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According to the Rev. A. J. Edmonds, in his *History of Great Gransden* (p. 60), Hugh Audley [1289 ?-1347], created Earl of Gloucester in 1337, was at his death in possession of the manor of Great Gransden, by inheritance of Margaret his wife, who was widow of Piers Gaveston, Earl of Cornwall, and second daughter of Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, by Joan his wife, daughter of Edward I.; and it passed with Hugh's only daughter and heir, Margaret Audley, to her husband Ralph Stafford, created Earl of Stafford.

Hugh Audley left no male issue, and his elder brother, Sir James Audley, left no legitimate issue at all. Whether Henry Audley, who, with his brother Thomas, begins my pedigree, and who was granted the manor of Great Gransden by Henry VIII in 1537/8, had any connexion with his noble predecessors there, I am quite unable to say. The Visitation pedigrees, as will be seen, do not help us, and are incorrect in their early affiliations, as well as in connecting the family with that of the famous Lord Chancellor, Thomas Audley, who was no known relative [see *post*, AUDLEY OF BERECHURCH].

The inscription on the tomb of Edward Audley [1682-1758], of Huntingdon, asserts that he was "sprung from the noble family of the Audleys of Great Gransden in Huntingdonshire." Here again I can offer no evidence of such connexion, for though Edward's great-grandfather, another Edward Audley, who must have been born about 1590 or earlier, lived at Roxton, co. Bedford, about eight miles from Great Gransden, his parentage is quite unknown [see *post*, p. 49, AUDLEY OF ROXTON AND HUNTINGDON]. But it does not seem at all likely that this earlier Edward was closely akin to the brothers Henry and Thomas Audley who head my Great Gransden pedigree.

The said Henry Audley, in his will of 30 Apl. 1545, leaves 40s/- a year to one William Audley, of Aspley Guise, co. Bedford. This suggests connexion with

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another family of the name, for Aspley Guise is but a mile from Husborne Crawley [see *post*, p. 79, AUDLEY OF HUSBORNE CRAWLEY].

It seems clear that there was no family of Audley settled either at Great Gransden or Houghton Conquest (which places are about 17 miles apart) immediately before the time of Thomas Audley (died 1531), for the registers in both cases contain no Audley entries except those relating to his descendants. This suggests that his immediate ancestry, at least, must be sought elsewhere.

Though this family may have died out in the male line, my pedigree does not prove it, for there are a number of males shown whose subsequent history remains undiscovered.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

HENRY AWDELEY, of St. John's Street, London, co. M'sex, gent. Will dated 30 Apl. 1545. Whereas my wife *Anne* had her fine levied before *Lord Baldwin* in the Common Pleas to have and to hold to said *Henry* and *Anne* and the heirs of *Henry* for ever, amounting to £27-8-4, in cos. Huntingdon, Bedford and Herts., and whereas I granted her on marriage £52 a year out of tenements in Phillip Lane, London, in tenure of *Henry Suttibye*, and tenement by London Wall, in tenure of *Thomas Barnes*, I now bequeath to said *Anne* and her father, *Richard Alen*, citizen and haberdasher of London, all debts and fees, except 40s/- a year going forth from Glassenbury, which I give to *William Awdeley*, of Aspley Guise, to be paid him yearly during life of one *Mr. Clasye*. To *Thomas Lee*, *John Johnson* and *Elizabeth Alother*, my servants, £3-6-8, and make said wife and *Richard Alen* exors. Wits., *Sir Henry George*, curate, *Nicholas Coke*, *Thomas Lee*, and *William Alother*. Signed by me *Henricus Awdeley*. Proved 25 June 1545 by extrix., *Richard Alen* renouncing, in P.C.C. [Pynnyng 31].

THOMAS AUDLEY, of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedf., gent. Will dated 29 Jany. 1593/4. All lands, houses, etc., in Houghton Conquest, to sons *William*, *Thomas* and *George Audley*, to be divided among them as by indenture between me and son *Robert Audley*. To dau. *Anne* and *Mary Audley*, £100 each. To four children of son *Robert Audley*, £60. Resid. legatee and extrix., wife *Anne*. Overseers, bro. *Robert Hewett*, and *Thomas Archer*, parson of Houghton Conquest. Signed, *Thomas Awdley*. Wits., *Thomas Archer*, parson of Houghton Conquest, *Edmond Woodward*, *John Anderton* (mark), and *William Norris* (mark). Proved 19 Apl. 1594 by *Thomas Brovone*, not. pub., proctor to extrix., in P.C.C. [Dixy 33].

ANNE AWDELEY, of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedf., widow. Will dated 28 Aug. 1599. To dau. *Colquytt*, £40 within 6 months of my decease, and to her dau. *Dorothy Colquytt* £20 at 14. To dau. *Marye Awdley*, 7 score pounds within 6 months. To sons *William* and *George Awdley*, and to dau. *Mary*, a bedstead, etc., each. To son *Robert* and his wife, silver spoons. To their son *William Awdley*, a cow and a calf at 12. To son *Thomas Awdley*, silver salt cellar with a high cover gilt. To son *William*, silver goblet, and to son *George* other silver salt cellar. Exors., sons *William* and *Thomas Awdley*, and brother *Robert Hewitt* to be overscer. Wits., *Thomas Archer*, parson of Houghton Conquest, [*Garnish*?] *Coxsfeld* and *Elizabeth Geyle*. By a codicil of 29 Aug. 1599 it would appear that dau. *Mary* had had £100 left to her under her father's will. Proved 20 Sept. 1599 at Northampton.

HENRY AWDELEY, of London (calendar says of St. Olaves, Silver Street), gent. Will dated 25 Mch. 1629. To uncle *Thomas Awdley*, Esq., and friend *John Barnes*, of London, butcher, all lands and tenements in Great Gransden, co. Hunts., to sell same and divide profits among *Henry*, *Anne* and *Sara*, three children by other wife deed. To wife *Jane*, all goods in dwelling house, and nag at the White Horse without Cripplegate, London. To youngest son *Robert*, gold seal. To friend *Mathew Hancocke*, the book of Martyrs, and entreat him and friend *Mr. William Darby* to be overseers. Exors., said trustees. Signed, *Henry Awdley*. Wits., *Math. Hancocke*, *Will. Darby*, *Ellen Catlyn*, *Anne Awdley* and *Edmond Attwood*. Proved 4 May 1629 by *John Barnes*, power reserved to other exor., in P.C.C. [Ridley 43].

THOMAS AWDELEY, of Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, gent., son and heir apparent of *Thomas Awdley*, of Gray's Inn, afsd., esq., and sick in body. Will dated 16 Apl. 1630. Real estate at Houghton Conquest, co. Bedf., to wife *Etheldred* for life, and for her maintenance and that "of o' children which God hath sent us." Uncle

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William Awdley, of Houghton Conquest. Other real estate at Wilshamstead and Cotton. To son *Thomas Awdley*, silver gilt salt cellar, which my father gave unto me, and which my grandfather before gave to him. To dau. *Elizabeth*, two best silver bowls. To wife *Etheldred*, gold ring and residue of goods, she to be sole extrix. Father, and brother *Thomas Hackett*, to be supervisors. Signed, *Tho. Audley*. Wits., *Jane Hackett*, *Thomas Lounder*, and *Thomas Goodcheap*? Proved 25 May 1630 at Southill (Northampton Registry).

THOMAS AWDLEY, late of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedf., decd. while at Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, esq. Admon. granted 14 Mch. 1634/5 to *William Awdley*, his bro. [P.C.C., Admon. Act Book, f. 85d.].

ROBERT AUDLEY, late of Okington, *als* Haginton, co. Camb., decd. Admon. granted 6 Dec. 1654 to *Elizabeth Audley*, the relict [P.C.C., Admon. Act Book II., f. 54d.].

ELIZABETH AUDLEY, of Okington, co. Camb. Will dated 4 Jany. 1658/9. To eldest son *Robert Audley*, all furniture in kitchen, and goods in parlour which were my father *Audley's* given to said son by him. To son *Francis*, furniture. To son *William*, furniture. To son *Thomas*, bed. *Mr. Garner*, of Histon, and *Mr. Kerby*, of Soame, co. Camb., owe me by bond £120 for payment of £60, and *Mr. Anthony Nethercoat*, of Oungle, co. Northants., owes me £40: the same to be divided among four sons. Son *William Sneyd*, of co. Staffs., esq., owes me £450. To son *Leves Audley*, and dau. *Sneyd*, a ring each. Exors., sons *Robert*, *Francis*, *William* and *Thomas*. Signed, *Elizabeth Audley*. Wits., *R. Sneyd*, *Mary Audley*, and *Anne Castor* (mark). Proved 8 Apl. 1659, by *Francis Audley*, power reserved to other exors., in P.C.C. [Pell 196].

LEWIS AWDLY, late of Kingston Wood, co. Camb., decd. Admon. granted 23 Dec. 1670 to *Thomas Asquith*, principal creditor, *Mary Awdley* the widow renouncing [P.C.C., Admon. Act Book, f. 170d.].

JOHN AUDLEY, of Cambridge, co. Camb., gent. Will dated 20 Mch. 1778. All my household furniture, plate and linen, to wife *Elizabeth*, and to her and eldest son *John Audley* £600, to use of wife for life and after her death to use of sons *John* and *Richard* and dau. *Sarah Audley*. To son *John* £420, the mortgage of an estate at Great Gransden, co. Hunts., made to me by *Esther Palmer*, decd. I have already given £1000 to said son *John*, and lent him a further £1000, which I now bequeath to him, with a further sum of £800. To son *Richard*, £2800. To dau. *Sarah Audley*, £2800 at age of 21. Resid. legatees, said three children. Exor., son *John*. Signed, *John Audley*. Wits., *Thos. Johnson*, and *John Smith*. Proved 13 Mch. 1779 by exor. named, in P.C.C. [Warburton 85].

