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There is no direct proof that the brothers Thomas and John Audley, citizens and grocers of London, were identical with the two sons, so named, of Thomas Audley of Henlow. But the correspondence in their names, each pair with a sister Audrey and a mother Agnes, scarcely leaves room for doubt, especially when we find that Thomas of London owned lands in Hertf., while his son, Lawrence Audley, also citizen and grocer of London, had an aunt and cousin at Clothall, in Hertf., only about seven miles from Henlow.

Henlow is within six miles of Hitchin, where a family of Audley was strongly established (see *post*, AUDLEY OF HITCHIN); and also within eight or nine miles, in different directions, are Houghton Conquest (see *ante*, p. 29, AUDLEY OF GREAT GRANSDEN AND HOUGHTON CONQUEST), and Sandy, where Edward Audley married in 1610 (see *ante*, p. 49, AUDLEY OF ROXTON AND HUNTINGDON).

The Henlow register begins in 1558. It has not been examined for my purposes, but F. A. Blaydes, in his *Genealogia Bedfordiensis, 1538-1700*, prints only one Audley entry therefrom, the marriage on 20 July 1631 of Lawrence Audley, of Clotham (? Clothall), co. Hertf., to Agnes Tudding, by licence.

There are a number of entries, as will be seen, in the registers of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, which at present cannot be given their proper places in the pedigree, as the John and Thomas Audleys in the third and fourth generations are not yet clearly distinguishable. And there seems no place for William Audley, the Chandler, who occurs in the register of St. Margaret Moses, Friday Street, 1600-1602, unless we assume that William, the grocer, in addition to dabbling in the business of a linendraper, and engaging in trading adventures to the West Coast of Africa, also embraced chandlery.

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WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

THOMAS AUDELEY, of Henlow (co. Bedf.). Will dated 27 Feb. 1553. To be burd. in churchyard of Henlow. To poor there, 3s/4. To sons *Thomas* and *John*, each a cupboard, etc. To daus. *Jane* and *Audre* each a copper, pewter, and two pairs of sheets. Residue to wife *Agnes*, who is to be sole extrix. Supervisors, *Thomas Underwood* and *Henry Cranfeld*. Wits., *James Turner*, *Thomas Dawson*, *Hewg Brytan*, *Symon Andrew*. Proved 18 Apl. (1553 ?) at Southill [Northampton Probate Registry].

JOHN AWDELEY, citizen and grocer of London. Will dated 25 Apl. 1589. All my goods, etc., to be divided into three equal parts, one part to my wife, one part to my five children, *John*, *Thomas*, *Richard*, *William* and *Suzan Awdley*, and one part for the following bequests :—to mother, *Agnes Edwardes*, £10 ; to three children of my brother, *Jasper Waston*, £10 each at 21 ; to three children of my brother *Thomas Awdley*, £20 each at 21 ; to my sister *Awdrey*, £5 ; to the widow *Pyrryn* at my garden, 40s/-, and to two of her daus. 20s/- each ; to poor of St. Magnus the Martyr 40s/- ; to poor of St. Olave's, Southwark, co. Surrey, 40s/- ; to my apprentices, *Roger Dee* £5, *William Banaster* £5 ; to *John Latham*, £10 ; to my wife *Cicely*, my best nest of goblets ; to Grocers' Company, for a dinner, £10. Exor., my brother *Thomas Awdley*, citizen and grocer of London. Overseers, cousin *John Rogers*, citizen and grocer of London, and friend *Edward Candishe*, citizen of London. Wits., *John Simson*, *John Rogers*, *Thomas Greene*. Signed, *John Awdley*. Proved 6 May 1589, in P.C.C. [Leicester 47], by the exor. Codicil to be annexed to will, dated 26 Apl. 1589 ; to wife 20s/- weekly, while unmarred ; wits., *John Rogers*, *Gyles Howland*, *Thomas Awdley* ; proved Nov. 1589, in P.C.C. [Leicester 88].

JOHN AWDLEY, of St. Botolph's without Aldgate, decd. Admon. granted 18 Sept. 1596 to *Anne Awdley*, the relict. [Archdcy. Court of London, Act Book 3, f. 44—at Somerset House].

