

BABER FAMILY

SOMERSET COUNTY, ENGLAND  
16th - 17th - 18th Centuries  
Documented Pedigree Chart  
and other notes



Regarding: BABER - Chew Magna, Somerset County, England

The following pages are from a very rare book, Collections for a Parochial History of Chew Magna, by Frederick A. Wood, privately printed, Bristol, England, 1903.

These pages have been copied for inclusion here because present study indicates that Chew Magna, Somerset County, England, is the locality from which so many of the Baber families in England and America have come.

As far as is known, there is only one edition of this book in the United States, and that is owned by Adin Baber of Kansas, Illinois. He generously loaned the book to the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, for the express purpose of microfilming it in its entirety, thus ensuring its availability for study in this country. A complete photocopy of the book, made from this microfilm copy, is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Baber of Lynchburg, Virginia, and it was from those photocopied pages that the following pages were made.

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The section of this book entitled, "Notes on the Baber Pedigree" has been copied here in full. The chart labeled "A" is a part of this section of the original book, and the small letters of the alphabet appearing on the said Chart "A" are explained in this Baber Pedigree section.

The charts marked "B" and "C" were not a part of Collections for a Parochial History of Chew Magna, but have been included here because, as indicated, they tie in with the chart "A" given in Wood's book.

The charts labeled "B" and "C" were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Baber of Lynchburg, Virginia by Colonel John Barton Baber of London. Mr. and Mrs. Baber exchanged several letters during 1961 and 1962 with Colonel Baber in a mutual effort to establish the identity of persons by the name of Baber to whom reference has been found in Virginia Colonial Records; and to determine, if possible, the connection with the Chew Magna Babers.

The Charles G. Babers plan to abstract the genealogical facts and conjectures of this correspondence for inclusion here.

The wax copies of the Baber Crest and the falcon seal with explanatory notes were sent to the Charles G. Babers by Col. John Baber.



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COLLECTIONS  
FOR A  
PAROCHIAL HISTORY  
OF  
CHEW MAGNA,

BY  
FREDERICK A. WOOD.



## PREFACE.

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**T**HE chief reason for producing this book is the wish to continue the history of the parishes of Northern Somerset so well begun by the Rev G. S. Master and others. I am afraid that it will be found full of details that cannot be of much interest to the general reader; but my idea of the history of a parish is to collect all the details about it which can be found either in manuscript or printed books, in all cases giving the references. Such a collection classified and verified is invaluable to the historian of the county, whose labours cannot be completed without the help of parish collections, while the wider and important history of the kingdom must depend in a great degree upon the materials which have been gathered by the county historian.

If, by good chance, the parish has been the home of the makers of history, or if it has been the scene of great events, the story of such a parish may be of absorbing interest; if, on the contrary, as must generally be the case, the people who

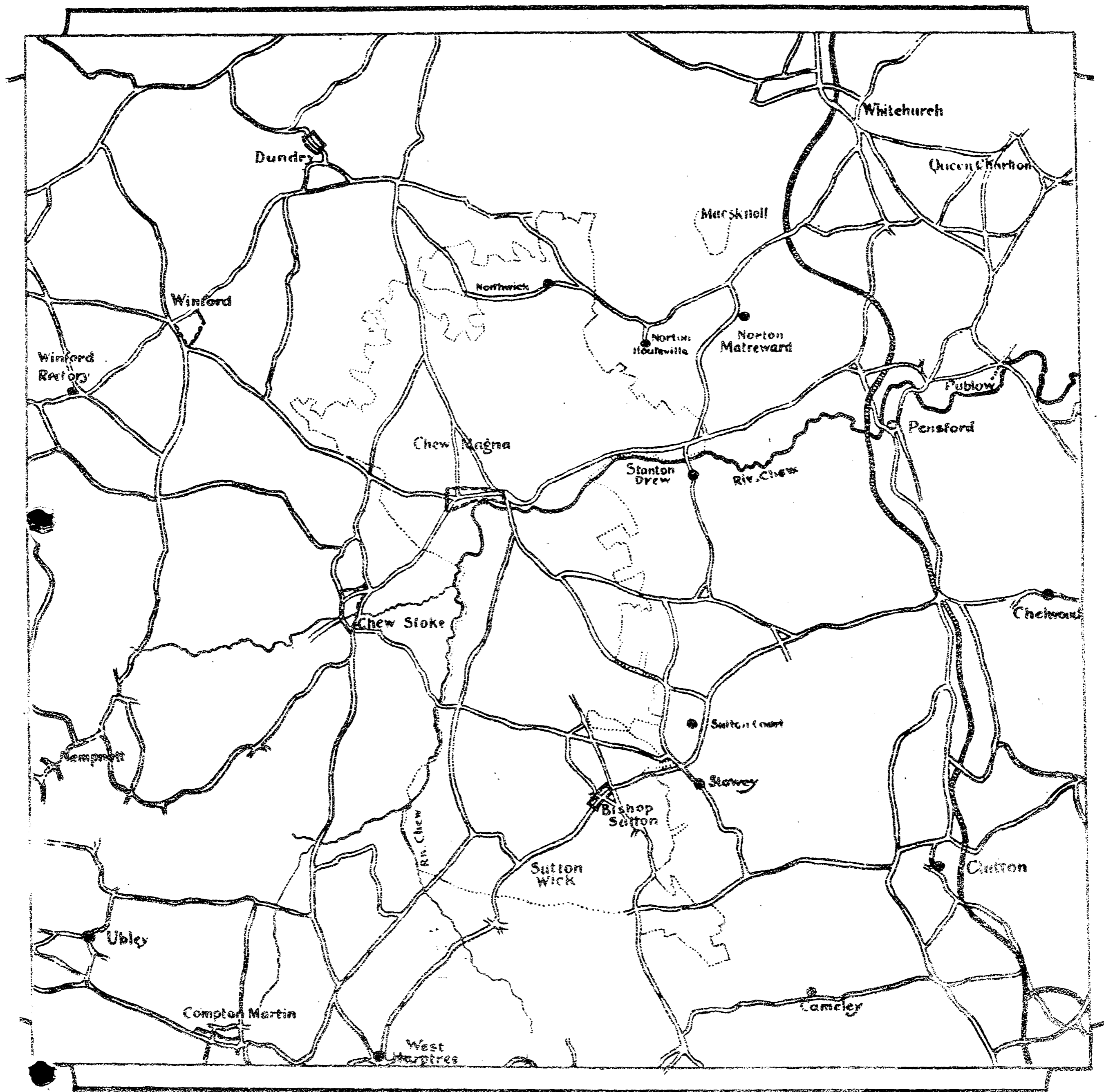
have lived their life there are "the rude forefathers of the hamlet," their actions must be of the smallest importance, and in such a case the great difficulty is to decide what may be or what ought not to be told.

