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Thomas Audley, Lord Chancellor of England, was a famous man—whether infamous or not—and James Gairdner's life of him in *The Dictionary of National Biography* runs to over seven columns. After he had reached the highest office the law offered, in 1533, Gairdner pronounces that "his whole career was that of a submissive instrument in the hands of Henry VIII and his great minister Cromwell. Sickly in his physical constitution . . . his moral constitution apparently was not more robust." He certainly helped his monarch to rid himself of two wives, Anne of Cleves and Catherine Howard, and by his complaisance feathered his nest more than comfortably; but we cannot judge his conduct by present-day standards of political morality. At least we can regard him with favour as the founder of Magdalene College, Cambridge, the mastership of which still remains in the gift of the possessor of Audley End, his grandson's house, at present Lord Braybrooke.

And here we are not concerned with questions of morals. It is merely his family history we have to deal with. His parentage has always been clouded in some obscurity, and even now we cannot regard it as finally proved. We know that he was born at Earls Colne, and that his stated father, Geoffrey Audley, synchronizes with an actual Geoffrey Audley of that place. So that at least we are "hot," and perhaps should feel satisfied.

Lord Audley's will does not help us much, except that he mentions his "cousin," William Audley, who was his tenant in a house in St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, and who died a few years later leaving an uninformative will in which he is styled "gentleman." Whether this William was a real cousin, or an uncle, or nephew, we do not know. Lord Audley also designates as "cousin" John Cristmas, of Colchester, with his children, George Cristmas and Katherine "Flytewodde." The Cristmases were a family of standing in Colchester, and Katherine was the first wife of John Fleetwood, of an ancient Lancashire family, who was Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1548-9, and M.P. for the county of Stafford from 1572 to 1583 (*Fleetwood of Colwich, co. Stafford*, by R.W.B.[uss], privately printed 1908). But here again "cousin" may stand for any kind of relationship or connexion.

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A torn and largely illegible Chancery suit of the 14th or 15th century, in French (Early C.P., C.I., 75/18), records a complaint by William Audley, Abbot of the Minster of St. John's, Colchester, and Robert his co-monk, relating to some property in Colchester; but whether he was a fore-kinsman of the Lord Chancellor we can do no more than conjecture.

The Berechurch registers are not extant before 1664, so would not help us except with the later generations.

There are numerous small discrepancies of date among the evidences, both from original and printed sources, most of which I have satisfactorily resolved. The printed accounts of the family all contain errors, as may be found by collating them, and comparing them with my final version of the pedigree.

There is not actual proof that the Lord Chancellor's branch of the Audley family is extinct in the male line, but all the evidence points that way. Francis Audley, of Colchester, after the death of the last known male representative of the Berechurch line, claimed to be his next-of-kin of the whole blood, which implies that the Lord Chancellor's elder nephew Thomas had then no male representative left, and as this Francis seems to have had no near Audley relatives it looks as if the Lord Chancellor's younger nephew Thomas, who was great-grandfather to Francis, also left no descendants except through females. But the pedigree of this younger branch is too incomplete in its details to enable us to speak with much certainty.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

THOMAS AWDELEY, knt., of the order of the Garter, Lord Awdeley of Walden, Chancellor of England. Will dated 19 Apl. 1544. To be burd. in my new chapel at Wallden. To the King, £100. To my wife, *Lady Elizabeth*, my plate and silver ornaments to the value of £200, and 200 marks, and half of the copes and altar-cloths I have for my chapel, and all my beds, curtains, and so forth, at my houses of Walden and Terlyng. To my dau. *Margaret*, plate to the value of £40, at her age of fifteen, and to my dau. *Mary*, plate to the value of £20 at the same age. To my brother *Thomas Awdeley*, plate to £20 value, and to his three sons £10 of plate each at their ages of 18. To my Lord Marquis's younger brethren, £20 each. Bequests to servants and wife's gentlewomen. To my cousin, *William Awdeley*, £10. To my cousin *John Cristmas*, of Colchester, for his son *George Cristmas*, of £100 he owes me, £20, and for *George's* sister, *Katherine Flytewodde*, £10, and to his other children, £3.6.8 each. To the son and heir apparent of *Sir Henry Parker*, knt., £10. To *Lady Julian*, wife of *Sir William Walgrave*, knt., £10. To *Jasper Owen* and *Lady Borough*, £10 each. To *Lady Frances* a ring, and another to *Lady Anne*, my wife's sister, one to *Lady Guldeforde*, and one to *Lady Raynsforth*, one to *Mrs. Cristmas*, and *Mrs. Golder*, and *Mrs. Lucas*. To *Sir John Ransforthe*, knt., money comprised in certain obligations of *Edward* and *Thomas Straungman*, exors. of the will of *John Straungman*, one of the exors. of old *Sir John Ransforthe*, knt. To said bror. *Thomas*, all my goods in my house at Berechurch. Exors., my wife *Lady Elizabeth*, *Sir Edward North*, and *Sir Thomas Pope*, knts., and *Edmund Martyn* and *Thomas Barbour*, my servants. Supervisors, the Marquis of Dorset and *Sir William Herbert*, knt. I bequeath my manors of Cornbery and Gyberack, co. Herts., and the patronage of Dixwell parsonage, and Leyston and Alswyck vicarages, etc., in co. Herts., and my manors of Oesenage, Cresseners, Talmages, Heringeswell, and Abbotter, co. Suffolk, and lands, etc., there, and my chief mansion and dwelling house called Christchurch in London, and all my houses, etc., in St. Katherine Christchurch, within Aldgate, London, and St. Botolph's without Aldgate, London, except the parsonage of St. Katherine Christchurch and one messuage in St. Botolph's wherein my cousin *William Awdeley* dwells, to my heirs, with the site of the late monastery of Tyltey and the manor of Tyltey, the said exceptions for my wife, *Lady Elizabeth*, and she to enjoy my capital mansion house in Walden with the park adjoining, and all the houses there, and my manors of Brokewalden, Chepingwalden, Great and Little Walden, Great Chesterford, Pounces, Matyns, St. Aylots, Butlers, Westleys, Manhall, Bellisgrove, Bengchoo *alias* Bourghchers Hall, Debden, and Berden. co. Essex, my manor of Abbotts in Thunderley, co. Essex, and my manor and lands in Reche and other

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towns in the Fen, and the advowson, etc., of the churches of Walden and Great Chesterford, and my rents, etc., called the common pittance and Cosses Fee, and my farms belonging to the late monastery of Walden, and all other my manors and lands in Brokewalden, Chepingwalden, Great and Little Walden, Great and Little Chesterford, and the other places named, and my yearly rents in the manor of Hawkeston, co. Camb., parcel of the late Priory of St. Botolph's, Colchester, and the advowsons of Aynoo and Kyngeham, co. Oxford, my manor of Myncheons in Arkesden, and the parsonages of Arkesden, Chishull, and Ellesnam, she paying to the King £37.5.10 yearly for the tenth of the possessions of the late monastery of Walden, and after her death all the said manors, etc., to my right heirs. To my wife, my manors of Terling and Lighes, and the parsonage of Terling, and my manor of Much Leighes, co. Essex, and all lands there, for life, with remainder to my right heirs, also my manor of Woodham Ferrys, co. Essex, and the mansion house called The Old Ford, and all my lands there, with remainder to my nephew *Thomas Audley*, eldest son of my bror. *Thomas*. To my bror. *Thomas*, my manor called Berechurch, with the park adjoining, and the advowson of that church, co. Essex, and all lands there, etc., and my watermill in Leyerdelahay and West Donyland, and my manor of Gosebecks, and 20s/- from the manor of Herstedes, and the site of the late Priory of Crutched Friars in the suburbs of Colchester, and the messuage called the Bell, and Crokelford Wood, and the messuage called Butlers in Aburton and Peldon, and a messuage and lands called Trumpingtons in Much Tey, co. Essex, he to pay his eldest son *Thomas* £10 a year and his second son *Thomas* £8 a year and his youngest son *John* £8 a year, and after his death the abovesaid to his said sons. My manors of Blind Knights, co. Essex, and The Rye in Leyerdelahay, and messuages, etc., called Wardes, Giles, Harveys, etc., in Leyerdelahay, and my parsonage there and lands, and my manors of Aburton and Badcokks, co. Essex, and my manor of Drayton Bassett, co. Stafford, and my manor and parsonage of Chawreth, co. Essex, to my exors. for 12 years, to pay my debts, etc., with remainder to my male issue, in default to my dau. *Margaret*. To Magdalen College, Cambridge, my parsonage of St. Catherine Christchurch in Aldgate, and my great mansion house I dwell in in that parish, and the great garden there. To my cousin, *William Audley*, the messuage and garden wherein he dwells in St. Botolph's Aldgate. To my bror. *Thomas*, my lands in Fratyng, co. Essex, and the advowson of that church, and the advowson of the church of St. Michael at Mylc End beside Colchester, and all other my advowsons and rents in Colchester, etc., he paying my daus., *Margaret* and *Mary*, 20 marks a year. Signed, *Thomas Audley*, chancellor. Wits., *Henry Dorsett*, *Thomas Pope*, *Robert Huycke*, *Thomas Barbour*, *John Cristmas*, *George Cristmas*, *Rauffe Copinger*, *John Fowler*, *Edmonde Martynne*, *Thomas Powle* and *Edmonde Dey*. Proved 18 Feb. 1545, in P.C.C. [Alan I], by *Christopher Robinson*, pub. not., proctor to the exors., power reserved to *Elizabeth Audley*, the relict.

WILLIAM AWDELEY, of London, gent. Will dated 23 Feb. 1547/8. To be burd. in the churchyard of St. Botolph without Aldgate, London. To my sister *Joan*, 13s/4. To my wife *Elizabeth*, and her heirs and assigns for ever, my messuage and house with garden, wherein I now dwell, in said par. of St. Botolph's. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife. Wits., *Anthony Senhous*, *Robert Collyes*, and *Danold Sharpoll*. Proved 13 July 1547, in Commissary Court of London [Story 204].

THOMAS AWDELEY, of Berechurch, co. Essex, decd. Admon. granted 7 Jan. 1572/3, in P.C.C. (Admon. Act Book, f. 20), to *Katherine Audley*, the relict, in the person of *William Malloves*, pub. not., their proctor.

THOMAS AWDELEY, of Gosebekes, par. of Much Stanwey. Will dated 7 July 1584. To my eldest son *Thomas*, my capital messuage called Gosbeckes in Much Stanwey, with all lands thereunto belonging, he paying his brors. and sisters £30 each within ten years after the decease of my wife *Beatrice*, that is to *Richard Audley*, *Elizabeth* wife of *Richard Husset*, *George*, *Francis* and *Mary Audley*, and to *John Audley*, my children. Exors., my wife *Beatrice*, and my bror. *John Audley*. Signed, *Thomas Audley*. Wits., my sister *Katheryn Audley* of Berechurch, *John Audley*, and others. Proved 25 Jan. 1584/5, in Commissary Court of London [Essex and Herts].

JOHN AWDELEY, of Berechurch, co. Essex, gent. Will dated 21 July 1588. To my cousin, *Thomas Audley*, of Berechurch, my lands called Butlers in Peldan and Aberton, co. Essex, he paying the children of my bror. *Thomas Audley*, late of Gosbecks, decd., £40 each, that is to *Richard*, *George*, *Francis*, *John Audley*, *Elizabeth* wife of *Richard Blenerhasset*, and *Mary* wife of *Robert Cooke*. To my cousins, *Francis Audley* and *John Audley*, sons of my said bror., my farm called Trumpingtons and Fithelers in Much Tey, co. Essex. To the children of my sister *Awdley* of Berechurch, 10s/- each. To *Mrs. Mary Sowthwell*, 2 pieces of gold. To *Margery Pigge*, *Mrs. Elizabeth Gynes*, *Oliver Pigge* the elder, *Robert Cooke* of Colchester, my cousin *Mary Cooke*, the children of my cousin *Blenerhasset*, small money legacies. Extrix., my sister, *Mrs. Katherine Audley*. To my sister, *Beatrix Audley*, what she owes me and £10. Signed, *John Audley*. Wits., *An: Ashe*, *Jane Gilberde*, and *Ambrose Gilbards*. Proved 20 Aug. 1588, in P.C.C. [Rutland 52], by the extrix.

JOHN AWDELEY, of Berechurch, co. Essex, gent. Will dated 10 Dec. 1597. To my bror. *Francis Audley*, £30. To my sister *Hussett*, £30. To my mother, *Mrs. Beatrix Audley*, £5. To my bror. and sister *Hussett's* children,

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£30 at their ages of 21. To my nephew, *Thomas Awdley*, son of my bror. *Richard*, decd., £10 a year out of a messuage and lands in Laver Bretter, Laver Mawlden and Laver de Layhay, called Neverdes, which rent is granted by *Henry Addames*, of Abberton Hall, yeoman. To the little sister of my said nephew, £10. For a stone to be put over the grave wherein my father and uncle lie in one grave, £5. Exor., my cousin, *Mr. Thomas Awdley*. Signed, *John Awdley*. No wits. Proved 6 Feb. 1598/9, in P.C.C. [Kidd 17], by *John Kene*, pub. not., proctor to the exor.

BETTERIS AWDLEY, of Beerechurch, co. Essex, widow. Will dated 12 Oct. 1602. To be burd. in Beerechurch, near my husband *Thomas Awdley*, gent. Legacies to poor of Berechurch and Much Stanway. To my son, *Francis Awdley*, my gilt silver salt cellar. To my dau. *Elizabeth Hasset* (*Blenerhasset* written above), a silver ton and my wedding ring. To my grandchild, *Thomas Blenerhasset*, 5 marks. To my grandchild, *Elizabeth Blenerhasset*, 20 marks and such furniture as my cousin, *Mr. Peter Whetcombe*, shall appoint. To my grandchild, *William Blenerhasset*, 40s/- at his age of 21. To my grandchildren *Robert Blenerhasset* and *Helen Blenerhasset*, 10s/- each. To my cousin *Margaret*, wife of *Peter Whetcombe*, a chest. Exors., my son in law, *Richard Blenerhasset*, and my cousin, *Peter Whetcombe*. Signed, (mark): seal, B.A. Wits., *Henry Carr*, *Christopher Fenner* and *William Burr* [no probate act: Archdeaconry Court of Colchester, Somerset House, Bacon 55].

THOMAS AWDLEY, late of Morton, co. Norfolk, decd. Admon. granted 8 July 1611, in P.C.C. (Admon. Act Book, f. 25), to *Robert Thomlinson*, one of the creditors, during the minority of *Catherine* and *Anne Awdley*, daughters of decd., the relict renouncing (admon. revoked 16 June 1612).

THOMAS AWDLEY, of Morton, co. Norfolk, esq. Will dated 4 July, 9 James I. (1611). By indenture bearing date 9 Sept., 4 James I. (1606), between *John Darcey*, of Typtree, co. Essex, esq., *Anthony Ashe*, of Beerechurch, co. Essex, gent., *Thomas Southwell*, of Morton, co. Norfolk, esq., and *Robert Darcey*, gent., of the said *John Darcey*, of the one part, and *Sir John Dreyer*, of Bretshall, co. Essex, knt., *Katherine Awdley*, of Beerechurch, widow, and her son *Robert Awdley*, esq., and *Richard Wentworth*, of Little Horkesley, co. Essex, gent., of the other part, the manors of Dighton and Brodishe, and a tenement called Does and Lamkins in Attlebrigg, co. Norfolk, were assigned to the said *Sir John Dreyer*, *Katherine* and *Robert Awdley*, and *Richard Wentworth*, in trust, during the life of testator, and after to the uses of my will. I therefore bequeath the same to my wife *Katherine*, for life, as well as the tenements called the Fish and the George in Attlebrigg, and all my other lands, she to bring up my daus., *Katherine* and *Anne*. Extrix., my wife. No wits. Proved 16 Jan. 1612/13, in P.C.C. [Capell 1], by the extrix.

CATHERINE AWDLEY, of Morton, co. Norfolk, decd. Admon. granted 6 June 1612, in P.C.C. (Admon. Act. Book, f. 64), to *Brian Darcey*, the next of kin.

ROBERT AWDLEY, of Beerechurch, co. Essex, esq. Will dated 31 Aug. 1624. To my son and heir, *Sir Henry Awdley*, my best silver basin and ewer and salt, 13 silver spoons, my best hangings after the death of *Katherine Awdley*, my best silver basin and ewer, and a jewel in the shape of a scallop shell with a cross of diamonds and a cross of rubies, and all my wife, and a jewel in the shape of a scallop shell with a cross of diamonds and a cross of rubies, and all my household furniture, after my wife's death. To my second son *Robert*, a silver basin and ewer. Resid. legatee, my wife. Exors., my wife and son-in-law, *John Thatcher*, esq. Signed, *Robert Awdley*. Wits., *William Randolph*, *John Whitacres*, *William Adams* and *Tho. Ransbrugge*. Proved 24 Nov. 1624, in P.C.C. [Byrde 98], by the exors.

KATHERINE AWDELEY, widow of *Robert Awdley*, esq., of Beerechurch alias West Donilande, co. Essex. Will dated 3 Dec. 1638. To my son, *Sir Henry Awdeley*, knt., my coach and horses and £30. To the poor of the parish, £10. To my dau., *Lady Awdeley*, 6 silver porringers and my jewell coffer, and to her children 20s/- each. To my dau. *Thatcher*, my silver basin and ewer, and to my son *Thatcher* the jewell I wear about my neck. To my friend, *Mrs. Mary Barlowe*, my "castinge bottle." To my cousin, *Henry Wakman*, 20s/-, and to his mother 20s/- . To my cousin *Gosnold*, and his dau., 20s/- each. To my friends, *Mr. Besney Barker* and his wife, 20s/- each, and to my goddau. *Katherine Barker*, 50s/- . To *Mr. Robert Buxton*, 20s/- . To *Mr. Robertes*, 40s/- . To *Mrs. Addams*, my night gown. To *Mrs. Ann Brooke*, £20, and to *Elizabeth Doddye*, £10. To *Charles Gibson*, £20. To *William Wine*, £5. To *Mr. Thomas Rashley*, 40s/- . Resid. legatee, my son *Robert*. Exors., my sons, *Sir Henry* and *Robert Awdley*. To *Mr. Robert Buxton*, of Colchester, £4, and to *Mr. Henry Potter*, of Abberton, £4. Signed, Ka: Aw: Seal, a horse's head. Wits., *John Anstey*, *Edward Fuller* and *Tho. Rashleigh*. Proved 12 Jan. 1640/1, in Archdeaconry Court of Colchester [1640/1, No. 34], by *Mr. Robert Audley*, power reserved to the other exor.

JOHN AWDELEY, late of Laver de la Haye, co. Essex, decd. Admon. granted 28 Feb. 1657, in P.C.C. [Admon. Act Book, f. 40 d.], to *Anne Awdeley*, the relict.

ROBERT AWDELEY, of Bicknaker, par. of Woodham Ferry, co. Essex, esq. Will dated 3 Nov. 1658. To my wife, *Bridget*, my manor called Woodham Hall, in the par. of Woodham Ferrie, for life, with remainder to my sons, *Robert* and *Thomas*. Also to my said wife, my messuage wherein I now dwell, and my lands and my cottages,

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with remainder to my dau. *Anne Awdeley*. To my children, *Catharine Awdeley* and *Richard* and *Charles*, £200, all under 24. To my bror. *Sir Henry Awdeley*, knt., all my woodlands in Woodham Ferrie. Resid. legatee and extrix., my wife *Bridget*. Signed, *Robert Awdeley*. Wits., *Humphrey Lowth*, *John Fenne* (mark), the elder, and *John Thayer*. Proved 22 June 1659, in P.C.C. [Pell 52], by the relict.

SIR HENRY AWDELEY, of Berechurch, co. Essex, knt. Will dated 20 June 1664. To be burd. "among the sepulchres of my ancestors." To my daus. *Katherine*, wife of *Robert Barker*, esq., and *Mary Awdeley*, all their jewels and linen. I am seised for life of the manor of Reeveshall, co. Essex, and lands called Wisdomes Marsh in East Mersey, and a messuage called 'Trumpingtons in the par. of Much 'Tey, co. Essex, by settlement on my first marriage, with remainder to my eldest son *Thomas*, in tail male, and I now devise same to my second son, *Francis*, by my now wife *Dame Anne*, for life, in tail male, with contingent remainders in default to my eldest son by said *Anne*, *Henry*, in tail male, to my nephew *Thomas Awdeley* (eldest son of my late bror. *Robert*, decd.), in tail male, to his bror. *Richard*, in tail male, to my issue by said *Anne*, to my right heirs. To my dau. *Anne*, by my wife *Anne*, £1000 at her age of 21. All my lands in Layer de la Hay, Burch and Fraying, co. Essex, the advowson of Fraying church excepted, and lands in the Isle of Ely, co. Camb., to my son *Francis*, in tail male, with remainders as above, and my lands in Berechurch and Barton, and the said advowson and that of Much 'Tey, to my son *Henry*. The hundred of Lexen to my son *Thomas*, in tail male, with remainder to my son *Francis*, and also all the manors, etc., given to my wife in jointure, to go to the said *Thomas*. To *Richard* and *Charles*, younger sons of my late bror. *Robert*, £40 each, and to his dau., *Katherine Awdeley*, £40, at their ages of 21. To my kinswoman, *Eleanor Plumley*, £10. To *Robert Garter*, £40. Money legacies to children already named. To my wife the manor of Chawreth *alias* Churchall. Resid. legatee, my wife, and *Robert Garter*. Signed, *Henry Awdeley*. Wits., *Thomas Tourner*, *John Woolfe*, *William Sparrey*, and *Thomas Huggesford*. Proved 8 Aug. 1667, in P.C.C. [Carr 101], by the extrix. and exor.

FRANCIS AUDLEY, late of Barton Magna, co. Suffolk, decd. Admon. granted 12 Oct. 1681 to *Lady Anne Audley*, mother and legal next of kin [Bury St. Edmunds Probate Office, Act Book 5, f. 51].

THOMAS AWDLEY, late of Buckland, co. Berks., esq., bachelor, decd. Admon. granted 14 May 1688 to *Sir Richard Allibon*, knt., Justice of the Pleas, for the use of *Mary Awdley*, *Catherine Baker alias Awdley*, half sisters (sc. full sisters), and *Henry Awdley*, (sc. half) bror. of decd. [P.C.C. Admon. Act Book, f. 71]. Admon. 28 Nov. 1688 to *Peirs Butler*, esq., for the use of the said sisters and bror., the said *Sir Richard* being dead [do., do., 476].

THOMAS AWDLY, late of Woodham Ferris, co. Essex, decd. Admon. granted 22 Jan. 1694/5 to *Catherine*, wife of *Lewis Howard*, esq., the sister [Commissary Court of London, Essex and Herts., Admon. Act Book, 1684-1699, f. 166 d.].