THOMAS AWDLEY, citizen and grocer of London. Will dated 22 July 1603. All goods, etc., to be divided into three parts, one third to my wife *Alice*, one third to my children, *Thomas*, *William* and *Elizabeth Awdley*, and one third for the following bequests :—To poor of Christ's Hospital, London, and of par. of St. Magnus, London, whereof I am a parishioner, and of St. Tooley's, Southwark, 40s/- to each. To cousin *William Bates* and *Susan* his wife, and their third son *William*, £5 each. To dau. *Katherine Woodward*, £10. To cousin *William Awdley*, 40s/-. To *Samuel Horne*, clerk, curate of St. Magnus, £5. To son *Lawrence Awdley*, the lease of my house wherein I now dwell on London Bridge. To wife, 40s/- a year. Exor., son *Lawrence Awdley*. Overseers, friends *Mr. Thomas Greene* and *William Bates*. Signed, *Thomas Awdley*. Wits., *William Awdley*, *Henry Adams*, scrivener, *Robert Welles*, servant to *Henry Adams*. Proved 12 Aug. 1603 in P.C.C. [Bolein 64], by *Francis Wallis*, public notary, proctor to the exor.

LAWRENCE AWDLEY, citizen and grocer of London. Will dated 23 July 1603. To poor of Christ's Hospital, £5. To poor of St. Olave's, Southwark, £20. To poor of St. Magnus, London Bridge, £20. To *Mr. Horne*, preacher at St. Magnus, £5. To *Mr. Bamford*, preacher at St. Olave's, Southwark, 40s/-. To *Thomas*, *John*, *Toby*, and *Barbary Awdley*, children of cousin *John Awdley*, decd., £20 each at 21. To *Suzan Awdley* and the son of my cousin *Richard Awdley*, £20 each at 21. To said *Suzan*, *Thomas* and [blank] *Awdley*, 20s/- each a year until 21. To godchildren *John Suttle* and --- *Doddson*, £5 each. To aunt *Lucas*, of Clothall, co. Herts., widow, and her dau. *Anne Rudd*, widow, £5 each. To cousin *William Lucas*, of Clothall, £20. To aunt *Airan*, widow, 2s/- a week for life, and to cousin *Annis Bushe*, widow, 1s/- a week for life. To cousin *Elizabeth Wesson*, *Symon Warde's* wife, 1s/- a week. To cousins *Daniel* and *Peter Wesson*, 20s/- a year each. To mother-in-law, and her dau. *Hester Cooke*, £5 each. To cousin *Susan Bates*, wife of *William Bates*, £10. To bror. *Thomas Awdley*, £100. To sister *Katherine Woodward*, £20. Resid. legatees and exors., brother *Thomas Awdley* and bror.-in-law *Christopher Woodward*. Overseers, cousins, *William Bates* and *William Awdley*. Signed, *Lawrence Awdley*. Wits., *Henry Adams*, scrivener, *John Macron*, his servant. Codicil dated 24 Aug. 1603. Whereas my father *Thomas Awdley* has died since I made my will, I give to his two children, *William* and *Elizabeth Awdley*, £100 each at 21. To mother-in-law, *Alice Awdley*, the lease of my house wherein I now dwell on London Bridge. To sister, *Easter Cooke*, the lease of the garden in the Mint. To cousin, *William Bate*, the lease of the garden in the Maze, late my father's. Wits., *William Bates*, *William Awdley*. Proved 3 Sept. 1603 in P.C.C. [Bolein 64] by *Edward Willett*, public notary, proctor to *Thomas Awdley*, the exor., power reserved to *Christopher Woodward*.

BARBARA AUDLEY, late of St. Botolph's without Aldersgate, London. Admon. granted 25 Apl. 1616 to *John Audley*, the brother [Archdcy. Court of London, Admon. Act Book 5, f. 62].

WILLIAM AUDLEY, citizen and grocer of London. Will dated 11 Jany. 1631/2. To cousin, *Mrs. Katherine Woodward*, widow, a gold ring. To cousins, *Susan Bayte* and *Margaret Bayte*, daus. of sister *Susan Bayte*, long since decd., £100 each to be paid to *George Nutt*, citizen and grocer of London, to pay them each £10 a year. To said cousin *George Nutt*, £5. To my father, *Mr. Culverwell*, parson of St. Margaret Moyses, in Friday Street,