The long list of names that fill up the parish books, and the petty details of the vestries, would easily make a great book, which would be a great evil; my great fear is lest I should have recorded too much rather than too little. I have to thank Mr. F. Were, of Gratwicke Hall, and Mr. T.-W. Williams, of Flax Bourton, for their help readily and kindly given, the first in respect of heraldry, the second in the translation of the crabbed and ungrammatical Latin of ecclesiastical documents; the Rev. John Galbraith, Vicar of Chew Magna, for trusting me with the vestry, churchwardens' and overseers' accounts of the parish; and, above all, Mr. Frank George, of Bristol, without whose constant support and help in all difficulties, this book would never have been written.

FREDK. A. WOOD.

HIGHFIELDS, CHEW MAGNA,

*January, 1903.*



Boundary of Chew Magna Parish .....

MAP OF THE PARISH AND DISTRICT.



## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE REFERENCES.

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B. P.	..	Burke's Peerage.
B. E. P.	..	Burke's Extinct Peerage.
C. H. W.	..	Church (Canon) Early History of the Church of Wells, 1894.
C. M. R.	..	Chew Magna Registers.
C. M. W.	..	Chew Magna Wills (see list at pages 292 to 315).
E. S.	..	Eyton (R. W.) Domesday Studies: Somerset, 2 vols, 1880.
G. A. S.	..	Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society.
H. M. C.	..	Historical Manuscripts Commission: Report of the MSS. of Wells Cathedral, 1885.
S. A. S.	..	Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archæological Society.
S. R. S.	..	Somerset Record Society.
S. W.	..	Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills, etc., Rev. F. Brown's Collection, 6 vols, 1887, and Weaver (Rev. F. W.) Wells Wills, 1890.

## NOTES ON THE BABER PEDIGREE.

(a) The Visitations of Somerset for 1531 to 1573 and 1623 begin the pedigree of the Babers with John Baber of Regilbury; but there are two Babers whose wills have been copied by Brown in his "Somerset Wills." They are John Babyr of Chew Stoke, husbandman, dated Jan. 7, 1527, proved Feb. 14, 1527, in which he requests that he may be buried at Chew, in the middle of the Aley of the church, and before the High Cross. He left money to the church of Chew, and the chapel of our Lady there, and to the churches of Stoke, Winford and Nempnett, to Isabel his wife, to John Babyr his youngest son, to Sir John Barry, rector of Chew Stoke, his ghostly father.

The legacies to the churches show his wide interests, and that he was not simply a farmer at Chew Stoke.

Probably John Baber of Regilbury was the youngest son mentioned in the above will. His own was dated Nov. 28, 1559, and proved June 8, 1559 (the date is wrong). He leaves 4<sup>d</sup> each to the Cathedral of Wells and the churches of Chew, Stoke, and Winford; £20 each to his sons John and William and his daughter Isabelle; her chamber to his wife Joan (S. W., VI., 103).

This John might be the first name in the Visitations, but the wife Joan of the will and the wife Alice of the pedigree make a difficulty.

(b) The wife of this John Baber is called Agnes, daughter of John Willett of Butecombe, in the Visitation, but Mary in the will of her son Edward, possibly Mary was second wife.

(b\*) John of Feylands Court, Wraxall, brother of Edward—see Edward Baber's Will (c).

(c) Edward Baber was born 1531; he was Serjeant at law. In 1565 he bought Regilbury in Nempnett of Edward Bernard, who bought it of the Kingstons (Coll., II., 319). This manor was held by his grandfather, it is to be presumed as a tenant. In 1575 he bought half of the Bishop of Bath and Wells' manor of Chew, which had originally been parted with by Bishop Barlow to the Duke of Somerset, and on his attainder had been sequestrated. It seems to have been held over by Queen Mary, but sold by Queen Elizabeth. The Pophams and others bought the other half, which they sold in 1766, together with an estate at North Elm, to Richard Summers, Esq. (see Rectory Manor). Edward Baber died Sept. 23, 1578, at 47. A monument (Plate III) containing his effigy and that of his wife was erected in a chapel in the south aisle (called the Baber chapel) by Francis Baber, his eldest son (Coll., II., 97).

Edward Baber's will is dated Sept. 10, 1578, and proved Feb. 10, 1578-9, by Katharine Baber, his widow and executrix, with power reserved to Lady Alice Lee. He calls himself Serjeant at law of Aldwick. He leaves his lease in the manor house of Aldwick where he dwelt to his second son Robert, with remainders successively to his sons Edward and William and his eldest son Francis and their "last wives and heirs." He bequeaths other leases to William, Edward, Robert, and Francis, all to be held in trust till they are 21, and his wife Katharine he appointed guardian, even though she remarried.

He leaves to his daughters Elizabeth, Mary, and Catherine £200 each, to be paid when they are 16.

He speaks of Regilbury as inherited from his father John, deceased. This contradicts Collinson.

He leaves to his mother, Mary Baber, a pewke (price) gown, and to his brothers John, Thomas, and William each a pewke cloth coat and hose.

His lease in the parsonage of Nempnet to his son Thomas. (He does not seem to have had a son Thomas. Was it his brother Thomas?)

To his wife Katherine the use, etc., of his house and manor at Chewe, which he bought of Sir Ambrose Termyn (? Jermyn). knight.

His books in Middlesex and Chew to his son Francis, and in a codicil £20 to Richard, son of John Baber, of Fayland Court, his brother.

(d) Katherine Baber, third daughter of Sir Thomas Leigh, of Stone Leigh, Warwickshire, who was Lord Mayor of London, 1558. She died March 10, 1661, 1601 and was buried with her husband in Chew Magna Church (Coll., II., 97). She was sister of Sir Thomas Leigh, knight, of Stoneleigh. She held the advowson of the church of Chew Magna, to which she appointed the Rev. John Baber in 1589. It is said that this John was her nephew, but no such person is found in the pedigrees.

(e) William Baber of Chew Stoke. Will dated April 28, 1571, and proved May 12, 1576. He is to be buried in the church of Chew Stoke. He mentions Isabel, Agnes, and Jone Baber, his sisters (or perhaps sisters-in-law). His brother John, with Mr. Edward Baber and John King, to have the care of the children of John and Elizabeth Mattock, who are mentioned in Edward Baber's will. The value of his estate is given as £9 13s. 4d. ("Chew Magna Wills," Vol. IV., p. 29).

The Rev. G. S. Master, in his "History of Wraxall," suggests that this William Baber was of Failand, he

died 1606 and Catherine his wife died 1606, and that he was probably uncle of John Baber, D.D., vicar of Chew Magna, 1589-1626, but this is not possible ("Wraxall," p. 57).