ELIZABETH AUDLEY, widow, of St. George the Martyr, co. M'sex. Will dated 30 Aug. 1716. To my sister, the *Hon. Olivia Darrell*, wife of *John Darrell*, of Calchill, co. Kent, esq.,* £100. To my servant, *Elizabeth Greene*, £300. Resid. legatees, my said sister's younger children. Extrix., said sister, *Olivia Darrell*. Signed, *Eliz: Audley*. Wits., *Ad. Pigott*, *Charles Pigott*, and *Ralph Pigott*. Codicil dated 22 Jan. 1732-3. To my servant, *Francis Goshing*, £100. Signed, *E. Audley*. Wits., *Elc. More* and *Ann Togley*. Proved 10 Feb. 1732/3, in P.C.C. [Price 28], by *Olivia*, wife of *John Darrell*, esq.

FRANCIS AWDLEY, of Colchester, co. Essex, malster. Will dated 1 Feb. 1723/4. My household goods to my wife *Anne*, for life, and after her death to my exor. to sell same, and money to cousin, *Martha Dyer*, widow. To my friend, *Robert Chignel*, £8. Resid. legatees, said *Martha Dyer* and her children, *Jonathan*, *Frances*, *Thomas* and *Martha Merry*; my cousins, *William* and *Robert Jacobs*, *Hannah*, wife of *Thomas Wood*, carpenter, *Margaret* and *Anne Jacobs*, children of *Robert Jacobs*, my cousin, and *William*, son of *William Groome*, at their ages of 21. Exor., *Robert Chignel*, of Colchester, malster. Signed, *Francis Awdley*. Wits., *Edmund Raynham*, *John Turner* and *Thomas Garland*. Codicil dated 11 Dec. 1724. To *Judith*, wife of *Joseph Hedge*, 50s/-. Signed, as before. Wits., *Samuel Langley*, *Sarah Hales* (mark) and *Thomas Lord*. Proved 22 Feb. 1724, by the exor. [Archdeaconry Court of Colchester, Masters 253].

ANN AWDLEY, of Colchester, co. Essex, widow. Will dated 11 Mch. 1733/4. To my cousin, *Thomas Lord*, of Colchester, £100. To my cousin, *Mary*, wife of *Stebbing Sherman*, of Colchester, £100. The residue remaining in my cousin *Robert Chignell*'s hands I give to *James* and *John Vale*, sons of *Daniel Vale* by my cousin *Elizabeth Morgan*, at their ages of 21. To my cousin, *Robert Chignall*, malster in Colchester, £8, and £5 which he paid *James White*, as exor. to my late husband, *Francis Awdley*. To my cousin, *William Groom*, and his children, *Mary*, *Sarah* and *William Groom*, a third part of the residue of my estate. To my cousin, *Martha Dyer*, and her children, *Jonathan*, *Francis* and *Thomas Merry*, a like third part. To my cousin *Hannah*, wife of *Thomas Wood*, and my

*See Berry's *Kentish Genealogies*, p. 102. Olivia was Lord Strangford's second daughter.

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cousins *William, Robert and Margaret Jacobs*, the remaining third part. To my cousin, *Ann Sherman*, all my china, silver spoons, strainer, tongs and a voider. To my cousin, *Sarah Sherman*, a damask table cloth. To *Mary*, wife of my cousin, *Thomas Lord*, a hood and scarf, and to his dau. *Mary* a spoon. To *Samuel*, son of *Stebbing Sherman*, a ring. To my cousin, *Ann Potter*, dau. of *Thomas Potter*, millwright, a gown. To *Judith*, wife of *Joseph Hedge*, a bed. To *Rev. Mr. John Collins*, a piece of gold. My cousin, *Mr. Samuel Tattam*, to pay my cousins *James* and *John Vale* the rent of my land near the waterworks. Exors., my cousins, *Mr. Samuel Tattam*, of London, merchant, and *Mr. Robert Chignell*, of Colchester. Signed, (mark). Wits., *Jno. Grimston, Jonth. Tabor* and *John Everad*. Codicil dated 20 Sept. 1734. To my cousin, *Ann Turner*, a cloak. To my cousin, *Sarah Chignall*, an apron. To my cousin, *Mary Lord*, a handkerchief. To my cousin, *Ann Sherman*, a handkerchief. To my cousin, *Mary Everard*, a cloak. To my cousin, *Sarah Witherly*, widow, a hood. Legacies to *Hannah Harce, Judith Hedge, Sarah Smith*, and *Sarah Hedge, Mrs. Hedge's* eldest dau. Wit., *Sarah Rawston*. Proved 20 July 1736 by *Robert Chignell*, power reserved to *Samuel Tattam* [Archdeaconry of Colchester, Pain 465].

POST-MORTEM INQUISITIONS

Essex. SIR THOMAS AUDELEY, K.G., LORD AUDELEY OF WALDEN, LATE CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND. Inquisition taken at (illegible, all very faint, and no duplicate), 2 Mch., 36 Hen. VIII. (1544/5), to inquire after death of said *Lord Audeley*. The jurors (named) say on oath that *John Ayer* and *James Vawdy*, long before death of said *Lord Audeley*, were seised of the Monastery of Walden, and of site of same, with houses, gardens, curtilages, pools, etc., and of the manors of Walden, Pounces, Mattens, St. Aylottes, Abbottes in Thunderley, Mynchone in and of the rectories of Walden, Arkesden, Great Chisill, Eldsnam, and Terling, and the vicarages of the churches of Walden, Arkesden, Great Chisill, Eldsnam, and Terling, and of 1000 messuages, 200 tofts, 8 watermills, 4 windmills, 200 gardens, 3000 acres of arable land, 1000 acres of meadow, 2000 acres of pasture, 500 acres of wood, £100 free rents in Walden, Broke Walden, Littlebury, Newport, Pounces, Mattens, St. Aylottes, Thunderley, Arkesden, Beerdon, Ashedon, Wendon, Great Wendon, Little Henham, Minchon, Arkinsden, Depden, Terling, Lighes, Elmeden, Hatfield Peverell, Boram, Wyttam, Blacknotley, Falborn, Fayrsted, and Sturmare, and so being seised demised same to said *Lord Walden* and *Elizabeth* his wife. (Various leases of parts of above made by *Lord Walden*, very faint and difficult to decipher). *Lord Walden* made his will 20 Apl., 35 Hen. VIII. (1544), and bequeathed to his next heirs his manors of Cornbury and Gyscracke (?), co. Herts., and the patronage of parsonage of Dyxwell, and vicarage of Leighes, co. Herts., the manors of Braughing Ferrers, Michelby, the parsonage of Braughing, the manors of Westmill, and Littleborne Mede, and all other lands, etc., in co. Herts., the manors of Desenage, Gresnon Talmages, Heringstall, Audelbie, co. Suffolk, and all lands, etc., there, his chief manor and dwelling house called Christchurch in London, and all houses and lands, etc., in pars. of St. Katherine Christchurch in Aldgate, St. Botolph's without Aldgate, except the parsonage of St. Katherine Christchurch, with all tithes, etc., and except the house where his cousin *William Audeley* dwells, and except the great garden in St. Botolph's, and to his said heirs the manors of Tilney and as to his capital messuage, etc., of Walden, and his manors, etc., of Walden, Matyns, St. Aylottes, Butlers, Westleys, Manhall, Dollysgrove and Bengheoo alias Bouchers Hall, Depden, and Berden, with all the lands, etc., co. Essex, and the manor of Abbotts in Thunderley, co. Essex, and his manors in co. Cambridge, his parsonage of Walden and Great Chesterforde, and advowson of Walden and Great Chesterforde, and all farms, etc., belonging to the late monastery of Walden, and tithes in Little Chesterford, co. Essex, and all lands, etc., in places already named in co. Essex, and yearly rent out of the manor of Hawkeston, co. Camb., advowsons of Aynoo and Kyngesham, co. Oxford, the manor of Myncheons in Arkesden, the parsonages of Arkesden, Chyshyll and Ellesnam, to his wife for life, as part of her jointure, with remainder to his right heirs. To said wife, manor of Terling and Lighes, and parsonage of Terling, and lands there, etc., in co. Essex, and manor of Wodeham Ferrers, co. Essex, and mansion house of Old Ford, and premises in Stratford, East and West Ham, Waltham, etc., and after her decease to remain to nephew, *Thomas*, and the manor called Berechurche, with the park and the advowson of the church, co. Essex, and lands, etc., there, rent from Harstede Hall, lands, etc., in Crutched Friars, Colchester, to testator's brother, *Thomas Audeley* (the rest of the will given [see abstract, p. 100], but very faint). He had issue by his wife, *Dame Elizabeth, Margaret* and *Mary*, still surviving, and *Dame Elizabeth* also survives (Tenures given). *Margaret* is now aged 4 years and a half, and *Mary* 3 years. (Date of death does not appear to be given.) (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 70, no. 3.)

Essex. THOMAS AWDELEY, SEN. Inquisition taken at Stratford Langthorne, co. Essex, 7 Nov., 5 and 6 Philip and Mary (1558), before the Escheator there, to enquire after the death of *Thomas Awdeley*, sen. The jurors (named) say on oath that before the death of said *Thomas, Thomas Awdeley*, K.G., *Lord Audeley of Walden*, Chancellor of England, was seised in his demesne, as of fee, of the manor of Berechurch and the park there, the advowson of the church, and lands in West Donyland, East Donyland, and Fyngringhoe, land called Colles land,

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a meadow called Colles meadow ; a water mill and meadow in Layer de la Hay and Westdonyland ; the manor of Gossebeck, and yearly rent of 20s. issuing from the manor of Harsend Hall, and lands, etc., in Stanway and West Donyland, and the circuit and precincts of the Crutched Friars in the suburbs of Colchester, a messuage with lands, etc., called the Bell in Colchester, a wood called Crokelford Wood, lands called Butlers in Abington and Peldon, and a messuage called Trumpingtons in Great Teye. So being seised on 19 Apl., 35 Hen. VIII. (1544), *Lord Audeley* made his will, bequeathing to his brother *Thomas Audeley* the manor of Berechurch, and said lands, etc., for life, he to pay to his (the brother's) son and heir *Thomas* £10 a year, and to his second son *Thomas* £8 a year, and to his youngest son *John* £8 a year, and after the said brother's death the manor, etc., to remain to that brother's said son and heir *Thomas*, and the site of the Crutched Friars and the manor of Gosbeck and Crokelford wood to his said son *Thomas*, and the woods called Butlers and messuage called Trumpingtons to his youngest son *John*. *Lord Audeley* died 19 Apl., 35 Hen. VIII. (1544), and *Thomas Audeley*, named in the writ, entered into the premises. The said *Thomas* was also seised of divers messuages and lands in Frating, and the advowson of that church, and a yearly rent of 6s. 8d. issuing from Frating Rectory, and the advowson of St. Michael at Myle End by Colchester, and a yearly rent of 6s. 8d. from the said Rectory, and tithes in Boxsted, late parcel of the Priory of St. Botolph's, Colchester, and a yearly rent of 6s. 8d. from the rectory of Aldham, and of 6s. from the Rectory of Whitechapel, and divers other rents in Colchester. The said *Thomas* died 20 Aug. last past, and *Thomas Audley*, esq., is his son and next heir, and on the day of the death of his said father was aged 30 years and more. (Tenures given.) (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 116, no. 22).

Hertford. MARGARET, DAUGHTER OF THOMAS LORD (*torn*) WALDEN, DECD., AND LATE THE WIFE OF THOMAS LATE DUKE OF NORFOLK. Inquisition taken at Waltham, co. Herts., 30 Sept., 14 Eliz. (1572), before the Queen's Escheator there. The jurors (named) say on oath that long before the death of the said *Margaret* (she) was seised in demesne, as of fee, of the manor of Braughynge, and the rectory of the parish church, and the vicarage of Braughynge, and of a tenement called Milk Hautels, and a (*torn*), and a wharf and another tenement in Ware, and three pieces of meadow in Hoddesdon, par. of Broxbourne ; also of the manor of Fryers, in Braughing, the manors of Cornbury and Gybrack, with the rectory of Leyston and Alesbourne, and the advowson of the vicarage there ; the manor of Westmyll, and advowson ; the manor of Horemeade Parva, and advowson. So being seised, by name of *Margaret (torn)*, widow, by deed bearing date 1 Apl., 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1558), she granted to *Margaret Tyler*, by name of *Margaret Martyn*, gentlewoman, an annuity of £13.6.8 out of the manor of Cornbury for life, and to *John Rogers*, gent., an annuity of £4 out of the manor of Braughing, for life, and to *Richard Gregory*, gent., the like annuity out of the manor of Westmyll, for life, and to *Thomas Hanchet*, esq., an annuity of 4 marks out of all her manors, etc., for life. After which *Margaret* married *Thomas, Duke of Norfolk*, and he was seised of said manors in her right. They had issue *Thomas Howard* and *Margaret Howard*. Said *Margaret, Duchess of Norfolk*, died, and her husband the *Duke* survives her and holds the said manors. The said manor of Cornbury, etc., held of the Queen in chief by fealty only, and worth yearly beyond reprises £40. And (*torn*) Fryers, in Braughing, tenure, etc., unknown to jurors, worth yearly £4.6.8. Manor of Gybrack, etc., tenure unknown, worth £40 yearly, together with Cornbury and the rectory. Manor of Westmyll, and advowson held of Queen in chief by fealty and rent of 64s/4, worth yearly £32. Manor of Horemeade Parva and advowson held of Queen in chief by 20th part of one knight's fee and rent of 13s/4, worth yearly £6. The said *Margaret, Duchess of Norfolk*, died 10 Jan., 6 Eliz. (1563/4) and *Thomas Howard* is her son and next heir, and is now aged 11 years, 1 month, 10 days, and *Thomas, Duke of Norfolk*, has occupied the premises aforesaid (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 162, no. 167).

Essex. THOMAS AUDELEY, ESQ. Commission issued 29 Jan., 15 Eliz. (1572/3). Inquisition taken at Stratford Langthorne, co. Essex, 9 Feb., 15 Eliz. (1572/3), before the Queen's Commissioners there, to enquire after the death of *Thomas Audeley*, late of Berechurch, esq. The jurors (named) say on oath that the said *Thomas* at the time of his death was seised of the manor of Blynde Knyghts, co. Essex, of the manor or messuage called the Bye, in Layer de la Haye, and 4 messuages and lands adjoining, about 60 acres, called Wards, Giles, Harveys, Heathouse, Holts, Sawyers, Symmes, Bealdes, Graftons, Underwood, Glevens and Cleves, in Layer de la Haye, and the Rectory of Layer de la Haye, and the advowson of the vicarage of same ; also of the manors of Aburton and Badecokes, co. Essex ; the manor of Great Teye, and the advowson of that church, the manor of Northlands, the Hundred called Lexden Hundred, the holding of the tourn of the Sheriff in said Hundred, and all thereunto belonging, and all profits, etc., of the same, the manor and rectory of Chawreth *alias* Chyrchehall. So being seised, by indenture made between him and his father, *Thomas Audeley*, sen., esq., of one part, and *Richard Southwell*, knt., they enfeoffed *John Lucas*, *George Foster*, *George Christmas*, esqs., and *Arthur Clerk*, gent., of the premises, to the use of said *Thomas* the son and *Katharine* his wife, and the issue of *Thomas* the son, in default to his right heirs, which indenture was made 8 Nov., 1 Edw. VI. (1547). *Thomas Audeley* (tear in MS.) of Berechurch, esq., father of *Thomas* named in the Commission, was seised for life, with remainder to his said son, by virtue of the will of *Thomas Audeley, knt., Lord Audeley of Walden*, Chancellor of England, bearing date 19 Apl., 35 Hen. VIII. (1544), of the manor of Berechurch, co. Essex, and of the park of Berechurch newly enclosed, and the

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advowson of the parish churches of St. James, St. Martin (tear in MS.), Colchester, and the advowson of the vicarage of St. Peter's Church, Colchester, and the donation of the church of St. Botolph's, Colchester, and of 2 messuages with lands and woods, etc., in the hamlet of West Donyland, in par. of St. Giles, Colchester, called Webbes and Sayers *alias* Feriers, parcel of the customary lands of the manor of West Donyland, and of 2 messuages and lands in West Donyland called Ardeleys and Prennynges, and 4 acres called Bettyslonde, there, and a messuage called Esthorpes and another called Kerdyves, and lands there called Leches, and messuages called Cosyns, Blackheath, Leverydes, Wasteles (tear in MS.) land called Hornes Grove, all in West Donyland and Blackheath, and 2s. 4d. rent from a messuage called Grenes *alias* Spynes in Blackheath, a wood called Moltommes Wood in West Donyland, and lands called Monkwyke, Sentons Shott and Highfeld; a cottage in St. Botolph's par., Colchester, and lands in West Donyland from Shrebbie to Kingsford bridge, all parcel of the manor of Berechurch; a water mill called Layermill, with appurtenances, in Layerdelahaye and West Donyland, and a meadow and lands called Collylonde and Collesmeadow, in Aburton, and a yearly rent of 20s. in Kelvedon, a messuage and lands in Fynynghe, and *Thomas* the father, and *Thomas* the son and his wife *Katherine*, were seised of same, and *Thomas* died seised thereof, and *Katherine* survives at Berechurch. He was also seised of the manor of Woodham Ferrys, and of rents issuing from the rectories of Fratyng, and Aldham, and marsh called Leymouth in East and West Ham. (Tenures given.) *Thomas* died 31 Dec. last past, and *Robert Awdley* is his son and heir and was aged 17 years on 14 Mch. last past (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 163, no. 57).

Essex. THOMAS AWDLEY, GENT. Writ dated 16 July, 27 Eliz. (1585). Inquisition taken at Stratford Langthorne, 2 Nov., 27 Eliz. (1585), before the Queen's Escheator there, to enquire after the death of *Thomas Awdley*, gent. The jurors (named) say on oath that the said *Thomas Awdley*, before his death, was seised of the manor of Gosbeck, with the appurtenances, in said co., in his demesne, as of fee, and by his deed of 1 Apl., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556), enfeofed thereof *Edward Cole*, and *Richard Hardekynne*, gents., to the use of himself and his wife *Beatrice*, and the heirs of their bodies, in default to the right heirs of said *Thomas*, and said *Thomas* and *Beatrice* were so seised thereof. So being seised, *Thomas* died 2 Apl. last past, and *Beatrice* survives, and is seised of same for life and dwells at Stanwayes. *Thomas Awdley* is son and heir of *Thomas* and *Beatrice*, and at the time of his father's death was aged 21 years and more. (Tenure given.) (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 207, no. 116.)

Essex. THOMAS AUDELEY, GENT. Writ dated 21 June, 41 Eliz. (1599). Inquisition taken at Brentwood, co. Essex, 28 June, 41 Eliz. (1599), before the Queen's Escheator there. The jurors (named) say on oath that long before the death of the said *Thomas Audeley*, gent., his father, *Thomas Audeley*, was seised in his demesne, as of fee, of the manor of Gosbecks, and by his deed made 1 Apl., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556), enfeofed *Edward Cole* and *Richard Hardkyn*, gents., to the use of *Thomas Audeley* the father and *Beatrice* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, in default to the right heirs of *Thomas* the father. *Thomas*, the father, died so seised, and *Beatrice* survived him, and still survives, and is seised of the same, and *Thomas* named in the writ was heir of *Thomas* the father, and was therefore seised of the reversion of said manor. He died 22 Sept., 39 Eliz. (1597), and *Anne Audeley*, born after the death of the said *Thomas*, to wit, 29 Apl. last past, is the only dau. and heir of said *Thomas*, and is aged 1 year, 1 month, and 28 days. *Beatrice*, as aforesaid, survives at Berechurch, co. Essex, and takes the profits, etc. (Tenures given.) (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 258, no. 56.)

Norfolk. THOMAS AWDLEY. Writ dated 19 Feb., 13 James I. (1620-1). Inquisition taken at Norwich Castle 6 Sept., 19 James I. (1621), before the King's Escheator there, to enquire after the death of *Thomas Awdley*, late of Attlebridge, co. Norfolk, esq. The jurors (named) say on oath that *Thomas Awdley* aforesaid was seised in his demesne, as of fee, of 4 acres of meadow at Attlebridge, Taverham and Ringland, and so being seised had issue *Katherine* and *Anne Awdley*, and died seised of same 31 July, 11 James I. (1613),* at Attlebridge, and the said *Katherine* and *Anne Awdley* are his dauers, and coheirs, *Katherine* at her father's death being aged 3 years, and *Anne* 2 years or thereabouts. The jurors do not know of whom the premises are held or their value (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 385, no. 4).

Norfolk. THOMAS AWDLEY. Inquisition taken at Norwich Castle, co. Norfolk, 1 Oct., 20 James I. (1622), to enquire after the death of *Thomas Awdley*, esq., decd. The jurors (named) say on oath that whereas by a certain inquisition taken 6 Sept., 19 James I. (1621), at Norwich Castle, it was found that *Thomas Awdley* long before his death was seised in his demesne, as of fee, of 4 acres of meadow in Attlebridge, Taverham and Ringland, the jurors not knowing of whom held, the jurors now say the same were held of the manor of Dightons in socage by rent of 4d. a year (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 391, no. 34).

Essex. ROBERT AWDELEY, ESQ. Writ dated 19 May, 1 Charles I. (1625). Inquisition taken at Maldon, co. Essex, before the King's Escheator there, to enquire after the death of *Robert Awdley*, of Berechurch, esq. The jurors (named) say on oath that the said *Robert* was seised in his demesne, as of fee, of the manor of Berechurch,

*He really died between 4 and 8 July 1611; see his admon. and will, *ante*, p. 102.