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where I now live, 40s/-, and to the poor there, £3. To cousin *Peter Wesson*, 40s/- . To cousin *Mr. Edward Ashe*, a ring. Resid. legatee and extrix., wife *Elizabeth*. Overseers, said *Nutt* and *Mr. Samuel Turner*. Signed, *Wm. Audley*. Wits., *Alexander Colston*, scr., *John Marslo*, his servant. Proved 27 Feb. 1631/2 in P.C.C. [Audley 25], by extrix.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

CHALONER *v.* AUDELEY

29 Apl. [sic]. Complaint by *Nynian Chaloner*, of Cuckfield, co. Sussex, gent., that *Thomas Drew*, late of Cuckfield, was indebted to *John Awdley*, citizen and grocer of London, in £215, and paid him in iron, and *John Awdley*, not knowing what to do with same, approached complainant, who became bound with *Drew* in said debt (*re* said bond) [C.P. Series 2, C.3, 1579-87, 206/84].

AUDLEY *v.* WOODWARD

31 May 1605. Answer of *Christopher Woodward* to bill of complaint of *Thomas Audley*, that he believes it to be true that *Thomas Audley*, decd., *Lawrence Audley*, and *Roger Dye*, were co-partners in the trade of grocer and that *Thomas* died seized of certain messuages and lands in co. Herts., and that *Lawrence*, his son, died not above a month after his said father, and on his death the same came to said complainant, and complainant and said defendant were made exors. of said *Lawrence's* will. Complainant came to said defendant in Bromley, co. Kent, and the latter being unwilling to act with said *Thomas* (knowing him), the latter promised to pay what *Lawrence* owed to him and his mother, *Elizabeth Feltham*, as both complainant's said brother, *Lawrence Audley*, and his father, *Thomas Audley*, owed them money. He denies the allegations made against him in bill of complaint [C.P.Eliz., C.2, A. 9/65].

AWDLEY *v.* ANGELL

15 May 1617. Complaint by *John Awdley*, of London, grocer, that he has heretofore exhibited his bill of complaint against *Christopher Angell* and *Mary* his wife, concerning a house in Erith, Kent, claimed by complainant by will of *Robert Wood*, former husband of said *Mary*, and it was ordered the same to be given up to complainant. Before this could be done *Christopher* died, and *Mary*, as his administratrix., disposed of house and goods rightfully belonging to complainant.

9 June 1617. Answer of *Mary Angell re* said house and goods [C.P. Series 2, C.3, 299/31].

AWDLEY *v.* EDWARDS

3 Feb. 1618/19. Complaint by *William Awdley*, of London, grocer, *Thomas Thornton* and *George Thompson*, merchants, that *William Awdley* in Mch. 1614/15 did adventure in the ship called the *Martha*, of London, for the coasts of Guinea, various merchandise, and disposed of same, etc., and *Richard Edwards* owes for some of same and still has not paid.

Richard Edwards answers concerning said goods and debt (nothing further *re Awdley*) [C.P. James I., C.2, 1/58].

AWDLEY *v.* DAVYES

19 Nov. 1624. Complaint by *William Awdley*, citizen and grocer of London, and *Philip Johnes*, merchant, of London, that *John Davys*, of London, merchant, about three years ago furnished a ship, "The Handmaid," of London, and also a pinnace, for a voyage to Siera Leone in Guinea, and Bynney, Africa, to trade with the negroes, and complainants advanced money for same. No account of goods sold and money disbursed has ever been rendered.

23 Jay. 1625/6. Answer of *John Davys re* same [C.P., Chas. I., C.2, A. 30/1].

AWDLEY *v.* AWDLEY

9 May 1625. Complaint by *William Watly* and others, citizens and merchant tailors of London, creditors of *John Awdley*, citizen and grocer of London, that eight years ago *William Awdley*, uncle of said *John*, also citizen and grocer of London, and to whom *John* was apprentice, made said *John* a freeman and determined to send him as his factor into Ireland, and complainants sent him money and goods, but received no satisfaction, and were very disappointed, and desire both *William* and *John* may answer the premises.

24 May 1625. Answer of *William Awdley* concerning the business transactions mentioned, and *re* money, etc. [C.P., Chas. I., C.2, A. 8/1].