Elizabeth Baber of Timsbury, gentlewoman. Will dated April 30, 1588. To the poor of Timsbury  $\frac{3}{4}$ . To the repairs of the church  $\frac{3}{4}$ . She speaks of her daughter Mary and leaves her certain articles at the parsonage of Timsbury and £40, £20 of which was left by her father's will. John Baber, her son, is to be residuary legatee and her brother Swithan Sambourne, parson of Timsbury, one of her executors. (Was this John Baber the vicar of Chew?)

Swithanus Sambourne, A.M., was parson of Timsbury from 1579 to 1625.

There is no document shewing who was Elizabeth's husband.

(f) Richard Bushe was of Butcombe.

(g) John Baber is the only nephew of Catherine Baber mentioned in the pedigrees, but the list of his children is quite unlike that given in the Chew Magna Register as the children of John the Vicar.

(g\*) William Baber is probably the William Baber mentioned by the Rev. G. S. Masters. (See Note "e.")

(h) Francis was 12 years old at the death of his father, and was born August 25 in 1565 or 1566. Married July 24, 1595.

For some years Francis Baber was buying and accumulating lands in Chew.

1594. He bought from John Popham, knight, Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, and Amy his wife, and Francis Popham his son and Ann his wife, No. 1.

1595. Fines, Mich., 37-38 Elizabeth. He and John Hasell, jun., bought from the same, No. 2, in Chew and Dundry, with common for cattle in Heridge Dundry.

1608. Fines, Hil., 6 James I. He bought from John Baber, and Mary his wife; J. B. having bought the same from the Pophams, No. 3.

1611. Fines, Mich., 9 James I. He bought of Edward Tyson and Johanna his wife, No. 4.

1611. Fines, Mich., 9 James I. He bought of Thos. Dole and Edith his wife, with common pasture in North Elm and Chew, No. 5.

1611-2. Fines, Hil., 10 James I. He bought of Thos. Cecil and Johanna his wife, No. 6, they having bought the same of Thos. Purnell.

1612. Fines, Pasch., 10 James I. He bought of John Boucher and Margaret his wife (and common of pasture for all cattle in Stone, North Elm, Dundry, and Chew Magna), No. 7.

1613. Fines, Trin., 11 James I. He bought of John Warden and Anne his wife, No. 8 (in Chew).

1620. Fines, Mich., 18 James I. He bought of William Forde, gent., No. 9, with common of pasture for all cattle in Chew Magna and Dundry, and 1 dovecote.

1620. Fines, Mich., 18 James I. He bought of Paul Goldston, No. 10, with common of pasture in Chew Magna and Dundry.

1620. Fines, Mich., 18 James I. He bought of Thomas Dole, No. 11, with common of pasture for all cattle in Chew Magna and Dundry.

The list of these purchases is given in the following table :—

No.	Mess.	Gardens.	Cott.	Orchard.	Barn.	Stable.	Loft.	Land, ac.	Mead.	Pasture.	Wood.	Cost, £.
1	1	2		1	1	1	1	202	12	59		150
2	2	2		2				28	20	7	140½	260
3									25	16½		60
4									10	12		41
5	1	1		1				10	5	5		41
6	1	1		1				12	5	17		41
7	2	2		2				13	4	5		41
8	1	1		1				2		2		41
9	17	23	3	20	17	1 mill	3	300	100	200	10	80
10	1	2	1	1				20	2	5		60
11	1	1		1				50	10	20		100
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27	35	4	30	18	1 s., 1 m.		4	637	193	348½	150½	915

Francis Baber sells (1629, Fines, Trin., 5 Charles I.) to Edward Baber, Esq., William Cooke, and William Claxton, the manors of Chew, als. Chew Magna, including Knighton Sutton, Regelbury als. Rochelberry als. Rechelbrugh, Winford als. Winfunde als. Winfrende, and Felton, the hundreds of Brent and Wrington, also 120 messuages, 12 cottages, 20 tofts, 8 mills, 10 dovecotes, 130 gardens, 120 orchards, 3,000 acres of land, 1,340 of meadow, 640 pasture, 1,000 acres of wood, and 60/- of rent; the rectory of Norton Hawkefelde and the advowson of Wrington.

Inq. P. Mortem of Francis Baber. He was justice of the peace under three Sovereigns—Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I. He died Sept. 9, 1643, and would have been born in 1565, as he was 78 years old when he died. He was buried in the vault with his father, and he built the monument over it which now exists (Coll., Vol. II., p. 97). He is called brother-in-law by George Tynte of Broadchalke, who died 1611-12, but no such relationship

is shown in the pedigree (S. W., VI., 88). He paid taxes in the tything of North Elm, Chew Magna, from 1628 to 1640. The Subsidy Rolls are not continued after that date.

February 8, 1616. He bought the right of free warren over his estates for 20/-. They include the manor of Chew Magna, and estates in Brent, Wrington, Midsomer Norton, Farrington, Hinton Blunet, Regilbury, Nemnet, Blagdon, Butcombe. Wyndforde als. Wynfrithe, Felton, Pensford, Beluton, Stantone Drewe, Publow, Chelworth, and Farmboroughe (Pat. Roll, 14 James I., Pt. XXVII., No. 2116). The births of all his children except that of John his eldest son are registered at Chew Magna church.

(i) Anne Baber, daughter of William Whitmore of London and Apsley, Salop. She died December 30, 1650, *æt.* 80, and was buried at St. Peter's, Bath (Burke's "Landed Gentry," 1,506) (Coll., II., p. 97).

(j) Edward of Sutton Court or rather of Knighton Sutton. He paid taxes in the tything of Knighton Sutton from 1625 to 1640. He held the lease of Knighton Sutton on lives (from some of the members of the Cavendish family). He married about 1607 Mary da. of Thos. Paradyn of London, merchant (k), and about 1622 Frances daughter of . . . . . Edington of Enfield. He had one son and three daughters by his second wife. He married, thirdly, Elizabeth Cross, by whom he had no children. He died April 21, 1665, *æt.* 80 (S. A. S., Vol. XIV., p. 99). If so, he was born in 1585, and would appear to have been nearly the youngest of the family. He was the third brother.

(l) Elizabeth Baber was the daughter of William Crosse of Blackmore Farm, Charlinch. Her mother

was Grace the daughter of John Perry of Halse (S. W. M., I., p. 39). She was sister of Rev. John Crosse of Stogumber, who married Susan Bourne. She married first Samuel Jepp, by whom she had a son, Samuel Jepp (see Pedigree of the St. Lo's); then William Strachey, by whom she had a son, John Strachey; and thirdly Edward Baber.

