Hechine 1545. Nunc Insipit Secundum Hundredum de Hechyn.

Vilia de Hechyn ..... Wm. Avdeley XLs. .... Ralph Avdeley Xd. .... Rich. Audesley IIIId. .... Wm. Audeley XVIIIId (I., 329-30).

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From the same source we learn (II., 165) that annexed to the transcript of the Hitchin registers for 1665-67 is a strip of parchment bearing the following note :—

These are to certifie all persons whom it dothe or may concerne, That the regestry for Christnings Mariages and Burialls in the Parish of Hitchin, Countie of Hertford diocesse of Lincolne and Archdeaconry of Huntingdon through the carelesnesse and neglect of former Regesters is wholly lost for the space of seventeene yeares and vpwards last last (that is) from the first day of february one thousand six hundred fowerty and eight to the first day of August one thousand six hundred sixtic and fwe. Witsesse our hands this 8 day of Nouember 1667.

(Signed) J. Skeyner	Will: Gibbs Vic. of Hitchin
R. Papworth	Thomas Lucas
Jo. Papworth	Hamlet Audley
Fra. Audley	Charles Rayner
Law. Tristram	
Robert Lucas	

At another reference (II., 209) is given this marriage licence issued by the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon (Hitchin Registry) :—

1642. Apr. 23. Geo. Awdley of Hitchin, bachr., grocer, and Susan Hurst of Hitchin, maiden, dau. of Eliz. Hurst of same, widow. At Letchworth or Willion.

Canon Noble sent me a note of the will of William Papworth, of Hitchin, dated 15 Sept. 1520, in which he leaves two silver spoons to Elene and Margaret Awdley, daughters of Rau. Awdley : proved in the Archdeaconry of Hunts., at Peterborough, Reg. II., folio 222 : he did not give date of proof. Also of the will of James Awsten, of Hare Street, Yardly (*sc.* Ardeley), co. Herts., dated 7 Mch. 1608/9, in which he mentions his daughter Hellen Awdlye, as well as Joan, daughter of Edward Awdlye, the latter being a witness : proved 14 Mch. 1608/9, in same Court, Reg. XVIII., folio 115.

There are several extracts from Audley wills in Reginald L. Hine's notable *History of Hitchin* (2 vols., 1927 and 1929) ; see his index. At vol. I, p. 245, we learn that John Audlye was overseer of the poor in 1608.

Canon Noble also sent me the following abstract of a will from the Archdeaconry of Hunts. (Register XI., fo. 72) :—

THOMAS DEANE of Pirton, Herts. Dated 20 Jan. 1556/7. Wife *Anny* ; eldest dau., *Anny Deane* ; second dau., *Cyckly Deane* ; youngest dau., *Joane Deane*. To *William Awdley's* wife . . . . *Richard*, son of *Christopher Hammonde*, mentioned. *Thomas Audley*, *John Audley* and *Richard Audley* mentioned. Proved 3 June 1557.

He sent me also another extract from the "Feet of Fines" printed by *The Hertfordshire Genealogist and Antiquary* (vol. I., p. 347) :—

1567. Trinity Term. 9 Eliz. Laur. Eyton and John Synclou: Wm. Awdeley and Joan his wife and Tho. Copcott and Cicily his wife. Two messuages and lands in Pyrton.

Pirton, it may be mentioned, is only three miles from Hitchin.

Another licence issued by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury (*Harleian Soc.*, XXXI., p. 282) probably gives a second husband of Alice Hale :—

1693/4. Feb. 7. James Falconer, of the town of Hertford, Vintner, Bachr., abt. 27, & Mrs. Alice Audley, of the same, Widow, abt. 40 ; at St. Ethelburga, Lond.

The Genealogical Society's index has a reference under Special Court Baron, Barnersbury, Islington, Mch., 1666, to Francis Audley, yeoman, of Hitchin, and George Audley, his brother.