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Berechurch Park, a capital messuage called Berechurch House, 200 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 210 of wood, and 150 of furze and heath, late in tenure of *Katherine Awdley*, widow, late decd., mother of said *Robert*, in Berechurch, West Donyland, and Fingringhoe; 30 acres of land, 4 of meadow, called *John Att Woods*, in Berechurch, 50 acres of meadow called *Coles Land* and *Coles Land Meadow* in Abberton, 2 messuages, 100 acres of land, 8 of meadow, called *Blackshams* and *Porters*, in Berechurch and Fingringhoe; a water mill, 3 acres of Meadow in Abberton and Laverdelahay; the manors of Abburton, Badcocks and Reves, 100 acres of land, 40 of pasture, in Abberton and Laver de la Hay; 100 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and 40 of pasture, called *Trumpingtons* and *Fidlers*, in Great Teye; the advowson of the churches of Berechurch and Abburton; of all which premises a fine was levied in Trinity Term, 4 James I. (1606), between *John Drewry, knt.*, *Andrew Wyndors, sen., esq.*, *John Darcy, esq.*, and *John Wakeman, gent.*, plaintiffs, and *Robert Awdley, esq.*, deforciant, to the use of *Katherine Awdley*, mother of said *Robert*, for life, with remainder to said *Robert* and his wife *Katherine*, with contingent remainders to their children *Thomas* and *Henry* (now knight), in tail male, *Thomas Awdley*, brother of said *Robert*, in tail male, to said *Robert*, his heirs and assigns, except the premises called *Trumpingtons* and *Fidlers*, and the advowson, to the use of *Robert* for life, with contingent remainders to his wife *Katherine*, the heirs and assigns of *Robert*. *Thomas Awdley*, elder son of said *Robert*, died 14 Nov. 1613, at Berechurch, without issue. *Katherine*, mother of *Robert*, died 30 Nov. 1611, at Berechurch. The said *Robert* was also seised of 80 acres of wood in Berechurch alias West Donyland, and 4 acres of meadow called *Kirton Meadow* there; also of the manor of Woodham Ferrys, and 2 messuages and land, etc., there, and by indenture of 5 Oct., 19 James I. (1621), between said *Robert*, of one part, and *Thomas Lord Windsor, Andrew Windsor, esq.*, and *Robert Awdley, gent.*, younger son of said *Robert*, the premises were settled on said *Robert* for life, with contingent remainders to his son *Robert* and his heirs. He was also seised of the manor of Blind Knights, and lands, etc., and the rectory of Laver de la Hay and advowson of same, and the advowson of the church and rectory of Great Teye, the Hundred of Lexden, and the tourn of the Sheriff in said Hundred, with all thereunto belonging; the manor and rectory of Chawreth alias Churchall, and the advowsons of the churches of St. James, St. Martins and All Saints in Colchester, and of St. Peters, Colchester, St. Botolphs, Colchester, a cottage and land in St. Botolphs par., Colchester, and 20s. rent in Kelvedon, a messuage and land in Frating, the advowson of Frating church, and an annual rent of 6s. 8d. issuing from Frating Rectory, and another of 6s. 8d. from Aldham rectory. He was also seised of the manor of Great Barton, and lands for sheep there, co. Suffolk, and the rectory of Great Barton, and the advowson thereof and of Tilney. *Robert* died 27 Sept. last past at Berechurch, and *Henry Awdley* is his son and heir, aged 20 years, 5 months, 1 day, at his father's death, and in the lifetime of his father, viz. on 8 May, 20 James I. (1622), was created a knight by James I. (Tenures given.) (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 418, no. 92.)

Worcs. THOMAS AWDLEY, gent., lunatic. Inquisition taken at Kidderminster, 24 Feb., 16 Charles II. (1663/4), before the King's Commissioners, by virtue of letters patent directed to them, to enquire whether *Thomas Awdley, gent.*, be lunatic, or has lucid intervals so that he can control his manors, messuages, lands, etc., or not. The said Commissioners say that the said *Thomas Awdley* is a lunatic, and has been so since 1 Nov. last past, and since then has had no lucid intervals so that he could control his lands, etc. They say he is seised in his demesne, for term of his life, of the manor or lordship of Berrington, and of divers messuages, cottages and lands there, but to whom the same revert they know not, nor of whom held. The same is worth, beyond reprises, yearly £160. *Sir Henry Awdley, knt.*, father of said *Thomas*, is seised in his demesne, for life, of the manor of Ditton, co. Salop, and divers messuages and lands there, with remainder, after his death, to said *Thomas*. They do not know of whom held. During *Sir Henry's* life the same are worth nothing to the said *Thomas*; after *Sir Henry's* death £50 a year. *Katherine Barker*, now wife of *Robert Barker, esq.*, and *Mary Awdley*, spinster, are sisters and next heirs of *Thomas Awdley*, *Katherine* being aged 34 years and *Mary* 33 years. He is also possessed of a gelding price £20, now in the keeping of *Lady Mary Yate*, widow, and on 17 Nov. last past was also possessed of a horse price £40, a sword, a saddle, a saddlecloth, and a bit, worth £6, and detained by *Tobias Bushell, gent.* (Chancery Inq. P.M., Series 2, vol. 711, no. 51.)

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS

ROGERSON v. AUDELEIGH

Complaint made to *Thomas, Bishop of Lincoln*, Chancellor of England, by *Robert Rogerson* and *Alice* his wife, formerly wife of *Robert Audeleigh*, late of Erles Colne, co. Essex, that the latter was seised of 3 crofts containing 12 acres of land in Erles Colne, and thereof enclosed *John Smyth, William Baker* and *Geoffrey Audeleigh*, to the use of the said *Robert Audeleigh* and the uses of his last will. By his last will he gave the same to the said *Alice* and her heirs, but although often required the said *Geoffrey* declines to make an estate of the same to her. Pledges of prosecution: *John Roos*, of London, haberdasher, and *William Fryston*, of London, yeoman.

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Answer of *Geoffrey Audleigh* that one *Osborn Schepperd*, of Erles Colne, was seised of the 3 crofts abovesaid, and for £3 paid him by *Ralph Audeleigh*, father of said *Robert* and *Geoffrey*, made an estate thereof to the said *Robert*, *John Lovetop*, priest, *John Smyth*, *William Baker*, and the said *Geoffrey*, to the use of *Robert* and his heirs, and the latter made a will giving same to said *Alice*, and after her decease to their then unborn child. *Robert* died, and after his death *Alice* was delivered of the said child, called *Robert*, now 8 years old, who, in default of good keeping, is "brent & gretely blesched in hys face," and has nothing to be found with except the said crofts, and *Robert Rogerson* and *Alice* sold the crofts to *Jeffrey Bukwelle*, disinheriting said child. Replication of *Robert* and *Alice* that they did not sell the said crofts [Early C.P., C.1, 1475-80 and 1483-85, 51/70].

CLERK v. AUDELEIGH

Complaint made to the *Bishop of Lincoln*, Chancellor of England, by *William Clerk* and *Alice* his wife, formerly wife of *Robert Audeleigh*, late of Erles Colne, co. Essex, that said *Robert* was seised of 3 crofts, containing 12 acres, in Erles Colne, and thereof enfeoffed *John Lovetop*, *John Smyth*, *William Baker* and *Geoffrey Audeleigh* to his own use and the contents of his will. By the same he bequeathed the premises to said *Alice*, to her and her heirs for ever. Although often required, *Geoffrey* has always refused to make an estate of the same to her. Pledges of prosecution:—*Edward Efton*, of Brentwode, co. Essex, yeoman, and *Robert Markate*, of London, yeoman [Early C.P., C.1, 1475-80 and 1483-85, 54/86].

REYNESFORD AND AUDELEY v. HARMAN

(1529/32.) Complaint made to *Sir Thomas More*, knt., Chancellor of England, by *Sir John Reynesford*, knt., *Sir Thomas Tey*, knt., *Thomas Audeley*, the King's serjeant-at-law [so appointed 14 Nov. 1531], *John Cristmas*, esq., *John Tey*, esq., and *John Cristmas*, of Colchester, the elder, that they are seised to the use of *George Willoughby*, esq., and *Anastace* his wife, of the manor of *Vawdesey*, co. Suffolk, the court rolls and other evidences whereof are in the hands of *John Harman*, of Dunstall, gent., who refuses to give up the same, etc. Signed, *Thomas Audeley*. Answer of *John Harman*, denying he has any such rolls, etc. [Early C.P., C.1, 670/9].

AUDELEY v. AUDELEY

20 Nov. 1564. Complaint by *Thomas Audeley*, of (torn), co. Essex, esq., son and heir of *Thomas Audeley*, decd., bror. of *Sir Thomas Audeley*, knt., *Lord Audeley*, Chancellor of England, decd., that the said *Lord Audeley*, complainant's uncle, was seised of the manor of *Woodham Ferrers*, co. Essex, and held of the King in chief, and the said *Lord Audeley* on 19 Apl. 1544 made his will and bequeathed the said manor to his wife, *Elizabeth*, with remainder, after her death, to complainant and his heirs. *Elizabeth* died, and complainant entered upon the said manor, but now one *George Norton*, knt., and *Thomas Gymblett alias Barber*, of Terlyng, co. Essex, claim complainant made a lease to them of the said manor, and are upheld therein by *Thomas Audeley*, of Colchester, co. Essex, the younger, which complainant denies [C.P., Series 2, C.3, 4/30].

LEECH v. AUDLEY

(1558/79). Complaint by *Thomas Leech*, of Westdonyland, co. Essex, that he was seised of a customary tenement, held of *Thomas Audley*, esq., as of his manor of *Algoods*, in West Donyland, within the franchise of Colchester, and in the time of *Queen Mary*, without cause, was dispossessed by said *Thomas*, but was afterwards restored thereto by *Queen Elizabeth*, but at harvest time last past was turned out by complainant's servants. Answer by *Thomas Audley* that *Leech* withdrew himself from his tenement in the time of *Queen Mary*, owing to religious disturbances, and paid no rent or service, and left his house empty and was fugitive [C.P., Series 2, C.3, 112/2].

BRETT v. AUDLEY

8 Feb. 1583. Complaint by *John Brett*, of Much Teye, co. Essex, and *Joan* his wife, late wife of *Roger London*, decd., and *Samuel London*, son and heir of said *Roger*, that one *Thomas Audley*, late of Berechurch, esq., decd., and *Katherine* his wife, were seised of the manor of Teye, and at a court held 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1556-7) the said *Thomas Audeley* conveyed to *Roger London* the site of the manor of Teye Hall and the houses thereupon built, who, in *Thomas's* lifetime, surrendered same into the lord's hands, to the use of his will, and he devised same by will to said *Joan*, his wife, and *Samuel* his son, and in 12 Eliz. (1569-70) the said *Joan* was admitted. *Thomas Audley* being dead, his relict *Katherine* is trying to deprive said *John Brett* and the others of their said copyhold [C.P., Series 2, C.3, 205/19].

BAKER v. WRIGHT

28 June 1585. Complaint by *Richard Baker*, of Great Sampford, co. Essex, son and heir of *John Baker*, decd., that *Richard Wright*, late of Debden, decd., was seised of a customary messuage and 40 acres of land held of *Thomas, Lord Awdley*, as of his manor of Debden, and he surrendered same on 14 Apl., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556), into the lord's hands conditionally, etc., etc.—nothing further *re* Audley [C.P. Eliz., C.2, B. 32/15].

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AUDLEY v. GRESLEY

23 Jan. 1609/10. Complaint by *Robert Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., that *Dame Mary Gresley*, now the wife of *Sir Thomas Gresley*, knt., about 14 or 15 years ago, long before her marriage, agreed to purchase of *Bartholomew Yate* and *Margaret* his wife divers houses in Fleet Lane near the Fleet, London, and being then a widow she caused the said *Yate* and his wife to convey the same to complainant, being her sister's son, and to *Sir John Drewry*, knt., her son and heir apparent, to the use of herself and her son, and complainant had no knowledge of this conveyance until Dec., 38 Eliz. (1595), when *Sir John Drewry* came to him and asked him to join in paying an annuity to said *Yate* and his wife, complainant however to be kept harmless. Continues *re* said transaction. He desires *Sir Thomas Gresley*, *Mary* his wife, *Sir John Drewry* and *John Wethersby* may be summoned to answer the premises.

5 Feb. 1609/10. Answer of *Dame Mary Gresley* that she was widow of *Robert Foorth*, esq., Dr. of Civil Law, and he had a bror., *Arthur Foorth*, gent.; and also answer of *Sir John Drury*, knt., *re* said annuities, etc. [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 10/6].

AUDLEY v. FISHE

2 July 1614. Complaint by *Robert Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., son and heir of *Thomas Audley*, of Berechurch, esq., decd., that in Aug., 3 and 4 Edward VI. (1549-50), the said *Thomas* was seised of the reversion of the manor of Woodham Ferrers, co. Essex, after the death of *Dame Elizabeth Audley*, widow of *Thomas*, late Lord Audley, Chancellor of England. By indenture made about that time, between said *Thomas*, complainant's father, and *Thomas Barber*, gent., the said manor was let to the latter for 60 years after *Elizabeth's* death, at a yearly rental of £46. 13. 4. The said *Elizabeth* died some years after the said indenture was made. *Thomas Barber* assigned his lease to *Sir George Norton*, knt., and afterwards the same came to *Walter Fishe*, father of *Cornelius Fishe*, esq., who now claims to be the owner. About 40 years ago, complainant's father, *Thomas Audley*, died seised of the said manor, and same belongs to complainant, in spite of any leases made, and *Cornelius Fishe* has made great waste therein, felling trees, etc.

Answer of *Cornelius Fishe*, esq., that he believes *Dame Elizabeth Audley* died 4 Apl., 3 Eliz. (1561). He denies he has made any waste, and says the manor belongs to complainant and he holds it by lease [C.P. James I., C.2, A.3/29].

SANDERS v. AUDLEY

5 June 1624. Complaint by *George Sanders*, that his grandfather, *George Sanders*, was seised of an estate of inheritance, according to the custom of the manor, of lands called Three Counnyferres, Two Broachyards, Fower Chandlers, and Sixe Milhills, in Woodham Ferris, co. Essex, and the same, on his grandfather's death, descended to his father, *Ely Sanders*, who died about 33 years ago, and same then descended to complainant. But now *Robert Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., lord of the manor in which said lands lie, refuses to give up the evidences concerning the same, which have got into his hands, and which he unlawfully withholds [C.P., Series 2, C.3, 378/49].

SAUNDERS v. AUDLEY

20 May 1625. Complaint by *George Saunders* (undescribed) that his grandfather, *George Saunders*, was seised of certain copyhold lands in Woodham Ferris, co. Essex, and on his death the same descended to his son, *Ely Saunders*, father of complainant. *Ely* died about 33 years ago, and the same ought to descend to complainant, but *Robert Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., his mother and guardian, *Katherine Audley*, and *Sir Henry Audley*, have got the evidences into their custody and refuse to give them up.

14 June, 1 Chas. I. (1625). Answer of *Sir Henry Audley*, knt., *Robert Audley*, gent., and *Katherine Audley*, widow, that *Thomas Audley*, esq., grandfather of said *Sir Henry* and *Robert*, was seised of the manor of Woodham Ferrers, and on 21 Aug., 4 Edward VI. (1550), demised same to *Thomas Barber*, gent., to hold same from death of *Lady Elizabeth Audley*, widow of *Sir Thomas Audley*, knt., Lord Chancellor of England, decd., for 60 years. The reversion of the Manor passed from Robert afsd. to his son *Robert Audley*, father of *Sir Henry* and *Robert*, and *Robert* the father entered into same after Michaelmas 1621, and by his deed dated 5 Oct., 19 James I. (1621), he settled same on himself for life, with remainder to said *Robert*, the complainant, and his heirs for ever. *Robert* the father died, and *Robert* the complainant is entitled to same. They deny the *Saunders* ever held any copyhold lands in same [C.P. Charles I., C.2, S.65/16].

AUDLEY v. BATT

18 June 1630. Complaint by *Robert Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, gent., that he was acquainted with *Pascha Batt*, sometime servant to his mother, and a year ago he visited her where she lived with her mother, *Margaret Browne*, widow, in Queens Street, St. Giles in the Fields, co. M'sex, and they, combining with *Mary Browne*,

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dau. of *Margaret*, complainant "being a very young man, raw, unexperienced, and altogether ignorant of the subtilties of such kynde of people," contrived to pretend that he offered marriage to *Pascha*, when he should come out of Worcestershire, and tried to get money out of him for breach of such promise. To end all differences, it was agreed he should pay *Pascha* £10, £5 at Christmas last and £5 at Easter. He paid at Christmas, and intended to pay at Easter, but they combining with *Richard Jefferies*, a shifty attorney, had him arrested and imprisoned and contrived to make him sign a bond in £200 for the payment to them of £100.

24 June 1630. Answer of said defendants that complainant had shown affection to said *Pascha* during her service with his mother, and offered marriage, and complainant's mother hearing of it, *Pascha* had to leave her service. They maintain he offered marriage, etc., as set forth in the bill [C.P. Charles I., C.2, A.18/35].

A W D L E Y v. B E N D I S H

9 Jan. 1634/5. Complaint by *Sir Henry Awdley*, of Beerechurch, co. Essex, knt., that his late father, *Robert Awdley*, esq., decd., was seised to him and his heirs for ever of the manor of Tilney in Marshland, co. Norfolk, and by indenture dated 11 James I., for the yearly rent of £100, he granted a lease of the site and demesnes of said manor to *Richard Bendishe*, gent., for 21 years, he to keep same in sufficient repair. The banks being much decayed by incursion of the sea, the said *Robert Awdley* accepted the surrender of the said lease, and in 1615 granted a new lease at a yearly rental of £80 to said *Richard*. The said *Richard* has not manured the ground, or kept the same in sufficient repair, and has now maliciously ploughed up 80 acres of ancient meadow and pasture which have never in the memory of man been ploughed before, to the damage of complainant [C.P. Charles I., C.2, A.9/28].

A W D E L E Y v. A W D E L E Y

10 May 1636. Complaint by *Sir Henry Awdley*, of Beerechurch, co. Essex, knt., that his late father, *Robert Awdley*, esq., decd., was in his lifetime seised of the manors of Beerechurch, Abberton, Badcock, Reiveshall, and Layerdelahay, and in tenements called Blockshams, Peaters, John Attwoods, Cobs Lands, Trumpingtons and other lands in co. Essex, and by his deed dated 19 June, 4 James I. (1606), for a jointure for his wife *Katharine* (mother of complainant), conveyed same to *Sir John Drury*, knt., and others, to the use of him, the said *Robert* and his wife *Katharine*, with remainder, after *Katharine's* death, to complainant in tail male. *Robert* died 22 James I. (1624), and *Katharine* survived and entered into the same and about 6 years ago cut down 600 cart loads of timber and used up the wood, to the great damage of the estate. As complainant has settled reversion of the said manors, etc., on his wife, he has now no estate of inheritance in same, and cannot bring a suit at common law, but desires said *Mrs. Katharine Awdley* may be summoned to appear to answer the premise [C.P., Series 2, C.3, 394/71].

A W D E L E Y v. S P A L D I N G

(Date torn away.) Answer of *William Spalding*, *William* and *John Ash*, *Edmond Manistree*, *Elizabeth Ash*, *Henry Adams*, (torn) *Stephens*, to the bill of complaint of *Sir Henry Awdley*, knt. It is true that *Robert Awdley*, late of Beerechurch, esq., father of complainant, was seised of an estate in Layer de la Hay, co. Essex, and they believe part descended to *Sir Henry*. Before *Robert* was so seised, they have heard, *Katherine Awdley*, mentioned in the bill, was seised of the same, and granted a lease of the premises called Rosses to her servant, *Anthony Ashe*, and after his death to his children. *Katherine Awdley* was grandmother of complainant [C.P. Charles I., C.2, A.23/7].

B A D C O C K E v. A W D L E Y

29 June 1641. Complaint by *George Badcock*, of Much Bentley, co. Essex, gent., that his late father and mother, *John* and *Margaret Badcock*, were seised, in right of *Margaret*, of lands in East Mersey, co. Essex, which were held of *Robert Awdley*, esq., as of his manor of East Mersey. *Robert* died and *Margaret* survived, and after her death the same came to their son, *John Badcock*, and on his death to his bror., the complainant. The lands wrongfully came into possession of said *Robert Awdley*, and now of his son, *Sir Henry Awdley*, knt., who refuses to give up same.

14 July 1641. Answer of *Sir Henry Awdley*, knt., and *Thomas Rolfe*, re said land [C.P. Charles I., C.2, B. 41/14].

L U C A S v. A U D L E Y

29 June 1647. Complaint by *Thomas Lucas*, of Colchester, co. Essex, gent., that *Sir Henry Awdley*, knt., in Aug. 1642, having then lately been a Roman Catholic conforming to the Church of England, obtained a licence to travel to France, and accordingly committing the disposal of his estates, lands and goods to *Henry Potter*, of Abberton, co. Essex, gent., and *William Derric*, of West Donyland, Essex, yeoman, went to France and stayed there three years. An insurrection of the common, rude people took place meanwhile, and they went to *Sir Henry's* dwelling house called Beerechurch, near Colchester, and, believing he was a Roman Catholic, defaced the house

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and despoiled some of his goods. *William Lawrence*, of Colchester, and others, tried to rescue the house, but *Derry*, seeing *Lawrence* among the multitude, brought an action, in Jan. 1642/3, against him, thinking he was one of the mob, for trespass, in the name of *Sir Henry*, he being still in France, and *Lawrence* was imprisoned for theft. *Sir Henry*, hearing of it, desired he should be released, and complainant became bound for said *Lawrence* in £100 in July 1643. After becoming surety for *Lawrence*, the latter became decayed in his estate, and now *Sir Henry* desires complainant very unjustly to pay the penalty of said bond [C.P. Charles I., C.2, L. 21/52].

JAGGERD *v.* AUDLEY

13 Nov. 1647. Complaint by *Thomas Jaggerd*, of Great Thurlow, co. Suffolk, draper, and *William Jacob alias Robinson*, of Brinckley, co. Camb., yeoman, that *Roger Stutevill*, of Chesterton, co. Camb., gent., was seised of the manor or lordship of Brinckley, and by deed of 10 Apl., 10 James I. (1612), demised to complainant's father, *Thomas Jaggard*, a messuage and land there for 21 years, after the death of *Dame Jane*, late wife of *Sir Robert Fetherell*, knt., then wife of *Gilbert Rowlestone*, esq., at a yearly rental of £16. *Dame Jane* died 6 years ago, and complainant's father is also dead, and complainant entered upon the said lease. *Roger Stutevill* is since dead, and *Robert Audley*, of Danbury, co. Essex, gent., who married *Anne*, dau. and heir apparent of said *Roger Stutevill*, *Richard Rich* and his wife *Anne* (late wife of said *Roger*), claim the said land to complainant's damage.

22 Feb. 1647/8. Answer of *Robert Audley*, gent., denying that said lease concerns him, he claiming nothing in the manor of Brinckley. Certain lands were settled on him in marriage with *Agnes*, his now wife, dau. of said *Roger*, but have nothing to do with said lease.

Answer of other defendants in like manner [C.P. before 1714, C.10, Whittington 19/59].

CORNWALLIS *v.* YATE

1 Feb. 1668/9. Complaint by *Charles, Lord Cornwaleys*, Baron of Eye, co. Suffolk, *Sir Henry Neith*, of Mildenhall, co. Suffolk, bart., *Robert Mattiward*, of Rougham, co. Suffolk, esq., and *Humfrey Hyde*, of (blank), co. Berks., esq., guardians of *Thomas Audley*, esq., a lunatic, that by Letters Patent dated 16 Mch., 16 Charles II. (1663/4), on a commission in accordance with a writ "De lunatico," *Thomas Audley* was found a lunatic, and he and his estates were put into the custody of said complainants, they to account for same, which they have done, and have done everything for the recovery of said *Thomas* and good management of his estate. But now *Dame Mary Yates*, widow and relict of *Sir John Yates*, late of Buckland, co. Berks., bart., decd., and others, have tried to cheat said lunatic out of his rightful estate, consisting of ready money, jewels, etc., to value of £3000, and have received the issues of the lunatic's estate, and the manor of Berrington, co. Worc., worth £200 a year, and possessed themselves of the deeds belonging to him. They desire the said *Mary Yates* and the others, when their names are known, may be summoned to appear and answer the premises.