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AUDLEY *v.* HONEYWOOD

25 Nov. 1626. Complaint by *William Awdley*, citizen and grocer of London, that 30 years ago *Robert Honeywood*, esq., was scised of a wharf called Fresh Wharf and other messuages in Thames Street, parish of St. Botolph, Billingsgate, London, and he conveyed same to *Robert Elliott*, citizen and fishmonger of London, bror.-in-law of complainant, and the latter lent *Elliott* several sums of money to pay said *Honeywood*. On 25 Feb. 1622/3 *Elliott* made his will, and having then five daurs. left said premises, after death of his wife *Joan*, to two of his daurs., *Rebecca Chamlett*, wife of *Richard Chamlett*, of London, mariner, and *Margaret Hall*, wife of *John Hall*, now a widow. The said two daurs. have entered into the estate, but have not paid the debts still owing.

Answer of *Robert* and *Henry Honeywood* *re* debt [C.P., Chas. I., C.2, A. 36/58].

AUDLEY *v.* HALL

16 Apl. 1627. Answer of *Richard Chamlett* and *Rebecca* his wife, two of the defendants to bill of complaint of *William Awdley*, that *Robert Honeywood* was and is possessed of the wharf called Fresh Wharf, and that *Robert Elliott* was possessed of a back-house and warehouses, and that *Joan Elliott* afterwards proved the will of said *Robert* her husband. They say they did nothing to defraud complainant of his premises.

Answer of *Margaret Hall* alias *Pykman* that her father, *Robert Elliott*, was seised of premises in par. of St. Magnus the Martyr, and made a will and left two daurs., herself, and *Rebecca* wife of *Richard Chamlett* (nothing further *re* *Awdley*) [C.P., Chas. I., C.2, A. 25/25].

AWDLEY *v.* DURHAM

[*Date missing.*] Complaint by *William Awdley*, citizen and grocer of London, that about 30 years ago he became partner with *Rainborne Durham*, citizen and skinner of London, in the trade of linendrapery, and continued so for some time until the partnership was dissolved. By indenture of 12 (*torn*) 1597 agreement *re* debts was made between them. *Durham* recovered debts owing to both and then left the kingdom, but about 6 years ago he promised to make complainant a good estate of land in Charing, co. Kent, to value of £40 a year, but has not done so [C.P., Chas. I., A. 32/17].

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

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

ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE

(Searched by Miss L. Drucker from commencement in 1557 to 1610.)

1589. Apl. 30. burd. John Audlye, grocer.
1591. Nov. 3. mar. Thomas [*sc. William*] Bates & Susanna Audley.
1591/2. Jan. 30. mar. William Walter & Sicelye Awdleye.
1595. July 3. burd. *Thomas, son of Thomas Audlye, the younger.*
1596. July 6. burd. Robt. Brampion servant with Mr. Audlye.
1596. Oct. 24. bapt. *William, son of --- [sic] Audleye.*
1597/8. Feb. 11. burd. *Cisleye, wife of Thomas Audlye.*
1598. June 10. burd. *Anna, wife of John Audlye the younger.*
1599. Dec. 16. bapt. *John, son of Thomas Audleye.*
1599. Dec. 23. burd. *John, son of Thomas Audleye.*
1600. Apl. 13. burd. *John, son of Thomas Audleye.*
1600. Dec. 21. bapt. *Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Audleye.*
1600/1. Feb. 14. bapt. Thomas, son of Lawrence Audlye.
1600/1. Feb. 14. burd. Briggette, wife of Lawrence Audlye.
1602. Nov. 7. bapt. *William, son of Thomas Audlye.*
1602/3. Feb. 2. burd. *Thomas Audlye, clerk of the parish.*
1603. June 20. mard. Christopher Woodward & Katheryn Audley, by lic.
1603. Aug. 9. burd. Thomas Audley.
1603. Aug. 27. burd. Mr. Lawrence Awdley.

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ST. MARGARET MOSES, FRIDAY STREET, LONDON

(extracted from *Harleian Society*, "Register Section," vol. 42).