A licence was issued by the Faculty Office, on 10 May 1680, for a marriage between Jaspar Harmar, of par. of St. Sepulchre, London, bachr., aged about 26, and Rose Audley,

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of same par., widow, Anthony Bristow appearing for the licence. John, son of Jasper Harmar, of London, gent., matric. 8 Apl. 1704, aged 17, from University College, Oxford; B.A. 1707; M.A. 1710 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*).

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

**RALPH AUDLEY**, of Hitchin, co. Herts., yeoman; will dated 20 Apl. 1534 (to be burd. in St. Andrew's churchyard, Hitchin), proved 9 May 1536 at Peterborough, and 7 Feb. 1535/6 in P.C.C. Mard. Joan, dau. of . . . . ., who was living his widow 7 Feb. 1535/6, and had issue,

- Joan Audley, eldest dau., living 20 Apl. 1534.
- Ellen Audley, living 15 Sept. 1520 and 20 Apl. 1534.
- Margaret Audley, living 15 Sept. 1520 and 20 Apl. 1534.
- Elizabeth Audley, living 20 Apl. 1534.
- Alice Audley, mard. to . . . . . Day, and living 20 Apl. 1534.
- . . . . . Audley, mard. to William Clarke, of Royston, co. Herts., who was living 20 Apl. 1534.
- Joan Audley, youngest dau., living 20 Apl. 1534.

There was a second Ralph Audley, of Hitchin, shoemaker, also with a wife Joan; she was living 10 Sept. 1560. His will, dated 10 Sept. 1560 (to be burd. in St. Andrew's churchyard, Hitchin), was proved 11 Dec. 1560, at Peterborough; no children mentioned.

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. . . . . **AUDLEY**, probably closely related to Ralph Audley preceding; dead 4 July 1541; burd. in par. church of Hitchin. Mard. Agnes, dau. of . . . . .; she lived on at Hitchin, and in her will, dated 4 July 1541, and proved 24 Jan. 1543/4 at Peterborough, asked to be burd. by her husband, by whom she had issue,

- John Audley, living 4 July 1541.
- Joan Audley, living 4 July 1541 as wife of John Serle (who witnessed the will of Ralph Audley above on 20 Apl. 1534), with children, Thomas Serle and Robert Serle.
- Elizabeth Audley, mard. 1st to . . . . . Wylschere, by whom she had children, Richard, John, William, James, Thomas and Robert Wylschere, all living as minors on 4 July 1541, when she was wife of . . . . . Iverye.
- Perhaps a dau. mard. to John Berne, who was living 4 July 1541, probably with sons, Richard and William Berne.

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. . . . . **AUDLEY** (perhaps identical with the husband of Agnes above, who may have had a son William, though he is not mentioned in her will), mard. . . . ., and had issue,

**WILLIAM AUDLEY**, of whom presently.

John Audley, living 24 July 1546, with children, and 16 May 1547.

**WILLIAM AUDLEY**, son of . . . . . Audley preceding (and perhaps of Agnes Audley, widow, above, whose name, as well as that of her dau., Joan, he bestowed upon his own daus.); of Hitchin, yeoman. Perhaps William Audley, "kinsman" of Ralph Audley (above), and overseer of his will, 1534. Will dated 24 July 1546 (to be burd. in south choir of Hitchin church), proved 10 May 1547, in P.C.C. Mard. Alice, dau. of . . . . ., and by her, who was living 24 July 1546, had issue,

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William Audley, *probably identical with William Audley, of whom presently*; living 24 July 1546 and 16 May 1547.  
Joan Audley, living unmard., 24 July 1546.  
Agnes Audley, living 24 July 1546.

