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Husborne Crawley, in Bedfordshire, is only about seven miles from Houghton Conquest, where another family of Audley was established. It is natural to assume a connexion, especially as Henry Audley, whose brother Thomas was of Houghton Conquest, in his will of 30 Apl. 1545 leaves an annuity of £2 to William Audley of Aspley Guise, which is only a mile from Husborne Crawley (see *ante*, pp. 29-30, AUDLEY OF GREAT GRANSDEN AND HOUGHTON CONQUEST). Perhaps this William was progenitor of the Husborne Crawley family. The Aspley Guise register begins in 1563, but a search therein down to 1603, by the Rector, reveals no Audley entry. The William Audley who starts this pedigree was not the first to settle in Husborne Crawley, for a John "Aulaye" was buried there 2 Mch. 1558/9, and a William Audley on 28 Mch. 1582, while a Joan Audley was married there on 28 Apl. 1589 to John Barnes.

It seems clear that the Audleys left Husborne Crawley before the end of the seventeenth century, with the exception of Robert, who was buried there in 1708. If they became extinct in the male line, it was not at Husborne Crawley.

**WILLS**

**JOHN AUDLEY**, the elder, of Husborne Crawley, co. Bedf., yeoman. Will dated 8 Aug. 1657. To be burd. at discretion of exor. To wife *Isabel* all goods, etc., for life, and after her death £10 to son *Robert Audley*, 10s/- to son *John Audley*, and 10s/- each to grandchildren *Elizabeth* and *Mary* to buy "an ewe shipp." To son *Richard* all residue, and he to be exor. Signed, *John Audley, his mark*. Wits., *Thomas Turner, Edmond Greene*. Proved 16 Sept. 1657, in P.C.C. [Ruthen 336], by *Richard Audley*, the sole exor.

**JOHN AUDLEY**, of Husborne Crawley, co. Bedf., yeoman. Nunc. will, made 16 Dec. 1658, in presence of *John Marryott* and *James Marryott* and others. To daus. *Elizabeth* and *Mary Audley*, £50 apiece at 21, and in meantime his wife *Elizabeth*, their mother, to use sd. portion towards bringing them up. Resid. legatee and extrix., wife *Elizabeth*. Proved 25 Jany. 1658, in P.C.C. [Pell 18], by *Elizabeth Audley*, the sole extrix.

**ELIZABETH AUDLEY**, of ["Husborne Crawley" *crossed out*] Kempston, co. Bedf., widow. Nunc. will, made 22 May [year not stated], about two days before she died. Her "petticoate and wastcoate being her wedding suite and one coate to her sister *Joane*," and £3 to *Elizabeth* dau. of sd. *Joan*. Residue of goods and personal estate

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to *Elizabeth and Mary Audley*, her daus. and only children, "to be ymployed by *John Marriott* her father and *James Marriott* her brother for the best use and benefit of her said children." Overseers, sd. *John and James Marriott*. Wits., *John Marriott (mark)*, *Elizabeth Marriott* his wife (*mark*), *James Marriott*. Admon., with will annexed, granted 1 Sept. 1660 at Northampton [1660-61, No. 155], to *John Marriott* and *James Marriott*, during minority of children of sd. decd.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

AUDLEY v. GRISSELL

15 Apl. 1662. Complaint by *John Audley*, son and heir of *Thomas Audley*, late of Husborne Crawley, co. Bedf., gent., decd., and grandchild of *William Audley*, of the same, gent., and *Tabitha* his wife, both decd., that sd. *William* and *Tabitha* were seised in tail of a mess. or tenement, and 12 acres of land in Husborne Crawley, worth yearly £12, and worth to be sold £200, and same ought to descend to complainant as son and heir of *Thomas* and next heir of *William*, but, being a minor, his guardian *James Charnock*, of Evershall, co. Bedf., gent., entered into same on his behalf and without his authority sold same (or mortgaged it) to *Thomas Seabrook*, of North Crawley, co. Bucks., husbandman, for £85, to complainant's great damage, and *Abraham Grissill*, of Heath, par. of Leighton Buzzard, co. Bedf., butcher, being sorry for complainant, advanced him some money in Sept. last, complainant being then of full age, by deed, which was in trust only [dispute *re* money].