The grandson of Sir William Cavendish who in 1628 was created Earl of Newcastle, loyally supported Charles I., and about 1644 was compelled to go into exile, when his estates were confiscated and sold. Among these was the estate of Knighton Sutton, held on lease by Edward Baber, which was bought by his wife for her son, Samuel Jepp, who died, without male heirs, before his mother, and she resettled her estates in her will, which was dated September 29, 1671, and proved February 14, 1672, by her son, John Strachey. She states that her son Samuel Jepp being dead, she leaves £400 per annum to his daughter Mary Jepp, with reversion to John Strachey. This legacy was to be paid out of lands, etc., in Westminster. She leaves her capital messuage of Sutton Courtenay and all the lands in Knighton Sutton to John Strachey. This seems to have been settled by a deed June 15, 1655, on the marriage of John Strachey with Jane Hodges.

She mentions Samuel Jepp, son of Thomas her late brother (in law). She gives £10 to the poor of Chew Magna, to be distributed in five yearly portions of 40/- each. She gives to Mary Jepp an inlaid cabinet that stands within her chamber and its contents, her largest ring of diamonds, and a trunk of linen marked with her father's name. To her grandchild Joan Strachey £200 and her pearl necklace and a

diamond ring. To Francis Baber, her husband's son £50, and to Mary Baber his wife £20. In case of Francis Baber's death, the £50 to be paid to William Catcombe, her late husband's (Edward Baber) grandchild. To her godson John Jones 40/- and legacies to her servants.

She died October 30, 1672, and was buried in Chew Magna Church. She is called of Sutton Court (Chew Magna Register). If this is correct, and it most probably is, the date of the proof of the will is not correct.

(m) Robert Baber, of Bath. Will dated April 24, 1640, proved June 12, 1640. He is to be buried in the Church of S. Peter and S. Paul, to which he leaves 20/-, and to its poor 20/-. He states that in 1631-2 he and his brother Edward bought from Thomas Sambourne of Timsbury the patronage of the church of that parish, which they gave to R. B.'s son Edward (who held it in 1644 by the gift of Edward and Roger Baber) (Weaver, Som. Inc., p. 293). He speaks of Mary and Elizabeth, the daughters of his son Edward, and of Robert Baber his own son (second), and Roger his son (third), to whom he leaves 2 tenements, 1 orchard, etc., in Corston, and a piece of land in Easton, and he is to provide for his mother Priscilla in his house for life; of Priscilla his wife; of his brothers Francis and Edward, and his cousin William Blanchard or Blanchet, gent., who really was his nephew.

(n) Mary Baber. Her first husband was Sir Roger Wilbraham of Ludgrave Hadley, Master of the Requests. He died 1616. Her second, Sir Thomas Delves of Doddington, Chester, who was born 1571-2. She was living at Nantwich in 1629.

(o) Elizabeth Baber married Henry Jones of Bridgewater, son of Henry Jones (S. W., III., 113). (Was John Jones, godson of Catherine Baber, their son?)

(p) Robert Baber of S. George, Easton-in-Gordano, *æt.* 27, 1623, therefore born 1596.

(q) Bridget Baber, daughter of John Baber, of Bristol.

(r) John Baber *æt.* 25 in 1623, therefore born 1598. Administration June 17, 1646. Calls himself of the City of Bath. He leaves his estate to William Walrond, grandfather of John, Mary, and Elizabeth Baber, minors, children of J. B. (S. W., V., 106).

(s) Elizabeth Baber, daughter of William Walrond of London. She died before 1646. She married John Baber October 5, 1623.

(t) John Baber, called eldest son of Francis Baber, married Barbara, daughter of John son of Edward Tynte ("Wraxall," p. 69) (S. W., VI., p. 91).

(v) Edward, born July 6, 1597 (C. M. Reg.); married July 2, 1629, Elizabeth, d. of Edward Pratt; and died 1633.

1633. I. P. M., 9 Ch. I., M. II., p. 3 (64). Inq. at Bath 3 Sep. upon the death of Edward Baber. One Francis Baber, his father, was seized of the manor of Rochelburie, alias Regelburie, with app. in Nemett, Winford, Blagdon, and Butcombe, and settled the same June 14, 1595, 37 Elizabeth, as jointure upon his intended wife, Anne Whitmore, da. of Anne Whitmore of London, wid., her trustees being Wm. Whitmore, of the Middle Temple, gent., now knight, and Wm. Craven, cit. and merchant of London, now also knight. The marriage took place July 24, 1595. The said Francis was also

seized of the manor of Chewe Magna, with lands and messuages in Chewe, Knowle, Dundry, and the rectory of Norton Hautefield. A settlement was made by Francis Baber on the deceased Edward Baber, his son and heir, by indenture, Oct. 4, 1628, 4 Ch. I., of which the parties of the third part were Edward Baber of Sutton (brother of Francis) and others. This indenture also provided for Francis Baber, second son, and James Baber, third son of Francis. Edward Baber, the dec., was of Lincoln's Inn, in 1628.

Afterwards by Ind., June 12, 1629, 5 Ch. I., Francis B. and Edward conveyed to John Baber of Lincoln's Inn the mansion house of Chewe, in trust for Edward Baber and Elizabeth Pratt, da. of Henry Pratt (his intended wife). They were married July 2, 1629. She is living at Chew. Edw. died March 14, 1632-3, 9 Ch. I. Francis Baber, sen., and his wife are still living at Chewe.

Henry Baber at the time of Edward his father's death was at 1 year 5 months and 26 days.

(w) Sir Richard Hill married Elizabeth Baber August 12, 1623. His will, dated May 16, 1627, was proved Sept. 12, 1627, by Anthony Hill. He leaves to Dame Elizabeth his wife all her apparel, jewels, bed, etc., in the chamber of my cousin Anthony Hill. She remarried John Hodges of Lufton, Somerset. Her will is dated March 5, 1635, but there is no date of proof (S. W., III., p. 80). On his marriage Sir Richard Hill settled £1,400 on his wife for life, a large landed estate in Gloucestershire called Thirdland or Ridland. He died May 3, 1627, and in an Inq. p. mortem (Gloucester Records, p. 81) dated 1625 he mentions Francis Baber, his father-in-law, and

Edward Baber of Lincoln's Inn (see v), son and heir-apparent of J. B. If this is correct, John, eldest son of Francis Baber, was dead before 1625.

(x) William Baber, born Feb. 19, 1599; buried April 16, 1600 (Chew Magna Registers).

(y) Francis Baber, born July 6, 1600 (Chew Magna Registers). Francis Baber, Arm., LL.D., was Chancellor to the Diocese of Gloucester from 1631 for 39 years. He died 1669, *æt.* 69. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Adderley, comp. Middlesex arm., who died 1673, *æt.* 63. Arms. gules, a lion couchant in fesse, between 6 cross croslets, 3 in chief and as many in base, or (Rudder, 164).