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

AWDELEY v. NYCOLLYS

[Between 1518 and 1529]. Complaint made to *Thomas, Lord Legate*, Cardinal, Archbishop of York, Chancellor of England, by *Thomas Awdeley*, of Houghton Conquest, that *William Nicolly* lately sold to him a messuage and lands in Houghton Conquest, co. Bedford, for £7, and although he has paid the money and often times requested *William* to make him an estate therein, he has always refused and still refuses; therefore he desires he may be compelled to appear and answer the premises. Pledges of prosecution:—*John Johnson*, of London, sherman, and *Thomas Beket*, of same, yeoman (Early C.P., C.1, 460/9).

AUDELEY v. KNYGHT

[Between 1533 and 1538]. Complaint made to *Sir Thomas Audeley*, knt., Chancellor of England, by *Henry Audeley*, exor. of will of *Thomas Audeley*, decd., that said *Thomas* in his lifetime lent *Richard Knyght* 26s/8, which, although often requested by said *Thomas*, he did not repay, nor has he paid complainant, who desires he may be summoned to answer the premises. Signed, *Henry Audeley*. (Early C.P., C.1, 713/43).

AWDLEY v. BURNELL

[1558-1579]. Complaint by *Thomas Awdley*, of Holton [torn], co. Bedford, cousin and heir of *Henry Audley*, gent., decd., that is, son and heir of *Thomas*, bro. and heir of sd. *Henry*, that sd. *Henry* bought land of Henry VIII in St. Peter's near Paul's Wharf, London, and in St. Alban's, co. Herts., and elsewhere, and same were conveyed

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to *John Cordall*, gent., to re-convey same to complainant, which he did not do. He made *William Burnell* exor. of his will and died, and therefore complainant now desires *Burnell* to make sd. conveyance.
Answer of *William Burnell*, denying sd. lands were to be re-conveyed.
Replication of *Thomas Awdley* re-affirming his bill.
Rejoinder of *William Burnell* (C.P., Ser. 2, C.3, 2/48).

AUDLEY v. HEATH

14 Oct. 1615. Complaint by *William Awdley*, of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedford, gent., that *George Clerk*, of same, about Nov. 7 Jas. I [1609], bought of complainant three horses for £15, and two other for £11-10-0, to be paid on the marriage of complainant. On 20 Feb. 7 Jas. I [1609/10], complainant married *Anne Parrell* and sd. debt became then due, but although often demanded was not paid, and after, to defraud complainant, sd. *Clerk* made over his grain, etc., to *George Heath*, against whom he now claims sd. debt.
Answer of *George Heath*, re sd. debt (C.P. Jas. I., C.2, A. 10/50).

AWDLEY v. BLYTHE

5 Feb. 1618/19. Complaint by *William Awdley*, of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedford, gent., that *William Blythe* about 20 years ago possessed a messuage and land in Houghton Conquest for a term of years, and also divers goods, etc., and entered into communication with one *Thomas Fitzjefferye*, gent., for a marriage between the latter and complainant's sister *Mary Awdley*, and persuaded *Fitzjefferye* to take sd. farm so he should appear well off and a fit suitor for sd. *Mary*. On *Blythe's* recommendation and persuasion, complainant consented to marriage. Afterwards *Blythe* lent *Fitzjefferye* money, and complainant became bound for same, and he now unjustly endeavours to get the money from complainant.
Answer of *William Blythe*, gent., denying most of the allegations. He says *Mary* at the time of the treaty of marriage was 24 years old. He made no false representations, etc. (C.P. Jas. I., C.2, A. 4/21).

AWDELEY v. KIDMAN

14 May 1623. Complaint by *Robert Audley*, of Great Gransden, co. Hunts., esq., that for more than 35 years he has been seised of the manor of Great Gransden, in Gransden, together with two tenements, parcel of same let to churchwardens of par. church of Great Gransden by complainant's ancestors, at yearly rental of 5s/8, all further profits to go to maintenance of sd. church. Now *Thomas Kidman* and *Thomas Graves* with others have combined to defraud complainant of sd. rent and also of sd. tenements.
27 May 1623. Answer of *Thomas Kydman* and *Thomas Graves* that sd. tenements were assigned to repair of church, the profits to be kept by churchwardens for that purpose and relief of poor. They do not know that same are parcel of complainant's manor (C.P. Jas. I., C.2, A. 8/10).

AWDLEY v. KIDMAN, etc.

[No date.] Replication of *Robert Awdley*, esq.; complainant, to the answer of *Thomas Kidman* and *Thomas Graves* that his bill is true in all it states, that he ought to be restored to the possession of sd. lands and tenements named in bill. He denies they were ever given for the repair of the church otherwise than that his ancestors and others whose estate he has in the manor of Great Gransden did let sd. lands to churchwardens of par. church of Great Gransden at a certain rent (C.P. Chas. I., C.2, A. 50/108).

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13 Nov. 1629. Complaint by *Thomas Awdley*, of Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, esq., and *John Barnes*, of London, butcher, that *Henry Awdley*, late of London, gent., decd., was seised of a messuage, a cottage, 50 acres of arable land, and 10 acres of meadow called Savell's Farm in Great Gransden, co. Hunts., and was indebted in various great sums, and complainant in 3 Chas. I. [1627-8] became surety for him to *William Plomer*, esq., in £108, and sd. *Henry* conveyed sd. lands to complainant to pay his debts. Before payment became due sd. *Plomer*, *Robert Awdley*, the younger, gent., son and heir apparent of *Robert Awdley*, ——— [MS. torn], esq., and elder brother of sd. *Henry*, exhibited a bill in this court against sd. *Robert*, his father, and against *Henry*, his brother, and other brothers (not named), that they withheld the manor of Great Gransden and lands from him. A deed was made and subscribed by *Robert Awdley*, the son, and *Katherine Awdley*, his ——— [MS. torn], to assure a jointure to *Elizabeth*, wife of *Robert*, the son, *Henry Awdley* and his wife releasing all their interest in sd. premises. A fine was made and *Robert* procured his sd. father and *Katherine* his wife, sd. *Henry* and *Jane* his wife, and sd. *Thomas Awdley*, the younger [*sic*—not previously mentioned, unless in torn part], and *Bridget* his wife, to convey to him, sd. *Robert* the son, and his heirs, the sd. manor, etc. *Henry Awdley* in March last past was stabbed by an

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unknown man on the highway between London and Essex, and died of the wound, but made his will while languishing of his wound, bequeathing his lands to complainants, *Thomas Awdley*, the elder, and *John Barnes*, to sell all his lands in Gransden to pay his debts and legacies to *Henry*, *Anne*, and *Sara* his children by his other wife. Complainants went about to sell Savell's Farm, the lands alluded to, but *Robert Awdley*, the son, and *Elizabeth* his wife, and *Thomas Kidman* combine to prevent them doing so, and he desires they may be summoned to answer the premises (C.P. before 1714, Mitford, C.8, 85/33).

AUDLEY *v.* HASSLEFOOT

23 July 1631. Complaint by *Robert Audley*, of Great Graunsden, co. Hunts., gent., that he was seised of the manor of Great Graunsden, of the yearly value of £300, and desiring to borrow £400 in Mch. 4 Chas. I. [1628 or -9] he borrowed same of *Thomas Haselfoote*, of London, vintner, upon a mortgage of some of the lands in sd. manor. Desiring to sell sd. manor he approached *Haselfoote* as to settling sd. debt so that the manor should be free of all incumbrances, but he has refused.

2 Aug. 1631. Answer of *Thomas Haselfoote re sd. mortgage* (C.P. Chas. I., C.2, A. 1/18).

MARBURY *v.* AUDLEY

21 Apl. 1632. Complaint by *Thomas Marbury*, of St. Ives, co. Hunts., esq., and *Mary Cave*, of same, dau. of *Henry Cave*, of Ingersby, co. Leic., esq., decd., that *Robert Awdley*, of Great Graunsden, co. Hunts., gent., did marry *Elizabeth Marbury*, sister of complainant, and dau. of *John Marbury*, esq., decd., without consent of *Robert Awdley*, decd., father of sd. *Robert*, and sd. *Robert*, the father, being very discontented thereat, would not receive *Robert* or *Elizabeth* into his house, and to pacify him complainant with his father gave them £400, that *Robert's* father might make a like settlement, and *Robert* gave them a bond for same. While complainant's wife was lying in childbed, *Elizabeth Audley* came to the house and having access to the trunks, etc., there, took sd. bond. Afterwards complainant, his wife, children and servants boarded with *Robert* and *Elizabeth* at a fixed yearly rate (etc., dispute as to money matters).

5 May 1632. Answer of *Robert Audley*, gent., and *Elizabeth* his wife, denying that *Robert's* father was averse to the marriage, *Elizabeth's* father being a gentleman and she his eldest dau. (C.P. Chas. I., C.2, M. 11/26).

AUDLEY *v.* ARCHER

15 May 1633. Complaint by *Thomas Audley*, of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedf., gent., that *Thomas Archer*, clerk, lately decd., was parson of Houghton Conquest church and lent complainant money for which he gave bond. And after *Archer* desired complainant to lay out money in purchase of lands for complainant's son, *Thomas Awdley*, now decd., *Archer* being very fond of him and his sd. son often staying with him, and he promising to leave him a great part of his estate. *Archer* alleged that complainant's brother, *William Awdley*, also owed him money. *Anne Archer*, wife of sd. *Thomas*, continued her friendship for complainant's son after his marriage and was his "gossip" and godmother to one of his children. *Thomas Archer* left bequests to complainant and made him supervisor of his will. Afterwards *Thomas Awdley*, the son, died, and *Anne Archer* alleged complainant owed her money and had him imprisoned, and unlawfully persecuted him (continues *re* debts).

21 June 9 Chas. I. [1633]. Answer of *Anne Archer*, taken at Gravenhurst. She says that in Jany. 1626/7 complainant and his son *Thomas* became bound to sd. *Thomas Archer* for payment of £100, and later for other sums. She alleges the money is still owing and denies persecuting complainant unjustly; she is lame, blind, and old herself, and requires the money (C.P. Chas. I., C.2, A. 48/58).