**WILLIAM AUDLEY**, *probably the son of William Audley preceding (especially as he also had daus. named Joan and Agnes)*; of Hitchin; will dated 10 Sept. 1574 (not traced); died soon after; burd. 20 Jan. 1574/5, at Hitchin. Mard. Joan, dau. of.....(? and widow of.....Papworth); burd. 28 Aug. 1583, at Hitchin; her will, dated 14 Mch. 1581/2, was proved 6 Feb. 1583/4 (at Somerset House). It is to be noted that she made her friend, Mr. Thomas Parrys, an overseer of her will, while the will of Agnes Audley (*above*), in 1541, was witnessed by Thomas Parrys, who again was overseer of the will of William Audley (*above*), in 1546. William and Joan Audley\* had issue,

**WILLIAM AUDLEY**, *of whom presently*.

John Audley, of Hitchin, yeoman; bapt. 4 June 1562, at Hitchin; living 31 Mch. 1591; died *circa* 1603. Mard. (? Susan, living 1594), and had issue,

Hugh Audley, son and heir, and aged about 10, *circa* 1603; living 22 Nov. 1624.

James Audley, living 10 Sept. 1574.

Elizabeth Audley, mard. 18 Jan. 1572/3, at Hitchin, to Richard Cooper; she was living 12 Apl. 1591, with a son, Richard Cooper, and other children.

Joan Audley, unmard. 14 Mch. 1581/2; living, with children, 12 Apl. 1591.

Agnes Audley, living 14 Mch. 1581/2 as wife of.....Williams, with children, James Williams and Joan Williams; still living, 12 Apl. 1591.

**WILLIAM AUDLEY**, *son of William Audley preceding and Joan his wife*; of Warden, co. Bedford, yeoman. Will dated 12 Apl. 1591, proved 7 Nov. 1593, in P.C.C. Mard. 14 Dec. 1573, at Southill, co. Bedford, to Elizabeth, dau. of.....Thurgood, and by her, who was living his widow on 7 Nov. 1593, had issue,

I. Thomas Audley, living, under 21, on 12 Apl. 1591.

II. Nicholas Audley, living as second son on 12 Apl. 1591; mard. 27 Jan. 1611/12, at Southill, co. Bedford, to Elizabeth Watts.

III. **EDWARD AUDLEY**, of Roxton, co. Bedford, gent.; aged 40 or more, on 25 July 1625; burd. 23 Feb. 1631/2, at Roxton; left will (untraced). Mard. 23 July 1610, at Sandy, co. Bedford, to Mary, dau. of.....Bromsall, and by her, who was burd. 16 June 1631, at Roxton, had issue (see *ante*, p. 54, AUDLEY OF ROXTON AND HUNTINGDON).

IV. William Audley, of Stanford, par. of Southill, co. Bedford, gent.; born after 12 Apl. 1591; died 25 July 1625, at Stanford; I.P.M. taken 5 Apl. 1626, at Bedford. Will dated 16 July 1625, proved 24 Sept. 1625, at Northampton. Mard. 1st on 26 May 1617, at Southill, co. Bedford, to Catherine Carter, and had issue by her,

John Audley, burd. 25 July 1623, at Southill.

William Audley mard. 2nd on 15 May 1620, at Southill, Elizabeth, widow of.....Albon, and by her, who was burd. 25 Apl. 1631, at Southill, had no issue.

\*The registers show that there was another contemporary William Audley at Hitchin, also with a wife Joan; she died in Nov. 1579, and he a month later.

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She had issue by her 1st husband, Abraham Albon, living 24 Sept. 1625; Thomas Albon, living 16 July 1625, under 21; John Albon, living 16 July 1625, under 21; and Frances Albon, living unmard. on 16 July 1625.

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.....AUDLEY, *who must have been born about 1520 or earlier, but of whose identity with any of the name in the preceding pedigrees there is at present no evidence*, mard....., and had issue,

**MATTHEW AUDLEY**, *of whom presently.*

George Audley, of Hitchin; burd. 18 Aug. 1602, at Hitchin; mard. 1st.....  
dau. of....., and had issue,

Anne Audley, (*probably*) bapt. 23 July 1564, at Hitchin; mard. 11 Nov. 1585, at Hitchin, Thomas Godfrey *alias* Cooper, and had issue, a dau., Joseph (?) Cooper, living 21 Mch. 1620/1, and a son, Matthew Cooper, living 21 Mch. 1620/1.