1652. Fines, Trin. Francis Baber, D.D., and Elizabeth his wife sell for £100 to Mary and Francis Buckland 1 messuage, 1 barn, 1 stable, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 20 acres of land, 20 of meadow, and 40 of pasture in Great Chew.

1662. Fines, Trin., 14 Charles II. Francis Baber, D.C.L., sells to John and Hugh Tynte the manors of Chew Magna and Regilbury, and 100 messuages, 20 cottages, 10 tofts, 4 mills, 120 gardens, 100 orchards, 2,500 acres of land, 800 of meadow, 600 pasture, 100 acres of wood, price £3,000.

(z) Harry Baber, christened Oct. 16, 1606; buried Nov. 13, 1606 (C. M. Reg.).

(a1) Jane Baber married Laurence St. Lo.

(a2) Mary Baber *æt.* 13, in 1623; therefore born 1610.

(a3) Ann Baber, bap. Jan. 20, 1620; bur. July 20, 1622 (C. M. R.).

(a4) Francis Baber, bap. Jan. 3, 1622. Living in 1672, when he was mentioned in the will of Elizabeth Cross (1).

1656. Francis Baber (gent.) buys from Thos. Farmer; gent., and Elizabeth his wife 2 messuages, 2 curtilages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 20 acres of land, 10 of meadow, 20 of pasture, and common of pasture in Chew Magna and Midsomer Norton, price £60.

In a nuncupative will dated March 17, 1675, Francis Baber of Chew Magna, gentleman, gives to his kinswoman and god-daughter Ann Baber £20. This may be Ann (daughter of Edward Baber and Mary Paradyn), his sister. There are legacies to his three kinsmen, Roger, Edward, and Robert Baber; to his wife Mary, and to the children of Robert Gatcombe, his brother-in-law. Inventory, £587 15s. 10d. (Chew Magna Wills. p. 91). He was buried in Chew Magna Church, May 1, 1676 (C. M. Register).

(a5) Ann Baber b. April 18, 1630; married Robert Catcombe (note 1).

(a6) Rev. Edward Baber, rector of Timsbury Oct. 15, 1644, to 1674. The advowson was in the gift of Edward Baber his uncle and Roger his brother (Weaver's Som. Inc., p. 293).

(a7) John, Mary, Elizabeth Baber (S.W.; V., p. 106).

(a8) Edward Baber of Regilbury, son of John Baber and his wife (Barbara?), daughter of John Tynte (Wraxall, p. 69). He is called grandson by John Tynte (S. W.; VI., 91). In the visitation of 1623 an Edward the son of Francis is said to have been two years old in 1623. This must be a mistake, for according to the Chew Magna Register the Edward son of Francis was born July 6, 1597, but the date would be appropriate to this Edward, who would then have been born in 1621. This Edward was mentioned in the will of his grandfather, John Tynte, who died 1710 (S. W., VI., p. 93).

1698. He pulled down part of the Bishop's old palace, and the gallery into the church. Collinson says this, but it is more probable that this was done by Francis, his grandfather.

Fines, 1685, Mich., 1 James II. Edward Baber, Esq., sells to Robert Baber and Andrew Innys the manors of Chew Magna and Regilbury, and 80 messuages, 20 cottages, 4 tofts, 3 water-mills, 8 gardens, 80 orchards, 1,000 acres of land, 410 of meadow, 840 of pasture, 60 acres of wood, with common of pasture for all cattle, common of furbary, and common of estovers in Chew Magna, Stoke, Regilbury, Winford, Blagdon and Nempnet, Wrington, and Burrington, and a portion of the tithes in Nempnet and Shrubwell. His will, dated January 18, 1705, declares his wish to be buried in the vault in Chew Magna Church made by his ancestors. He bequeaths everything to his wife, Florence Baber, who proved his will May 10, 1711. He was buried April 10, 1711.

(29) Florence Baber, daughter of Roger Bourne of Gautheney Carlinch and Ann daughter of John Malet. R. B. d. March 1, 1670 (Collinson, I., pp. 240, 241).

By her will dated April 3, 1713 (12 Anne), she gives all her estates to Sir Halswell Tynte and his brothers in succession (she was related to the Tyntes by her husband's mother). The legacies are bequeathed on the condition that the legatees pay £4,000, of which £1,500 is to pay off mortgages on her lands at Gothelney and Charlinch; £2,000 to be paid to Martha Stocker, daughter of Joseph Stokker, grocer, and Martha his late wife; and £500 which her late husband borrowed of Joseph Tate.

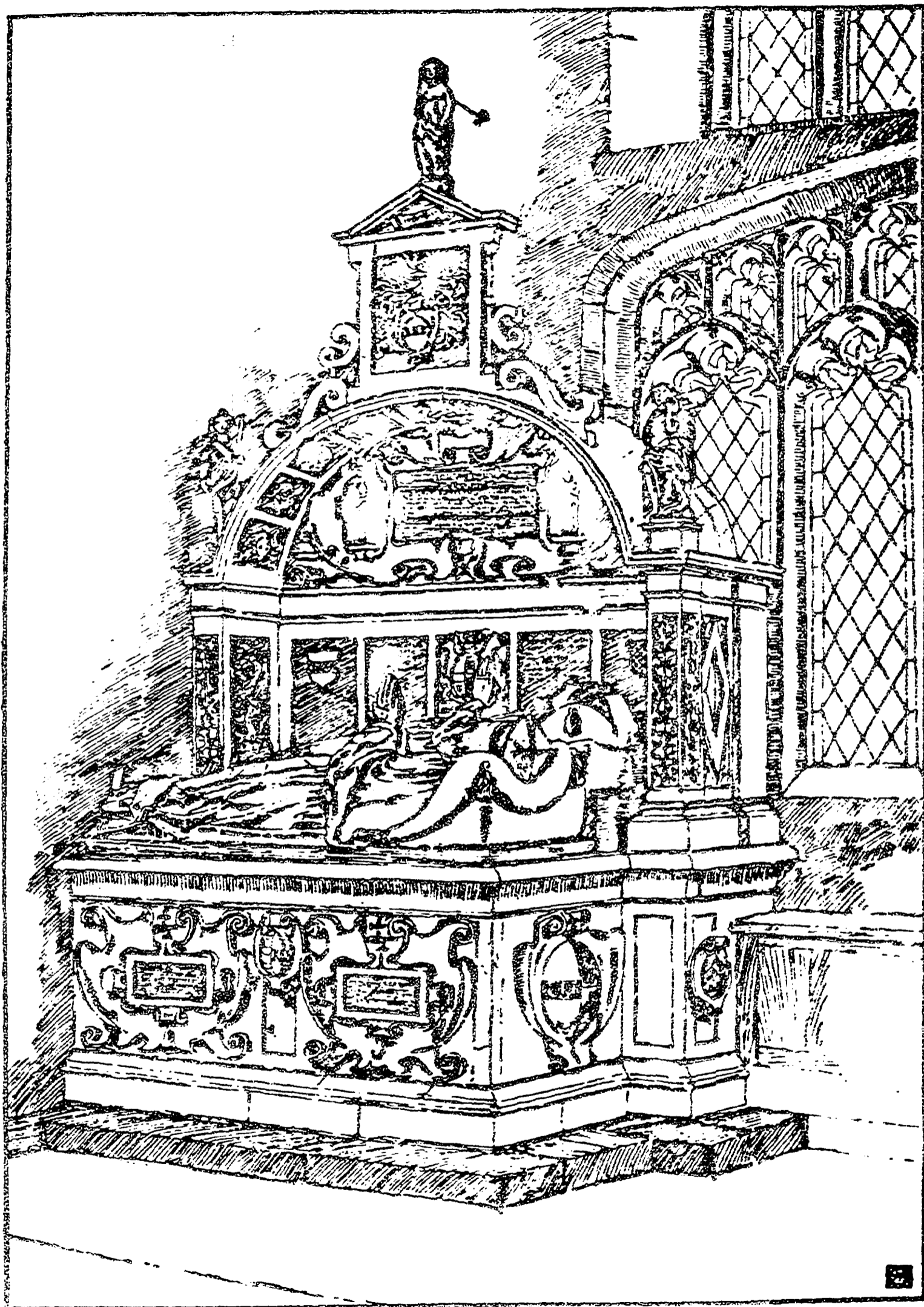
In case of non-compliance with these conditions,