AUDLEY *v.* PRIOR

18 Nov. 1633. Complaint by *Thomas Awdley*, of Gray's Inn, co. M^ssex, gent., that in August last past he had to travel on business from his abode, then in Bedfordshire, to London, and other remote countries, and wanting a suitable gelding for such journeys went on 1 Aug. to the horse fair at Dunstable, co. Bedf., and meeting there *William Pryor*, of Houghton Regis, yeoman (and not a professed horse dealer), and, believing in his probity, bought a gelding of him, which *Pryor* affirmed to be sound, and gave him a warranty. The horse turned out to be unsound, and this is confirmed by a farmer, a skilled man, and he desires his money back and that *William Pryor* may be summoned to answer the premises.

30 Apl. 1634. Answer by *William Pryor re sd. horse*, his soundness, etc. (C.P. Chas. I., C.2, A. 9/50).

ADELMARE *als* CÆSAR *v.* AUDLEY

8 Feb. 1641/2. Complaint by *Sir Charles Adelmare als Caesar*, Master of the Rolls, that *Robert Awdley*, of ——— [torn], co. Essex, gent., son of *Robert Awdley*, late of Great Graunsden, co. Hunts., esq., decd., about 10 years ago,

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pretending to be seised of the manor of Great Graunsden, entered into sale thereof to complainant, alleging the same free from all incumbrances except the jointure of *Elizabeth* his then wife, and sd. *Robert* and *Elizabeth*, together with his late father, *Robert Awdley*, and *Katherine*, his wife, and *Robert Awdley*, gent., then son and heir apparent of *Robert*, the son, conveyed same to sd. complainant for £4100. Since death of *Robert Awdley*, the father, *Robert Awdley*, the defendant, and *Henry Awdley*, gent., his nephew, son and heir of *Henry Awdley*, gent., decd., brother of sd. *Robert*, have suppressed some of the decds, so that complainant has not received the full number of acres he ought to have, and he desires they may be summoned to answer same (C.P. Chas. I., C.2, A. 3/56).

HEWET v. AUDELEY

15 Nov. 1645. Answer of *Anne Audeley*, widow, to bill of complaint of *Francis Hewett*, esq., denying that her late husband, *William Audeley*, conveyed to *Robert Hewett*, complainant's father, grain growing on the ground of sd. *Hewett* in Houghton Conquest, and she knows of no rent due to complainant. *William Awdley*, in his life time, built a house on the property, thereby improving it. An inventory of sd. *William's* goods, chattels, etc., was taken 5 May 1641, after her husband's death (C.P. Chas. I., C.2, H. 24/42).

BEDELL v. AUDLEY

12 Dec. 1649. Complaint of *Thomas Bedell*, of Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, gent., that his father, *Matthew Bedell*, late citizen and merchant tailor of London, decd., was in his lifetime seized of the site of the late Priory of St. Olave's *als* Herringfleet, in Herringfleet, co. Suffolk, and of the rectory and lands there, and of the rectory of Kempstone, co. Bedf., and by deed of 1 Chas. I. [1625-6] conveyed same to himself for life, with contingent remainders to his eldest son Matthew, in tail male, to complainant, to his right heirs, and had also settled same 6 Jas. I. [1607-9] on his marriage with *Ann*, complainant's mother. His mother died in the lifetime of his father, and the latter about 13 or 14 years ago made his will, appointing *Ralph Hawtrey*, citizen and draper of London, who married *Mary*, complainant's sister, exor., and the latter proved the will and so obtained all deeds and evidences, and died making *Mary* his extrix., who lately has married *Lewes Audley*, esq., and he desires to obtain sd. deeds from sd. *Lewes* and *Mary Audley*.

14 Dec. 1649. Answer of *Lewes Audley*, esq., and *Mary* his wife *re* sd. deeds (C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 126/23).

BENET v. AWDLEY

8 Feb. 1649/50. Answers of *Lewes Awdley* and *Mary* his wife to bill of complaint of *Richard Benet*, that they do not know that a bill of complaint was exhibited in this court by complainant and *John Painter* against *Ralph Hawtrey*, nor do they know *Painter* is dead or that *Ralph Hawtrey* put in his answer, but they believe the latter made his will at time mentioned, nominating sd. *Mary*, then his wife, and *Thomas Coale* his exors., and *Mary* proved same and paid his debts, and sd. defendants know of nothing due to sd. complainant.

13 May 1650. Answer of *Thomas Coale*, that above set out the facts, and that he helped in the exorship. before the marriage of *Mary Hawtrey* with Major *Lewes Awdley*, but has not proved the will nor does he intend to, and refuses to pay complainant's demands (C.P. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 7/16).

DENTON v. AWDLEY

[date torn away—1642-60]. Complaint of *Matthew Denton*, of Hoton Conquest, co. Bedf., gent., that *Robert Awdley*, of Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, on 2 . . . Nov. 24th year of his late Majesty's reign [Chas. I. 1648], was seised in fee tale, after decease of *Ethelred*.— [torn] of your orator, of reversion of 5 messuages, a cottage, and land called Thickethorne, etc., in Hoton Conquest, and *Thomas Awdley* (*sic*) contracted with complainant for reversion, and complainant gave to *Thomas Awdley* [*sic*] £.— [torn]. In 1649 by deed *Thomas Awdley* [*sic*] confirmed to complainant the sd. premises, and complainant on signing paid to sd. *Robert Awdley* [*sic*] £500. But the deeds relating to same are in hands of sd. *Robert Awdley*, as also those of his late father *Robert Awdley*, decd., he therefore desires *Robert Awdley* may be summoned to answer the premises (C.P. Series 2, C.3, 440/76).

CHISHULL v. AUDLEY

18 Feb. 1656/7. Complaint by *Thomas Chisull*, of London, gent., late ensign in *Col. Rive's* Regiment of the States Service in Ireland, that five years ago he gave power and authority to *John Smith*, of Weston, co. Northants, to receive on his behalf £180 from *Walter Fitzwilliams* and £15-17-6 due to him for his service to Parliament, and there is due to him from one *Lewis Audley* for a sumpter horse and other goods £25, and other debts due, but *John Smith* combining with these debtors has defrauded him of same.

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2 May 1657. Answer of *Richard Freeman*, denying any confederacy *re* sd. debts.

4 June 1658. Answer of *Lewis Audley*, esq., saying that in the year 1648 he was in arms for the Parliament, and in the fight at Kingston with the Parliament forces against the *Earl of Holland* and the forces there, the forces against the Parliament were put to flight and several of their horses taken. Defendant's horse being somewhat spent in the pursuit, he caused a portmanteau to be taken off one of the prize nags, worth about £7 or £8, and put his own furniture on him and left his own horse, newly bought of *Major Fenwick* for £12, with direction to a soldier to bring same to Kingston or to his (defendant's) house, near Croydon, in Surrey. But he never saw his own horse again, and he denies he ever had a sumpter horse of complainant. As all this happened (thus and not otherwise) in 1648, it is past the time in which action could be brought (C.P. before 1714, C.6, Collins 139/44).

AUDLEY *v.* GLYNISTER

13 Feb. 1660/1. Complaint of *William Audley*, of Hoggington, co. Camb., gent., that in 1654, being possessed of a messuage and outhouses in Royston, co. Camb., by conveyance of his brother *Lewis Audley*, he conveyed the same on 13 Nov. 1654, for sum of £90, to *Richard Glynister*, and the schoolmaster at Royston drew up the conveyance, complainant being an illiterate person and trusting to skill of sd. schoolmaster. *Richard Glynister* has lately put the obligation of £400 against complainant, against all equity, etc.

21 Feb. 1660/1. Answer of *Richard Glynister* concerning sd. purchase money (C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 185/1).

SMITH *v.* AUDELEY

6 Nov. 1662. Complaint of *William Smith*, of Chester, gent., and *Elizabeth* his wife, one of the daus. of *Ralph Hawtrey*, late of London, merchant tailor, decd., that sd. *Ralph* was seised of divers messuages and lands in London, and of a great personal estate, and died seised thereof, leaving sd. *Elizabeth* and divers other children of young and tender age altogether unprovided for, and by usage of the city of London the Chamberlain took possession of same, and sd. *Elizabeth* until about 4 years ago received £30 a year for her maintenance, at which time her mother married *Lewis Audeley*, gent., the defendant, who took receipt of the monies and management of sd. *Elizabeth's* estate and for 3 years never gave her any money or made any account thereof, and they therefore desire he may be summoned to answer the same.

23 Jany. 1662/3. Answer of *Lewis Audeley*, that from time of *Ralph Hawtrey's* death in 1645 the City of London allowed sd. *Elizabeth* £20 a year and after £30 a year. He says he married the widow of *Ralph Hawtrey* about 15 years ago, but denies he ever had the management of complainant's money, and says the Mayor and Court of Aldermen had the same. He says *Elizabeth*, after her mother's death, was placed at Putney School, and afterwards with *Lady Bancke*, and later with one of her brothers, at all which places much money was laid out for her in clothes and learning; he denies he is responsible for any of her money (C.P. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 41/113).

MEAD *v.* GROVE and AUDLEY

3 June 1663. Complaint by *Thomassine Mead*, of Bearden, co. Essex, widow, and *William Mead*, her son, gent., that the latter for divers years past has been seised of a messuage called Curtis Lambards *alias* Lambards, and of closes called Kilhousecroft, Dovehouse Croft, New Croft, and other parcels of land, and demised same to sd. *Thomassine*. But *Thomas Grove*, esq., *Lewis Audley* and *Thomas Parish alias Pare* are seised of the inheritance of the manor of Berdinghall, co. Essex, within which manor the sd. premises lie, and they desire sd. *Thomas*, *Lewis* and *Thomas* may set out what estate they claim in sd. premises, etc.

24 Oct. 1663. Answer of *Thomas Grove*, esq., that he purchased sd. manor about 12 years ago.

23 June 1663. Answers of *Lewis Audley* and *Thomas Parris* that *Thomas Grove* in 1661 demised the greater part of sd. manor to sd. *Lewis Audley* for a term of years unexpired at a great yearly rent, and that sd. premises lie within sd. manor (C.P. before 1714, C.10, Whittington 70/67).