Richard Audley, bapt. 20 Apl. 1567, at Hitchin; burd. there 28 Apl. 1567.  
George Audley mard. 2nd 26 June 1572, at Hitchin, Agnes Rugmer. By her, who was burd. 14 Aug. 1607, at Hitchin, and whose will, dated 30 Aug. 1607, was proved 30 Oct. 1607, at Peterborough, he had further issue,

Susanna Audley, bapt. 24 Mch. 1576/7, at Hitchin; burd. there 1 June 1584.  
Mary Audley, eldest dau. on 30 Aug. 1607 and mard. to..... Grant *alias* Francis, with children Mary and Rhoda, both under 14 on that date.

Avis Audley, bapt. 10 Apl. 1580, at Hitchin; mard. 20 Oct. 1603, at Hitchin, to John Bosworth; both living 30 Aug. 1607.

Rhoda Audley, bapt. 3 May 1584, at Hitchin; mard..... Marshall, and living 30 Oct. 1607.

Edward Audley, of Hitchin, "senior"; burd. 28 Mch. 1593, at Hitchin. Admon. granted 11 Oct. and 30 Oct. 1598, at Peterborough. Mard. 7 Oct. 1565, at Hitchin, to Dorothy Deacon, and had issue by her,

Ralph Audley, of Hitchin; bapt. 7 July 1571, at Hitchin; burd. there 2 June 1620. Mard. 8 Nov. 1593, at Hitchin, to Elizabeth Mosher, who was burd. there 27 Mch. 1620.

Mary Audley, bapt. 29 June 1576, at Hitchin; burd. there 20 June 1579.

Martha Audley, bapt. 3 Feb. 1582/3, at Hitchin; burd. there 6 Feb. 1582/3.

Mary Audley, living unmard. 14 Mch. 1611, and 21 Mch. 1620/1.

**MATTHEW AUDLEY**, "the elder," *son of ..... Audley preceding*; of Hitchin, yeoman and maltman; burd. 20 Feb. 1614/15, at Hitchin. Will dated 14 Aug. 1611, proved 3 Mch. 1614/15, in P.C.C. Mard. Avis, dau. of....., and by her, who was burd. 7 Mch. 1607/8, at Hitchin, had issue,

- I. Edward Audley, of Hitchin; bapt. 9 Apl. 1570, at Hitchin; living 21 Mch. 1620/1; dead 30 Apl. 1634. Mard. Helen, dau. of James Austen, of Hare Street, Ardeley, co. Herts., on 19 Apl. 1604, at Hitchin; she sworn to administer estate of her bror.-in-law, Matthew Audley, on 14 May 1634. Edward and Helen Audley had issue,