Answer of *Dame Mary Yate*, widow, that said lunatic, *Thomas Audley*, for 25 years has been and is the son and heir of *Dame Anne Audley*, decd., late wife of *Sir Henry Audley*, late of Berechurch, co. Essex, knt., and she died 25 or 26 years ago, and was defendant's only sister, and before his lunacy the said *Thomas*, her nephew, often stayed with her at her house at Harvington, and there fell into lunacy. *Sir Henry* being far off, she looked after said *Thomas* and provided for him until Nov. 1663, when on the physician's advice he was removed from her house to that of a physician, *Mr. Edmond Pytt*. She denies she has ever held back any money or anything else belonging to said *Thomas Audley*; she had returned to *Sir Henry* all things said *Thomas* left at her house. Taken 17 Nov., 21 Charles II. (1669), at Harvington, par. of Chaddeley Corbett, co. Worc. [C.P. before 1714, Hamilton 480/74].

ROGERS *v.* AUDLEY

26 May 1669. *Nehemiah Rogers*, of Wandsworth, co. Surrey, gent., complains that in Feb. 1662 *Sir Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, knt. and bart., decd., employed *John Palgrave*, of the Inner Temple, London, esq., to inform complainant that his late father, *John Rogers*, was in his lifetime indebted to the said *Sir Henry* in a certain sum of money, and to demand satisfaction for the same, and it was agreed that complainant should pay £50 down and £20 a year for five years, and in return *Sir Henry* should grant to complainant and his heirs the right of presentation to the Church of Much Tey, when it became void. Which agreement said *Sir Henry* has not carried out [C.P. before 1714, C.10, Whittington 470/117].

AUDLEY *v.* AUDLEY

8 July 1670. Complaint by *Francis Audley*, esq., one of the younger sons of *Sir Henry Audley*, late of Berechurch, co. Essex, knt., decd., an infant, by his mother, *Dame Anne Audley*, that *Josias Hill* and *Francis Lavender* were late seised, according to the custom of the manor of Berechurch, of messuages and lands there called Cardires *alias* Garderes, Prenings, Gibbs, Kinot *alias* Easthorne, and Leveretts, in trust for said *Henry* and to certain

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uses, and until lately said complainants have received the profits of the same, but now *Thomas Audley*, esq., a lunatic, by *Thomas, Lord Windsor*, his guardian, pretends a title to same, to their damage, etc.

Answer of some of the trustees that they believe *Thomas* to be the eldest son and heir at law, and say they have no deeds in their custody [C.P. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 62/1].

AUDLEY v. BARNES

15 Feb. 1670/1. Complaint by *Thomas Audley*, of Bury, co. Suffolk, gent., that his father, *Robert Audley*, of Woodham Ferris, co. Essex, gent., decd., was seised of a capital messuage called the Lodge and lands in Woodham Ferris, and in 1639 settled same on his wife *Agnes* for life, with remainder to himself and the heirs of his body, and in 1647 he and *Agnes* levied a fine to that purpose. *Robert* was also seised of the reversion of the manor of Woodham Ferris, which *William Wright* held for some years not then expired, and settled same as above. Afterwards *Agnes* died, leaving complainant as heir of her body, and afterwards *Robert* married *Bridget*, now wife of *Thomas Barnes*, gent., and *Robert* died. Complainant hoped to occupy quietly the said manor, but said *Bridget*, combining with others, has obtained the deeds concerning same to his great prejudice.

Answer of *Thomas Barnes*, gent., and *Bridget* his wife, that in 1647 *Robert Audley* mortgaged the premises to *John Godbold*, gent. They say that when *Agnes* died she left *Henry Audley* her eldest son, who dying, *Robert Audley*, her second son, became heir, and he died, and complainant is now heir. *Bridget* married *Thomas Barnes* two years after the death of her former husband, but they deny any confederacy and plead that *Robert* settled said manor, etc., on *Bridget* [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 584/39].

AUDLEY v. AUDLEY

26 May 1676. Complaint by *Thomas Audley*, esq., a lunatic, by *Thomas, Lord Windsor*, his guardian, that in 4 Charles I. (1628-29) there was a treaty of marriage had between his father, *Sir Henry Audley*, knt., decd., and *Anne Packington*, one of the daus. and coheirs of *Humphrey Packington*, of Chadsley, co. Worc., esq., whereby it was agreed the said *Humphrey* should convey to *Anne* and her male issue by *Henry* the manor of Priors Ditton, and that *Sir Henry* might make leases of parts thereof for the benefit of his younger children. By conveyance of 4 June, 4 Charles I. (1628), the said manor was conveyed to *Sir Henry* and *Anne* and the heirs male of their bodies. *Humphrey Packington* and *Anne* are long since dead, and complainant and his sisters, *Mary Audley* and *Katharine*, wife of *Robert Baker*, are issue of *Sir Henry* and *Anne*. Soon after *Anne's* death, *Sir Henry* married *Anne Daniell* and by her had issue *Henry* and *Anne*, and half an hour before his death, when not of sound mind, he was induced by his wife to sign a lease of part of said manor to the damage of complainant. *Lady Audley* has the contract of the first marriage in her hands, to the defrauding of said complainant.

— Oct., 28 Charles II. (1676). Answer of *Robert Maltzward*, esq., one of the defendants, that it is true what is set out as to *Henry Audley's* first marriage, and afterwards he married *Anne*, dau. of *John Daniel*, of Acton, co. Suffolk, esq., but the said marriage took place many years after the first wife's death. *Sir Henry*, having made provision for the children of his first marriage out of his own estate, was perfectly entitled to make a lease, in accordance with the contract, of the said manor, for the benefit of his other children [C.P. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 440/24].

THOMAS AUDLEY (bill)

26 May 1676. Complaint by *Thomas Audley*, esq., a lunatic, by *Lord Windsor*, his guardian, that in 4 Charles I. (1628), a treaty of marriage being then had between *Sir Henry Audley*, knt. (*Thomas's* father), decd., and *Anne Packington*, one of the daus. and coheirs of *Humphrey Packington*, of Chaddsley, co. Worc., esq., it was agreed the manor of Priors Ditton should be settled on the male issue of that marriage, and said manor was conveyed on 4 June, 4 Charles I. (1628), on said *Sir Henry* and his male issue by said *Anne*. *Anne* and *Henry* are dead, leaving issue complainant and his sisters, *Mary Audley* and *Katherine*, wife of *Robert Barker*, esq. After said *Anne's* death, *Sir Henry* married *Anne Daniell*, who contrives to get the said manor for her children. Continues as before re same [C.P. before 1714, C.6, Collins 510/14].

AWDELEY v. PRICE

31 May 1677. Complaint by *Thomas Awdeley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., that *Humphrey Packington*, late of Harveington, co. Worc., esq., was seised of the manor of Berrington in the par. of Teamebury, co. Worc., and lands thereunto belonging, and ground called Greenhay, in the tenure of *William Price*, of Berrington, yeoman, and granted same to said *William Price*, or his father, who now claims the Greenhay. Complainant's father, *Sir Henry Awdeley*, decd., married *Anne*, one of the daus. and coheirs of said *Humphrey Packington*, and the manor was so settled that complainant is now heir to the same, and complainant's father and he himself have always received 10s/- a year for the said Greenhay, and living in Suffolk, Essex, or elsewhere remote from the said

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manor, entrusted the custody thereof to bailiffs. The writings concerning Greenehay are lost, and *William Price* refuses to say how he claims same, and also refuses to do service at the court baron, to complainant's damage [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 275/5].

AUDLEY v. AUDLEY

2 June 1677. Further answer of *Dame Anne Awdley*, widow, relict of *Sir Henry Awdley*, knt., to the bill of complaint of *Thomas Awdley*, esq., a lunatic, re-affirming her former answer *re* the manor of Ditton. In Nov. 1666 *Sir Henry* and said *Anne* and part of their family came to London, and in Mch. following *Sir Henry* fell ill, but did not appreciate the gravity of the illness, till the morning of the day he died *Dr. Woolfe*, his physician, told him to do anything necessary, and *Sir Henry* directed some one should be sent for to make leases of parcels of said manor, and the deed was executed by *Sir Henry* half-an-hour before his death. The indenture of 8 Mch., 19 Charles II. (1666/7), quoted, *Sir Henry* being described as of Berechurch, co. Essex. She thinks she has answered all that is necessary. A schedule of leases to various tenants annexed [C.P. before 1714, C.6, Collins 226/65].

AWDELEY v. BARKER

10 Oct. 1687. Answer of *Katherine Barker*, widow, to the complaint of *Henry Awdeley*, esq.; believes complainant is half-brother to *Thomas Awdeley*, esq., decd., and heir male to *Sir Henry Awdeley*, knt., decd., and that *Thomas* became a lunatic, and had at that time an estate of £2000 a year. Believes a great part of *Thomas's* estate came from his mother. She does not believe her late husband, *Robert Barker*, esq., entered into the bill named in complaint. After the death of *Thomas Awdeley*, admon. of his goods was granted to *Sir Richard Allibon*, and he possessed himself of £2545.5.6 of that estate, and distributed same to complainant, to *Mary Awdeley* and to this defendant, as the rightful persons to receive same. *Sir Henry Awdeley* married *Anne Packington*, his first wife, and by her left said *Thomas Awdeley*, *Mary Awdeley* and this defendant, and after her death married *Anne Daniell*, and left by her complainant, and *Francis* and *Anne Awdeley*, both of whom died in the lifetime of *Thomas* without issue. *Thomas's* estate lay in three counties, £1000 a year in cos. Worc. and Salop, and *Dame Mary Yate* had the management of same. The said premises in Worc. and Salop descended to said defendant and *Mary Awdeley*, as his sisters of the whole blood. £1000 lay in co. Essex, but she knows not how much thereof came to complainant [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 400/8].

AWDLEY v. ALLYBON and others

— Dec. 1688. Complaint by *Henry Awdley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, that in 1664 his bror. became a lunatic, and the custody of him was granted to his father, *Sir Henry Awdley*, and to *Lord Cornwallis* and others, and, having no estate, he was maintained by his father. *Sir Henry* died in Mch. 1666/7, and the lunatic became thereby entitled to £2000 a year. *Lord Cornwallis* died in 1672 and the lunatic's affairs were transferred to the *Earl of Nottingham* and the *Earl of Windsor*, and the latter died in Dec. 1687, and the custody of the lunatic and his estate was granted to *Sir Richard Allibone*, knt., Justice of the King's Bench. The lunatic died in Mch. 1687/8, and admon. was granted to *Sir Richard*, who died in Aug. 1688, without distributing the estate, and leaving his wife, *Dame Barbara Allibone*, his extrix. *Sir Henry Awdley* married *Anne Packington*, sister of *Dame Mary Yate*, as his 1st wife, and by her had the said *Thomas*, the lunatic, and complainant is next-of-kin. *Dame Mary Yate* had management of the Worcester estate, and *Mary Awdley* and *Katherine Barker*, sisters of *Thomas*, have combined with her and got possession of same and his other lands in cos. Salop and Essex, to the damage of complainant.

18 Jan., 1 William and Mary (1689. 90). Answer of *Sir Edward Gage*, bart., one of the trustees for *Thomas Awdley*; says *Robert* and *Katherine* (sister of said *Thomas* and half-sister of complainant) *Barker* had 4 sons and 3 daus. living at *Robert's* death, that is, *Robert*, *Thomas*, *Besteny*, *John*, *Ann*, *Mary* and *Apalonia*, besides *Henry Barker*, who was his son and heir, and the manor, etc., was sold to pay the younger children's legacies.

Answers of *Ursula*, Countess Dowager of Plymouth, *Dame Barbara Allybon*, *James Dodd* and *Peirce Butler*, esq., to same effect, disclosing nothing further *re* Audley family, but concerning admon., etc. of said estate.

Answers to like effect of *Theophilus Leigh*, esq., and *Sir Willoughby Hickman*, bart., and others [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 399/3].

AWDELEY v. FISHER

8 Dec. 1688. Complaint by *Katherine Awdeley*, of St. Martin's in the Fields, co. M'sex, spinster, that *John Hodges*, of the Inner Temple, esq., and *Richard Coney*, of Bourne, co. Lincs., esq., by indenture bearing date 22 Feb., 35 Charles II. (1682/3), sold to *Lettice Lee*, of London, widow, a capital messuage at Bourne, co. Lincs., and 100 acres there and in Canthorpe Dike, Thirleby, Hanthorpe and Morton, for a term of 400 years, unless a

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certain sum of money was paid. The money was not paid, and same became *Letitice Lee's* property on 2 Mch. 1686, on which day it was conveyed to complainant. Continues *re* said mortgage, wherein *Gilbert Fisher* and others were confederates.

18 May 1689. Answer of *Gilbert Fisher*, an infant under 21, and his guardian *John Barnard*, *re* same [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 502/49].

FISHER v. AUDLEY

29 Jan. 1689/90. Complaint by *William Fisher*, of St. Martin's in the Fields, co. M'sex, gent., only son and heir of *William Fisher*, who was son and heir of *Gilbert Fisher*, that the said *Gilbert* was seised of a capital messuage and lands in co. Lincs., and on marriage with his wife *Mary* settled an annuity of £40 a year to be paid her out of the said premises, which were worth £300 a year. Afterwards *Gilbert* died, and his son *William* entered on the premises and mortgaged them to one *Clarke*, and the said *William* was killed in the late wars, leaving complainant, then of very tender years. *Richard Coney*, of Corby, co. Lincs., pretended the premises came to him from said *Clarke*, and sets up one *Gilbert Fisher* as heir, and the complainant names a number of persons as answerable, among them *Katherine Audley*.

Answer of *Elizabeth*, *Andrew* and *Dillon Smyth*, and also of *John Hodgkinson* ——— no further mention of *Katherine Audley* [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 511/3].

BETTENSON v. AUDLEY

7 June 1693. Answer of *Henry Audley*, esq., to the complaint of *Sir Edward Bettenson*, bart., that he believes complainant is seised of the manor of Laver de la Hay, *alias* Laver de la Hay Hall, co. Essex, but that it is not the only manor extending into the par. of Laver de la Hay, because defendant is seised of another manor in that par., called the manor of Blind Knights, and has freehold and customary rents in that par., and is also seised of several farms and lands there. He only came a few years ago to his estate, and is a stranger to many of the names of the lands, and he does not believe his ancestors ever held of the manor of Laver de la Hay [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 534/116].

HALLES v. AUDLEY

30 Nov. 1694. Complaint by *Edward Halles*, of Holcott, co. Northants., clerk, that *Robert Blemell*, of Fen Stanton, co. Hunts., clerk, having occasion 9 years ago to borrow £300, applied to him, and he paid the same to *Henry Audley*, of Great Barton, co. Suffolk, esq., on *Blemell's* behalf; and *Audley* and others, by indenture of 19 Dec., 1 James II. (1685), sold to *Thomas Pinfold*, Dr. of Laws, and *John Newton*, of Colley Weston, co. Northants., gent., the next advowson of the church of Much Tey Chapell, co. Essex, as patrons of the same, upon the next avoidance thereof, to appoint such person as they thought fit, they arranging with the said *Blemell* to appoint him. The said money was to have been repaid to complainant, with 6 per cent per annum interest, but he has not been paid, the same amounting now to £401. He therefore desires *Henry Audley* (and his co-patrons, *George Porter*, and *Edward Burdett*), *Robert Blemell*, *Thomas Pinfold* and *John Newton*, may be summoned to answer to the truth thereof [C.P. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 166/111].

MUNDAY v. AUDLEY

20 Dec. 1695. Complaint by *Andrew Mundy*, of Woodbridge, co. Suffolk, shipwright, that *Henry Audley*, of Barton, co. Suffolk, esq., in 1694 sold to *Walter Baker* a great parcel of timber at 48s/- a load, and complainant became bound with *Baker* in a bond of £700 that *Baker* would pay the agreed sum to *Audley*. Continues *re* said bond.

25 Jan. 1695/6. Answer of *Henry Audley*, esq., concerning said bond [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 548/46].

AUDLEY v. AUDLEY

12 May 1700. Complaint by *Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., that his late father, *Sir Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, knt., was seised of manors and tenements in cos. Essex, Norfolk, and elsewhere (continues concerning the will, etc., of *Sir Henry*, and his estates, and his ——— complainant's ——— half-bror. *Thomas*, etc., as in previous suits). Complainant's half-sister, *Katherine Barker*, is lately dead, leaving her son and heir, *Henry Barker*, esq., and *Apolonia*, her dau., lately married to *Francis Canning*, of the Middle Temple, London, gent., and they combining with *Mary Audley*, sister of *Thomas*, decd., and half-sister of complainant, have got possession of the deeds and will of *Sir Henry*, and lay claim to some of the property rightfully complainant's.

30 May 1700. Answers of *Mary Audley*, spinster, and of *Francis Canning*, of the Middle Temple, concerning title deeds, etc. Nothing fresh *re* Audley [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 446/26].

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LUTLEY v. AUDLEY

27 June 1700. Complaint by *Bartholomew Lutley*, of Laughton, co. Salop, gent., *John Russell*, of Little Malvern, co. Worc., gent., and *Edward Holland*, of Sidnall, co. Salop, gent., *Thomas Barker*, of Pryors Ditton, co. Salop, gent., and *Bestene Barker*, of Derrington, co. Salop, gent., that *Katherine Barker*, late of Monkwick, co. Essex, widow, lately decd., one of the sisters and coheirs of *Thomas Audeley*, late of Beerechurch, co. Essex, esq., decd., was seised together with her sister, *Mary Audeley*, spinster, of the manor of Pryors Ditton, co. Salop, and of the manor of Berrington, co. Worc., the manor or messuage called the Heath, co. Hereford, and the manors of Dagenham and Gosbacks, co. Essex, and lands, etc., in the said counties and elsewhere, and in Dec. last past she made her will and bequeathed her moiety to the said *Lutley*, *Russell* and *Holland*, her exors., in trust to settle £100 per annum of land on *Thomas* and *Bestene Barker*, and the will was given to *John Eldred*, of Olivers, co. Essex, esq., for safe custody. The exors. were and are willing to convey said lands, as often requested, but now *Henry Barker*, esq., eldest son of *Catherine*, combining with *John Eldred*, *Francis Cannyng* and *Mary Audeley*, sister of said *Catherine*, refuse to deliver the said will, and have made various estates to the damage of *Thomas* and *Bestene*, and allege a partition having been made between *Catherine* and *Mary*.

24 Dec. 1700. Answer by *Henry Barker*, esq., saying *Catherine* his mother died last Apl., and he was the heir of all her real estate, and knows nothing of a will, but if a will exists leaving land to *Thomas* and *Bestene Barker* and *Apollina*, wife of *Francis Cannyng*, her other children, then it was got by surprise [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 573/131].

JACKSON v. AWDLEY

30 Oct. 1700. Complaint by *Nathaniel Jackson*, citizen and mercer of London, that *Japhet Crooke*, of St. Margaret, co. Herts., malster, being indebted to *Henry Awdley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., in Oct. 1699 drew a bill on complainant for £300 pay in London to said *Awdley*, payable on 9 Oct. *Awdley* applying to complainant for the money, the latter told him he had no money of the said *Crooke* in hand. Continues *re* acceptance or not of said bill.

7 Nov. 1700. Answer of *Henry Awdley*, esq., that *Japhet Crooke* bought timber and wood of him, and was indebted to him. Continues *re* said debt and said bill [C.P. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 341/73].

AUDELEY v. AUDELEY

6 May 1701. Answer of *Mary Audeley*, spinster, to the bill of complaint of *Henry Audeley*, esq., that her father, *Sir Henry Audeley*, decd., to make provision for herself and her sister *Katherine Barker*, decd., looking upon the tithes of Laver de la Hay and other lands as settled on *Sir Thomas Holt* and others for the use of his son *Thomas*, joined with said *Thomas* to convey the manors of Tilney, co. Norfolk, and Churchhall, co. Essex, to trustees, to raise portions for her and her sister. She never heard that her said bror. *Thomas* made void said agreement of 1653. Her said bror. *Thomas* became lunatic in his father's lifetime, who took care of him, and after his death her mother, or persons appointed by her, took care of him, and the writings concerning him were deposited with an officer of this Court. Afterwards *Thomas* died. She was not privy to the agreement made between her father and bror. *Thomas*. She does not believe her bror. *Henry* has any claim as he alleges.

Answer of *Francis Cannyng* and *Apollonia* his wife, agreeing with above. Mention of *Sir Henry Audeley's* first wife, *Mrs. Anne Packington*, mother of said *Thomas*. *Katherine* married *Robert Barker*, esq., and was *Apollonia's* mother [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 12/37].

AUDELEY v. LUTLEY

30 June 1702. Complaint by *Mary Audeley*, one of the sisters and coheirs of *Thomas Audley*, late of Beerechurch, co. Essex, esq., decd., that the latter was seised of the manor of Pryors Ditton, and the rectory, tithes and presentation to the vicarage and par. church of Pryors Ditton, co. Salop, and of divers messuages and lands there, and of the manor of Berrington, co. Worc., and of the manor called the Heath, co. Hereford, and manors called Dagnam and Gosbacks, co. Essex, and he died in Feb. 1687, without issue, whereby all his estate came to complainant and her sister, *Catherine Barker*, late of Monkwick, co. Essex, widow, decd. In 1689 a partition of the estate was made between them, and the manor of Berrington and other lands in Pryors Ditton became *Catherine's* share, and the manor house of Pryors Ditton, etc., complainant's portion. A dispute arose about some part of the property, and before settlement of the same *Catherine* died, her exors. being *Bartholomew Lutley*, of Laughton, co. Salop, gent., and *John Russell*, of Little Malvern, co. Worc., since decd., but the dispute about the manors of Dagenham and Gosbacks has never been settled, and she desires that *Henry Barker*, son of *Catherine*, may be caused to settle the same and pay her the money due to her, and she desires *Bartholomew Lutley*, *Edward Holland*, *Henry Barker* the elder, *Thomas Barker*, *Bestene Barker* and *Henry Barker* the younger may be summoned to answer the premises.

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Answer by *Henry Barker*, esq., as to the truth *re Thomas Audley* and his will. *Catherine Barker*, his mother, died April 1699, leaving him, his brors. *Thomas* and *Bestene*, and his sister *Apollonia*, wife of *Francis Canning*, esq. Continues *re* agreement.

Similar answer by *Henry Barker*, the younger, an infant, by his guardian, *Henry Barker*, sen., esq. [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 618/2].