- 1595/6. Jan. 4. bapt. Cycelic d. William Audley.
1596/7. Feb. 24. bapt. Susan d. William Audley, Lynnendraper.
1597. May 31. burd. Sisseley d. William Audley.
1598. June 11. bapt. John s. William Audley, Lynindraper.
1598/9. Feb. 26. burd. Jhon Awdley s. William Audley.
1599/1600. Jan. 17. burd. *A still childc borne of Wm. Audles, channler.*
1600/1. Jan. 22. burd. William s. William Awdelye.
1601. Apl. 5. bapt. William s. William Awdley, chaundler.
1602. Oct. 9. burd. William s. William Audley.
1603. Sept. 13. burd. Rosse, wife Mr. William Awdley.
1603. Sept. 14. burd. Susan d. Mr. William Audley.
1604. Sept. 23. mard. Paul Slye of St. Mary Mountalls par. & Agnes Awdley, widow, of this par. Lic.
1617. June 26. burd. [blank] Awdley wief of Mr. William Awdley.
1624. June 22. burd. Michael Johnson, servant to Mr. Wm. Audley, buried in Paul's Churchyard.
1631/2. Feb. 23. burd. Mr. William Awdley, grocer, in the Chauncell.
1632/3. Feb. 12. mard. John Pemberton, of St. Peter's in St. Albans, Esquier, & Elisabeth Awdly of St. Margaret Moses, Friday St., vidua, Lic.

ST. BENET, PAULS WHARF, LONDON

(extracted from *Harleian Society*, "Register Section," vol. 39).

- 1619/20. Feb. 26. mard. Robert Keet & Anne Awdley.

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

The "Visitation of Essex" in 1612 gives a pedigree of Walthall, showing "William Walthall of London, Shrive 1606, 3rd sonne, he lyeth buried in St. Peters in Cornhille, he mar. 2ndly Cisseley wydow to Awdley." His first and third wives are shown, with issue by the first (*Harleian Society*, vol. XIII., p. 311).

Among marriage licences issued by the Bishop of London we find:—

1582. May 11. John Awdley, of St. Magnus, London, grocer, & Sicily Fettiplace, widow, of St. Peter le Poor; at St. Peter afsd. (*Harleian Society*, XXV., 109).
1591/2. Jan. 5. William Walthall, of St. Peter's, Cornhill, London, & Sicely Awdlye, of St. Magnus, London Bridge, widow of John Awdley, late of same, grocer; Genl. lic. (*ibid.*, XXV., 196).
1619/20. Feb. 25. Robert Keate, carryer, & Anne Awdley, spr., dau. of Lawrence Awdley, decd.; at St. Bennet, Paul's Wharf, London (*ibid.*, XXVI., 85).
1624. July 21. John Awdley, of St. Sepulchre's, London, grocer, & Margaret Bridger, spr., dau. of [blank] Bridger, decd.; at St. Mary at Hill, London (*ibid.*, XXVI., 142).
1624. July 23. Tobias Audley, of St. Michaels, Wood Street, London, stiller, & Anne Elsnor, of Great St. Bartholomew, London, widow; at Great St. Bartholomew afsd. (*ibid.*, XXVI., 142).
1632/3. Feb. 11. John Pemberton, Esq., of St. Peter's in St. Albans, Herts., widower, 50, & Elizabeth Audley, of St. Margaret Moses, London, 40, widow of William Audley, of same, grocer, decd.; at St. Margaret Moses (*ibid.*, XXVI., 209).

The Woodward pedigree in the combined "Visitations of Surrey" (1530, 1572 and 1623) shows "Christopher Woodward of Lambeth in com. Surrey" as married to "Catherin d. of Thomas Audley of London," with issue (*ibid.*, XLIII., 206). He was son of Christopher Woodward of Salop and London (see also *Miscellanea Genealogica*, Series 4, vol. 2, p. 49).

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The "Visitation of Hertfordshire" in 1634 shows "John Pemberton of St. Albans living 1634," eldest son of Roger P. of St. Albans, with a first wife by whom he had issue, and with a second wife "Elizabeth, da. of — relict of — Audley," without issue (*Harleian Society*, XXII., 81). The Rev. R. Pemberton's *Pemberton Pedigrees*, privately printed 1923, shows (Chart 11) "John Pemberton, Cit. Silkman and Grocer of London, b.c. 1583, d. d. 1645," as married secondly to "Elizabeth, widow of William Audley of St. Margaret Moses, m. 1633," and (Chart 10) as son of Roger Pemberton [1556?-1627], of St. Albans, High Sheriff of Herts. in 1620, by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Ralph Moore.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

THOMAS AUDLEY, of Henlow, co. Bedford. Will dated 27 Feb. 1553, proved 18 Apl. (? 1553) at Southill; to be burd. in Henlow churchyard. Mard. Agnes, dau. of —; she was living his wife 27 Feb. 1553, and as Agnes Edwards 25 Apl. 1589. Thomas Audley left issue,