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- I. Ralph Audley, living 14 Aug. 1611, under 21; burd. 22 Sept. 1639, at Hitchin.
1. Avis Audley, bapt. 24 Dec. 1604, at Hitchin; burd. there 26 Dec. 1604.
2. Joan Audley, bapt. 29 Dec. 1605, at Hitchin; living 14 Aug. 1611.
3. Sarah Audley, living 14 Aug. 1611.
4. Avis Audley, bapt. 25 Apl. 1613, at Hitchin.
5. Sarah Audley, bapt. 2 July 1615, at Hitchin.
6. Margaret Audley, bapt. 29 Mch. 1618, at Hitchin.
- II. **JOHN AUDLEY**, of whom presently.
- III. Matthew Audley, of Hitchin, maltster and victualler; bapt. 24 Nov. 1583, at Hitchin; "youngest son," 14 Aug. 1611; burd. 16 Feb. 1628/9, at Hitchin. Will (nuncupative) dated 1 Feb. 1628/9, admon. granted 29 Apl. 1629 (at Somerset House), and again on 14 May 1634. Mard. Mary, dau. of....., and by her, who was living his widow on 29 Apl. 1629 (and who was probably re-mard. at Hitchin, on 27 Apl. 1631, to Anthony Sturmen), had issue,\*
  1. George Audley, bapt. 22 Sept. 1616, at Hitchin; probably dead 1 Feb. 1628/9.
  2. Hamlet Audley, of Hitchin, maltster; bapt. 5 Sept. 1619, at Hitchin; burd. there 19 Apl. 1695. Will dated 28 Nov. 1694, proved 10 June 1695 (at Somerset House). Mard. Margaret, dau. of....., who owned land at Aspeden, co. Herts., and by her, admon. of whose estate was granted 27 June 1693 (at Somerset House), left no issue.
  1. Elizabeth Audley, of Hitchin; bapt. 20 Nov. 1622, at Hitchin; died unmard.; burd. 17 Apl. 1685, at Hitchin. Will dated 26 Oct. 1682, proved 24 Apl. 1685 (at Somerset House).
  2. Sarah Audley, bapt. 25 June 1628, at Hitchin; living 26 Oct. 1682, and on 28 Nov. 1694 as mard. to....Conway.
  3. Mary Audley, bapt. 25 June 1628, at Hitchin (twin with Sarah); burd. 21 Aug. 1628, at Hitchin.
  4. Mary Audley, born after 1 Feb. 1628/9; living 26 Oct. 1682; mard. before 28 Nov. 1694, to.....Simpkins, when she had a son, John Simpkins, under 22.
- IV. Jeremy Audley, bapt. 3 Jan. 1585/6, at Hitchin; apprenticed 27 May 1599, to Henry Wall, citizen and stationer of London, for 9 years; dead 14 Aug. 1611.
  - I. Elizabeth Audley, mard. 1 June 1595, at Hitchin, to William Monke, and living his widow on 14 Aug. 1611.
  - II. Frances Audley, bapt. 2 Feb. 1577/8, at Hitchin; mard. 3 Oct. 1599, at Hitchin, to Edward Simms; he was living 14 Aug. 1611, with children, John Simms, eldest child, under 21; Nicholas Simms, under 21; and Avis Simms, under 21; the mother was still living on 21 Mch. 1620/1.
  - III. Mary Audley, bapt. 20 Dec. 1579, at Hitchin; mard. 16 Apl. 1607, at Hitchin, to Humfrey Simms; he living 14 Aug. 1611, and she 21 Mch. 1620/1. They had issue, Avis Simms, living 14 Aug. 1611, and Edward Simms, living 21 Mch. 1620/1.

\*With a "stillborn child," burd. on 18 Feb. 1626/7.



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**JOHN AUDLEY** *second son of Matthew Audley preceding and Avis his wife* ; of Hitchin, maltster ; bapt. 6 Jan. 1571/2, at Hitchin ; burd. 7 Apl. 1621, at Hitchin. Overseer of poor for Hitchin, 1608. Will dated 21 Mch. 1620/1, proved 26 Apl. 1621, in P.C.C. Mard. Sara, sister of Richard and Jeremy Laundey, at Hitchin, on 7 Feb. 1604/5, and by her, admon. of whose estate was granted 25 May 1655, in P.C.C., had issue,

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

- II. George Audley, of Hitchin, grocer ; bapt. 16 Feb. 1616/17, at Hitchin ; living 26 Oct. 1682. Mard., by licence issued 23 Apl. 1642, for Letchworth or Welwyn, Susan, dau. of . . . . Hurst, of Hitchin, and Elizabeth his wife, and by her had issue,
  - 1. John Audley, bapt. 24 Feb. 1642/3, at Hitchin.
  - 2. George Audley, bapt. 17 Mch. 1647/8, at Hitchin.
  - 3. Robert Audley, bapt. 2 May 1650, at Hitchin.
- 1. Sarah Audley, bapt. 29 Nov. 1644, at Hitchin ; living 26 Oct. 1682.
- 1. Sarah Audley, bapt. 28 Feb. 1607/8, at Hitchin ; living 21 Mch. 1620/1.
- II. Jane Audley, bapt. 17 Nov. 1609, at Hitchin ; living 21 Mch. 1620/1.
- III. Mary Audley, of Hitchin ; bapt. 29 Jan. 1614/15, at Hitchin ; died unmard. and "aged" ; burd. 1 May 1698, at Hitchin. Will dated 11 Apl. 1698, proved 2 June 1698 (at Somerset House).

