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## PREFACE

It is now thirty-eight years since the writer began his inquiry for his English ancestors.

Very early in the investigation he came across the Heralds' Visitation of London, 1633-35, containing the pedigree of Humphrey Burre of London, "merchant taylor", whose will was dated 3 July 1643. After giving the arms of this gentleman as "*Ermine on a chief indented sable, two lions rampant or*," the heralds add this note:

"This is the arms of Bures. But Mr. Burr sheweth an ould scocheon carved in wood and painted in cullers, nere a hundred years ould, and saith hee had it from his auncestors out of Somersetshire and that they did beare it."

Humphrey Burre's father was John Bure *alias* John Burre of Knowle, Somersetshire (will dated 18 July 1594), son of John Burre of Norton and High Ongar, Essex (will dated 1558), son of Thomas Burre of Norton (about 1525), son of John Burre of Shellow, Essex (about 1484).

The pedigree does not go higher than John Burre of Shellow and does not trace descent from Bures of Suffolk. Still it is evident that at the date of the visitation, to wit: 1633-35, there was a well defined tradition in this particular family that it descended from the ancient and honorable family of Bures of Suffolk, and in proof of this it pointed to the "ould scocheon."

The writer came across the same tradition in the family of Thomas Burre of Barking, Essex, Gent., in 1593. He was the son of John Burre of Uphall, Barking, son of John Burre of Barking (living in 1539), son of Thomas Burre of Barking (will dated 23 March 1526), son of William Burre of Barking (will dated 13 Dec. 1490), son of John Burre of Barking (living in 1496), son of Walter Burre of Barking (will dated 20 Feb. 1465).

In the Heralds' Visitation of Essex, 1553, there is an annotation in the heralds' note-book (preserved at the British

Museum) after the arms of Burre of Barking, to wit: *ermine on a chief indented sable, two lions rampant or*, as follows: "V [ide] Bures of Acton, Suffolk".

As both of these families in which the tradition of Bures descent existed were located in Essex, and as it was found that Simon Burr of Hingham, Mass., also came from Essex, it seemed wise to investigate thoroughly the Burrs of that county.

Years were occupied in this search. The files of all the probate courts for Essex, some twelve in number, and of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury were searched for Burr wills from the beginning of each court down to the year 1640. A large number of wills was collected and collated. Other records were searched, as Inquisitions post mortem, Chancery and Common Pleas records, the Essex Shipmoney Lists, Lay Subsidies, parish registers, etc.

From all these sources it became apparent that the name Burre was a common one in the county of Essex during the XVth and XVIth centuries. The first of the name on record, is Peter Burre, lord of the manor of Waldeford, Essex, whose inquisition post mortem is dated 1310.

Another fact that emerged from a study of these records was that the name Simon Burr occurs in but three parishes in Essex, to wit: Great Canfeld, Little Canfeld, and Stisted. It occurs also at Redgrave, Suffolk. Simon Burr of Hingham, Mass., came from Stisted, and Rev. Jonathan Burre, of Dorchester, Mass., came from Redgrave. It was logical, therefore, to look for the ancestors of these men in the parish where the name Simon first occurs, viz: in Great Canfeld. The results of this search will be found incorporated in the proper place (chart 5).

The Bures pedigree is published at this time not because it is complete but because there seem to be no more records left to search; at least the writer knows of none.