Answer, dated 31 May 1662, of *Abraham Grissell*, *re* sd. dispute [nothing further *re* Audley] (C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 207/1).

AUDLEY v. SEABROOKE

12 May 1662. Answer of *Thomas Seabrooke* to bill of complaint of *John Audley*, agreeing that *William Audley* and *Tabitha* his wife were seised of lands, etc., in bill mentioned, but does not believe same came to complainant as heir-at-law, as part was formerly conveyed away. He believes that after death of *Thomas Audley*, his father, complainant by *James Charnocke* entered into a mess. and lands and that was all he had. *James Charnocke* was complainant's guardian, and in Mch. 1659 sold the inheritance of sd. land to defdt., with plaintiff's consent [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 147/3].

AUDLEY v. CHARNOCK

7 June 1662. Answer of *James Charnocke*, one of defdts. to bill of complaint of *John Audley*. Believes *William Audley* and *Tabitha* his wife were seised of mess. and premises named in bill, and they came after the death of *William* and *Tabitha* to complainant, as their heir, who was then under 21, being about 18, and he chose defendant as his guardian, who, on his behalf, entered into sd. premises and recd. rent for same from *Thomas Seabrook*, *Robert Audley*, *Crenoley Miller*, and *Mr. Barnwell* [dispute *re* sd. rents and money recd.] (C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 142/3).

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

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

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE

(Register begins in 1558. Original register searched by the Rev. W. M. Noble, as well as the transcripts at Ely.)

1558/9 Mch. 2. burd. *John Aulaye*.  
1570/1 Mch. 19. burd. Margaret Awdeley, wife of William Awdeley.  
1572. Nov. 9. mard. William Audley and Eleya Stephenson.  
1573. Aug. 9. bapt. Thomas Audley, son of William Audley.  
1574. Sept. 7. bapt. John Audley, son of William Audley.  
1577/8. Jan. 6. bapt. William Audley, son of William Audley.  
1580. Aug. 24. bapt. Joan Audley, dau. of William Audley.  
1582. Mch. 28. burd. *William Audley*.  
1582/3. Feb. 24. bapt. Alice Audley, dau. of William Audley.