**FRANCIS AUDLEY**, *elder son of John Audley preceding and Sara Laundey his wife* ; of Hitchin, brewer ; bapt. 5 Apl. 1612, at Hitchin ; Churchwarden of Hitchin, 1644. Presumably Francis Audley, of Hitchin, widower, admon. of whose estate was granted on 5 July 1677 (very soon after his death) to Elizabeth Audley, the dau., who was still unmard. on 10 Dec. 1677, but who was evidently the Elizabeth Audley mard. by 26 Oct. 1682 to Mr. Wigg (see will of her cousin, Elizabeth Audley, of that date). Mard. Mary, dau. of . . . . ., and by her (? who was dead on 5 July 1677), had issue, with the possible addition of Elizabeth just mentioned,

- I. John Audley, bapt. 29 May 1634, at Hitchin ; educ. at Hitchin School ; admitted pensioner at Christ's Coll., Cambridge, on 8 June 1649, aged 15 ; matric. 1649 ; B.A. 1652/3 ; M.A. 1656.
- II. Francis Audley, bapt. 3 Mch. 1635/6, at Hitchin ; burd. there 7 Mch. 1639/40.
- III. Richard Audley, bapt. 9 June 1641, at Hitchin.
- IV. **MATTHEW AUDLEY**, *of whom presently.*
  - V. Francis Audley, of par. of St. Sepulchre's, London, gent. ; bapt. 22 Aug. 1651, at Hitchin. Will (nuncupative) dated 16 Jan. 1676/7, proved 26 Jan. 1676/7, in P.C.C. Mard. by licence dated 14 Oct. 1676, for St. Catherine Creechurch, London, Rose, dau. of William Hart, of St. Sepulchre's, London, gent., and by her, who was born about 1654, and living his widow on 26 Jan. 1676/7, probably had no issue.
    - I. Sarah Audley, bapt. 6 June 1638, at Hitchin.
    - II. Mary Audley, bapt. 9 Aug. 1643, at Hitchin ; burd. there 27 Apl. 1646.
    - III. Mary Audley, bapt. 18 Jan. 1648/9, at Hitchin.

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**MATTHEW AUDLEY**, *fourth son of Francis Audley preceding* ; of Hitchin, brewer ; born about 1646 ; dead 28 Nov. 1694. Mard. by licence dated 18 Mch. 1674/5, for St. James's, Clerkenwell, Alice, only dau. and heir of Daniel Hale, of Bromham Green, Datchworth, co. Herts., gent., and of Martha his wife (who afterwards mard. Richard. Bernard, of Welwyn, co. Herts., gent.), and by her, who was born about 1654 (and was probably re-mard., by licence dated 7 Feb. 1693/4, for St. Ethelburga, London, to James Falconer, of Hertford, vintner, born about 1667), had issue,

- I. Francis Audley, of Ayott St. Lawrence, co. Herts., gent. ; living 26 Oct. 1682 ; under 21, on 28 Nov. 1694 ; son and heir, 11 Apl. 1698. Will dated 27 Nov. 1719, proved 11 Jan. 1724/5 (at Somerset House). Mard. Grissell, dau. of. . . . ., who was living his wife on 27 Nov. 1719, and his widow on 11 Jan. 1724/5, by whom he seems to have left no issue.
- II. Matthew Audley, "the younger," on 26 Oct. 1682 ; living under 21 on 28 Nov. 1694.
- III. Daniel Audley, bapt. 1 Sept. 1683, at Hitchin ; living under 21 on 28 Nov. 1694.
- IV. Hamlet Audley, bapt. 2 Dec. 1685, at Hitchin.
  - I. Mary Audley, bapt. 6 Aug. 1680, at Hitchin ; living 27 Nov. 1719.
  - II. Martha Audley, bapt. 8 Sept. 1681, at Hitchin ; living 27 Nov. 1719.