- I. Thomas Audley, citizen and grocer of London; owned land in Hertf.; died in his house on London Bridge; burd. 9 Aug. 1603 at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge. Will dated 22 July 1603, proved 12 Aug. 1603 in P.C.C. He mard. 1stly —, dau. of —, and 2ndly Alice, widow of —, who was living 24 Aug. 1603. By his first wife he had issue,
 1. Lawrence Audley, citizen and grocer of London; inherited lease of his father's house on London Bridge, and lived therein; burd. 27 Aug. 1603 at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge. In his will, dated 23 July 1603, with a codicil of 24 Aug. 1603, and proved 3 Sept. 1603 in P.C.C., he mentions neither wife nor children, but apparently he mard. Bridget —, who was burd. 14 Feb. 1600/1 at St. Magnus the Martyr, and had issue,
 - (a) Thomas Audley, bapt. 14 Feb. 1600/1 at St. Magnus the Martyr (the day of his mother's burial).
 - (b) Anne Audley, mard. 26 Feb. 1619/20 (lic. dated 25 Feb. 1619/20) at St. Benet, Paul's Wharf, London, to Robert Keate, carrier.
 2. Thomas Audley, living 31 May 1605.
 1. Katherine Audley, mard. 20 June 1603 at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, to Christopher Woodward, of Lambeth, co. Surrey, son of Christopher Woodward, of Salop and London. She had issue, and was living a widow 11 Jany. 1631/2.By Alice his second wife Thomas Audley had issue,
 3. William Audley, living 22 July 1603, and under 21 on 24 Aug. 1603.
 2. Elizabeth Audley, living unmard. 22 July 1603, and under 21 on 24 Aug. 1603.
- II. John Audley, of London Bridge, citizen and grocer, burd. 30 Apl. 1589 at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge. Will dated 25 Apl. 1589, proved 6 May 1589 in P.C.C.; codicil of 26 Apl. 1589 proved Nov. 1589 in P.C.C. Mard. 1stly —, dau. of —, and 2ndly (lic. dated 11 May 1582) Cicely, widow of — Fettiplace, of St. Peter le Poer, London. She was remard. 30 Jany. 1591/2 at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge (lic. dated 5 Jany. 1591/2), to William

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Walthall, of St. Peter's, Cornhill, Sheriff of London in 1606, who had had two wives previously, and who was burd. at St. Peter's, Cornhill. By his first wife John Audley had issue,

1. John Audley, of St. Botolph without Aldgate, London. Admon. granted 18 Sept. 1596 in Archdcy. Court of London. By Anne his wife, who was living his widow 18 Sept. 1596, he had issue,

(1) Thomas Audley, living under 21 on 23 July 1603.

(2) John Audley, citizen and grocer of London; apprentice to his uncle William Audley *circa* 1617; under 21 on 23 July 1603; living 24 May 1625. John Audley, of St. Sepulchre's, London, grocer, was licenced 21 July 1624 to marry Margaret, dau. of — Bridger, decd., at St. Mary at Hill.

(3) Toby Audley, living under 21 on 23 July 1603. No doubt he was Tobias Audley, stiller, who with the help of a Proctor acquaintance, William Durham, obtained a licence from the Chancellor of the Bishop of London's office, on 23 July 1624, to marry Anne "Elsnor," of par. of St. Bartholomew the Great, London, widow, relict of — "Elsnor," decd., at St. Bartholomew's. The marriage for which this licence was obtained is the subject of a scandalous story revealed in an article in *The Library* for June and Sept. 1927, pp. 39-57, and 233-59, entitled "Keep the Widow Waking: A lost Play by Dekker," by Prof. Charles J. Sisson, who obtained his evidence mostly from the Star Chamber Proceedings, James I. Bundle 31, No. 16 (Public Record Office). The story, in brief, is as follows. Anne Elsdon, who, at the age of 29, had married John Elsdon, gent., at St. Martin in the Fields, on 21 Jany. 1590/1 ["Joan'es Ellesdon & Anna Mumes," *Harleian Society's Register* Section, XXV., 77], was a widow of 62, with one child Frances (married to Benjamin Garfield, of St. James, Clerkenwell), and a fortune of several thousand pounds. Herself a woman of not too abstemious habits, Mrs. Elsdon was enticed by Tobias Audley, "of Wood Streete in your Cittye of London, a keeper of a Tobacco shoppe and a most notorious lewd person and of noe worth or Creditt," into a tavern, and plied with drink, and maltreated, for several days, in disreputable company, till she was in a helpless condition of mind and body. Tobias Audley, early on 23 July 1624, went out and obtained the licence quoted, and at noon, though he had not dispensation for the ceremony to be performed outside the church, was married to Mrs. Elsdon, by the Rev. Nicholas Cartmell, a kindred spirit, at the Nags Head, Cheapside. The whole plot, of course, was for him to obtain possession of her fortune. Benjamin Garfield, her son-in-law, at once took action, and Tobias Audley, "gent.," appeared at the Middlesex Sessions, on 9 Aug. 1624, when he was released on bail. To strike a balance between the defence and prosecution, he was about 25 years old; and already a widower. On 1 Sept. he appeared at the Sessions of Peace, and was committed to gaol, and on 3 Sept. charged at the Old Bailey with assault, and a true bill returned. He made several more appearances, without a decision, and Garfield, disgusted with the Common Law, took the matter to the Court of Star Chamber, and laid an information there dated 26 Nov. 1624, to which Audley answered on 10 Dec. 1624. Audley and his confederates were charged with having conspired with Thomas Dckker [1570?-1641?] and