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- 1584/5. Jan. 17. bapt. Nicholus Audley, son of William Audley.  
1587. Sept. 10. bapt. Francis Audley, dau. of William Audley.  
1589. Apl. 28. mard. *John Barnes and Joan Audley*.  
1590. Apl. 5. bapt. Christian Audley, dau. of William Audley.  
1594. Apl. 12. burd. Joane Audley, wife of William Audley [? dau.].  
1605/6. Mch. 9. bapt. John, son of Thomas Awdley.  
1607. Apl. 17. mard. William Audley and Tabitha Burton.  
1609. May 26. bapt. Thomas, son of Thomas Awdley.  
1610. Apl. 23. mard. Salomon Greene and Christian Awdley.  
1611. May 12. bapt. Eleya, dau. of William Awdley.  
1611. Nov. 24. bapt. Marye, dau. of Thomas Awdley.  
1611. Nov. 10. burd. Ellecia, wife of William Awdley.  
1611/12. Feb. 20. mard. William Frayle and Frances Awdley.  
1613. May 30. bapt. Richard, son of John Awdley.  
1613. Oct. 7. mard. William Audley and Agnes Queynte.  
1614/15. Feb. 11. bapt. Richard, son of Thomas Awdley.  
1616. July 14. bapt. Robert, son of John Awdley.  
1618. May 18. bapt. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Audley.  
1618/19. Feb. 9. burd. John, son of John Awdley.  
1620. July 15. bapt. John, son of John Audley.  
1620/1. Mch. 4. bapt. William, son of Thomas Audley.  
1623. July 2. burd. William Audley.  
1623/4. Feb. 25. bapt. William, son of John Audley.  
1624. Oct. 3. burd. William, son of John Audley.  
1628/9. Jan. 31. burd. Agnes Audley, widow.  
1629. Apl. 7. burd. Ales, dau. of William Audley.  
1631/2. Feb. 26. bapt. William, son of Thomas Audley.  
1632. burd. . . . . ian, wife of Salomon Greene.  
1633/4. Jan. 26. burd. William Audley, son of Thomas Audley, junior.  
1635/6. Jan. 10. bapt. William, son of Thomas Audley.  
1638. June 3. bapt. Tabitha, dau. of Thomas Audley.  
1640. Sept. 12. bapt. John, son of Thomas Audley.  
1640. Oct. 23. burd. William Audley.  
1653. June 14. burd. Tabitha, wife of William Audley.  
1653/4. Jan. 2. bapt. Mary, dau. of John Audley.  
1657. Aug. 14. burd. Isbell, wife of John Audley.  
1657. Aug. 22. burd. John Audley, senr.  
1657. Aug. 23. burd. William Audley.  
1658. Dec. 23. burd. John Audley, junr.  
1669. Dec. 30. mard. Richard Elkins and Tabitha Audle.  
1672/3. Jan. 15. burd. Richard Audley.  
1673/4. Feb. 2. mard. William Coates and Elizabeth Audley.  
1675. burd. Tabitha Elkins, widow.  
1678. Nov. 10. burd. Anne, wife of Robert Audley.  
1681/2. Feb. 1. burd. Helena, wife of Robert Audley.  
1687. Mch. 26. mard. Robert Audley and Susanna Carter.  
1707/8. Feb. 16. burd. Robert Audley.  
1711. July 1. burd. Susanna Audley, widow.

Thomas Awdley was churchwarden in 1611/12 ; William Audley in 1630/1 and 1631/2 ; John Audley in 1632/3 and 1640/1 ; and Robert Audley in 1661-1663/4 and 1675/6.

NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

**WILLIAM AUDLEY**, of Husborne Crawley, co. Bedford ; probably burd. there 2 July 1623. Probably the William Audley whose wife Margaret was burd. there 19 Mch. 1570/1. On 9 Nov. 1572 he mard. Eleya Stephenson at Husborne Crawley, and she was burd. there

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10 Nov. 1611. He was probably mard. there again, on 7 Oct. 1613, to Agnes Queynte, who was burd. there 31 Jan. 1628/9. By his wife Eleya he had issue,