AWBREY *v.* AUDLEY

31 Jany. 1664/5. Complaint of *Herbert Awbry*, the younger, of Clehanger, co. Hereford, that *Matthew Bedell*, the elder, merchant tailor of London, complainant's grandfather (his mother's father), was seised of certain lands (see 126/23 preceding, p. 34) in Sanderstead, Coulsdon and Croydon, co. Surrey, and *Lewis Audley* married the relict of *Ralph Hawtrie*, dau. of *Bedell* (continues *re* same).

28 Apl. 1665. Answer of *Lewis Audley re* same (C.P. before 1714, C.8., Mitford 156/2).

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AUDLEY v. GROVE

— Jany. 1667/8. Complaint by *Lewis Audley*, of Borden, co. Essex, gent., that *Thomas Grove*, of Borden, gent., in Mch. 1661 demised to him his dwelling house called Borden Hall, with lands, etc., with common and sheep-walk, and agreed to deliver them in good repair, complainant consenting to board *Grove* and his wife and children. Accuses *Grove* of taking proceeds to his own use and not putting premises into proper repair.
Answer *re* same (C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 480/3).

AUDLEY v. AUCHIER

12 Feb. 1668/9. Complaint by *William Audley*, of Girton, co. Camb., gent., that at Michaelmas 1660 he took to farm of *Sir Anthony Aucher*, knt. and bart., a messuage and lands in Hogginton, co. Camb., at £63 a year, and did so until 1665 when, on Lady Day, *Sir Anthony's* agents came and said he must pay £15 a year more or turn out (continues about sd. payment).

17 Feb. 1668/9. Answer of *Sir Anthony Aucher* and his agents concerning sd. rent (C.P. before 1714, C.6, Collins 182/1).

AUDLEY v. HAWTREY

4 Dec. 1675. Complaint by *Renatus Audley*, eldest son and heir of *Lewis Audley*, late of Kingston, co. Camb., esq., decd., an infant aged 14 years, by *Mary Audley* his mother, that sd. *Lewis* was seised of a capital messuage in Littleport, Isle of Ely, co. Camb., and of a tenement adjoining used as a smith's shop, and of lands and other tenements, to yearly value of £30, and by deed, bearing date 24 Dec. 1669, mortgaged same for £160 to *John Hawtrej*, of Sanderstead, co. Surrey, clerk, but before sd. money was repaid *Lewis Audley* died about Christmas 1670, leaving complainant, an infant of tender years. *John Hawtrej* entered into sd. property, although all the money except £50 had been repaid, and he desires to come to an account with sd. *Hawtrej re* same.

16 Dec. 1675. Answer of *John Hawtrej*, clerk, that he is quite willing to enter into an account *re* sd. premises (C.P. before 1714, C.10, Whittington, 179/6).

AUDLEY v. DENTON

3 Dec. 1685. Complaint by *Robert Audley*, of Girton, co. Camb., gent., grandchild and next heir of *Robert Audley*, late of Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, esq., decd., that *Thomas Audley*, late of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedf., uncle of sd. *Robert Audley*, complainant's grandfather, had issue only two sons, *Thomas*, his eldest son, and *William*, and they were seised of divers messuages and lands in Houghton Conquest, etc., to the value of £400 or £500 a year. The sd. *Thomas*, being to marry *Etheldred Hackett*, one of the daus. of *Roger Hackett*, D.D., by indentures made in June 4 Chas. I. [1628] between *Thomas Audley*, the elder, of the 1st part, *Thomas Audley*, the younger, and *Etheldred Hackett*, of the 2nd part, and *Elizabeth Hackett*, mother of *Etheldred*, and *Roger Hackett*, brother of *Etheldred*, of the 3rd part, certain messuages and lands were settled on *Etheldred* as her jointure. Afterwards the marriage took place, and *Thomas Audley*, the elder, died, and *Thomas*, the younger, survived, and settled messuages, etc., not settled in sd. jointure, on *Robert Huett*, of Amphill, co. Bedf., esq., and others, to use of his will, and made sd. *Huett* his exor. *Thomas Audley* died without issue, leaving £1000, and *Etheldred* survived him. And *William Audley* was also possessed of divers messuages and lands in Houghton Conquest, of the yearly value of £60, and was prosecuted for not attending church, and fined £100, and thereby most of his lands were seised into the King's hands for the payment thereof. *Robert Huett*, after *Thomas's* death, made composition with the King for sd. *William*, who was heir to *Thomas*, and settled the lands on *William's* relict, with remainder to right heirs of *William*.

The sd. *Etheldred*, after *Thomas's* death, married *Matthew Denton*, of Houghton Conquest, gent., and the latter, after *William's* death, purchased of *Robert Audley*, complainant's grandfather, the reversion and inheritance of *Etheldred's* jointure only, and after sd. *Robert Audley* and *Robert Huett* died, after whose death *Francis Huett*, esq., son and heir of *Robert*, purchased the lands which were *William Audley's* from his relict, the complainant then being an infant and living in another county. The sd. lands, etc., ought after *William's* death to have reverted to complainant, as his next heir. *William's* relict died, and so did *Mathew Denton*, leaving a son *Nicholas Denton*, who with *Martha Hackett*, of Houghton Conquest, spinster, has got possession of the lands. He desires sd. *Nicholas Denton* and *Martha Hackett* may be summoned to appear to answer the premises.

15 Jany. 1 Jas II. [1685/6]. Answer taken at Houghton Conquest of *Nicholas Denton* and *Martha Hackett*, that they know nothing of the *Audleys* except that the other defendant *Martha's* sister *Etheldred* married *Thomas Audley*. They never heard of *William Audley*, and the lands were bought of sd. *Huett* in a regular manner.

3 Jany. 2 Jas. II. [1686/7]. Answer taken at Houghton Conquest of *Martha Hackett* that her mother *Elizabeth Hackett* made her will 8 Feb. 1670/1, and it was proved 7 July 1673, leaving the lands, etc., to her, this defendant (C.P. before 1714, C.6, Collins 365/21).

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EXCHEQUER DEPOSITIONS

Herts., Trinity 18 Charles II., No. 5

Depositions taken at the Sign of the Talbot, in Royston, co. Herts., on 15 June 18 Chas. II. [1666] before *William Laver*, esq., *Wm. Ayliffe*, esq., *Richard Goulston*, esq., and *Alexander Dorington*, esq., by virtue of a commission out of the Exchequer Court to examine witnesses in a suit between *Sir Jeffrey Palmer*, knt. and bart., Attorney General, complainant, and *Mary Chester*, widow, *Edward Chester*, and other defendants.

Ann Simpson, of Royston, co. Camb., widow, aged 79, deposes that she knows *King James I.* was possessed of a certain messuage in Royston, co. Herts., called Royston House, and also of Royston Croft. She knew a certain inn in Royston called the Greyhound Inn, and also the tenements called the Cock and the Howlett, and that part of the King's house called the Princes Lodgings was erected where the said Cock and Howlett stood. She deposes to knowing other specified messuages there.

William Carrington, of Whaddon, co. Camb., yeoman, aged 79, deposes as above.

John Willson, of Royston, gent., aged 65, deposes as above, and further says he knows *James I.* and *Charles I.* peaceably enjoyed Royston House, with the gardens, orchards, etc., until the late unhappy war, when *Lewis Audley* and *William Audley*, under the late usurping power, entered upon the same. *Charles II.*, by his servants and housekeepers, has peaceably enjoyed the same until the defendant, *Mary Chester*, unjustly entered into the Princes Lodgings and the orchards and gardens thereunto appertaining.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

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

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(Original registers searched from commencement in 1595, by Rector, to 1731. Canon Noble searched thence on to 1792, and transcripts at Ely from 1602 to 1731.)

- 1593/4. Thomas Audley gen, obiit quinto die februarii 1593 qui ecclesiae donavit xxs et causeam xxs.
1595/6. Feb. 16. mard. Nicholas Colequest and Anne Awdley.
1599. Mrs. Anne Audley widow was buried in the Chancel of Houghton the second day of September 1599.
1601. Mr. George Audley was buried the xii day of May Anno Dom. 1601.
1601. Mr. Thomas Fitzgeoffrey . . . et Mary Audley were married the first day of June being Whitsun Monday.
1604. Thomas Audley the sonne of Thomas Audley gent. was borne the iiiiith day of December 1604 being Tuesday betwene the howars of six and seven in the morning and was baptized the xxix day of Decembe Anno Dom. 1604 R. Jacobi secundo.
1609/10. Mr. Willm. Audley and Ann Parrel were married the 20 of february 1609.
1615. *May 28. burd. Henry Awdley.*
1617. Nov. 20 mar. Mr. Henrie Bedell and Mrs. Catherin Awdley.
1626. Mrs. Ann Audley died the 18 of May being Ascension Day 1626 and was buried in the Chancel.
1628/9. Elizabeth Audley filia Thomae Audly, junioris, Generosi, was borne the 21 of Februarie 1628 on a Satterday between the howars of 8 and 9 and was baptised the 2 day of March 1628. Sponsors Thomas Awdley senior Armig. et Elizabeth Hacket gen. and Anne Archer.
1629/30. Thomas Audley (filius Thomae genos.) baptizatus 21 february 1629.
1630. Mr. Thomas Audley the sonne of Mr. Thomas Audley died the 29th April 1630 and was buried the 30 day of April 1630.
1634/5. Mch. 25. burd. Thomas, son of Thomas Awdley, gent.
1641. William Audley gent. buried April 28.
1648. Aug. 3. burd. Elizabeth daughter of Mr. Thomas Awdley.
1657. *Nov. 3. burd. Ann Audley, gent.*
1658. Sept. 14. burd. Mrs. Etheldred Denton, wife of Mr. Matthew Denton decd. 13 Sept.

The Rector finds also that William Audley, gent., was churchwarden 1608-9, and that there is a slab in the Chancel floor to Thomas Audley and Anne his wife 1599. He adds the following notes:—

1531. Obiit Mr. Thomas Audey gener. January 22 Anno. Dom. 1531 sepultus in monumento per sacelium in Houghton Conquest.
April the 17 Anno Dom. 1620 the parish being assembled to chuse the Churchwardens they sold unto

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Mr. Thomas Audley the old Communion Cuppe for xxxii^s which was at noe more valued by Mr. John Eyre goldsmith in London and Mr. Audley gave the same day to Goodman Sam Churchwarden with Richard Stratton 24s. in money that viii^s which was due to Mr. Audley for the poor mans Box. April 17 1620. Testator ego Tho. Archer.