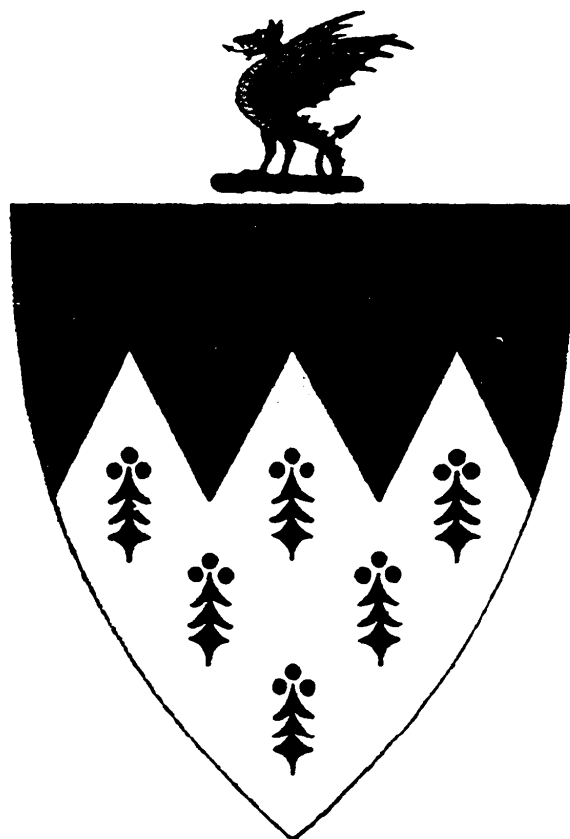
To the descendants of Simon Burr of Hingham it should be a matter of gratification that they have been given a background. It helps them to understand themselves. They are of English blood. Their fathers did their part in founding the American Commonwealth by bringing to the shores of

Massachusetts Bay the English ideals of religion, justice and fair play, and so long as the sons and daughters run true to type in this modern world of doctrinaire ideas and experiments they will not go very far wrong.

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VIRTUS HONORIS JANUA





## EDITOR'S NOTE

Dr. Burr, who, as he says in his preface, had been engaged on his investigation of the origin of his ancestors from about the time he got his degree at Yale in 1884, was for the greater part of his life remote from the English sources he had to examine and so perforce did this work through the agency of other persons, of whom the late J. J. Musket, the well-known Suffolk antiquarian, was one of the chief. For a brief period indeed after getting his medical degree at Harvard in 1888 he was in Great Britain, interne pupil at the Rotunda Hospital at Dublin, 1888, clinical clerk at the Soho Square Hospital for Women, 1889. At this time he fell in with English members of the Cudworth family and from them got further light on his Cudworth ancestry. This gave a new stimulus to his Burr investigation, but it had to be pursued at long range, for he became physician for nervous diseases at the Boston (Massachusetts) Dispensary, 1892, assistant physician in the out-patient department at the Boston City Hospital, 1893, assistant surgeon in the U. S. Navy, 1898, when as junior medical officer of the U. S. S. "Monterey" he was present at the Battle of Manila, and in 1901 he took up his residence again in Portland, Me., where the high repute of his late father Dr. Charles Hartwell Burr provided him at once with a considerable clientele which his own training and experience could not fail to augment. Besides the duties of a private practitioner he had those of examiner at Portland of applicants for federal pensions, 1903-13, and of physician to the clinic for diseases of the stomach and intestines at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, 1903-23, and in 1917 he became assistant medical director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, thereafter dividing his time between New York and Portland.

Fortunately for those persons who may examine this book the exacting demands of a busy professional life while they impeded the progress of Dr. Burr's investigation did not alto-

gether obstruct it, for he yet found time to direct search in the English archives and to compare and collate the product of this search.

Dr. Burr was preparing his manuscript for the press when on December 24, 1923, he died at St. Barnabas Hospital, Portland, Me., after undergoing a major surgical operation. He had completed his narrative and pedigrees in what he regarded as their final form and had arranged the evidences. Some of the descendants of Simon Burr of Hingham were desirous that Dr. Burr's work should take a permanent form in print and I undertook to see it through the press. I have made no changes except to supply introductory headings for divisions of the narrative, thinking thus to assist the reader, to correct such clerical errors as attracted my notice, to supply some definite references to sources mentioned in the narrative, and to make some additions to the Simon Burr pedigree so as to bring it down to date.