AWDLEY v. HOSKINS

14 Apl. 1703. Complaint by *Henry Awdley*, of Great Barton, co. Suffolk, esq., that in December 1682 he was seised in domesne, as of fee, of the messuage, garden, etc., then in the tenure of *Henry Read*, gent., and of land in Much Tey, co. Essex, and on December 20th he demised same to *Mary Hoskyns*, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, co. M'sex, spinster, for £400, although no money was paid, for 99 years, at a peppercorn rent, the same to be void on marriage of *Mary*, or if she assigned over the same. He believes since then *Mary* has married, being now called *Digby*, and has parted with her interest in said premises, and the man *Digby* she married is now dead, and in Michaelmas term, 1701, she obtained an ejectment *in forma pauperis* against one *Mark Grimes*, plaintiff's tenant, to his damage, etc.

30 Apl. 1703. Answer of *Mary Hoskins*, saying before the said lease was made, for payment of which she obtained complainant's receipt, the said complainant frequently solicited her to cohabit and live with him, promising to make a sufficient provision for her, and she consented to do so, and had two children by him, and being about to have another child, complainant made the said lease for her provision. She denies she has since married or assigned away the said lease. She took the name of *Digby* by complainant's own desire, complainant for some years, while she cohabited with him, passing by that name. She cohabited with him for nine years and had several children by him, one still living. Complainant was to pay the rents of the tenants to her, and failing to do so she brought the said suit in the Common Pleas [C.P. before 1714, C.5, Bridges 223/41].

AUDLEY v. LUTLEY

1 June 1703 (*fragment of bill only extant*). Answer, taken at the dwelling house of *Thomas Barker*, gent., in Ditton P., co. Salop, of *Bartholomew Lutley*, esq., *Edward Holland*, *Thomas Barker*, and *Bestene Barker*, to the bill of complaint of *Mary Audley*, spinster, that they believe it is true that *Thomas Audley*, esq., in the bill named, was seised in fee of the manors, messuages and lands, in cos. Salop, Worc., Hereford and Essex, and that he died without issue, and the said manors, lands, etc., descended to complainant and *Catherine Barker*, widow, since decd., as sisters and heirs-at-law of said *Thomas Audley*. As far as they know partition was made between the said sisters of said premises, and they believe *Catherine Barker* and her eldest son, *Henry Barker*, had the manors of Dagenham and Gosbacke, co. Essex, and the manor called the Heath, in co. Hereford. They believe *Catherine* made a will appointing *Bartholomew Lutley*, *Edward Holland* and *John Russell*, since decd., her exors.

They deny they ever hindered tenants paying their rents, and any manner of unlawful confederacy [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 12/52].

CHAMBERS v. AUDLEY

8 May 1706. Complaint by *James Chambers* and *William Parker*, citizens and goldsmiths of London, and *Richard Boycott*, of the Middle Temple, London, gent., that *Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., borrowed £2000 of *Martin Folkes*, late of Gray's Inn, co. M'sex, esq., decd., and for securing the same mortgaged to him and others the manor of Reeves Hall, co. Essex, and, *Folkes* calling in the said £2000, *Audley*, on 27 June 1704, mortgaged same to complainants for said sum. But now he pretends he never borrowed the money, and combines with *Grace Windress* and others, pretending he has conveyed same to her.

Answer of *Henry Audley*, esq., concerning said mortgage. Nothing further *re Audley* [C.P. before 1714, C.9, Reynardson 339/12].

CANNING v. AUDLEY

28 July 1707. Complaint by *Francis Cannyng*, of the Middle Temple, London, gent., and *John Purpett*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, yeoman, that *Sir Henry Audeley*, late of Berechurch, knt., was seised of divers manors, etc., in co. Essex, and by indenture dated 6 June, 4 Charles I. (1628), on his marriage with *Anne Packington*, dau. of *Humphrey Packington*, of Chedisley Corbett, co. Worc., esq., granted the manors of Berechurch, Abberton, Reveshall, Blind Knights, Laver de la Hay, Rye, Chawreth, and lands, etc., in Essex, to the use of his mother,

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Catherine Audley, for life, with remainders to himself for life, to his wife, *Dame Anne*, and their sons, to his right heirs. *Sir Henry* and *Anne* had issue *Thomas* and *Catherine* (who married *Robert Barker*, esq.), and *Mary Audley*, and no other children but such as died in infancy. Complainant married *Apollonia*, dau. of said *Catherine*, and for her marriage portion, by indenture dated 14 and 15 Apl. 1699, lands, etc., called Bodcocks were conveyed to complainant, as well as other lands. Now *Henry Audley*, esq., son and heir of said *Sir Henry Audley*, by his second wife *Anne Daniell*, disputes same. Continues *re* same.

Answer of *Henry Audley* *re* same. No further genealogical details [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 77/61].

AUDLEY v. AUDLEY

17 Nov. 1707. Complaint by *Elizabeth Audley*, wife of *Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., by *Philip Smith*, esq., *Viscount Strangford* in Ireland, her father and next friend. Identical with next suit [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 638/2].

AUDLEY v. AUDLEY

4 Nov. 1708. Complaint by *Elizabeth*, wife of *Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., by *Mary Viscountess Dowager Strangford*, widow of *Philip*, late *Viscount Strangford* in Ireland, her mother and next friend, that by Act of Parliament made 2 Anne, intituled An Act for making void certain uses, estates and trusts limited in the marriage settlement of *Henry Audley*, esq., of certain manors and lands contained therein and settlement of others, it was stated that by indentures made 8 and 9 Nov., 34 Charles II. (1682), in consideration of a marriage then intended between said *Henry Audley* and complainant, certain manors were settled on them in tail male, with remainder in default to female issue. The marriage took place, but no issue now living. Since said indentures, other manors, etc., came to said *Henry*, and she ought to have £90 a year by said Act. Since the making of the Act of Parliament, said *Henry Audley*, her husband, has abandoned complainant and left her destitute of any support, and has refused to allow her anything, and combining with *David Rowland* and *Thomas Folkes*, the trustees appointed by said Act, has refused to pay her the said £90 a year, and complainant was obliged to return to her father's house, and since his death her mother has had to support her, and she desires that *Henry Audley* and his confederates may be summoned to answer the premises [C.P. before 1714, C.7, Hamilton 643/2].

AUDLEY v. WARD

9 Feb. 1709/10. Complaint by *Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., and the *Hon. Dame Elizabeth* his wife, that in 1688 he unfortunately became acquainted with *Mrs. Grace Windres*, then of St. Margaret's, Westminster, spinster, and she represented herself as a lady of good breeding and society, quite unprovided for, and complainant was prevailed on to make her an allowance and entrust her with valuable goods for her to keep safely and look after. Afterwards *Grace* married *Abraham Ward*. Continues at great length *re* pretended rights of *Abraham* and *Grace Ward*. No further details of Audley.

8 May 1710. Answer of *Abraham* and *Grace Ward* *re* same [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 624/1].

WARD v. AUDLEY

20 April 1710. Complaint by *Abraham Ward*, of London, hosier, and *Grace* his wife (formerly *Grace Windrisse*, spinster), that she, designing to buy an annuity, agreed with *Henry Audley*, esq., of Berechurch, co. Essex, for the purchase of same, and he granted her certain rents, and in 1703 granted the manor of Abberton to said *Grace*, and she re-demised same to him, he paying her £100 a year, she rendering up the former deed to him, and she lent him altogether £1000. Continues *re* said manor.

22 May 1710. Answer of *Henry Audley*, esq., denying *Grace's* statements, and saying he has given her divers large sums, for which he has received no return, etc. [C.P. before 1714, C.6, Collins 501/1].

HENRY AUDLEY (bill)

10 Nov. 1711. Complaint by *Henry Audley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., and *Dame Elizabeth* his wife, that in Hilary Term 1709 they exhibited a bill against *Abraham Ward*, of London, hosier, and *Grace* his wife, touching (among other things) the demise of Abberton manor. That in 1688 the said *Henry* unfortunately became acquainted with said *Grace*, then *Grace Windrisse*, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, co. M'sex, spinster, who became his domestic and had charge of the plate, jewels, etc., to the value of £400, and in 1703 he was drawn to make a demise of said manor, in co. Essex, to her, but she has not paid for same. Continues *re* payment [C.P. before 1714, C.6, Collins 509/86].

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AWDLEY v. SMITH

12 Jan. 1711/12. Complaint by *Henry Awdley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., that having had dealings in 1693, and until 2 or 3 years ago, with *Robert Jenkins*, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and now of Stangate, par. of Lambeth, co. Surrey, woodmonger, for buying of timber, the said *Jenkins* owes him large sums of money, and *Sir George Markham* and *Mr. Smith* became bound for repayment of same. Continues *re* said money.

11 Feb. 1711/12. Answer of *Sir George Markham*, bart., *re* same, *re* said timber and the money due [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 496/4].

STONE v. AWDLEY, etc.

5 June 1713. Complaint by *John Stone*, of New Inn, co. M'sex, gent., bror. and heir of *Robert Stone*, late of Lyons Inn, co. M'sex, gent., decd., and exor. of will of said *Robert*, that *Robert Stone*, by arrangement with *William Symon*, of Lyons Inn, gent., and *Henry Awdley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., bought lands in co. Essex, of said *Awdley*, that is, the manor or lordship of Laver de la Hay, and Blind Knights, co. Essex, with all thereunto belonging, Wick Farm, Hill House Farm, and the glebe lands and other lands, etc., in Laver de la Hay and Pelden. And by an Act of Parliament made 2 Anne, for the making void of the estates and trust in the marriage settlement of said *Henry Awdley*, the manors, etc., were limited after *Henry's* decease to the use of his wife, the *Hon. Elizabeth Awdley*, for life, all which manors, etc., are now in the actual possession of *William Symon* and *Robert Stone*, for one year, by conveyance from said *Henry*, and they were to pay his debts and put the fence, etc., in repair, and then make a re-conveyance to *Henry Awdley* and his heirs. *Robert* being dead, *John Stone* is his heir, and *William Symon* refuses to make any account; complainant therefore begs the said *Symon* and *Awdley* may be summoned to appear to show what money is still due to *Robert Stone*.

Answer of *William Symon*, gent., *re* same. No new facts *re Awdley*.

No answer of *Henry Awdley* [C.P. before 1714, C.8, Mitford 499/34].

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1 Dec. 1714. Complaint of *James Chambers* and *William Parker*, both of London, goldsmiths, and *Richard Bycott*, of the Middle Temple, London, gent., that in Easter Term 1706 they exhibited their original bill of complaint against *Henry Awdley*, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq., late decd., *Abraham Ward*, of London, hosier, and *Grace*, his wife, concerning a mortgage made to said *Henry Awdley*, who for £2000 conveyed to *Martin Folkes* the manor of Reeves Hall, co. Essex, and afterwards the same was assigned to complainants, and it was decreed the Master should settle *re* said conveyances. Afterwards *Henry Awdley* died, and since his death *Mary Audley*, spinster, his sister, and *Henry Barker*, son and heir of *Robert Barker*, decd., and *Catherine* his wife, sister of *Henry Awdley*, declare themselves not to be heirs of *Henry Awdley* and therefore not liable, and complainants desire they may be summoned to answer the premises.

7 Feb. 1714/5. Answer of *Mary Audeley*, dau. of *Sir Henry Audeley*, that the transactions mentioned were between complainants and *Henry Audeley*, esq., son of *Sir Henry Audeley*, by his second wife, and that the said *Henry* she believes died in Sept. last, and does not know if he made a will, or if she and *Henry Barker*, relatives by the half blood, are his heirs; after the death of her bror. by the whole blood, *Thomas*, differences arose between said *Henry* and her and her sister, and she had little intimacy or correspondence with *Henry*.

28 Feb. 1714/5. Similar answer by said *Henry Barker* [C.P. 1714-1758, C.11, 2690/6].

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Colchester, co. Essex, 13 Sept. 1715. Answer of *Francis Awdley*, sen., gent., to the bill of complaint of *James Chambers* and *William Parker*, of London, goldsmiths, and *Richard Boycott*, of the Middle Temple, London, gent. He believes *Henry Awdley* died without issue, and believes as long ago as Henry VIII. (if not before) there was a family of Audley settled in Essex, and that then or soon after it branched out into two families, issue of two brothers, the mansion house of one being at Berechurch and the other at Gosbatch, in Stanway, co. Essex. In 1588 *Thomas Awdley*, esq., was living at Berechurch [he died 1572], and was succeeded by his son *Robert* in 1605, who died in Sept. 1624, and the mansion house of Berechurch House descended then to his eldest son, *Henry*, knighted by James I. in the lifetime of his father. *Sir Henry* had by his first wife issue *Thomas*, a lunatic, who died without issue, *Mary Awdley*, the defendant, and *Katherine* who married *Barker* and had issue the defendant, *Henry Barker*; by his second wife *Sir Henry* had issue *Henry* and *Francis*, the last dying without issue. After *Sir Henry's* and *Thomas's* deaths, the said *Henry* entered on the estates, etc., and died in Sept. 1714 without issue. Defendant claims as cousin and next-of-kin of the whole blood, being nearly 80 years old, and son of *John Audley*, son of

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Francis, son of *John* [*sc. Thomas*, who died 1584] who died in 1588 [he left no issue], and was younger brother of said *Thomas Audley*, esq., at that time of Berechurch. His (defendant's) father, *John*, was in holy orders, was presented to living of Layer de la Hay by *Sir Henry*, his cousin. Denies all confederacy [C.P. 1714-1758, C.11, 2679/69].

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

AT BERECHURCH, ESSEX

("Upon Monuments, in a Chapel adjoining to the North-side of the Chancel." From *Morant's Essex*, iii., Appendix, p. 23).

Memoriae Sacrum. Robertus Awdeley armiger, ex familia Baronis de Walden, hic juxta jacet. Uxorem habuit Catharinam filiam *Edwardi* Baronis Windesore de Bradenham, ex ea suscepit Thomam, Henricum, (equitem auratum,) Robertum; et Catherinam primogenitam, (uxorem Johannis Thecher armigeri) Patri suo superstites: Thomam vero, et Richardum vita functos vivo parente. Qui Religionis, Justitiæ, et Hospitalitatis cultor, obiit XXVII Sept. A. Dni. MDCXXIV. ætatis suæ LXXII. Catharina conjux conjugii suo carissima carissimo lacrimans posui.

Hic jacet Honorabilis et Inclyta Fœmina Catharina Awdeley nuper uxor venerabilis viri Roberti Awdeley de Berechurch in Com. Essex Ar. una filiar. Prænobilis D'ni Will. [*sic*] Windsor Baronis de Bradnam in Com. Bucks. Quæ obiit 15^o die Decembris An^o Regni serenissimi Regis Caroli An^oq; D'ni 1641. ætatis suæ 74. Henricus Awdeley Eques auratus. Patris Roberti, honoratissimo Thomæ Domino Awdeley Baroni de Walden summoq; Angliæ Cancellario hæredis Hares, matrisq; Catharinæ nobilissimo Thomæ [*sic*] Domino Windsor Baroni de Bradnam filiar primogenitus. Cui Anna conjux dilectissima, Humfredi Packington de Chadesley-Corbet in agro Wigorn. armigeri cohæres, natos binos Thomam, Henricum; natusq; Catharinam, Mariam, Abigalem, Pignora carissima, pulcherrima, optima. Mortalitatis memor, non ædes (Belli civilis furore dirutas) sed hoc Monumentum vivus extruxit. Anno Salutis MDCXLVIII.

(inscription on brass, in body of church, kindly supplied by Walter E. Gawthorp, F.S.A.Scot.; it is given, slightly "edited," in *Morant's Essex*, iii., Appendix, p. 23).

VNDER THIS STONE LYE TOGETHER THE BODIES OF THO | MAS AWDELEY OF GOSBECKES
GENT: WHO DYED THE VII | DAY OF JULY A^o DÖI 1584. AND OF IOHN AWDELEY GENT: |
WHO DIED THE XXI OF JULY A^o DÖI 1588. BOTH YOUNGER | BROTHERS VNTO THOMAS
AWDELEY OF BERECHURCHE ESQVIER WHICH STONE WAS GIVEN TO BE SO LAYD BY |
THE LAST WILL OF IOHN AWDELEY GENT SONNE OF THE | SAID THOMAS AWDELEY OF
GOSBECKES | FINISHED ACCORDINGLY IN IUNE A^o DÖI 1599.

AT MORTON-ON-THE-HILL, NORFOLK

(inscription incised on stone, under
brass; also from Mr. Gawthorp).

Here lyeth Katherine Awdley of | Berechurch in the County of Essex | widow, she died the 29th. of November |
1611 in the 80 yeare of her age. She | lyved 45 yeares a widow, she | kept good hospitality. she was | Charitable
to the poor.

AT SHIPLAKE, OXON.

(from *Harleian Soc.*, v., 278).

On a small black marble slab, let into south wall:—

Memoriae

Francisci Plowden, armig. uxor Katherina | consecravit uxorem duxit po. Eliz. fil. et | hæred. Albani Butler
de Aston, anglie | on the walls, in com. Northton. Arm. | ex quâ habuit Edm. hæred. ejus et Ma- | riam. Ex
Katherina quæ fuit vid. Richardi | Butler de Callan in com. Kilkenne in Hiber- | nia arm. filia et cohæred. Tho.
Audley de | Morton, in com. Northfolcie armig. habuit | filium et quatuor filias obiit 10. Septemb. | Anno dni.
1661. ætatis suæ 73.

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VISITATION PEDIGREES

In the "Visitations of Essex," printed by the *Harleian Society*, vol. XIII., pp. 139-40, is given the following pedigree recorded at the 1612 Visitation:—

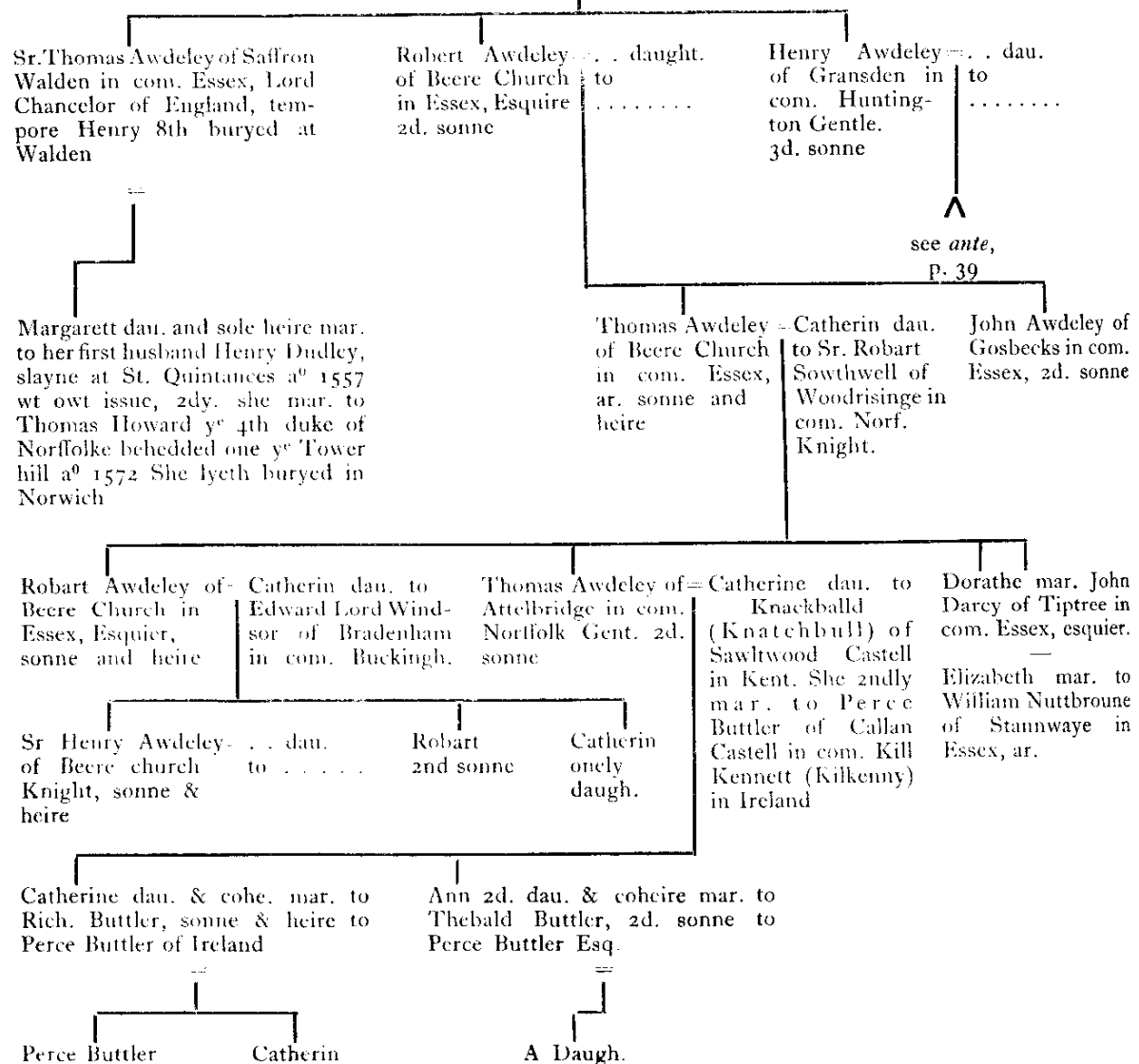
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ARMS (2 shields) 1. *Quarterly — — — or and azure in the second and third quarters an eagle displayed of the first, over all on a bend azure a fret of the first.* [AUDLEY].

2. *Same with a crescent for difference, impaling sable a cross engrailed argent between four passion nails of the second a crescent for difference.* [MARBERY].

CREST. *On a chapeau gules turned up ermine a wyvern azure wings or.* [AUDLEY].