GREAT GRANDEN, CO. HUNTINGDON

(Searched by Canon Noble from commencement in 1538 to 1659. The latest Audley entry is stated to be that of 1638.)

- 1587/8. 21 Mch. bapt. Henrie Audlye.
- 1588. 25 June. burd. Henrie Audlye.
- 1589. 19 Apl. bapt. Robert Awdley.
- 1590. 9 June. bapt. Katherine Awdley.
- 1592. 17 June. bapt. William Awdley.
- 1593. 5 June. bapt. Henrie Awdley.
- 1600. 28 Sept. bapt. Thomas son of Robert Audly.
- 1610/11. 26 Feb. bapt. Francis son of Robert Awdley the younger gent. and of Elizabeth his wife.
- 1614. 17 Apl. bapt. Elizabeth daughter of Robert Awdley gent. and of Elizabeth his wife.
- 1616/17. 13 Jany. bapt. William son of Robert Audley gent. and of Elizabeth his wife.
- 1618. 3 Nov. bapt. Katheren daughter of Robert Awdley the younger.
- 1619/20. 4 Feb. bapt. Lewis son of Robert Awdley gent.
- 1620/1. 14 Jany. bapt. Thomas son of Robert Awdley gent.
- 1624. 29 July. bapt. Katherine daughter of Mr. Thomas Audley.
- 1627/8. 12 Jany. bapt. Jane daughter of Thomas Audley gent.
- 1628/9. 23 Jany. burd. Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Audley.
- 1630. 31 Aug. bapt. Thomas son of Thomas Awdley gent.
- 1638. 3 May. burd. Mr. Thomas Awdeley.

GIRTON, CO. CAMBRIDGE

(Transcripts at Ely searched by Canon Noble from commencement in 1599 to 1700. Years 1641-1661 inclusive missing.)

- 1676. 30 July. burd. William Audley.
- 1679/80. 20 Mch. burd. Nicholas Audly.
- 1683. 20 Nov. burd. Mr. William Audly.
- 1694/5. 21 Mch. burd. Mrs. Mary Audly.

OAKINGTON, CO. CAMBRIDGE

(Transcripts at Ely searched by Canon Noble from commencement in 1599 to 1700.)

- 1654. Nov. 2. burd. Mr. Robert Awdley.
- 1656/7. Jan. 28. burd. Gam. Awdley son of Thomas Awdley.
- 1663. William Audley, churchwarden.

LIDLINGTON, CO. BEDFORD

*(from F. A. Blydes's *Genealogia Bedfordiensis* 1538-1700, p. 179).*

- 1636. June 30. mard. Matthew Denton, gent., and Etheldred Audley, gent.

WARDEN, CO. BEDFORD

(from the same, pp. 306, 307, 308).

- 1583. Dec. 22. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of John Marbury, Esq.
- 1592. Apl. 23. bapt. William Audley, of Warden.
- 1610. Apl. 15. bapt. Robert, son of Mr. Robert Audley, of Gransden.

WILSHAMSTEAD, CO. BEDFORD

(from the same, p. 320).

- 1612. Sept. 1. burd. Mr. Thomas Fitzgeofferie.

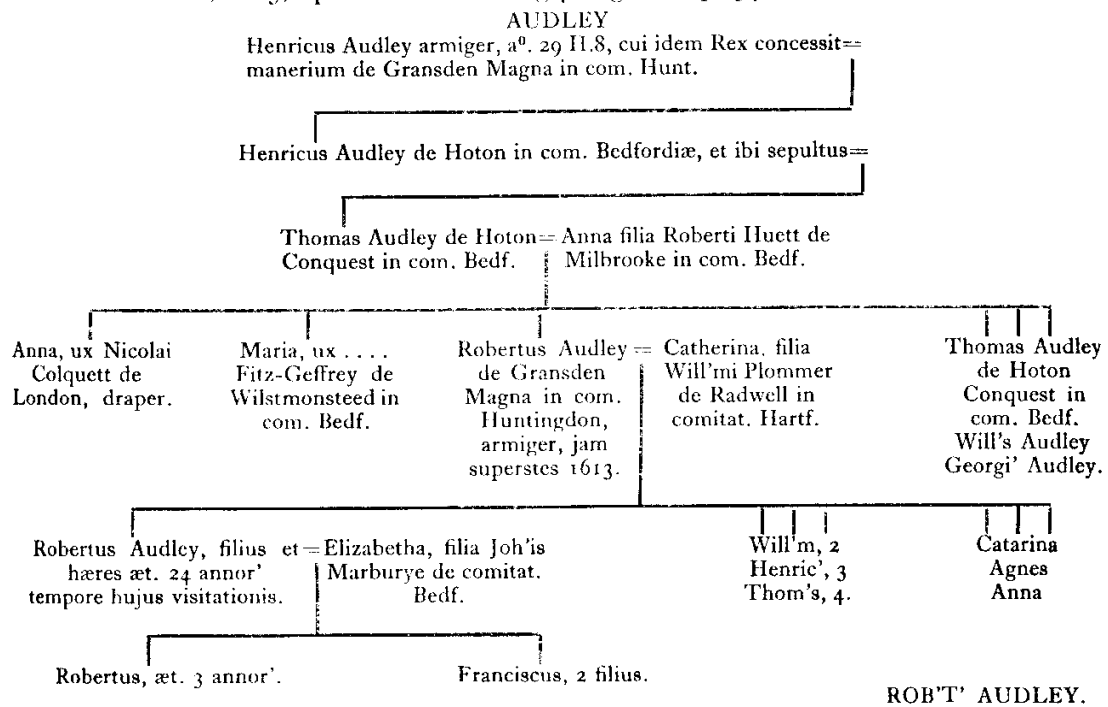
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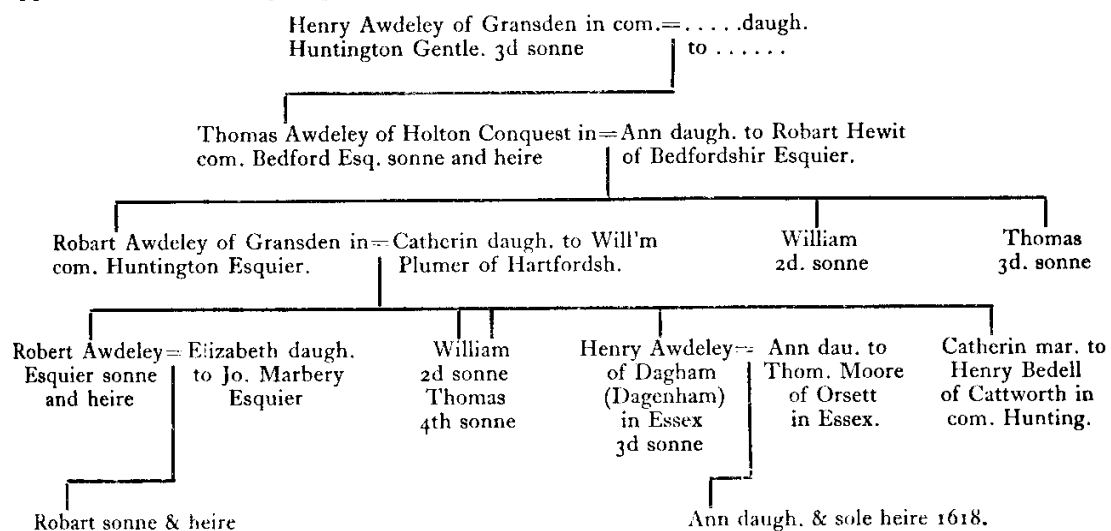
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VISITATION PEDIGREES

The *Camden Society*, vol. 43, "Visitation of Huntingdon, by Nicholas Charles, Lancaster Herald, 1613," prints the following pedigree at p. 54 :—



In the "Visitations of Essex," printed by the *Harleian Society*, vol. 13, pp. 139-40, appears the following pedigree, taken in 1612 :—