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others to render Mrs. Elsdon ridiculous by making her marriage the subject of a "libellous and scandalous enterlude and play," called *Keep the Widow Waking*, acted several times in the autumn of 1624, at the Red Bull. There was no real evidence of such complicity, and though the case still dragged on in July 1626 the principal parties had by then died, Mrs. Elsdon before 24 Mch. 1626, and Audley himself, probably in Newgate, before 10 July 1625.

- (1) Barbara Audley, of St. Botolph without Aldersgate, London; under 21 on 23 July 1603, died unmard. Admon. granted 25 Apl. 1616 in Archdy. Court of London.
2. Thomas Audley, living 25 Apl. 1589.
3. Richard Audley, living 25 Apl. 1589; mard. and had issue,
 - (a) A son, (? Thomas) Audley, under 21 on 23 July 1603.
 - (b) Susan Audley, under 21 on 23 July 1603.
4. William Audley, of Friday Street, London, citizen and grocer; engaged also in business of linendraper with Rainborn Durham, citizen and skinner of London, until dissolution of partnership in 1597; burd. 23 Feb. 1631/2 in Chancel of St. Margaret Moses, Friday Street. Will dated 11 Jany. 1631/2, proved 27 Feb. 1631/2 in P.C.C. Mard. 1stly Rose, dau. of —, who was burd. 13 Sept. 1603 at St. Margaret Moses. He apparently had a second wife (name omitted), who was burd. 26 June 1617 at St. Margaret Moses. He mard. lastly Elizabeth —, who was born *circa* 1593; on 12 Feb. 1632/3 (by licence dated 11 Feb. 1632/3), at St. Margaret Moses, she remard. John Pemberton, citizen, silkman and grocer of London, and later of St. Peters in St. Albans, co. Hertf., esq., eldest son of Roger Pemberton [1556?-1627], of St. Albans, High Sheriff of Herts. in 1620, by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Ralph Moore. John Pemberton was born *circa* 1583, and died 1645; he left issue by his first wife Catherine, dau. of William Angell, of St. Thomas the Apostle, London. William Audley had issue by Rose his first wife,
 - (1) John Audley, bapt. 11 June 1598 and burd. 26 Feb. 1598/9 at St. Margaret Moses.
 - (1) Cicely Audley, bapt. 4 Jany. 1595/6 and burd. 31 May 1597 at St. Margaret Moses.
 - (2) Susan Audley, bapt. 24 Feb. 1596/7 and burd. 14 Sept. 1603 at St. Margaret Moses.
1. Susan Audley, mard. 3 Nov. 1591 at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, to William Bates, who was living 23 July 1603. She was "long since dead" on 11 Jany. 1631/2, and had, with other issue,
 - (a) William Bates, third son, living 22 July 1603 and 24 Aug. 1603.
 - (b) Susan Bates, living unmard. 11 Jany. 1631/2.
 - (c) Margaret Bates, living unmard. 11 Jany. 1631/2.
- I. Jane Audley, living 27 Feb. 1553.
- II. Audrey Audley, living 27 Feb. 1553 and 25 Apl. 1589.