Thomas Awdeley of Essex Gentleman—



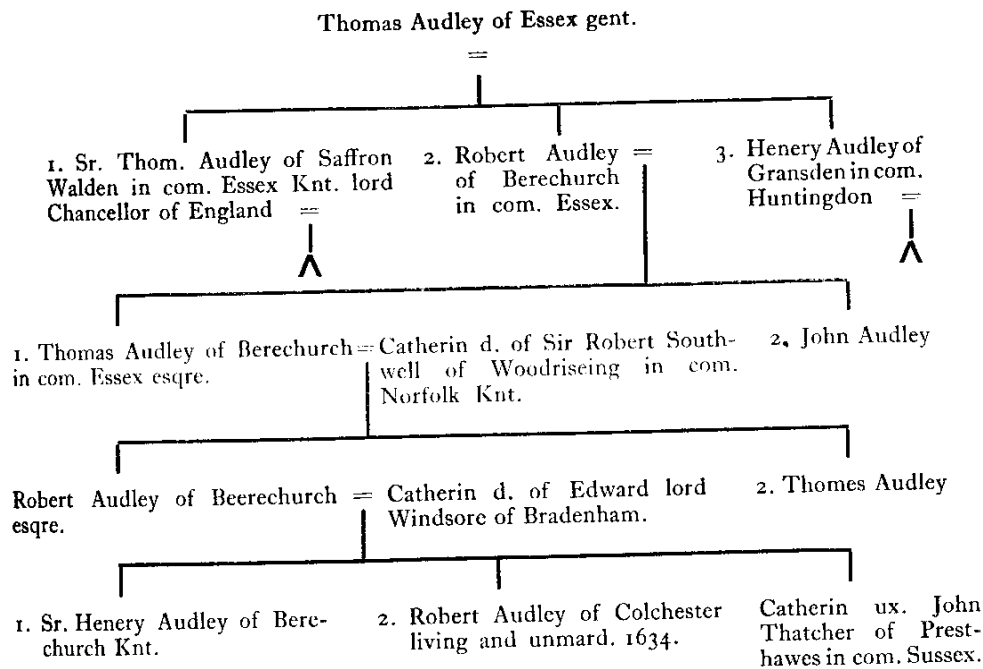
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At the Visitation of 1634 the pedigree was recorded again as follows (*ibid.*, XIII., 338):—

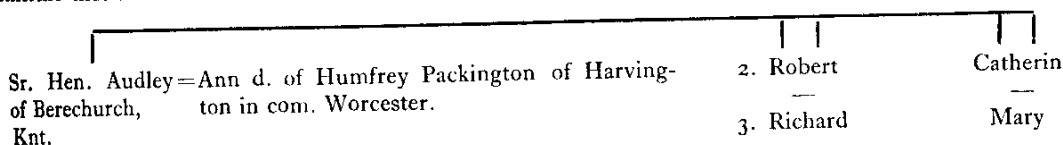


Crest and arms as in Vis. of 1612, but the bend bears two martlets or as well as the fret, and there is a crescent for difference.

Among some miscellaneous pedigrees printed with these Visitation pedigrees occurs the following (*ibid.*, XIV., 543):—

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Same as in Vis. of 1612, but gives Robert (brother of Sir Thomas) a son Thomas of Gosbecks, co. Essex, as well as a son Thomas of Berechurch, and makes Robert's son John die s.p., and gives the issue of Robert and Catherine thus:—



It will be noticed that the above pedigrees give the Lord Chancellor's brother, from whom the Berechurch family descend, as *Robert*, whereas his name also was *Thomas*. And they put in another brother, *Henry Audley*, as progenitor of the Great Gransden family; but this is quite wrong and, so far as is known, there was no kinship between the two families (see *ante*, pp. 29, 39-40, 44-45).

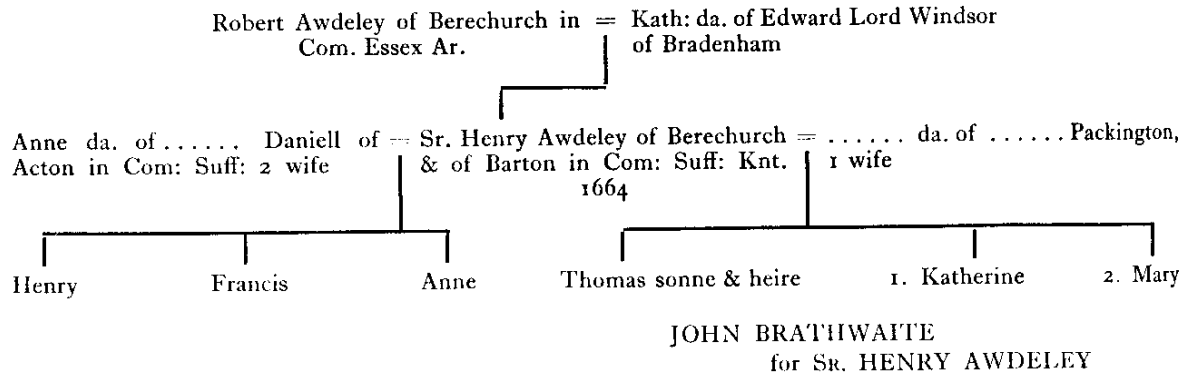
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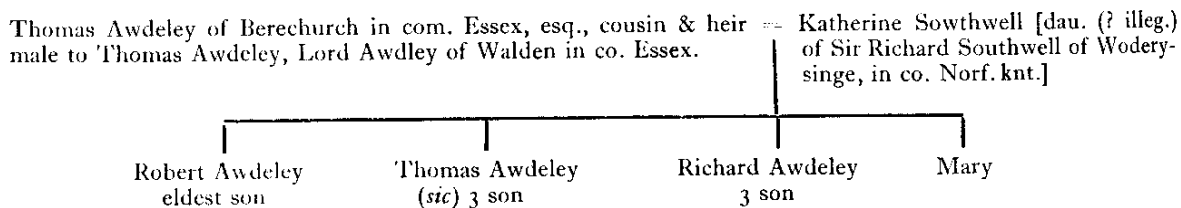
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At the Visitation of Suffolk in 1664-8 (*Harleian Soc.*, LXI., 191) the following pedigree was recorded, of "AWDELEY OF BARTON":—



In the combined pedigree of "SOWTHWELL," as recorded at the Visitations of Norfolk in 1563, 1589 and 1613 (*Harleian Soc.*, XXXII., 259) occurs the following:—



From other Visitations printed by the *Harleian Soc.* I have extracted the following AUDLEY alliances:—

ESSEX, 1558 (XIII., 46). John Darcy, of Lincoln's Inn, eldest son of Brian Darcy, of Tiptree and St. Osyth, Essex, mard. "Dorothey da. to Thos. Audley of Beerchurch in Essex," and had issue.

ESSEX, 1588 (XIV., 597). William Nutbrown, son of William Nutbrown, of Stanway Hall, Essex, mard. "Elizabeth d. of Thom. Audley brother to the Lord Audley of Walden."

SUSSEX, 1530 and 1633-4 combined (LIII., 54). John Thetcher, of Presthawes (last generation shewn), mard. "Catherin d. of Robert Audley of Berechurch in com. Essex by Catherin d. of Edward Lord Windsor."

BEDFORDSHIRE, 1566 (XIX., 4). Sir Thomas Barnardiston, of Kiddington, co. Suffolk, knt., shewn with "A daughter mar. to [Thom.] Lorde Awdeley Chancellor of England." Maddison's "Lincolnshire Pedigrees" (*ibid.*, L., 91), under BARNARDISTON, shews "Thomas, Lord Audley, of Walden, son of Geoffrey Audley of Earl's Colne, Essex," as mard. to "(? Margaret) dau. of Sir Thomas Barnardiston of Great Cotes, by Elizabeth dau. of George Newport of Brent Pelham, Herts."

WORCESTER, 1569 (XXVII., 102). Humfrey Pakington and Abigail Sacheverell his wife are shewn with a dau. "Anne w. to Sr. Hen. Audley of Berechurch in com. Essex Kt. dyed March the 8th 1666," by whom she had "Son" and "3 das."

OXFORD, 1634 (V., 277). Francis Plowden, eldest son and heir of Francis Plowden of Plowden, co. Salop, had a second wife, "Katherin daur. of Butler of Blount's Court in com. Oxon."

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EXTRACTS FROM MORANT'S 'ESSEX'

Philip Morant, in his *History of Essex* (1768), gives an account of Lord Chancellor Audley and his descendants :—

iii., 138-9.

This Thomas Audeley was not descended from the ancient and noble Family of Audeley, or Aldithley, as might be imagined from the name ; but was born of obscure Parents at Earl's-Colne in this County, in the year 1488.¹

To return to the Audeley-family : Thomas Lord Audeley had two brothers, named also Thomas.² The elder was seated at Bere-Church, and died in 1557, leaving three sons ; Two named Thomas, and John.

The younger of these two Thomas's was seated at Gosbecks, and died July 7, 1584. John died July 20, 1588.³

Thomas, the elder brother, was of Bere-Church, and died Decemb. 11, 1572, as hath been observed a little before. By Katharine his wife, daughter of Robert Southwell of Woodrising in Norfolk,⁴ he had issue Robert, and John ; Elizabeth, and Dorothy.

Robert married Katherine, fourth and youngest daughter of Edward, Baron Windsor of Bradenham ; by whom he had Henry — Robert, — Katharine wife of John Thecher : and Thomas — and Richard, who both died young. Robert, the father, died Sept. 27, 1624, aged 72. And his Lady, Decemb. 15, 1641, in the 74th year of her age.⁵

Henry, the eldest son and heir, was knighted by K. Charles I. and was a sufferer during the civil wars.⁶ He married about June 1628, Mrs. Anne Packington, sister and coheir of Humphrey Packington of Chaddesley-Corbet in the County of Worcester Esq ; by whom he had issue, Thomas his son and heir. — Henry, who died young : and Katharine — Mary and Abigail.⁷ The two last died unmarried ; and Katharine became the wife of Henry Barker of Monkwick. To his second wife, Sir Henry took Anne Daniell, by whom he had a son named Henry. I have not been able to learn the time of his death.

Thomas, eldest son of Sir Henry, as mention'd above, seems to have been a considerable acquirer. For, in April 1685, he purchased of Mary Yate, &c. the Manor of Heath in Herefordshire ; and, at other times the manor of Dagnham in this County of Sir Richard Allibon Kt. and the manor or messuage of Gosbacks in Stanway, of Sir Edward Gage Kt. and others. He died about the beginning of the year 1697 without issue, and intestate ; whereupon the aforesaid Estates descended to his two sisters and coheirs. Mary, some time after the death of her sister Katharine, filed a Bill in Chancery against her son and heir Henry Barker : and at length it was decreed, That Mary Audeley should have the manor of Heath, and Henry Barker the manors of Dagnham and Gosbacks.⁸

But Bere-Church-hall, and the paternal Estate of the Audeleys, descended to Henry, the younger son. He was a weak and wicked man, that became a prey to his vices, and to some of his retainers that had more cunning than honesty. After having wasted his Estates, he was forced to take shelter in the Fleet, where he died a prisoner, Septemb. 1, 1714, having been long parted from his Wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Smith, Viscount Strangford in Ireland. A friend coming accidentally to see him, found he was dead, and just ready to be put into a mean coffin, such as is bestowed on the most despicable prisoners. But he stopping the Burial, and giving notice of it to his widow, she allowed 80*l.* for the funeral ; and accordingly he was brought down and buried in this Church, Septemb. 6.

It is observable, That there is not any one Heir of this Family in being ; at least the most inquisitive search hath not been able to find out any. So unstable is human Grandeur, so short-liv'd all earthly acquisitions.⁹

¹From T.L.'s information, and Oath-book, p. 178.

²T.L. See Epitaphs in Bere Church.

³Ibid in the *Appendix*.

⁴She was a bold and turbulent woman, and endeavoured to withdraw her Estates in this parish out of the bounds of the Corporation. But after a long contest and lawsuit, she was forced to submit.

⁵Epitaphs, *ibid*.

⁶Epitaph of Sir Henry Audeley, *ibid*.

⁷Epitaph in Bere-church. See *Appendix*.

⁸Carta penes Rob. Mayhew.

⁹The Armes of Audeley were Quarterly, Or, and Azure, indented, an Eagle displayed, Or. On a bend dexter, of the second, between a frette two martlets of the first.

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At other references he traces the family connexion with various manors in the county:—

ii., 32 (Woodham Ferrers) Sir *Thomas Audeley*, Baron of Walden, who dyed 8 May 1544, had, among other great estates, the manor of Woodham-Ferris, and a pasture or Marsh called le Mowthe, worth 56*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*¹ He settled it upon his brother — *Thomas Audeley* Esq.; whose son — *Thomas*, dyed seized of it 31 Decemb. 1572.² As did his son — *Robert*, 27 Septemb. 1624.³ And — Sir *Henry Audeley* Kt. — As also his two sons successively — *Thomas*, and — *Henry Audeley*, Esqrs.⁴ The latter, about the beginning of this century, squandering away his estates.

¹Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII. March 2. Perhaps it was part of his Lady's fortune.

²Inquis. 15 Elizab. Feb. 1 n. 57.

³Inquis. 1 Car. June 11.

⁴See a more particular account of this Family, under Berechurch in Colchester.

ii., 159. Robert Peyton, by license date 1 Octob. 1536, sold this Hundred of Lexden to Sir Thomas Audeley Lord Chancellor of England. He, by license dated 28 Decemb. 1536, conveyed it to Richard Gresham Esq; who, by another license dated 4 July 1537 conveyed it back again to Sir Thomas. And, the 20th of October following, K. Henry VIII. granted it to Sir Thomas Audeley, and Cristina his wife, and the heirs of the said Sir Thomas for ever, the rent or white Farm of four marks issuing out of the said Hundred; and the Sheriff's turn; return of writs; with all fines, amerciaments, felons goods &c. within this Hundred.¹ He dyed possess'd of it 8 May 1544² and left it by will to his brother — *Thomas* who dyed 20 Aug. 1557. As did — *Thomas* his son Decemb. 31. 1572; holding this Hundred *in ca.* by knight's-service.³ The next possessors were — *Robert Audeley* Esq; who dyed 27 Septemb. 1624. — Sir *Henry Audeley* Kt. — *Thomas Audeley* Esq; eldest son of Sir *Henry* — *Henry Audeley* Esq; Sir *Henry*'s younger son. This last being a weak and vicious man dyed without issue 1 Septemb. 1714, having mortgaged This, among his other estates, to

James Smith of Upton Esquire (etc., etc.)

¹Lett. pat. 8, ii. 29 Hen. VIII.

²Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII. March 2.

³Inquis. 5 & 6 Ph. & Ma.

ii., 193 ("The Maner of Gosebee's," Stanway) to pacify the greediness of the court, *Thomas Marshall*, then Abbot, by license dated 20 May 1538, alienated the maner called Gossebecs and Stanwey, a wood called Shrebbis, and the maner of Rye in Laver de la Hey, to *Thomas Audeley*, Lord Chancellor.¹ He dyed 8 May 1544, leaving by will this estate, and Bere-church, to his brother — *Thomas Audeley* Esq.; [see a more particular account of this family under Bere-church in Colchester.] This last named *Thomas* dyed 20 Aug. 1558,² and had for successor in Gosbecks his second son — *Thomas*, who departed this life 2 April 1584, being succeeded by his son and heir — *Thomas*, then aged upwards of 21,³ who dyed 22 Septemb. 1599, leaving

Anne, wife of *Robert Coppin*, his sole daughter and heir⁴ [next belonged to *Robert Barker*, died 5 April 1618].

¹Lett. Pat. 30 Hen. VIII. p. 13.

²Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII. March 2 & Lett. Pat. 36 Hen. VIII. p. 38.

³Inquis. 5 & 6 Ph. & Mar. Pars ii. No. 22.

⁴Inquis. 27 Eliz. Nov. 21. Pars i. No. 116.

⁵Inquis. 41 Eliz.

ii., 205 (Manor of Great Tay, which Francis Bryan, esq., had licence, in 1542, to sell to)

Thomas Lord Audeley, Lord Chancellor; of whom an account may be seen under *Bere-Church* in Colchester. He left it by his will dated 19 April 1544, to his executors for twelve years; and, after that, to his brother and male heir, *Thomas Audeley* Esq; for life; and after his death, to his eldest son *Thomas Audeley*.¹ *Thomas* the father dyed in 1557.² As did *Thomas* the son 11 Decemb. 1572.³ — *Robert*, son and heir of this latter, born 14 March 1556, enjoyed it after him: He dyed 27 Septemb. 1624.⁴ — His son *Henry*, then aged 19 years and upwards, and afterwards knighted, succeeded him, in this, and his other Estates. And he was succeeded in the same by his two sons, — *Thomas*, who dyed in 1697, without issue, and intestate: And — *Henry*, who dyed 1 Septemb. 1714.⁵ This last was a weak and wicked man, that wasted his Estates, and sold this maner, to

George Cressener of London, Esq. (etc., etc.).

¹Chancellor Audeley's Will.

²Inquis. 4 & 5 Ph. & Mar. No. 22.

³Inquis. 15 Eliz. No. 57.

⁴Inquis. 1 Car. 1 p. 11 & Epitaph.

⁵Hist. of Colchester, b. ii. p. 30, 31.

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ii., 206 (manor of Up-Hall, which Francis Bryan sold, with manor of Great Tay, to)
Thomas Lord Audeley; who gave them to his brother *Thomas*. But this *Thomas*'s eldest son,
jointly with his wife Katharine Southwell, alienated Uphall to
Thomas Stanstede of Great Tay (etc., etc.).

ii., 208 (Great Tay, Trumpington's). It continued part of the possessions of that House [Priory of St. Botolph's in Colchester] till their suppression; when it was granted, among many other things, to ———
Thomas Lord Audeley. He dyed possessed of it in 1544; it being described as consisting then, of eight messuages, eighty acres of land, thirty acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture, twenty acres of wood, and 30s. rent, known by the name of *Trumpington's* in Great Tay.¹ To the *Audeleys* it belonged, till *Henry Audeley* sold it, with the maner of Great Tay, to
George Cressener, Esq. (etc., etc.).

¹Inquis. 2 Martii 36 Hen. VIII.

ii., 449 (manor of Chaureth, or Chaure, *alias* Broxsted. George Harper) by license, dated 20 July 1543, alienated them [rectory and advowson] to Sir *Thomas Audeley*, Lord Chancellor.¹ He had them at the time of his decease, 8 May 1544,² and left them by will to his nephew ——— *Thomas Audeley* of Bere Church, Esq; that dyed possessed of them.³ As did his successors ——— *Thomas*, 31 Decemb. 1572 ——— *Robert* 27 Sept. 1624, and ——— *Henry*. Mrs. Audeley of Ramsden-Bellhouse, of the family of Bere-Church, settled it upon Mrs. *Coffin* her god-daughter.

¹Pat. 35 Hen. VIII.

²Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII.

³Inquis. 15 Eliz. Feb. 9.

i., 412 (manor of Blindknights, Laver de la Haye, in possession of Priory of St. Botolph at Colchester, until it was suppressed, when manor, rectory and advowson were granted by Henry VIII. to)

Sir *Thomas Audeley*, Chancellor of England¹; who had them at the time of his decease 8 May 1544², and bequeathed them by will to his brother *Thomas* for life, and after his decease to his eldest son ——— *Thomas Audeley* Esq; The latter dyed possessed of this maner 31 December 1572, and of several parcels of land thereto adjoining containing 60 acres, called Wards, Gyles, Harveys, Heath-house, Hotts, Savyas, Symmes, Bealdes, Graftons, Underwoods, Glevens and Clevers; and of the Rectory, and Church.³ ——— *Robert*, his son, held the same, and dying 27 September 1624, was succeeded by his son ——— *Henry*, then 20 years old,⁴ afterwards knighted. He married, in 1628, Anne Packington, by whom he had *Thomas*; *Henry* who dyed young; *Catharine*, wife of *Henry Barker*; *Mary*, and *Abigail*: These two last were never married. By his second wife, Anne Daniell, he had *Henry* ——— *Thomas*, the eldest son, dying unmarried and intestate ——— *Henry*, his brother inherited the Estates. But being a spendthrift, he mortgaged this, among the rest, to

James Smyth, of Upton Esq; (died 12 Oct. 1741, etc., etc.)

¹Lett. pat. 28 Hen. VIII.

²Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII. March 2.

³Inquis. 15 Eliz. nu. 57.

⁴Inquis. 1 Caro. June 11.

i., 413 (Manor of Rye). Then *Thomas Marshall*, Abbot of St. John's, alienated this maner of Rye in Leir de la Haye to *Thomas Audeley* Chancellor of England, by license dated 20 May 1538.¹ He dyed possessed of the maner or messuage called the Rye, in Laver de la Haye, with appertenance; and 20 messuages, 200 acres of arable, 30 of meadow, 100 of pasture, and 20s. rent, called Wards, &c. as above, under Blind-Knights.² His nephew ——— *Thomas* most probably had it, though it is not set down in the Inquisition taken after his death, but it is in that taken after his son ——— *Robert's*, in 1624. He held the maner of Rye, and one messuage and 70 acres of arable, in this parish; and 4 messuages, 100 acres of arable, and 6 of pasture, with appertenance.³ It came as the former from the Audeley family to

Sir *Robert Smyth*, Bart.

¹Lett. pat. 30 Hen. VIII.

²Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII.

³Inquis. 1 Caro. June 11.

i., 413 (Rye church). The whole Tithes, with the advowson or donation of the Curacy, were granted to the Lord Chancellor Audeley; and came to his nephew *Thomas*, and his descendants above-mentioned. Sir *Henry Audeley*, by Indenture 6 June 1628, upon his marriage with Mrs. Anne Packington, settled, among other things,¹ all the Tithes as well great as small, of what nature or kind soever, and the farm

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called the Graftons, upon her, and her issue in taile male ; and in trustees, to raise portions for the Daughters, if there should be no son.

Thomas Audeley Esq ; dying in 1697, without issue and intestate, his Estates, settled as above, came to his two sisters and coheirs, *Mary Audeley*, of London, spinster, and Catharine wife of Henry Barker of Monkwick. By the marriage of *Mary* it came to *Francis Canning*, of Foxcote in Warwickshire Esq* ; He dyed 6 February 1732-3, *Francis Canning*, Esq ; his son and heir, hath married Bridget, daughter of Thomas Goodel, Gent. eldest sister of Mrs. Corsellis, of Wivenhou ; and hath several children.

¹The others were, the maners of Laver de la Hay, and Aberton, and the maner of Badcocks in Aberton.

i., 413-14 (Abberton Hall manor). It continued in this Convent [of St. Osyth, Colchester] till John Colchester, Abbot of St. Osyth, by license dated 1 August 1538, alienated it to Sir Thomas Audeley, then Chancellor of the Court of Augmentation,¹ who, by will, gave this maner to his executors for twelve years, and then to his brother *Thomas* for life, and after his decease to his nephew — *Thomas Audeley* Esq ; and his heirs. At the time of the Lord Audeley's decease, this maner was 14*l.* a year.² It passed from him to his brother, and to his nephew, both named *Thomas* ; and then to — *Robert*, and to — Sir *Henry Audeley*, Kt. The latter settled it, with the maner of Badcocks in this parish, upon his marriage with Mrs. Anne Packington, in the manner related under the Church of Laver de la Hay.

¹Lett. pat. 30 Hen. VIII.

²Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII.

i., 414 (manor of Badcocks). *Thomas* lord *Audeley*, dyed 8 May 1544, possessed of the maners of Abberton, and Badcocks, with appertenances.¹ We do not find a grant of it to him, but he might easily hook it in under the general words in his patent, of all other rights and hereditaments in the town of Colchester and the suburbs of the same, Leye de la Hay, Peldon, *Abberton*, Fyngrynhoo, Great and Little Wigborow, &c. part of the possessions of the Priory of St. Botolph's ; granted to him in the fullest manner.² His nephew — *Thomas Audeley* Esq ; had this maner at the time of his decease 31 December 1572 ; and was succeeded by his son — *Robert* ; whose son — Sir *Henry Audeley*, Kt. settled it upon his marriage with Mrs. Anne Packington. And it came, as the Tithes of Laver de la Hay, to

Francis Canning Esq ;

¹Inquis. 36 Hen. VIII.