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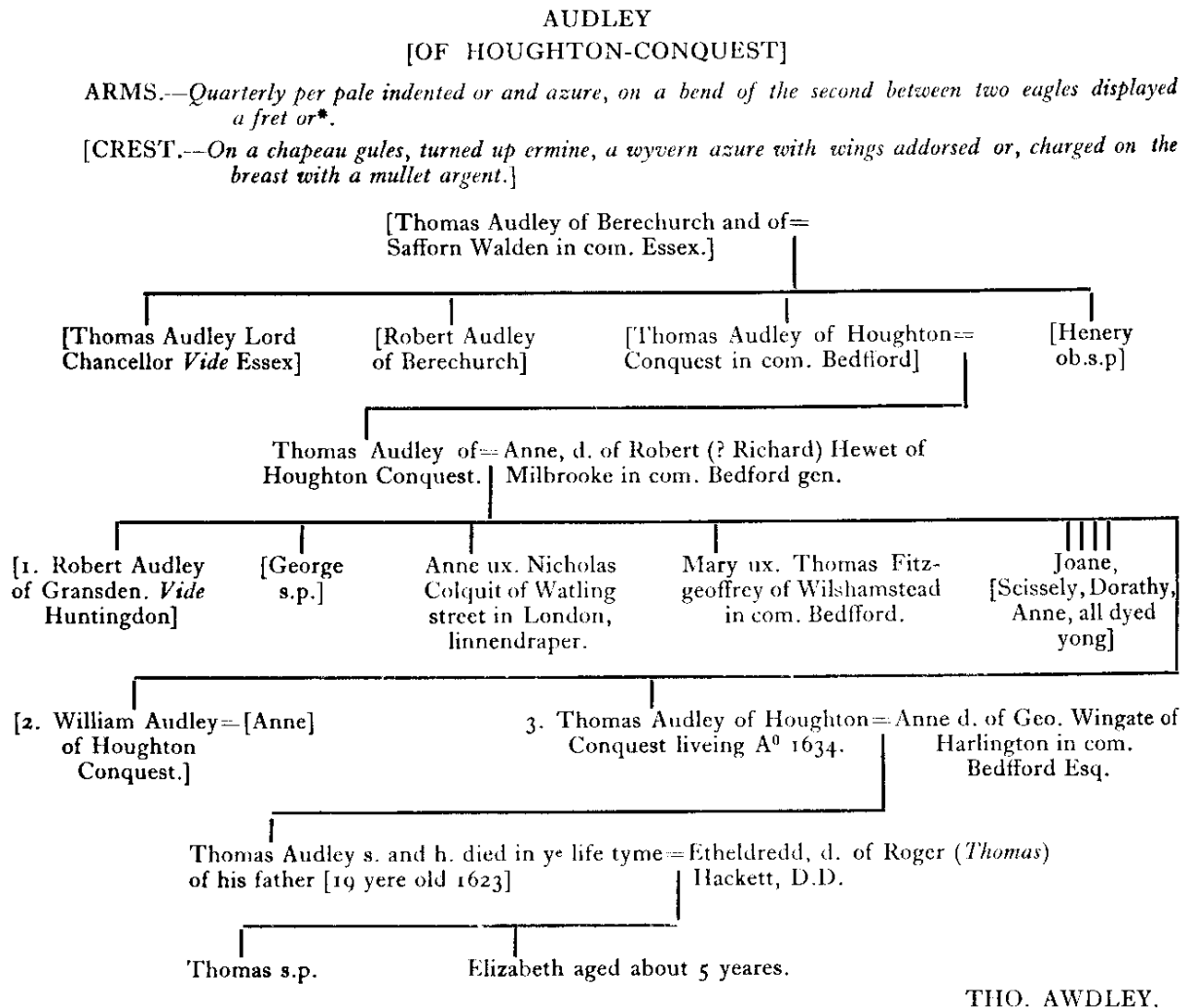
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The first Henry in this pedigree is shown as brother to Lord Chancellor Audley, who was no known relation (see *post*, "AUDLEY OF BERECHURCH").

In vol. 19 of the *Harleian Society*, "Visitations of Bedfordshire, 1566, 1582 and 1634," p. 78, is given the following composite pedigree :



* "The exemplification of these Armes and Crest under the hand of William Segar Gartar principall of Armes and are remaying in the hand of Mr. Robert Awdley of Gransden in ye County of Huntingdon. Mr. Thomas Awdley of Houghton Conquest in ye county of Bedf. is third brother to the aforesaid Robert whose armes and his is with the due difference—RICHARD MUNDAY."

This pedigree also wrongly connects the Houghton Conquest and Berechurch families.

In this same "Visitations" vol. 19 are other references to Audley, as follows :—

P. 38. Robert Hewett, of Amphill, co. Bedford ; his dau. "Anne maryed to Thomas Awdley of Houghton Conquest in com. Bedf. gen."

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- P. 171. Gerrard FitzGeffrey, of Ravensden, co. Bedford; his eldest son "Thomas FitzGeffrey of Wilhamsted in com. Bedfford" married "Mary d. of (Thomas) Audley of Houghton (Conquest) in com. Bedfford," and had issue (shewn).
- P. 189. William Plomer, of Radwell, co. Hertford; his dau. "Catherin ux. Robert Audley of Gransden in com. Huntingdon." Her brother, Sir William Plomer, knighted in 1610 when High Sheriff of Bedfordshire.
- P. 202. George Wyngate, of Harlington, esq.; his dau. "Anne ux. Thom. Audley of Houghton Conquest," and had son "[Thomas, Harl. MS. 4600]."
- P. 206. "Mr. Audley of Houghton Conquest" in list, made Feb. 1667/8, of Bedfordshire gentlemen who had sold their estates and left county within less than 50 years.

In other "Visitation" vols. printed by the *Harleian Society* are references as follows:—

- Vol. 9. ("Cornwall, 1620,") p. 45. John Colquitt, of Foy, Cornwall, had son "Nich. Colquite of Lond. Drap. mar. Anne da. of Tho. Audeley of Hoton Conquest in Com. Bed." (issue shewn).
- Vol. 22. ("Hertfordshire, 1572 and 1634"), p. 157. William Plomer, of Radwell, had dau. "Katherin mar. to Robert Audley of Gransen the Great, co. Hunt."
- Vol. 58. ("Bucks., 1634"), p. 67. Roger Hackett, of North Crawley, who mard. Elizabeth, dau. of Dr. Langford, Chancellor of Worcester, had a dau. "Etheldred wife of Tho. Audeley of Houghton Conquest in Co. Bedf."
- Vol. 63. ("Staffordshire Pedigrees 1664-1700"), p. 210. "Willm. Snead of Keel aet. . . . an. 1663, act. circ. 67 1680. living, Just. of Peace for Staff. sh. 1680," mard. "Eliz. d. of Rob. Audley of Gransden co. Buck" (issue shewn).

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

Manning and Bray's *Surrey* tells us (II. 571) that Matthew Bedell, citizen and merchant tailor of London, who had considerable landed property in Bedfordshire and Suffolk and died 8 Aug. 1636, purchased West Purley in Sandersted from Sir William Walter in 1617; and that (p. 572) under his will of 27 July 1636, proved 18 Aug. 1636 in P.C.C. [Pile 95], his sons-in-law, Thomas Thorold and Ralph Hawtrey, were to have the lands of West Purley if they paid certain legacies:—

Ralph Hawtrey paid the legacies, and took the land. At his death he left several sons of whom *John* is called of *Ryslipp* in *Middlesex*; they conveyed to *Lewis Audeley* Esq. who had married *Mary* widow of *Ralph Hawtrey*, a daughter of *Matthew Bedell*: they resided here. *Audeley* was a Major in the Parliament's Army, was one of *Cromwell's* Commissioners for regulating Church Benefices, and in 1650 had a Commission from *Cromwell* to raise a troop of horse in *Surrey* for defence of that and the Commonwealth against enemies foreign or domestic. It is said, that through his interest the Rector of *Sandersted* was suffered to perform the Church of *England* Service without those alterations generally required. *Mr. Glover* is in possession of some original letters addressed to *Audeley*, which show that he was active in the service and had some weight: two of them are from *Fleetwood*, both dated 31 July 1659 relating to an alarm of an intended insurrection at *Red-hill*; the Council had ordered Colonel *Hacker's* Regiment to be at *Red-hill* near *Cobham*, and Major *Audeley* to meet there; but afterwards finding that there was another *Red-hill* near *Reygate*, they by a second letter stating that they did not know of there being two places of that name and that they were uncertain which of them was intended for the insurrection, ordered the Major to go to the latter, *Hacker* to attend the former, and to send to each other as there might be occasion. Another letter dated 18 Aug. 1659, is from *Mr. Leche* of *Squirries* [in *Westerham* in *Kent*] requesting the Major to return his coach-horses which were too heavy for the service, and would be quite spoiled by his soldiers, and hoping that he would return his arms, which were only kept for defence of his house. In 1657 the Major was employed to sell powder and old stores belonging to the State, and having received 350 *l.* on that account, he was obliged to pay it to the King on the Restoration.

In 1661 *Audeley* conveyed this estate to *Mr. Harman Atwood*, who, however, thought it prudent

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to take a further conveyance from *Hawtrey's* heirs. He thus became possessed of the whole of *Purley*, and it has passed with the *Sandersted* Estate ever since.

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p. 574 [Sandersted Church, south aisle]. At the East end of this aisle is an altar-tomb of black marble, bearing the statue of a lady of white marble at full length, her head on a cushion, her body on a mat, dressed in a winding-sheet, her right hand placed on her heart; excellently well carved. On the South side of the tomb, on black marble: *Maria, Mathæi Bedelli* armigeri filia, *Radulphi Hautrei* uxor et vidua, *Ludovico Audleio* armigero renupta, filium peperit *Ludovicum, Franciscam* filiam. Mulier optima, melior marita, post secundi conjugii septenne curriculum, diutinâ infirmitate victa, victrix patientiâ, die Junii XXIX, anno Christi MDCLV ætatis Suae 45, divortium sensit à mole corporis, haud amore conjugis, quippe *Radulphi* tumulo *Ludovici* pectore condita utroq; viduata fit, consors utriusque sine Zelotypia dum anima felicioi contubernio consors cœlitum. Redivivi corporis perennes expectat nuptias, hic jam sepulti, mox hinc prodituri. On the North side: *Job* the 19th, verses 25, 26, 27, [etc.].

From the *Victoria County History of Bedfordshire* we learn (II. 342) that Henry Audeley received grant of Haynes Grange in 1544, but that the Snows held it in 1587; (II. 344) that in 1544 Henry Audeley and John Maynard received grant of vicarage and tithes of Haynes, but by 1587 they were property of Edward Snowe; (II. 353) that in 1545 Henry Audeley and John Maynard received grant of lands in Luton that had belonged to Dunstable Priory; (III. 132) that Henry VIII. granted rectory and advowson of Clapham church to Henry Audeley and John Maynard; (III. 147) that certain land in Milton Ernest, belonging to the Convent of Caldwell, was part of a grant made by Henry VIII. to the same pair; who also (III. 408) in 1545 received from the same source a small estate at Nares Gladley, Leighton Buzzard.

The following are extracts from Joseph Foster's "Admissions to Gray's Inn 1521-1881," in his *Collectanea Genealogica* :—

AUDLEY, ROBERT, of Houghton (Conquest) Beds.—9 Feb. 1585-6. *f.* 85. Probably a younger son of Thomas Audley, of Houghton Conquest, Beds., living at Gransden Magna, Hunts, at the visitation in 1613, and father of Robert next named. (A Robert Audley was called to the bar 28 Jan. 1605-6, *f.* 273, and ancient 6 May 1608.)

AUDLEY, ROBERT, of Staple Inn, and of Great Gransdon, Hunts. *gen.* — 14 March 1608-9, *f.* 627.

AUDLEY, THOMAS, late of Staple Inn, son and heir apparent of Thomas A., of Houghton Conquest, Beds.—8 Aug. 1620. *f.* 774.