## I. THOMAS AUDLEY, of whom presently.

- II. John Audley, "the elder," of Husborne Crawley, yeoman; bapt. there 7 Sept. 1574; churchwarden 1632-3 and 1640-1; burd. there 22 Aug. 1657. Will dated 8 Aug. 1657, proved 16 Sept. 1657 in P.C.C. Mard. Isabel, dau. of —, who was burd. 14 Aug. 1657 at Husborne Crawley, and had issue,
1. John Audley, burd. 9 Feb. 1618/19 at Husborne Crawley.
  2. Richard Audley, of Husborne Crawley; bapt. there 30 May 1613; living 16 Sept. 1657; probably burd. there 15 Jany. 1672/3.
  3. Robert Audley, of Husborne Crawley; bapt. there 14 July 1616; living 16 Sept. 1657; churchwarden 1661 to 1663-4, and in 1675/6; perhaps burd. there 16 Feb. 1707/8. Apparently had three wives, (1) Anne, burd. at Husborne Crawley 10 Nov. 1678, (2) Helena, burd. there 1 Feb. 1681/2, and (3) Susanna Carter, whom he mard. there 26 Mch. 1687; she was burd. there, his widow, 1 July 1711. The registers record no children to Robert.
  4. John Audley, of Husborne Crawley, yeoman; bapt. there 15 July 1620; burd. there 23 Dec. 1658. Nunc. will dated 16 Dec. 1658, proved 25 Jany. 1658/9 in P.C.C. Mard. Elizabeth, dau. of John and sister of James Marriott. She died about 24 May in 1659 or 1660, at Kempston, co. Bedf. Nunc. will dated 22 May 1659 or 1660; admon. granted 1 Sept. 1660 at Northampton. They had issue,
    - (1) Elizabeth Audley, living unmard. and under 21, 16 Dec. 1658; probably mard. 2 Feb. 1673/4 at Husborne Crawley to William Coates.
    - (2) Mary Audley; bapt. 2 Jany. 1653/4 at Husborne Crawley; living unmard. and under 21, 22 May 1659 or 1660.
  5. William Audley; bapt. 25 Feb. 1623/4 at Husborne Crawley; burd. there 3 Oct. 1624.
- III. William Audley, of Husborne Crawley, gent.; bapt. there 6 Jany. 1577/8; churchwarden 1630-1 and 1631-2; burd. there 23 Aug. 1657. Mard. Tabitha Burton, 17 Apl. 1607, at Husborne Crawley, where she was burd. 14 June 1653. They had, with perhaps other issue,
- a. Thomas Audley, of Husborne Crawley, gent.; died before 15 Apl. 1662, having had issue,
    - (a) William Audley; bapt. 26 Feb. 1631/2 and burd. 26 Jany. 1633/4 at Husborne Crawley.
    - (b) William Audley; bapt. 10 Jany. 1635/6 at Husborne Crawley; dead 15 Apl. 1662; probably burd. 23 Oct. 1640 at Husborne Crawley.
    - (c) Tabitha Audley; bapt. 3 June 1638 at Husborne Crawley; mard. there 30 Dec. 1669 to Richard Elkins; burd. there, a widow, in 1675.
    - (d) John Audley; bapt. 12 Sept. 1640 at Husborne Crawley; aged about 18 at death of his grandparents, William and Tabitha; of full age Sept. 1661; living 15 Apl. 1662, as son and heir of Thomas Audley, and next heir of his grandfather William Audley; heir-at-law of his grandfather William on 12 May 1662.

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b. Eleya Audley ; bapt. 12 May 1611 at Husborne Crawley ; perhaps burd. there 7 Apl. 1629 as "Ales."

IV. Nicholas Audley, bapt. 17 Jany. 1584/5 at Husborne Crawley.

I. Joan Audley, bapt. 24 Aug. 1580 at Husborne Crawley ; perhaps burd. there 12 Apl. 1594 as *wife* of William Audley.

II. Alice Audley, bapt. 24 Feb. 1582/3 at Husborne Crawley.

III. Frances Audley, bapt. 10 Sept. 1587 at Husborne Crawley ; mard. there 20 Feb. 1611/12 to William Frayle.

IV. Christian Audley, bapt. 5 Apl. 1590 at Husborne Crawley ; mard. there 23 Apl. 1610 to Solomon Greene ; burd. there 1632 as his wife.

**THOMAS AUDLEY**, *eldest son of William Audley preceding and Eleya his wife* ; bapt. 9 Aug. 1573 at Husborne Crawley ; churchwarden there 1611/12 ; living 26 Jany. 1633/4 ; mard. and had issue,

A. John Audley, bapt. 9 Mch. 1605/6 at Husborne Crawley.

B. Thomas Audley, bapt. 26 May 1609 at Husborne Crawley.

C. Mary Audley, bapt. 24 Nov. 1611 at Husborne Crawley.

D. Richard Audley, bapt. 11 Feb. 1614/15 at Husborne Crawley.

E. Elizabeth Audley, bapt. 18 May 1618 at Husborne Crawley.

F. William Audley, bapt. 4 Mch. 1620/1 at Husborne Crawley.