²Lett. pat. 28 Hen. VIII.

³Inquis. 15 Eliz. Febr. 1.

ii., 550. AUDELEY-HOUSE, the seat, for many years, of the noble Family of Suffolk, of which we have been giving an account, was built by *Thomas Howard* the first Earl of Suffolk of this line, and named *Audeley-house*, in honor of his grand-father the Lord Chancellor Audeley. The Charge of it is said to have amounted to 190,000*l.* which is far from being improbable

At ii., 548, Morant details the grant of lands, etc., at Walden made on 14 May 1538 by Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Audeley, as he then was, and quotes *Biographia Britannica*, vol. i., p. 280, for the statement that he was born at Earls Colne in 1488. At ii., 547, he gives the schedule of properties in Essex held by Lord Audley at his death.

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE

Richard, Lord Braybrooke, has the following references to Lord Audley and his family in his *History of Audley End*, 1836, apart from his biographical account of the Lord Chancellor :—

P. 9. Leaving the question, then, undecided, whether Buckingham ever gained possession of the manor of Walden, it was absolutely vested in the Crown after this period, and so remained till May 1538, when it was granted by Henry VIII. with the recently dissolved Abbey of Walden, and the greatest part of the advowsons and estates belonging to that foundation, to Sir Thomas Audley,¹ from whom are descended the Earls of Suffolk and Berkshire, the Earls and present Marquis of Bristol, and the Lords Howard de Walden, besides the Earls of Bindon, and Lords Howard of Escrick, whose titles are extinct.

¹He did not marry her, but her niece, Apollonia Barker.

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It seems extraordinary that neither Camden, who lived so much nearer those times, nor Dugdale, could, with all their industry, satisfy themselves as to the birth-place or extraction of Thomas Audley; for they state only in general terms that he was of a good family, but that his arms differed entirely from those of the ancient lords of the same name, to whom in fact he was in no way related. All doubt upon the subject has, however, been removed by the discovery of the following entry, copied from the Burgesses' Oath Book at Colchester:—

"A.D. 1516. Thos. Audeley, Gen: natus in Colne Comitibus in com: Essex, Burgens."
One of his ancestors indeed, Ralph Audley, appears to have been seated at Earls Colne as far back as the 28th of Henry VI, and in the 35th of that King became possessed of the Hay House, an ancient mansion, previously in the tenure of the Prior of Colne, in the same parish, demolished only a few years ago, and in which we may presume the chancellor was born. Geoffrey Audley, his father, subsequently made a further addition to his property at Earls Colne.

¹For these the King took in exchange the manors of Aspedon and Berkesdon, and lands in Buntingford, all in Herts.

P. 217. (*church of Saffron Walden: the south chancel contains only one monument, an altar tomb of black marble, which stood in middle chancel until 1793*¹. The inscription is in the form of a crude rhyme, as indicated by stops):—

THE STROKE OF DEATHE'S INEVITABLE DART. HATH
NOW, ALAS! OF LYFE BERAFT THE HART. OF SYR
THOMAS AUDELEY, OF THE GARTER KNIGHT. LATE
CHANCELOUR OF ENGLOND ONDER OWR PRINCE OF
MIGHT. HENRY THEIGHT WYRTHY HIGH RENOWNE, AND
MADE BY HIM LORD AUDELEY OF THIS TOWN. OBIT UL-
TIMO DIE APRILIS ANNO DOMINI 1544 REGNI REGIS
HENRICI 8. 36. CANCELLARIATUS SUL. 13. ET SUÆ
ÆTATIS 56.

¹The arms on the north side of the monument were much defaced when Cole observed them, but they appeared to be the same as those at the head, which he describes as follows:—1st *Audley* in a garland. 2nd in the middle, *Audley* in the Garter. 3rd at the feet, *Audley* impaling eight coats of Grey Marquess of Dorset:—1. Barry of six Argent and Azure, in chief three torteauxes, *Grey*. 2. Or, a maunch Gules, *Hastings*. 3. Barry of ten Argent and Azure, an orle of martlets Gules, *Valence*. 4. Gules, seven mascles conjoined, three, two and one, Or, *Quincy*. 5. Azure, a cinquefoil Ermine, *Bellomont*. 6. Argent, a fess and canton, Gules, *Widville*. 7. Sable, six mullets pierced, three, two, and one, Argent, *Bonville*. 8. Argent, a fret Sable, *Harington*. Over all these Quarterings, a label of three points Ermine bezantée.

These arms were in glass in the window of a house at Linton, and Lord Audley's arms in a window of Great Chesterford Church. — *Cole's MS. Par. Ant.* vol. xxxv. Brit. Museum.

Lord Braybrooke prints a tabular pedigree of the descendants of the Lord Chancellor's brother, Thomas Audley of Berechurch (p. 24), from which it appears that Thomas Audley of Gosbecks, who died in 1597, had a daughter and heir, Anne, married to Richard Coppin. He also says (p. 22) that Henry VIII., on 28 October 1537, granted certain rents, etc., in hundred of Lexden, to Sir Thomas Audley and Christina his wife; that (p. 23) Lord Audley's widow in 1549 became wife of Sir George Norton, knt., Sheriff of Essex in 1550, and that from the Walden Court Rolls they both appear to have been alive in 1558; and that (p. 25) a letter dated Aug. 1628, from Katherine Audley, daughter of Edward, Lord Windsor, to Mary, Countess Rivers, includes "my sonnies and daughter Thatchers dew respects." He more or less accepted the connexion of the family with the Great Gransden Audleys, but, finding the Visitation pedigrees so contradictory, did not go into the question closely (pp. 24-5). And he gives particulars of the arms granted to Lord Audley (p. 23):—

Lord Audley had obtained a grant of arms, bearing date the 18th of March 1538, in which it is specially recited "That forasmuch as the Right Honourable Thomas Audley, Knight, Lord Audley of Walden, Chancellor of England, not being contynned in nobilitè beryng armes, and is descended of ancient stocke by his auncestors and predecessors of consanguinitè and marriage, and he not willing to use or bere armes that should redounde unto damage, or reprofe of any of the same name or consanguinitè, or of any other person, he desired the following coat to be assigned to him":—

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"Quarterly, Or and Azure, per pale indented, two Eagles Or ; over all a bend of the second quarter ; on the bend a frett between two martlets of the first quarter ; and upon the crest a wyvern quarterly, Or and Azure, rising upon a chapeau Vert, lined Ermine ; the mantle Gules, doubled Argent, buttoned Or." The original grant is preserved in the Evidence Room at Audley End. The motto was, GARDE TA FOY, which seems to have been that of the family of Touchet Lord Audley.

The schedule of portraits at Audley End includes the following :—

- P. 102. Thomas Lord Audley of Walden, K.G. Lord Chancellor. Ob. 1544.
half length, *Holbein.*
Elizabeth his wife, Daughter of Thomas Gray Marquis of Dorset. Living 1558. *Holbein.*
Margaret Audley, Their daughter and sole heir, second wife of Thomas fourth Duke of Norfolk. Ob. 1563.
on pannel. *Lucas de Heere.*
- P. 103. Robert Audley of Bere Church, Essex. Ob. 1624. Grandson to Thomas Audley the Chancellor's brother. Seated in an arm chair with a hawk on his glove.

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

AUDLEY, THOMAS. Said to have studied at Magdalene. Of the Inner Temple. Town Clerk of Colchester, 1516. M.P. for Colchester, 1523 ; for Essex, 1529. Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster. Member of Wolsey's household. Speaker of the House of Commons, 1529. Knighted 1532. Lord Chancellor, 1533-44. Created Baron Audley, 1538. K.G. 1540. Died 1544. Buried at Saffron Walden (*D.N.B.*).
AWDELEY, THOMAS (*senior*). Adm. pens. at Jesus, 1539.
AWDELEY, THOMAS (*junior*). Adm. pens. at Jesus, 1539.
AWDELEY, THOMAS. Matric. pens. from Magdalene, Easter, 1544. Probably same as one of the above two.

Among the marriage licences issued by the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury is the following (*Harleian Society*, xxiv., 2) :—

1544. May. 13. Thomas Audeley & Katherine Southwell, dioc. London.

And by the Bishop of London (*ibid.*, xxv., p. 88) :—

1579. June 15. Richard Blennerhasset & Elizabeth Awdeley, spr. of London ; at St. Lawrence Pountney.

The Rev. F. A. Homer sent me the following abstract of a marriage licence at Worcester :—

Marriage bond, dated 9 June 1597, made between Robert Audeley, Esq., on the one part, and Catherine Winsore, of Tarbigge, within the dioc. of Worcester, of the other part. Sureties, Edward Winsore (signs, Edward Windesore), of Boresley, co. Worc., Esq., and Richard Smith, of same, yeoman.

There are three entries relating to the family in Joseph Foster's "Admissions to Gray's Inn 1521-1881" (*Collectanea Genealogica*) :—

AUDLEY, HENRY, *gen.*, son and heir apparent of Robert A., of Danbury, Essex, *arm.* — 4 Feb. 1638-9. *f.* 954. Probably brother of Robert Audley, of Berechurch, named below ; left issue.
AUDLEY, HENRY, son of Henry A., late of Berechurch, Essex, *knt.*, decd. — 1 Feb. 1677-8. *f.* 1281. Died s.p. in the Fleet, 1 Sept. 1714 ; bd. at Berechurch 6th ; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Philip Smith, 4th Viscount Strangford, she d. 25 Jan. 1732, bd. at Chart, Kent.
AUDLEY, ROBERT, *arm.*, 2nd son of Robert A., of Berechurch, Essex, *arm.* — 4 Feb. 1638-9 *f.* 954. Of Colchester, and living unmard. at Visit. of Essex, 1634.

Among "Grantees of Arms" (*Harleian Soc.*, lxvi., 9) occur these :—

AUDLEY,, Essex, crest, by Barker (1536-50), Harl. MS. 5846, fo. 4 ; Stowe MS. 692, fo. 10b.
AUDLEY, Robert, of Berechurch, Essex, Esq., confirmation 15 Feb. 1578-9, by Cooke, Clar. Q's Coll. Oxf. MS. 38, fo. 96, copy of confirmation.

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One of the Religious of the Choir at Pontoise (*Herald and Genealogist*, ed. J. G. Nichols, iii., 411) was :—

Mary Jane Butler, da. of Toby Butler of Collin, in Ireland, esq. nearly related to Duke of Ormond. Her mother was Anne Audley, who was co-heiress to an estate in Essex. Dame Butler afterwards became Abbess of Ypres, and died 1723.

Ludowick Howard, of Bookham, co. Surrey, gent., in his will dated 4 December 1703, and proved 11 April 1704, mentions his wife Catherine Howard, but no issue. The will of Catherine Howard, of St. Giles, Middlesex, widow (apparently of Ludowick), dated 24 July 1705, describes herself as sister and heir-at-law of Thomas Audley, esq., late of Woodham Ferrers, co. Essex, and mentions "cosin Mary Audley"; proved 10 February 1707/8, in P.C.C. (Barrett 59). Ludowick was son of Sir Francis Howard of Great Bookham, grandson of 1st Lord Effingham (see *Genealogist*, ii., 350, where the writer concludes that Catherine was widow of Henry Barker, of Monkwich, and daughter of Sir Henry Audley).

To *The Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research* for 1927 (vol. vi., pp. 65-78, 129-133) Lieut.-Col. W. St. P. Bunbury, R.A., contributed "A Treatise on the Art of War," written by Thomas Audley, with the following explanatory note (p. 65) about him and it :—

The Author was Provost Marshal of Guisnes, under Henry VIII. and later Lieutenant of the lower Town of Boulogne ——— circa 1543-4.

He was brother of Sir Thomas Audley, the Chancellor, to whom the estate of Barton Manor, in Suffolk, was granted by Henry VIII. This property later passed into the hands of Lieut.-General Sir Henry Bunbury, Bart., my Grandfather (d. 1860), and from him the MS. has descended to me. I presented it to the British Museum.

The MS. concludes with this paragraph : "This Booke was made by Mr. Thomas Audley and geven to King Edward the sixte he being one of his graces gentlemen ushers of his privy chamber."

From R. E. Chester Waters' *Genealogical Memoirs of the Extinct Family of Chester of Chicheley*, 1878, pp. 148-9, we learn that Anne, widow of Sir Henry Audley, knt., of Berechurch, in Essex, married James Porter. He was baptized 11 February 1637/8, at St. Martin's in the Fields, fifth son of Endymion Porter, the famous Royalist (see *Dict. Nat. Biog.*), by Olive his wife, fourth daughter and coheir of John, 1st Lord Boteler of Brantfield; he was a colonel in the Army and on 8 March 1686/7 took the oaths as Vice-Chamberlain to James II.

F. A. Crisp's *Visitation of England and Wales*, "Notes," vol. 7, p. 172, shews Lord Audley of Walden as married to "(? Mary)" daughter of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, of Ketton, co. Suffolk, and of Great Coates, co. Linc., knt., by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of George Newport, of Brent Pelham, co. Hertf.; she was living in 1502.

The following account of the Lord Chancellor is given in G.E.C.'s *Complete Peerage*, new ed., vol. i. (1910) :—

Thomas Audley, s. of Geoffrey A., of Earls Colne, Essex, was b. there 1488, is presumed to have been ed. at Magd. Coll., Cambridge, and was admitted in 1516 a Burgess of Colchester, where he became Town Clerk. Barrister (Inner Temple) and Autumn Reader, 1526; M.P. for Essex, 1529-32; Speaker of the House of Commons, Nov. 1529, when the first attack was made on the Papal power; Attorney for the Duchy of Lancaster, 1530; King's Sergeant, 14 Nov. 1531; Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations; Lord Keeper, 30 May 1532, when he was knighted; Lord Chancellor, 24 Jan. 1532/3, till just before his death 11 years later. Being a zealous promoter of the King's various schemes (whether just or otherwise) he obtained a large share of Abbey lands, particularly in 1531 those of the Holy Trinity, or Christchurch, Aldgate (subsequently called "Duke's Place"), and of the rich monastery of Walden, in Essex, in (1538-39)

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30 Hen. VIII. On 29 Nov. 1538, he was *cr.* Baron Audley of Walden, Essex.¹ El. K.G. 23 Apr. and inst. 19 May 1540. He resigned the Great Seal (nine days before his death) 21 Apr. 1544. He *m.*, 1stly, (Margaret?), da. of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, of Ketton, Suffolk, by Elizabeth, da. of John (or Roger) Newport, of Pelham, Herts. She *d.s.p.*, 23 Jan. 1537/8. He *m.*, 2ndly, 22 Apr. 1538, Elizabeth, da. of Thomas (Grey), 2nd Marquess of Dorset, by his 2nd wife, Margaret, da. of Sir Robert Wotton. He *d.s.p.m.*, 30 Apr. 1544, aged 56, at his residence, Christchurch (*i.e.* Cree Church), London, when the Barony became *extinct*.² He was *bur.* in a chapel he had erected at Saffron Walden. M.I. Will dated 19 Apr. 1544, pr. 18 Feb. 1544/5. His widow *m.* George Norton.

¹Audley, the Lord Chancellor, shows upon his tomb at Saffron Walden, arms of quarterly gold and azure — the parting line indented — a bend azure between two eagles gold, with a fret between two martlets gold upon the bend. This coat, probably granted at the time of his elevation to the peerage, is a particularly bad example of Tudor heraldry. (*ex inform.* Oswald Barron).

²He had two daughters and coheirs by his 2nd wife, *viz.* (1) Mary, who *d. unm.* (2) Margaret, who *m.*, 1stly, Lord Henry Dudley, who *d.s.p.* 1557. She *m.*, 2ndly, as his 2nd wife, Thomas (Howard), 4th Duke of Norfolk, by whom she had a s. (who was heir to his mother), *viz.* Thomas Howard, sum. in 1597 as Lord Howard *de Walden*, and *cr.* in 1600 Earl of Suffolk. — See Howard *de Walden*, Barony, *cr.* 1597. He appears to have had two brothers [*sc.* one brother and two nephews], both also named Thomas, who inherited the manors of Berechurch and Gosbecks, near Colchester.

From the same source I learn that Thomas Howard, 3rd Duke of Norfolk (born 10 Mch. 1536; died 2 June 1572, aged 36; *burd.* in Chapel in Tower), *mar.* in 1557, as his second wife, Margaret, widow of Lord Henry Dudley, 1st daughter and at length sole heir of Thomas Audley, Baron Audley of Walden, by his 2nd wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset. The Duchess, born 1540, died 9 Jan. 1563/4, at Norwich, and was buried on the 17th at St. John the Baptist's, but afterwards removed to Framlingham. Lord Henry Dudley, born about 1531, was sixth son of John Dudley (1503-53), the celebrated Duke of Northumberland, by Jane his wife, daughter of Sir Edward Guilford, Marshal of Calais; he was killed at the Battle of St. Quentin in 1557 (*ibid.*, and *Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

There is an interesting article on "Thomas, Lord Audley of Walden," by William Howard-Flanders, in the *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, vol. x., part iv. (1908), pp. 289-302, the first half of which deals with his life and the second with the "Descent of the Audley Title and Estates." Opposite p. 301 is reproduced a drawing in the British Museum of Hay House, Earls Colne, where he is supposed to have been born.

The *Victoria County History of Hertfordshire*, under Wyddial parish, gives the following account of the manor of Corneybury (iv., 116):—

The priory of Holy Trinity was dissolved in 1531 and in 1534 its site and lands were granted by Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Audley. In 1538 Sir Thomas settled the manor of Corneybury on himself and his wife Elizabeth in tail. He was created Lord Audley de Walden the same year. At his death in 1544 he left two daughters and co-heirs, Mary and Margaret. The wardship and marriage of Margaret were granted to Sir Anthony Denny, together with an annuity of £50 from various manors of her inheritance including Corneybury

"Coz. Audley of Colchester" is among the relatives mentioned in the letters, 1715-25, of Thomas Macro (1649?-1737), of Bury St. Edmunds, Sheriff of Suffolk in 1707, and Susan his wife (1660-1743), daughter of the Rev. John Cox, Rector of Risby, co. Suffolk (*Harleian Soc.*, vol. xxxviii., p. 497).

The *Marriage Registers of St. Dunstan's, Stepney*, ed. Thomas Colyer-Fergusson, 1568-1719, vol. I, p. 19, include the following entry:—

13 Nov. 1586. John Darcy, gent., son & heir apparent of Brian Darcy, of St. Osith, Essex, Esq., & Dorothy Audley, dau. of Thomas Audley, late of Berechurch, said county, Esq., deceased, married in the house of Dr. Drewry, of Poplar. Licence.

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The following record of knighthood is from Wm. A. Shaw's *Knights of England*, vol. II., p. 181 :—

(K.B.) 1623, May 9 (29). Henry Audley, of Barton Benchurch (*sic*), Essex (at Theobalds).

The following are extracts from the Reports of the *Historical MSS. Commission* :—

"Marquis of Salisbury's MSS.," vol. 10, p. 441. Letter of 1600 from Marquis of Brandenburg, alleging that £1000 in gold was sent out of Germany, over three years ago, by Thomas Southwell, to Thomas Southwell, of Moreton, Norfolk, and "Thomas Awdley of Berechurch, Essex," to be employed in apparel and ornaments for Marquis's wife ; apparel provided, but remains in custody of above persons, for want of direction.

do., vol. 7, pp. 391-2. Long private letter from Th. Audeley, London, dated 20 Sept. (queried as Dec.) 1597, to Edward Smythe in Paris. Has had jaundice, but has recovered and been keeping "cris" at his brother-in-law Chard's, in Essex.

"House of Lords MSS.," vol. 5, p. 311. 1703. Dec. 21. Awdley's Estate Act. — Petition of Henry Awdley, Esq. Petitioner has settled divers lands on himself and Elizabeth, his wife, and their children, with remainder for other uses. These lands lie in Suffolk, and are inconvenient for the service of Petitioner and family. Prays for leave to bring in a Bill to make void the said settlement, and to settle other lands of better value in Essex to the same uses. Signed by the Petitioner. Read this day and leave given. L.J., xvii. 356. [The Bill was read 1st on 22 Dec. *Ibid.* 358. There were no amendments in either House. Royal Assent 24 Feb. 1703-4. *Ibid.* 457. 2 Anne c. 24 in Long Cal.]

Annexed : —

- (a) 22 Dec. Draft of an Act for making void certain uses, estates and trusts, limited in the marriage settlement of Henry Awdley, Esquire, of certain manors and lands contained in that settlement, and settling of other manors and lands of better value, to and for the same uses, estates and trusts.
- (b) 18 Jan. 1703-4. Consent of Philip, V. Strangford, one of the trustees in marriage settlement, to the passing of the Bill. Dated 31 Dec. 1703. Witnessed by Giles Grene, Joseph Unett, and William Warfilde. Read in Select Committee this day. Com. Book.

12th Report, App. 9, p. 123. "Gurney MSS." History in folio of Reformation in England, to 1585, written by a Roman Catholic priest banished from England in that year. "In 1660 the volume belonged to Sir Henry Audely."

"Earl of Egmont's MSS.," vol. 2, p. 200. Letter from Peter le Neve to Sir John Perceval, dated 24 June 1701. *Re* Attlebridge, and Morton Hall, built by Thomas Southwell. "In the church lies buried Katherine Audley, widow of . . . Audley, of Berechurch, Essex, and a Southwell by name, who had it for life."

The following were extracted for me by Canon Noble from the "Feet of Fines" printed in *The Herts. Genealogist and Antiquary* :—

1536. Trinity Term. 28 Hen. VIII. Tho. Audeley, knt., Chancellor of England : Edw. Scymour, knt., and Anne his wife. Manor of Barkden alias Barkseden and 20 messuages, lands, rent and view of frankpledge in Barkseden, Aspeden, Westnyll, Wakley, Throkking, Wydyall alias Whythyall, Alswyke, Buntynghford and Bennynghton (L., 145).

1542. Easter Term. 34 Hen. VIII. Edm. Marten: Tho. Audeley K.G., lord Audeley de Walden and lady Eliz. his wife. Manors of Cornebury, Braughyng, Mylkeley, Fryerys and Gycrake and 20 messuages, lands and rent in Braughyng, Mylkeley, Corneybury, Leyston, Buntynghford, Wydyhale, Ware, Stondon, Nuttenhamstead, Barkeway and Thorley, and the rectories and advowsons of the vicarages and churches of Braughyng, Leyston and Alswyk (L. 153).

1583. Easter Term. 25 Eliz. John Brograve, esq., and Margt. his wife : Thos. Howard, second son of Thos. late duke of Norfolk son and heir of the most noble princess Margt. late duchess of Norfolk late wife of the said late duke daughter and heir of Thos. Audelye knt. lord Audelye de Walden and late Lord Chancellor of England and Kath. his wife. Manor of Westmill alias Westmilne alias Westmillburye and 6 messuages and lands in Westmill and the advowson of the Church of Westmill (II., 308).