AUDLEY, THOMAS, of Staple Inn, *gen.* — 1 Nov. 1617. *f.* 737. In all probability identical with the last mentioned Thomas Audley.

AUDLEY, THO.—1579, *f.* 671. (Thomas Audley, sometime of Gray's Inn, bd. at St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 March 1634-5.)

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

AWDLEY, ROBERT. *Matric. pens.*, from Pembroke, Michs. 1585. Rob. Audley of Houghton, Beds. (*sic*) and of Barnard's Inn, was adm. at Gray's Inn, Feb. 9, 1585-6. Probably son of Thomas of Houghton (J. Foster, *Gray's Inn*).

From the *Victoria County History of Hertfordshire* it appears (II. 391-2) that the rectory and advowson of Ridge was sold in 1544 by Nicholas Bacon, of London, to Henry Audley, of London, who died seised of it in 1545, leaving his nephew Thomas, son of his brother Thomas, his heir, a minor; seisin of advowson and rectory delivered to Thomas in 1561, who in 1566 obtained licence to alienate it to Robert Harris and Rowland his brother. Also (III. 258) that the whole of Court House at Royston seems to have come into possession of Lewis and William Awdley, during the Protectorate.

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In J. G. Nichols's *Topographer and Genealogist* (I. 75) is the following note on Houghton Conquest church :—

Against the south wall of the chancel is a heavy arch for the Holy Sepulchre, at the back of which is this inscription, THOMAS AWDLEY, JANUARY 22, 1531. On the table within it were brasses, now gone, of a man, his wife, a son, and two daughters. Etching by T. Fisher, 1836.

The following are items from various volumes of the *Harleian Society* :—

Vol. 26 (" Marriage Licences, Bishop of London, 1611-1828 "), p. 43, 1616, July 22. Henry Awdley, of Staple Inn, gent., bach., 23, and Anne Turner, of Barking, co. Essex, widow of Richard Turner, late of Orsett, co. Essex, decd. about 4 years ago ; at St. Mary le Strand *alias* Savoy.

ibid., 279. 1647, Sep. 8. Lewis Awdely, gent., of Gransden Magna, co. Hunts., bach., 30, and Mary Hawtrey, of Sandersted, Surrey, widow, 32 ; in chapel of Sutton's Hospital or at St. Bartholomew the Less.

Vol. 33. (" Marriage Licences, Vicar-General, Archbishop of Canterbury "), p. 195. 1666, Dec. 11. Roger Davis, of Stepney, Middx., mariner, bach., abt. 23, and Frances Awdeley, of Barden, Essex, spr., abt. 18, with consent of her father, Lewis Awdeley ; at Stepney, St. Clement Danes, or Gray's Inn Chapel.

Among the Skinners' Company apprenticeships printed in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 3rd series, vol. I., p. 42, is the following :—"1654. Thomas Audley, son of Thomas, of Great Gransdon, co. Huntingdon, Gent."

In F. Marcham's *List of Surrey Deeds*, Part 4, p. 75, was this item :—"Release, 10 July, 1663, Lewis Audley, of Berden, co. Essex, and Harman Attwood of Sandersted. Money. Sigs. of first part, 4s."

The *Victoria County History of Bedfordshire*, under Houghton Conquest (III. 295), mentions the slab in the chancel to Thomas Audley 1599, and the canopied tomb there "to his father of the same name who died in 1531."

The following extract from *A History of Great Gransden*, by the Rev. A. J. Edmonds, then Vicar, be-knights two members of the family who escaped such an honour :—

We learn from the Heraldic Visitation of the County of Huntingdon, (made in 1613) under the authority of William Camden, that King Henry VIII in his twenty-ninth year (1538) granted the Manor of Great Gransden to Henry Audley, Knight, and that his grandson Robert Audley, Knight, was then living, whose son and heir, Robert, was aged twenty-four at the time of the " visitation," and his grandson Robert aged three.

Our Church Register informs us that Robert Awdley (Sir Robert's " son and heir ") was " christened the xxth of Aprill, 1589 " and his brother " Thomas, the sonne of Robert Audley, gent., the xxviii of September 1600."

The closing record of this family in our Registers is " 1638. Mr. Thomas Awdeley, sepultus May 3rd." The house called "Audley House " was probably the dwelling of one of these two brothers, and it seems to have continued long in the possession of the Audleys.

From the "Staffordshire Parliamentary History" contributed by Col. Josiah C. Wedgwood to the *Staffordshire Historical Collections* (*William Salt Society*), New Series, 1920 and 1922 vol., pp. 113-14, we learn that William Sneyd of Keele, M.P. Staffs. 1660, was born 1613, 2nd son of Ralph Sneyd, of Keele, by Felice, dau. of Nicholas Archbold, of Uttoxeter ; admitted fellow-commoner of Caius College, Cambridge, 7 July 1632, aged 18, admitted to Gray's Inn 9 May 1634 ; assessment commissioner for Staffs, 1656 ; J.P. 1660-94 ; sheriff 1663-4 ; mard. Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Audley, of Gransden, Hunts., and died " aged 82," being burd. at Wolstanton 17 Jan. 1695.

The will of William Sneyd, of Keele, co. Staffs., esq., was dated 12 Dec. 1694, and

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proved 30 Mch. 1695 in P.C.C. [Irby 39]. He desires to be burd. in the chancel of Wolstanton church, by his wife, father and mother ; no Audleys are mentioned. The present Sneyds of Keele descend from William Sneyd and Elizabeth Audley ; see their pedigree in Burke's *Landed Gentry*.

In the weddings at St. Mary le Strand printed in the *Genealogist*, New Series, IV., 113, appears :—" 1616, July 20. Henry Awdley and Anne Turner, *per lyc.*"

The Wingate pedigree in Robert Clutterbuck's *Hertfordshire*, II. (1821), 496, says that George Wingate, of Harlington, co. Bedf., by his first wife Anne, dau. of John Belfield, of Studham, co. Hertf., had a youngest dau. Anne, who mard. Thomas Audley, of Houghton Conquest.

The Genealogical Society's MS. Index says that Thomas, son of Thomas Audley, born 4 Dec. 1604, mard. Etheldreda Halket, at North Crawley, Bucks., on 5 June, 1628.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

. AUDLEY, mard. , and had issue,

A. THOMAS AUDLEY, *of whom presently*.

B. Henry Audley, of St. John's Street, London, gent. ; purchased land in St. Peter's, near Paul's Wharf, London, and in St. Albans, co. Herts., of Henry VIII. ; granted manor of Great Gransden, co. Hunts., in 1537/8, by Henry VIII. ; purchased rectory and advowson of Ridge, co. Herts., in 1544 ; received grants of land, etc., in co. Bedf., in 1544 and 1545. Mard. Anne, dau. of Richard Allen, citizen and haberdasher of London, but died without issue in 1545. Will dated 30 Apl. 1545, proved 25 June 1545, in P.C.C., by Anne, the widow.

THOMAS AUDLEY, *abovementioned*, of Houghton Conquest, co. Bedf. ; heir to his brother Henry Audley ; died 22 Jany. 1531 ; burd. at Houghton Conquest, where is a canopied tomb to his memory, with a table on which were once brasses of himself, his wife, his son, and two daus. Left will (untraced), of which his brother Henry was exor. He had issue,

A. THOMAS AUDLEY, *of whom presently*.

B. Audley
C. Audley

} two daus. whose names are not known.

THOMAS AUDLEY, *son of Thomas Audley preceding* ; of Houghton Conquest ; " cousin " and heir of Henry Audley above, and a minor in 1545 ; son and heir of Thomas Audley ; died 5 Feb. 1593/4 ; burd. at Houghton Conquest. Will dated 29 Jany. 1593/4, proved 19 Apl. 1594 in P.C.C. Became possessed of his uncle Henry's rectory and advowson of Ridge, co. Herts., in 1561. Mard. Anne, dau. of Robert Hewett, of Millbrook and Amptill, co. Bedf., esq. ; she was burd. 2 Sept. 1599, in chancel of Houghton Conquest church. Will dated 28 Aug., 1599, with codicil of 29th Aug. 1599, proved 20 Sept. 1599 at Northampton. They had issue,

I. ROBERT AUDLEY, *of whom presently*.

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- II. William Audley, of Houghton Conquest, gent.; churchwarden there 1608-9; built house there on land held of Robert Hewitt; burd. 28 Apl. 1641 at Houghton Conquest; inventory of his goods taken 5 May 1641. Mard. at Houghton Conquest 20 Feb. 1609/10, to Anne Parrel, but seems to have had no issue.
- III. Thomas Audley, of Houghton Conquest; admitted to Gray's Inn 1579; died at Gray's Inn; burd. 3 Mch. 1634/5 at St. Andrew's, Holborn. Admon. granted 14 Mch. 1634/5 in P.C.C. Mard. Anne, youngest dau. of George Wingate, of Harlington, co. Bedf., esq., by Anne his wife, dau. of John Belfield, of Studham, co. Hertford. "Mrs. Ann Audley" died 18 May 1626, and was burd. in chancel of Houghton Conquest church. They had issue,
1. Thomas Audley, of Houghton Conquest; eldest son and heir; born 4 Dec. 1604; bapt. 29 Dec. 1604 at Houghton Conquest; admitted to Gray's Inn, from Staple Inn, 8 Aug. 1620; died 29 Apl. 1630; burd. 30 Apl. 1630 at Houghton Conquest. Will dated 16 Apl. 1630, proved 25 May 1630 at Northampton. Mard. Etheldred, dau. of Rev. Roger Hackett, M.A., D.D., Rector of North Crawley, Bucks., by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of John Langford, D.C.L., Chancellor of Worcester; marr. settlement dated June 1628; mard. 5 June 1628 at North Crawley. She mard. 2ndly 30 June 1636 at Liddington, co. Bedf., Matthew Denton, of Houghton Conquest, gent. (who was decd. 3 Dec. 1685), and had issue by him. She died 13 Sept. 1658 and was burd. 14 Sept. 1658 at Houghton Conquest. By her first husband, Thomas Audley, she had issue,
 - (1) Thomas Audley, bapt. 21 Feb. 1629/30 at Houghton Conquest; and burd. there 25 Mch. 1634/5.
 - (1) Elizabeth Audley; born 21 Feb. 1628/9; bapt. 2 Mch. 1628/9 at Houghton Conquest; died young and without issue; perhaps burd. 3 Aug. 1648 at Houghton Conquest.
 2. William Audley, younger son; had lands in Houghton Conquest; prosecuted for not attending church, and fined £100; heir to bro. Thomas, whom he survived. He left a widow (dead 3 Dec. 1685), but no issue.
- IV. George Audley, died without issue; burd. 12 May 1601 at Houghton Conquest.
- A. Anne Audley, mard. 16 Feb. 1595/6 at Houghton Conquest to Nicholas Colquitt of Watling Street, London, linendraper (son of John Colquitt, of Fowey, Cornwall); living 28 Aug. 1599, with issue.
 - B. Mary Audley, born about 1577, mard. 1 June 1601 at Houghton Conquest to Thomas FitzGeoffrey, of Wilshamstead, co. Bedf., gent. (eldest son of Gerard FitzGeoffrey, of Ravensden, co. Bedf.), who was burd. 1 Sept. 1612 at Wilshamstead, and had issue.
 - C. Joan Audley, died young; not in father's will.
 - D. Cicely Audley, died young; not in father's will.
 - E. Dorothy Audley, died young; not in father's will.
 - F. Anne Audley, died young; not in father's will.