the properties were to be divided between Thomas Bourne, son of Edmund Bourne, late of Rhode; John Bourne, son of Henry Bourne, of Charlinch; Martha and Mary Hooker; Robert and Ann Knight, my cozens; Sarah, Elizabeth, Susannah, and Ann Bourne, daughters of Gilbert Bourne, deceased; Elinor Baber of Bristol, single woman; Jane, widow of Walter Catford; Mrs. Francis Butler, widow of Robert Butler, minister of God's word (not found in Weaver's Som. Incumbents); and Sarah, widow of Henry Bourne, late of Charlinch.

She left £100 to the churchwardens of Chew to be placed out at interest for binding poor children apprentice to some honest calling, and £50 to Nempnett and £100 to Charlinch for the same purpose; and to her servants—1, £50; 3, £20; and 2, £10 legacies. Proved Sept. 3. 1715, by Thomas Bourne. She was buried Sept. 12, 1714, at Chew Magna (Reg.).

(a10) William Catcombe (see note 1).

(a11) This John Baber, presented to the living of Chew Magna by Catharine Baber, finds no place in the pedigree. He may have been the son John of Elizabeth Baber of Timsbury (see c).



THE HAUTEVILLE MONUMENT.

THE BABER MONUMENT.

scarcely have been the wife of the next Sir John, who long survived her husband, and had three husbands after him. The fact, however, that the St. Lo arms are on her dress is said to show that she was a St. Lo—not the wife of a St. Lo (*Plate 12*)—unless a St. Lo married a St. Lo.

On a brass in the same chapel are the arms: Argent, a cross between four eagles displayed gules (Strachey) impaling Or, three trefoils slipped sable (Symonds); over all, Ulster ~~escutcheon~~ for baronet. Motto, "Cœlum non animum." Collinson writes that the arms of St. Lo impaled with a pair of wings conjoined for Fitzpayne are found in a boss on the roof, as are also the arms of Bishop Beckington, and a shield with the five wounds of the Saviour; but these have all been destroyed by whitewash. PAt the east end of the south aisle is the Baber Chapel, opening into the chancel by an Early English arch. In the south-east corner is the Baber monument (*No. 4 on Ground Plan*) erected before 1643 by Francis Baber to the memory of his father and mother, with an epitaph to himself and his wife. The Latin inscriptions are given in full by Collinson (II., p. 97) (*Plate 14*).

wThis monument was placed against and hides part of the south window of the chapel, and a great alteration must have been made in the aspect of the chapel when the monument was put up. The arms of the father and son and of everybody related to them are found on the monument. Creston Esquire's helmet, on a wreath, cock rising, or, jelloped gules. Shield, Argent, on a fesse gules, three hawks' heads erased of the first. Motto, "Unicumque sum." Baber. Baber, impaling ~~her~~, Gules, a cross engrailed or, on dexter chief a lozenge of the last, Leigh. Vert fretty and or, Whitmore.

Barry of six or and azure (really azure two bars argent) on a canton sable, a wolf's head erased argent. Wilbraham, impaling Baber.

Baber impaling quarterly 1 and 4, Vert fretty or, Whitmore, 2 and 3, Argent on a chevron sable three bezants. Bond, mother of Anne Whitmore.

Argent, a chevron checquy gules and or (really fretty) between three billets sable, on chevron point a dexter hand epaumée gules for Baronet. Delves, impaling Baber.

On each corner of the chapel supporting the roof is a shield.

N.W. corner, Baber impaling Leigh.

N.E. corner, Delves impaling Baber.

S.E. corner, Wilbraham impaling Baber.

S.W. corner, Baber impaling Whitmore and Bond.

The late Sir Edward Strachey, in a paper read before the S. A. S., Vol. 14, states that there was once a gallery over the chapel, making two stories in it—he adds that it was destroyed by Edward Baber—but this monument never could have been put up while a galleried pew was there; so, if the monument was erected in 1643, the gallery must have been destroyed by Francis Baber. When the gallery was built, the south window was made shorter so as to admit a door above it; this door was approached by a bridge which crossed the church path into the Bishop's palace; on the other side in the church the door opened upon the gallery, which was the Bishop's pew. The door in the wall is filled up by a window with 4 lights without tracery, and the disturbed state of the stones around shows evidence of rebuilding. This chapel was probably that of St. Nicholas, spoken of in 1495 in the will of Thomas Mayho.