- 1584. Easter Term. 26 Eliz. Geo. Horsie esq. and Michael Meritowne: Thos. Howard (second son of Thos. late duke of Norfolk son and heir of the most noble princess Margt. late duchess of Norfolk late wife of the said late duke dau. and heir of Thos. Awdlye knt. lord Awdlye of Walden and late lord Chancellor of England) and Kath. his wife. Lands in Braughinge (II., 339).

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NARRATIVE PEDIGREE

RALPH AUDLEY, said to have been seated at Earls Colne, co. Essex, 28 Henry VI. (1449-50), and to have become possessed of Hay House there 35 Henry VI. (1456-57). No doubt identical with Ralph Audley, mentioned in a Chancery suit of 1475-85, who had (with possibly other issue) two sons,

- A. **GEOFFREY AUDLEY**, of *whom presently*.
- B. Robert Audley, of Earls Colne, mentioned as decd. in two Chancery suits of 1475-85. By Alice his wife, who before 1485 had remard. twice, 1st to Robert Rogerson and 2nd to William Clerk, he had issue an only son,
Robert Audley, born after death of his father, who in his will (untraced) left him three crofts in Earls Colne, containing twelve acres. At the age of 8, this Robert Audley was said to be "brent and gretely bleschemed in hys face"—presumably "burnt and blemished."

GEOFFREY AUDLEY, son of Ralph Audley abovementioned, occurs in two Chancery suits of 1475-85. Presumably identical with Geoffrey Audley, of Earls Colne, who is named as the father of Lord Chancellor Audley, and who is said to have added by purchase to the family property there, and who had issue,

- A. **THOMAS AUDLEY**, of *whom presently*.
- B. Thomas Audley, born at Earls Colne, co. Essex, *circa* 1488; said to have studied at Magdalene Coll., Camb.; admitted Burgess of Colchester in 1516, when he became Town Clerk, and afterwards Recorder; barrister of Inner Temple, and Autumn Reader, 1526; M.P. for Colchester 1523, and for co. Essex, 1529-32; Speaker of House of Commons, Nov. 1529; Attorney for Duchy of Lancaster, 1530; King's Serjeant, 14 Nov. 1531; Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations; Lord Keeper, 30 May 1532, when he was knighted; Lord Chancellor, 24 Jan. 1532/3; created Baron Audley of Walden, co. Essex, 29 Nov. 1538 (the manor of Walden had been granted to him by Henry VIII., May 1538); obtained grant of arms, 18 Mch. 1538/9; elected K.G. 23 Apl. and instituted 19 May 1540; resigned Great Seal, 21 Apl. 1544. Died 30 Apl. 1544, aged 56, at his residence, Christ Church (*i.e.*, Cree Church), London, when Barony became extinct. Burd. in chapel of his own erection at Saffron Walden, co. Essex. Will dated 19 Apl. 1544, proved 18 Feb. 1544/5 in P.C.C. *Inq. Post Mortem* taken 2 Mch. 1544/5. His portrait by Holbein used to hang at Audley End. He mard. 1stly Christina, dau. of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, of Ketton and of Kidlington, both in co. Suffolk, knt., by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of John (or Roger, or George?) Newport, of Brent Pelham, co. Herts., but she died without issue on 23 Jan. 1537/8. He mard. 2ndly 22 Apl. 1538 Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Grey, 2nd Marquess of Dorset, by Margaret his second wife, dau. of Sir Robert Wotton. Lady Audley mard. 2ndly, in 1549, Sir George Norton, knt., Sheriff of Essex in 1550, and was alive with him in 1558, but dead on 20 Nov. 1564, when he survived. Her portrait by Holbein, once at Audley End, now hangs in Windsor Castle. She had issue by Lord Audley,
 - 1. Margaret Audley, aged 4 on 2 Mch. 1544/5; mard. 1stly Lord Henry Dudley, sixth son of John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, by Jane his wife, dau. of Sir Edward Guilford; he was born about 1531 and was slain in 1557, at battle of **St.** Quentin, leaving no issue. His widow remard. (as

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his second wife) Thomas Howard, 4th Duke of Norfolk (after 1 Apl. 1558), who was born 10 Mch. 1536, and beheaded on Tower Hill, 2 June 1572. She preceded him on 10 Jan. 1563/4, and was burd. at St. John the Baptist's, Norwich, on 17 Jan., but afterwards removed to Framlingham. *Inq. Post Mortem* taken 30 Sept. 1572 at Waltham, Herts. Her portrait by Holbein hung at Audley End. By the Duke (whose heir Philip was the son of his first marriage) she had an eldest son Thomas Howard (1561-1626), created Baron Howard de Walden 1597, and Earl of Suffolk 1603, Lord High Treasurer 1614-18, who built the splendid mansion of Audley End, at Saffron Walden, at the huge cost, it is said, of £190,000, about 1603-16, and named it after his celebrated grandfather; he is now represented by Lord Howard de Walden. Her younger son, William Howard, Scott's "Belted Will" (1563-1640), ancestored the present Earls of Carlisle.

2. Mary Audley, aged 3 on 2 Mch. 1544/5; died unmard.

THOMAS AUDLEY, son of Geoffrey Audley abovementioned and brother to Thomas Lord Audley of Walden (it is not known which was the older). Provost Marshal of Guisnes under Henry VII., and later Lieut. of the Lower Town of Boulogne, *circa* 1543-4. One of the Quarter-Masters-General at Musselburgh Field, 1547. Wrote "A Treatise on the Art of War," in MS., and presented it to Edward VI. (1547-53), one of whose Gentlemen Ushers of the Privy Chamber he was. Inherited the manors of Berechurch and Gosbecks, both in co. Essex, from his brother, Lord Audley. Died 20 Aug. 1558. *Inq. Post Mortem* taken 7 Nov. 1558, at Stratford Langthorne, co. Essex. By his wife, whose name is not known, he had issue,

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

- II. Thomas Audley, of Gosbecks, in par. of Much Stanway, co. Essex, gent.; perhaps admitted pensioner at Jesus Coll., Camb., in 1539, as Thomas Audley, *junior* (? to his elder brother Thomas, admitted same year); under 18, 19 Apl. 1544; perhaps Thomas Audley, of Colchester, the younger, of 20 Nov. 1564; died 7 July 1584; burd. at Berechurch with his younger brother John. Will dated 7 July 1584, proved 25 Jan. 1584/5 in Commissary Court of London. *Inq. Post Mortem* taken 2 Nov. 1585 at Stratford Langthorne, co. Essex. Mard. Beatrice, dau. of . . . By her, whose will was dated 12 Oct. 1602 (when she was of Berechurch, widow, and asked to be burd. by her husband there), in Archdey. Court of Colchester, he had issue,

1. Thomas Audley, of Gosbecks, par. of Much Stanway, co. Essex; eldest son, aged 21 and more, 7 July 1584; died 22 Sept. 1597. *Inq. Post Mortem* taken at Brentwood, co. Essex, 28 June 1599. By his wife, whose name is unknown, he had issue,

Anne Audley, sole dau. and heir; born posthumously 29 Apl. 1598; mard. Richard Coppin.

2. Richard Audley, living 7 July 1584 and 21 July 1588; decd. 10 Dec. 1597; had issue, Thomas Audley, living 10 Dec. 1597 with a "little sister."

3. George Audley, living 7 July 1584 and 21 July 1588.

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4. Francis Audley, living 7 July 1584 and 12 Oct. 1602; mard. and had issue, John Audley, in holy orders; presented to living of Laver de la Hay, co. Essex, in 1640, by his second cousin, Sir Henry Audley. Admon. granted 28 Feb. 1657/8 in P.C.C. [Perhaps the John Audley, gent., who matric. 22 May 1612, aged 16, at Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. 4 July 1614; M.A. 25 June 1617; rector of Fobbing, Essex, 1617 (Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*). Venn, however (*Alumni Cantabrigienses*), suggests he was the John Audley who matric. sizar from Christ's Coll., Camb., July 1621; B.A. 1624/5; M.A. 1628; ord. deacon and priest (Norwich), Sept. 1627]. Mard. Anne, dau. of ———, who was living a widow 28 Feb. 1657/8, and had issue,

Francis Audley, "senior," of Colchester, co. Essex, gent. Nearly 80 years old on 13 Sept. 1715, when he claimed to be "cousin and next-of-kin of the whole blood" to Henry Audley, of Berechurch (son of Sir Henry), who had died twelve months before (see *post*, p. 138). The will of Francis Audley, of Colchester, maltster, dated 1 Feb. 1723/4, with a codicil of 11 Dec. 1724, was proved 22 Feb. 1724/5 in Archdey. Court of Colchester; he left a widow Anne, of Colchester, whose will, dated 11 Mch. 1733/4, with a codicil of 20 Sept. 1734, was proved in the same court on 20 July 1736. From the wills one would conclude that this Francis, who may have been the "junior" to the Francis "senior" of 1715, was the last of his branch of the family, and had no children.

- (5?). John Audley, of Berechurch, co. Essex, gent.; died without issue. Will dated 10 Dec. 1597, proved 6 Feb. 1598/9 in P.C.C.

1. Elizabeth Audley; licence issued 15 June 1579 for marr. at St. Lawrence Pountney, London, to Richard Blennerhasset. They were both living 12 Oct. 1602, with issue.
2. Mary Audley, living unmard. 7 July 1584; and as wife of Robert Cooke, of Colchester, 21 July 1588.

- III. John Audley, of Berechurch, co. Essex, gent.; under 18, 19 Apl. 1544; died 21 July 1588, without issue; burd. at Berechurch. Will dated 21 July 1588, proved 20 Aug. 1588 in P.C.C.

THOMAS AUDLEY, *eldest son of Thomas Audley preceding*; of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq.; perhaps admitted pensioner at Jesus Coll., Camb., in 1539, as Thomas Audley, *senior* (? to his younger brother Thomas, admitted same year); under 18, 19 Apl. 1544; aged 30 and more, 20 Aug. 1558; died 31 Dec. 1572. Admon. granted 7 Jan. 1572/3 in P.C.C. *Inq. Post Mortem* taken 9 Feb. 1572/3 at Stratford Langthorne, co. Essex. Mard. (licence issued 13 May 1544) to Katherine, dau. of Sir Richard Southwell, of Woodrising, co. Norfolk, knt.; she died a widow at Berechurch, 29 or 30 Nov. 1611, aged 79; burd. at Morton-on-the-Hill, co. Norfolk. Admon. granted 6 June 1612 in P.C.C. Described as "a bold and turbulent woman," who lost a long lawsuit against the Corporation of Colchester, but her monument quaintly says she "kept good hospitality," and "was charitable to the poor." She had issue by Thomas Audley,

- I. **ROBERT AUDLEY**, *of whom presently*.

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- II. Thomas Audley, of Attlebridge, and later of Morton-on-the-Hill, co. Norfolk, esq. Died 31 July 1613 (*sc.* 1611), at Attlebridge. Admon. granted 8 July 1611, in P.C.C., but revoked 16 June 1612. Will dated 4 July 1611, proved 16 Jan. 1612/13 in P.C.C. *Inq. Post Mortem* taken 6 Sept. 1621 and 1 Oct. 1622, at Norwich Castle. Mard. Catherine, dau. of ——— Knatchbull, of Saltwood Castle, co. Kent, and by her (who afterwards mard. Piers Butler, of Callan Castle, co. Kilkenny) had issue,
1. Catherine Audley, dau. and coheir ; aged 3 at her father's death in July 1611. Mard. 1stly Richard Butler, eldest son of Piers Butler, of Callan Castle, co. Kilkenny, and had issue by him. She mard. 2ndly Francis Plowden, esq., eldest son and heir of Francis Plowden, of Plowden, co. Salop, esq., as his second wife, and had further issue by him, whose death on 10 Sept. 1661, aged 73 (burd. at Shiplake, co. Oxon.), she survived.
 2. Anne Audley, dau. and coheir ; aged 2 at her father's death in July 1611. Mard. Theobald Butler, second son of Piers Butler above mentioned, and had issue.
- III. Richard Audley, of whom there are no particulars.
- I. Elizabeth Audley, mard. William Nutbrowne, of Stanway, co. Essex, esq., son of William Nutbrowne, of Stanway Hall.
 - II. Dorothy Audley, mard. 13 Nov. 1586, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, to John Darcy, of Tiptree, co. Essex, and of Lincoln's Inn, esq., eldest son and heir of Brian Darcy, of Tiptree and St. Osyth's, co. Essex, and had issue by him.
- III. Mary Audley, of whom there are no particulars.

ROBERT AUDLEY, *eldest son of Thomas Audley preceding ; of Berechurch and West Doniland, co. Essex, esq., born 14 Mch. 1555 ; confirmation of arms, 15 Feb. 1578/9 ; died 27 Sept. 1624, at Berechurch, aged "72" ; burd. at Berechurch. Portrait hung at Audley End. Will dated 31 Aug. 1624, proved 24 Nov. 1624 in P.C.C. Inq. Post Mortem taken 1625, at Maldon, co. Essex. Mard. Catherine, fourth and youngest dau. of Edward Windsor, 3rd Lord Windsor de Stanwell, of Bradenham, co. Bucks., by Katherine his wife, dau. of John de Vere, Earl of Oxford ; marr. lic. from Worcester, 9 June 1597 (she then of Tardebigge, co. Worc.) ; she died 15 Dec. 1641, aged 74, and was burd. at Berechurch. By her, whose will, dated 3 Dec. 1638, was proved 12 Jan. 1640/1 in Archdey. Court of Colchester, Robert Audley had issue,*

- I. Thomas Audley, born 1603 or earlier ; living Nov. 1606 ; died 14 Nov. 1613, at Berechurch, without issue.
- II. **SIR HENRY AUDLEY**, *of whom presently.*
- III. Robert Audley, of Bicknakers, par. of Woodham Ferris, co. Essex ; living 5 Oct. 1621 ; of Colchester, gent., unmard., 1634 ; of Danbury, co. Essex, gent., 13 Nov. 1647 and 1647/8. According to a Chancery Suit of 18 June 1630 he had "shewn affection" to his mother's maid, one Pascha Batt, and offered her marriage, causing her dismission ; and afterwards visited her in Queen Street, St. Giles in the Fields, where she lived with her mother, Margaret Browne, widow. He claimed that as "a very young man, raw, unexperienced, and altogether ignorant of the subtilties of such kind of people," he had been taken advantage of by them, and when he

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failed in a second payment of £5 to Pascha as compensation they had him arrested and imprisoned and made him agree to pay a further £100. His will, dated 3 Nov. 1658, was proved 22 June 1659 in P.C.C. After escaping from the wiles of Pascha Batt, he mard. 1stly Agnes, dau. and heir apparent of Roger Stuteville, of Chesterton, co. Camb., gent., and by her, who was living 22 Feb. 1647/8, had issue,

1. Henry Audley, eldest son at mother's death ; dead 20 June 1664, without issue. Henry, son and heir apparent of Robert Audley, of Danbury, co. Essex, esq., entered Gray's Inn, 4 Feb. 1638/9, but at this time our Henry must have been a young child.
2. Robert Audley, second son at mother's death ; living 3 Nov. 1658, survived brother Henry ; dead 20 June 1664, without issue. Robert, second son of Robert Audley, of Berechurch, esq., entered Gray's Inn, 4 Feb. 1638/9, with Henry as above, but here again age is an even greater difficulty.
3. Thomas Audley ; living 3 Nov. 1658, and as eldest son 20 June 1664 ; of Bury, co. Suffolk, gent., and heir of his mother, 15 Feb. 1670/1 ; latterly of Woodham Ferris, co. Essex, esq. Died without issue. Admon. granted 22 Jan. 1694/5 in Commissary Court of London.
4. Richard Audley, living 3 Nov. 1658, and as younger son, under 21, 20 June 1664 ; died without issue before 24 July 1705.
5. Charles Audley, living 3 Nov. 1658, and as younger son, under 21, 20 June 1664 ; died without issue before 24 July 1705.
1. Anne Audley, unmard. 3 Nov. 1658 ; died without issue before 24 July 1705.
2. Catherine Audley, living unmard. 3 Nov. 1658 ; unmard. and under 21, 20 June 1664 ; of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, spinster, 8 Dec. 1688 and 29 Jan. 1689, 90 ; mard. before 22 Jan. 1694/5 to Ludowic (or Lewis) Howard, of Bookham, co. Surrey, gent. (son of Sir Francis Howard, of Great Bookham, who was grandson of 1st Lord Effingham), who died without issue, and whose will, dated 4 Dec. 1703, was proved 11 Apl. 1704. She died without issue, and in her will, dated 24 July 1705, and proved 10 Feb. 1707/8 in P.C.C., she describes herself as of St. Giles, M'sex., widow, and sister and heir-at-law of Thomas Audley, late of Woodham Ferry.

Robert Audley mard. 2ndly Bridget, dau. of — ; she was remard. about 1661 to Thomas Barnes, gent., and was living with him 15 Feb. 1670/1.

IV. Richard Audley, died in father's lifetime.

- I. Catherine Audley, eldest child (and so born 1602 or earlier) and only surviving dau. ; mard. before 31 Aug. 1624 to John Thatcher, of Presthaves, co. Sussex, esq., and living as his wife 3 Dec. 1638.

- II. Mary Audley ; evidently died before father's will of 31 Aug. 1624.

SIR HENRY AUDLEY, *second but eldest surviving son of Robert Audley preceding* ; of Berechurch, co. Essex, and Barton, co. Suffolk ; born Apl. 1604 ; son and heir, 31 Aug. 1624 ; knighted by Charles I. 9 May 1623 (or 8 May 1622), at Theobalds, as of "Barton Benchurch," co. Essex ; aged 20 years 5 months and 1 day at father's death. In Aug. 1642 he travelled

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to France, and while he was away an "insurrection of the common, rude people" is said to have taken place, during which his house at Berechurch was defaced and his goods despoiled by a mob which believed him to be a Roman Catholic. The inscription he placed to his first wife at Berechurch in 1648 stated how he had erected the memorial, but "*non aedes (Bellis civilis furore dirutas)*"—"not the mansion (destroyed in the fury of Civil War)." This suggests that his house suffered a real and destructive attack by actual soldiery later in the Civil War, much more serious than the attack by "the common, rude people" of the neighbourhood. In Nov. 1666 he went with his second wife, and some of their family, to London, and in Mch. following fell ill, but did not realise the seriousness of his condition till the morning of his death on 8 Mch. 1666/7, when Dr. Woolfe, his physician, warned him to complete his affairs. In his will, dated 20 June 1664, and proved 8 Aug. 1667 in P.C.C., he asks to be burd. "among the sepulchres of his ancestors." He mard. 1stly Anne, dau. and coheir of Humphrey Packington, of Chaddesley Corbett, co. Worc., esq., and of Abigail Sacheverell his wife (settlement dated 6 June 1628), and by her, who died *circa* 1644, had issue,

I. Thomas Audley, of Berechurch, co. Essex, and latterly of Buckland, co. Berks., esq.; purchased manors of Heath, co. Hereford, and of Dagenham and Gosbecks, in Stanway, co. Essex. While staying with his mother's sister, Lady Yate, at Harvington, co. Worc., he "fell into lunacy," and in Nov. 1663 was removed to the house of Edmond Pytt, a physician. An Inquisition held at Kidderminster on 24 Feb. 1663/4 decided he had been lunatic since 1 Nov. 1663, and trustees were appointed on 16 Mch. 1663/4. He remained a lunatic till his death unmard. in Feb. or Mch. 1687/8. Admon. granted 14 May and 28 Nov. 1688 in P.C.C.

II. Henry Audley, died in infancy, before 24 Feb. 1663/4.

I. Katherine Audley, aged 34 on 24 Feb. 1663/4, when she was wife of Robert Barker, of Monkswick, co. Essex, esq., who was living 26 May 1676 but dead on 10 Oct. 1687. Coheir to brother Thomas, from whom she got the manors of Dagenham and Gosbecks, co. Essex. She made her will in Dec. 1699, and died Apl. 1700, leaving issue.

II. Mary Audley, of London. Coheir to her brother Thomas, from whom she got the manor of Heath, co. Hereford. Aged 33 on 24 Feb. 1663/4; living unmard. 13 Sept. 1715.

III. Abigail Audley, died in infancy, unmard., before 24 Feb. 1663/4.

Sir Henry Audley mard. 2ndly Anne, dau. of John Daniel, of Acton, co. Suffolk, esq. (who mard. 2ndly, after 12 Oct. 1681, James Porter, Col. in Army, Vice-Chamberlain to James II. on 8 Mch. 1686/7; bapt. 11 Feb. 1637/8 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, fifth son of Endymion Porter, the famous Royalist, by Olive his wife, 4th dau. and coheir of John, 1st Lord Boteler of Brantfield), and had further issue by her,

III. Henry Audley, of Berechurch, co. Essex, esq.; had manors of Dagenham and Gosbecks, co. Essex; his mother's eldest son, 20 June 1664; admitted to Gray's Inn, 1 Feb. 1677/8; of Great Barton, co. Suffolk, esq., *circa* 1685, and 20 Dec. 1695, and 14 Apl. 1703. From a Chancery suit of 1703 it appears that on 20 Dec. 1682 he settled certain properties at Much Tey, co. Essex, on one Mary Hoskyns, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, spinster, who claimed to have had two children by him before that date and others afterwards (only one survived until 30 Apl. 1703), cohabiting with him for nine years, under the name of Digby. A later suit of 1710

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tells us that in 1688 he "became acquainted with" one Grace Windress, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, spinster—evidently another mistress—and made her an allowance; she afterwards married Abraham Ward, a London hosier. The historians describe Henry Audley as "a weak and wicked man," who wasted his estates. He died a prisoner in the Fleet, without issue, on 1 Sept. 1714, but through the compassion of a friend his body was brought back to Berechurch, where it was buried on 6 Sept. 1714. He married Elizabeth, dau. of Philip Smith, 4th Viscount Strangford; pre-nuptial settlement dated 8 and 9 Nov. 1682, so that his settlement of the following month on Mary Hoskyns evidently marked the new bridegroom's intention—apparently unsuccessful—to break with his mistress. In 1708 his wife accused him of abandoning her, after 1703, and leaving her destitute, so that she had to be kept by her parents. She died, without issue, on 25 Jan. 1732/3, and was buried at Chart, Kent (her sister, Mrs. Darell, lived at Calchill, in Chart Parish). In her will, dated 30 Aug. 1716, with codicil of 22 Jan. 1732/3, and proved 10 Feb. 1732/3 in P.C.C., she is described as of St. George the Martyr, co. M'sex.

- IV. Francis Audley, of Great Barton, esq., his mother's second son on 20 June 1664; under age, 8 July 1670. Admon. granted 12 Oct. 1681 in P.C.C.
- IV. Anne Audley; under 21, 20 June 1664; died without issue before Feb. 1687/8.