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ROBERT AUDLEY, *eldest son of Thomas Audley preceding*; of Great Gransden, co. Hunts., esq.; matric. from Pembroke Coll., Camb., Michs. 1585; of Barnard's Inn; admitted at Gray's Inn 9 Feb. 1585/6; had been seised of manor of Great Gransden over 35 years on 14 May 1623; living 1625-6; dead 21 Apl. 1632. *Mard. Catherine*, dau. of William Plomer, of Radwell, co. Hertford, and sister of Sir William Plomer, knt. (she was living about 1631), and had issue,

I. Henry Audley, bapt. 21 Mch. 1587/8 at Great Gransden, and burd. there 25 June 1588.

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

III. William Audley, bapt. 17 June 1592 at Great Gransden; living 28 Aug. 1599.

IV. Henry Audley, of Staple Inn, and later of St. Olave's, Silver Street, London, gent., but in 1612 or 1618 of Dagenham, co. Essex; bapt. 5 June 1593 at Great Gransden; stabbed by unknown man, on highway between London and Essex, in Mch. 1628/9; made his will on 25 Mch. 1629, "while languishing of his wounds," of which he died. Will proved 4 May 1629 in P.C.C. Died possessed of lands at Great Gransden. *Mard. 1st Anne*, widow of Richard Turner, of Orsett, co. Essex, and dau. of Thomas Moore, of Orsett; *mard. 20 July 1616* at St. Mary le Strand, London (licence issued 22 (?) July 1616); and had issue by her,

- a. Henry Audley, living 25 Mch. 1629; gent., son and heir, 8 Feb. 1641/2.
- b. Anne Audley, dau. and sole heir, 1618; living 25 Mch. 1629.
- c. Sarah Audley, living 25 Mch. 1629.

He *mard. 2ndly*, Jane (who survived him), dau. of ———, and had further issue,

d. Robert Audley, youngest son 25 Mch. 1629.

V. Thomas Audley, of Great Gransden, gent.; bapt. 28 Sept. 1600 at Great Gransden; perhaps admitted to Gray's Inn, from Staple Inn, 1 Nov. 1617; burd. 3 May 1638 at Great Gransden. *Mard. [? Bridget ———; see Chancery suit of 13 Nov. 1629]*, and had issue,

- a. Elizabeth Audley, burd. 23 Jany. 1628/9 at Great Gransden.
- b. Catherine Audley, bapt. 29 July 1624 at Great Gransden.
- c. Jane Audley, bapt. 12 Jany. 1627/8 at Great Gransden.
- d. Thomas Audley; bapt. 31 Aug. 1630 at Great Gransden; perhaps the Thomas Audley, son of Thomas, of Great Gransden, gent., who appears in the list of Skinners' Co. apprenticeships under 1654.

A. Catherine Audley, bapt. 9 June 1590 at Great Gransden; *mard. 20 Nov. 1617*, at Houghton Conquest, to Henry Bedell, of Catworth, co. Hunts.

B. Agnes Audley.

C. Anne Audley.

ROBERT AUDLEY, *eldest surviving son of Robert Audley preceding*; of Great Gransden, co. Hunts., and later of Oakington, co. Camb.; described as "of ———, co. Essex," on 8 Feb. 1641/2; son and heir; bapt. 19 Apl. 1589 at Great Gransden; admitted to Gray's Inn,

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from Staple Inn, 14 Mch. 1608/9; joined with his parents and wife, about 1631, to sell manor of Great Gransden to Sir Charles Adelmare *alias* Cæsar, Master of the Rolls, for £4100; burd. 2 Nov. 1654 at Oakington, co. Camb. Admon. granted 6 Dec. 1654 in P.C.C. Mard. Elizabeth (bapt. 22 Dec. 1583 at Warden), eldest dau. of John Marbury, of co. Bedf., esq., and sister of Thomas Marbury, of St. Ives, co. Hunts., esq.; died at Oakington. Her will, dated 4 Jany. 1658/9, proved 8 Apl. 1659 in P.C.C. They had issue,

- I. Robert Audley, eldest son and heir; bapt. 15 Apl. 1610 at Warden, co. Bedf.; aged 3 in 1613; living when mother's will was proved on 8 Apl. 1659.
- II. Francis Audley, bapt. 26 Feb. 1610/11 at Great Gransden; aged 2 in 1613; proved mother's will on 8 Apl., 1659.
- III. William Audley, of Oakington, and later of Girton, both in co. Camb., gent.; bapt. 13 Jany. 1616/17 at Great Gransden; had property at Royston, co. Camb., in 1654, and owned Court House there, with his brother Lewis Audley; rented farm at Oakington, off Sir Anthony Archer, bart., from Michs. 1660; churchwarden of Oakington 1663; living 12 Feb. 1668/9. "William Audley" was burd. at Girton on 30 July 1676; "Nicholas Audly," on 20 Mch. 1679/80; "Mr. William Audley," on 20 Nov. 1683; and "Mrs. Mary Audley" on 21 Mch. 1694/5. Probably father (if not, uncle) of Robert Audley, of Girton, co. Camb., gent., who on 3 Dec. 1685 was described as grandchild and next heir of Robert Audley, late of Gray's Inn, esq., decd., and also as next heir to William Audley, decd. (of Houghton Conquest, first cousin of said Robert—see *ante*). John Audley, of Cambridge, gent. (only three or four miles from Girton), whose will was dated 20 Mch. 1778 and proved 13 Mch. 1779 in P.C.C., was probably a descendant, especially as he had the mortgage of an estate at Great Gransden; he left an eldest son John, who proved the will, another son Richard, and a dau. Sarah, a minor and unmard.
- IV. Lewis Audley, of Great Gransden in 1647, esq., Major in Parliamentary Army; bapt. 4 Feb. 1619/20 at Great Gransden; fought at Kingston, co. Camb., in 1648, against Earl of Holland; in 1650 commissioned by Cromwell to raise troop of horse in Surrey to defend the county; one of Cromwell's commissioners for regulating church benefices; in 1657 employed to sell powder and old stores belonging to State; Borden Hall, co. Essex, demised to him in Mch. 1661 by Thomas Grove, of Borden, gent.; described as of Borden Hall in 1663, 1666 and 1668; had messuage in Littleport, Isle of Ely, co. Camb., 24 Dec. 1669; died about Christmas 1670, at Kingston Wood, co. Camb. Admon. granted 23 Dec. 1670 in P.C.C. Mard. 1stly Mary, widow of Ralph Hawtrey, citizen, merchant tailor and draper of London, and dau. of Matthew Bedell, citizen and merchant tailor of London; licence issued 8 Sept. 1647 for her marr. to Lewis Audley, at Sutton's Hospital or St. Bartholomew the Less. Lewis Audley acquired estate of West Purley, in Sandersted, co. Surrey, from his Hawtrey step-sons, but re-conveyed to Harman Atwood in 1661. Mrs. Audley died 29 June 1655, aged 45, and was burd. at Sandersted, having had issue by her second husband,
 1. Lewis Audley; apparently died young.
 1. Frances Audley, born about 1648; licence issued 11 Dec. 1666 for her

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marr. to Roger Davis, of Stepney, co. M'sex, mariner, at Stepney, St. Clement Danes, or Gray's Inn Chapel.

Major Lewis Audley mard. 2ndly Mary, dau. of —, and by her, who was living 23 Dec. 1670, had further issue,

2. Renatus Audley, eldest son and heir, aged 14, on 4 Dec. 1675.

V. Thomas Audley, bapt. 14 Jan. 1620/1 at Great Gransden; living at proof of mother's will on 8 Apl. 1659; mard. — and had issue,

Gam. Audley; burd. 28 Jany. 1656/7 at Oakington, co. Camb.

I. Elizabeth Audley, bapt. 17 Apl. 1614 at Great Gransden; mard. William Sneyd, of Keele, co. Staffs., 2nd son of Ralph Sneyd of Keele. She died 20 June 1686, aged 72, and was burd. in chancel of Wolstanton church. He was admitted fellow commoner of Caius Coll., Camb., 7 July 1632, aged 18, and to Gray's Inn 9 May 1634; Assessment Commissioner for Staffs., 1656, J.P. 1660-94, and Sheriff 1663-4; M.P. for Staffs., 1660; burd. 17 Jany. 1694/5, aged 82, in chancel of Wolstanton church. Will dated 12 Dec. 1694, proved 30 Mch. 1695 in P.C.C. From William Sneyd and Elizabeth Audley descend the present Sneyds of Keele.

II. Katherine Audley; bapt. 3 Nov. 1618 at Great Gransden; not mentioned in mother's will of 4 Jany. 1658/9.