Leaving the Baber Chapel and going westward, the round-headed piscina, said to be Norman, is first noticed; then the old wooden figure of Sir John de Hauteville, largely mended with plaister. This monument is said to have been brought from Norton Hauteville Chapel when that chapel was destroyed at the Reformation; the knight is lying cross-legged in a most awkward position, which is shown in the etching (*Plate 15*). It was first placed on the sill of the east window in the Baber Chapel, then placed under a modern canopy by the Rev. Rawden W. Hautenville, Rector of Weston-in-Gordano, who claimed to have been descended from the Hautevilles, and who placed under the monument, Sir John de Hauteville, temp. H. III. But this inscription and the monument cannot be made to coincide: the armour is of the time of Henry V. Now the last Hauteville, Geoffrey, parted with his manor of Norton to John de Wyck in 2 Edward III., 1328, and he appears to have been the last of the family. John de Wyck died 20 Edward III., 1346, and his wife, Egelina, married Robert Cheyne, of Lincolnshire, and became possessed through her of the manor and advowson of the church at Norton; his heir was Sir William Cheyne, who died 8 Henry V., 1420. One of the Cheynes founded a chantry in the church of Norton. Now, if the armour is of the time of Henry V., this monument may have been the effigy of Sir William Cheyne. It is stated in Paul's "*Sepulchral Slabs*" (p. 7) to be later than Henry III., except the spurs: it is erroneously styled "cross-legged" by Collinson, owing to the attitude of the legs, and he also says the surcoat is charged with a white cross, not applicable to Hauteville or de Wyck, but the Cheynes bore "*azure, a cross flory, or.*"



List of the Wills of the inhabitants of Chew Magna, Chew Stoke, Dundry, and Stowey, now existing in the registrar's office at Wells, abstracts of which are to be found in the library of the Somerset Archæological Society at Taunton and in Highfields, which last will be eventually transferred to the library at Weston-super-Mare.

Column 1, Name.

Column 2, Date of Will.

Column 3, Number of Will in Alphabetical List.

Column 4, Place of Residence.

Column 5, Date of Proof.

Column 6, Inventory of Goods.

1	2	3	4	5	6	£	s.	d.
Abraham, Anne ..	1746	591	Chew Magna ..	1753	—			
Abraham, Oliver, sen.	1742	582*	Chew Magna ..	1752	—			
Abraham, Thomas ..	1725	764	Chew Magna ..	—	706	8	5	
Abraham, Thomas ..	1746	793	— ..	—	—			
Abram, Thomas ..	1694	461	Knowl Hill ..	1694	765	0	0	
Addams, Anne ..	1713	530	Chew Stoke ..	1713	16	1	8	
Adlam, Raffe ..	1599	278	Chew Stoke ..	1589 1599	23	10	0	
Alford, Jane ..	1639	365	Chew Magna ..	1648	15	18	4	
Alin, Thomas ..	1557	74	Chew Stoke ..	1557	25	4	2	
Allen, Elizabeth ..	1683	438	Chew Stoke ..	1684	72	16	8	
Allen, John ..	1704	490	Chew Stoke ..	1704	353	10	2	
Allen, John ..	1714	532	Chew Stoke ..	1714	—			
Allen, } Thomas ..	1743	585*	Chew Stoke ..	1743	—			
Allin, }								
Allen, William ..	1587	219 267	Chew Stoke ..	1587	31	7	8	
Allen, William ..	1799	725	Chew Stoke ..	—	—			
Appowell, Thomas ..	1579	174	Chew Magna ..	1580	—			
Askins, Stephen ..	1591-2	226	Chew Magna ..	1593	12	4	0	
Atfourde, Elonor }	1553	65	Chew Magna ..	1553	—			
Atfourde, Eleanor }	—	—	— ..	1554	21	0	0	
Athasell, John ..	1559	94	Chew Magna ..	1559	—			
Athasell, John, sen.	1560	93	Sutton (Chewe)	1560	—			
Athasell, Thomas ..	1542	12	— ..	1542-3	19	15	4	

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Athasell, William ..	1558	91	Stowye (Chewe)	1559 1560	—				
Athassell, Alicie ...	1552	60	Chew (Magna)	1552-3	12	0	0		
Atheal, John	1710	734	Sutton ..	1710	—				
Atheale, John	1711	725	Bishop Sutton	1711	—				
Atheale, William ..	1568	129	Sutton Weeks	1569	121	12	2		
Athele, Mary ..	1719	738	Bishop Sutton	1721	—				
Athele, Thomas ..	1543	20	Chew (Magna)	1543 1544	2	3	10		
Athele, Isabell	1542	11	—	1542	1	16	1		
Athele, Elizabeth	—	—	—	1545	—				
Attheyle, Agnes ..	1552	63	Chew ..	1552	—				
—	—	—	—	1554	8	11	4		
Baber, Francis ..	1675	404	Chew Magna ..	1676	587	15	10		
Baber, William ..	1571	134	Chew Stoke ..	1571	9	13	4		
Backwill, John ..	1558	100	Stowey (Chew)	1557 1560	—				
Baice, Anne ..	1634	323	Chew Stoke ..	1634	18	1	6		
Baice,				1632					
Baise, Thomas	1632	261	Chew Stoke ..	1632	—				
Braice,		317		1633					
Baker, Francis ..	1750	599	Chew Stoke ..	1757 1759	—				
Baker, William ..	1586	207	Chew Magna ..	1588	31	1	10		
Baley, Roger ..	1541	7	Chew Magna ..	1541-2	40	12	7		
Barber, Samuel, als Jenkins	1677	415	Chew Stoake ..	1678	28	0	0		
Barnes, John ..	1741	586	Chew Magna ..	1760	—				
Bartlett, John, als Hanny	1546	39	Chew ..	1546	—				
Bartlett, Richard, als Hannye	1593	213	Chew Magna ..	1593 1589	—				
Bartlett, William ..	1720	745	Chew Magna ..	1724	—				
Baybyr, Isabella ..	1535	6	Chew Stoke ..	1535	—				
Baylye, Margaret ..	1546	44	Chew ..	1546	—				
Bayse, Robert ..	1592	217	Chew Stoke ..	1593	35	10	4		
Beale, James ..	1765	625	Chew Stoke ..	1765	—				
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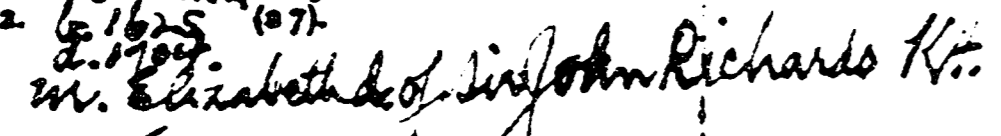
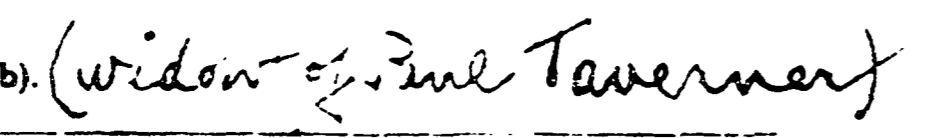
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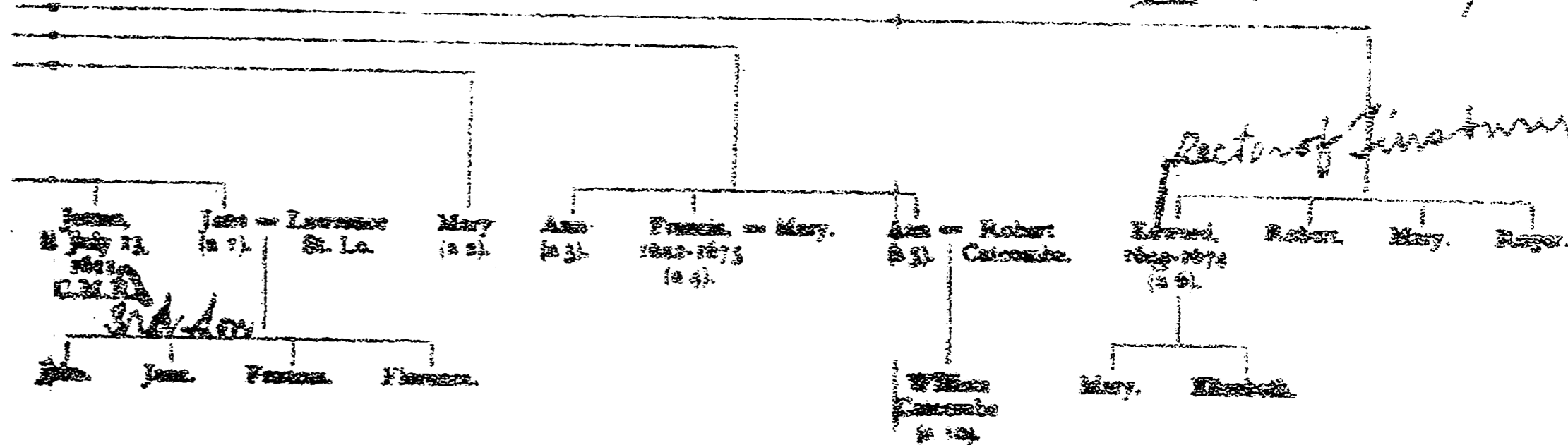
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Agnes Willet of  
Butcombe.