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## BURES OF SUFFOLK

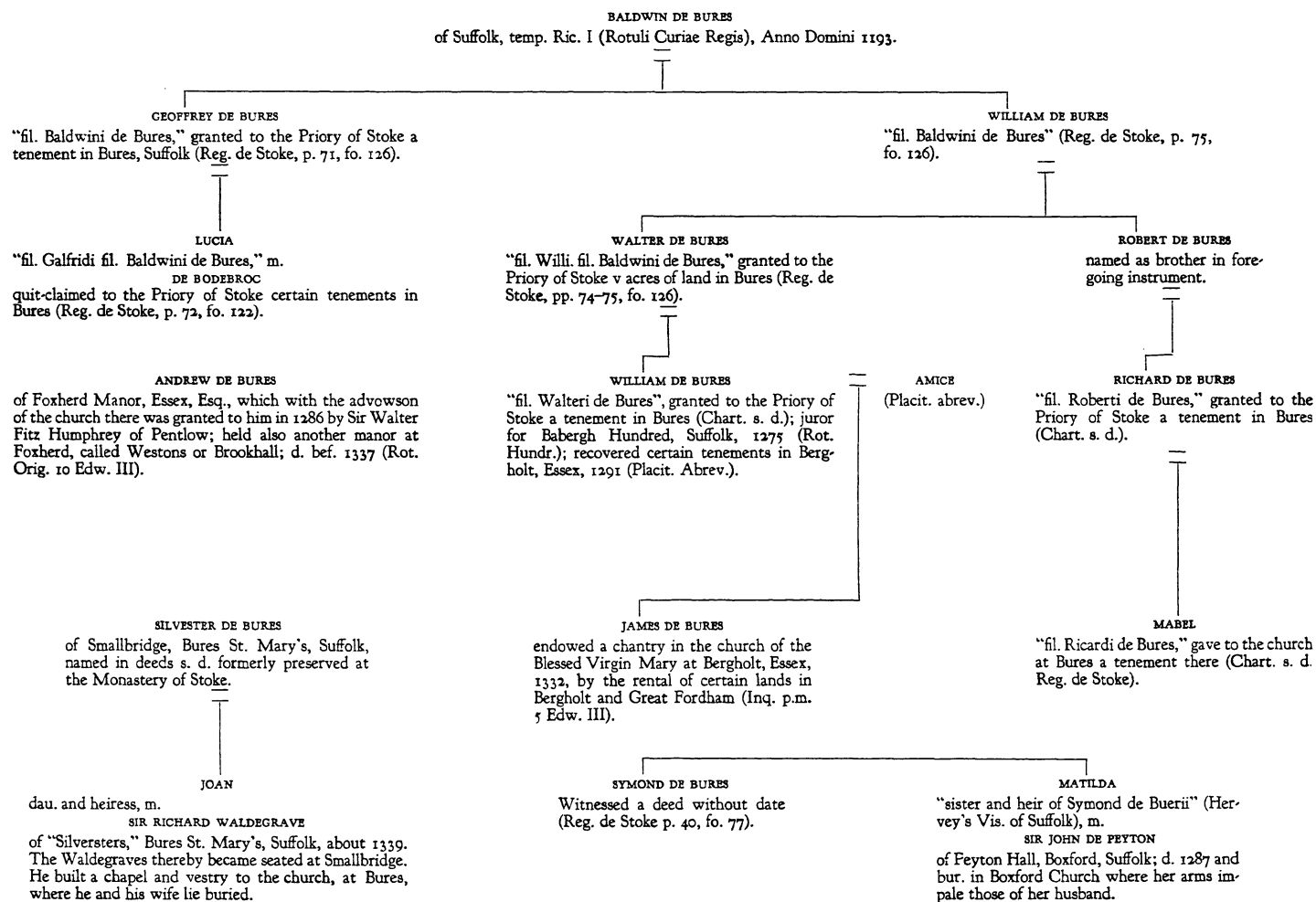
From which Family probably descended  
Simon Burr of Hingham in the Colony  
of Massachusetts Bay, 1645



# Chart 1

## BURES OF SUFFOLK

ARMS: Ermine on a chief indented sable, two lions rampant or.  
 CREST: A Wyvern sable. Motto: Virtus Honoris Janua.











## BURES OF SUFFOLK

*De Bures*—The family of Bures or de Bures took its name from the town of Magna Bures (or Bures St. Mary's) in the county of Suffolk, England. Little is known of its early members save that several of them had Norman names, as Baldwin, Geoffrey and Silvester (Chart 1), and that they are mentioned in various state documents of the time, but chiefly in the records of the monastery or priory of Stoke.