John<sup>1</sup> Baber of Chowstoke - d. 1527.  
= Isabel - d. 1535.

John Baber the Elder of Regilbury  
d. 1515 = Mary - widow of Paul Jernar

John Baber the younger of Chowstoke.  
d. 1537.

Thomas Margery = R. Babbe of Butcombe Webb. Jane = R. Hoppisley.

Edward Baber. Sergeant-at-Law.  
b. 1531. d. Sep. 25. 1575.

William Baber  
d. 1576.

Elizabeth = John Baber of Fairland.  
d. of Thomas Parsons. d. 1587.

Dr. John Baber, Vicar of  
Chew & Jormaston. b. 1564.  
d. 1629 = Mary d. of Dr.  
Wootton. Bishop of Exeter.

William. Mary. Matthew. Martha. Jane. Francis.

John Baber James Alice Elizabeth.  
b. 1598. M.P. b. 1603. b. 1600.  
3. Recorder of  
Wells. d. 1644.  
= Elizabeth Waltons  
d. of William Waltons  
of Isie Brewers Somerset.

Sir John Baber. Kt. M.P. Mary. Elizabeth.  
b. 1625. d. 1704.  
= Elizabeth d. of Sir John Richards. Kt.

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John Baber b. 1658 (3) Francis William Baber  
Mary d. of Sir Jos. b. 1657. b. 1659. d. 1707.  
Draper. Bart. d. at Paris 1684. S.P.

John Baber William B. Mary Elizabeth  
Hon. Ann Stowell  
1710. She died 1746.



C

Sir John Baber.

John Baber b. Dec. 27. 1653. of Ch. Church. Oxford.  
 = Mary Jumper.

John Baber of Sunning Hill. William Mary Elizabeth  
 b. 1684. d. 1765.  
 = Ann. d. & Heir of John 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Stawell.  
 Widow of James Jany. d. 1746.

Thomas Jumper Baber William Peregrine Baber  
 = Barbara. d. of Edward Hamdrey Esq.  
 d. June 15. 1794. aged 86. died young.

Thomas Baber b. 1739. Edward Baber. b. 1746. Diana Baber.  
 = Elizabeth Perreman. Secretary to Warren Hastings. = Rev. E. Isham. d. 1807.

Henry Hervey Baber b. 1775. d. 1869.  
 = Ann Smith. b. 1786. d. 1861.

Elizabeth Ann. Anna Maria. Helen. Harry. Anne John George R. W.  
 b. 1810. d. 1895. b. 1812. d. 1897. b. 1814. d. 1881. b. 1817. d. 1892. b. 1820. d. 1897. b. 1854. d. 1891.  
 = Sarah Frances Rodwell. = Archdeacon Freeman.

Clary George Edith. Edward

Sarah Elizabeth Baber  
 b. 1848. d. 1875.

Harry Hutchinson Baber = Clara Barton  
 b. 1850.

Rev. Cyril Balmer =

Frances Amy.  
 b. 1888

\* Julia Barton = Joyce Collingridge  
 b. 1892

Joyce Collingridge 2. Jocelyn Wyburd.

John Collingridge Baber  
 b. 1928.

Nicholas Baber  
 b. 1931.

Claire Noel  
 b. 1919.

Angela Clary  
 b. 1921.

Robin John.  
 b. 1925.

Hugh Baber  
 b. 1927.

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Dear Mrs. Baber,

Thank you for your letter of 15th October.

The references which you quote from p. XI of your Wood are to printed books: F. W. Weaver's Wells Wills was published in 1890 by Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trubner and Co., Ltd. and it contains extracts from all the wills in the first two registers of wills proved in the Consistory Court of Wells (c. 1528-36); the Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills (6 vols.) were privately printed for Frederick Arthur Crisp in 1887 and are based on the much larger series of manuscript notebooks containing abstracts of wills, etc., relating to Somersetshire families accumulated by the Rev. Frederick Brown. Only 150 copies were printed of this latter work. Brown's MS. volumes remain in the Library of the Somerset Archaeological Society in The Castle, Taunton, and a general index of the families involved is to be found in volume 57 of that Society's Proceedings (for 1911). The wills in the printed Abstracts are generally, if not invariably, from the records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and the original registers, as you will know, remain at Somerset House in London. Reverting to Weaver's book, this is now particularly valuable, as all the probate records from Wells were destroyed in the bombing of Exeter in 1942.

As regards the list of Chew Magna wills on p. 292 et seq. of Wood, abstracts of the 16th century wills have been printed in volume 62 of the Somerset Record Society publications, Somerset Wills from Exeter (1952). I have on deposit a copy of Wood's original manuscript abstracts which, so far as I can check, contains all the wills listed by him.

You may be able to obtain copies of the older books through a second-hand bookseller, although only 150 copies of the Abstracts were printed. You should also be able to obtain a copy of Somerset Wills from Exeter direct from the Honorary Secretary of the Somerset Record Society, Mrs. C. W. M. Rawlins, Court House, Stoford, Yeovil.

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