*Sir Robert*—The first outstanding man of this name was Sir Robert de Bures of Acton, Suffolk, who died in 1331. He was the son of Nicholas de Bures of Magna Bures, Suffolk, and very likely a near relative of Andrew de Bures of Foxherd Manor, Essex, 1286. At all events he became Lord of that Manor. The memorial brass over his grave portrays him in chain mail and with his legs crossed. This is the conventional sign of the crusader. The ninth and last crusade to the Holy Land occurred in 1270. Assuming that he was at least twenty years old at that time, he must have been born as early as 1250. Nothing is on record about him before the year 1302, when his first wife Alice died, by whom he had issue four sons, to wit: John, Andrew, Michael and William.

Beginning with 1310 his name appears in the public records. Thus in that year Robert de Bures and James, his brother, of Suffolk, proffer the service of one-fourth part of a knight's fee (Parl. Writs). In 1316 Robert de Bures is certified pursuant to writ tested at Clipston 5 March as Lord of the Township of Acton, Suffolk (Parl. Writs). In the same year Robert de Bures is appointed a commissioner to raise foot soldiers in the county of Suffolk, pursuant to a grant made in Parliament at Lincoln, commission tested at Langley 26 Mar. 1316 (Parl. Writs). On the 27th of May 1316 Robert de Bures is commanded to proceed with the levy of foot soldiers in the county of Suffolk, the day of

muster first appointed having been prorogued (Parl. Writs). On the 14th of June 1316 Robert de Bures is appointed one of the conservators of the peace for the county of Suffolk (Parl. Writs). On the 20th of June 1316 Robert de Bures is "amoved" from the office of commissioner of array and another commissioner appointed in his stead (Parl. Writs). In 1322 the King commissioned Robert de Bures custodian of the manor and honor of Clare, also of the Manors of Berdefeld and Thaxstede in the County of Essex and of certain other lands and tenements in the County of Suffolk which had been forfeited by the act of "inimical and rebellious" men in said county; and in 1324 the King commanded Robert de Bures to make partition of said lands between John and Arthur de Denardeston (Abrev. Rot. Orig.).

In 1324 Sir Robert de Bures, Knight, is returned by the sheriff of Suffolk, pursuant to a writ tested at Westminster 9th of May, as summoned by general proclamation to attend a Great Council at Westminster on Wednesday next after Ascension Day, 30th of May.

"It does not appear," says Gage, "that the family of Bures had lands in Acton till the marriage of Sir Robert de Bures (in 1311) with his second wife Hillaria, daughter of Sir John le Fermer, which lady held in dower lands in Acton, parcel of the honor of Peverell, the several estates of her former husbands, Hugh Talemache of Bentley, died 25 Edward I (1295), and John de Hodebovill, died 2 Edward II (1309). In the 5th and 7th years of Edward II (1312 and 1314) Roger de Hodebovill and Hugh Talemache, the sons respectively, conveyed to Sir Robert de Bures and Hillaria his wife for their lives the manor of Acton and various lands in Acton, and in the 11th year of Edward II (1318) the reversion became settled on Andrew de Bures, second son of Sir Robert by his first marriage.

It has been stated above that Andrew de Bures was lord of the manor of Foxherd, Essex, in 1286, at which time Sir Walter FitzHumphrey of Pentlow conveyed this manor to him along with the advowson of the church. In 1329 it had passed into the possession of Edmund le Boteler, who in that year granted the manor and advowson of Foxherd to Robert



SIR ROBERT DE BURES

C. 1250-1331



de Bures and Hillary his wife and their heirs with remainder to Andrew de Bures, son of Robert de Bures and his first wife Alice, and his heirs (Feet of Fines). Edmund le Boteler also granted to Sir Robert de Bures and Hillary his wife certain lands in the county of Suffolk (Inq. post mortem of Robert de Bures) lying in Great Waldyngfeld, Little Waldyngfeld, Meldyng, Melford, Aketon, Sudbery, Newton, Great Bures, Wyston, Asyngton and Little Cornerth.

Sir Robert de Bures died prior to October 15th, 1331, on which date his inq. p.m. was taken in the county of Suffolk, Andrew de Bures, his son, being heir and aged 28 years. On August 13th, 1331\*, when his end was near, he obtained permission from the King to give to the Prior and Brethren of the order of the Holy Cross of Whelnetham 4 messuages, 240 acres of arable land, 20 acres of pasture with belongings in Aketon and Waldyngfeld, for the purpose of providing for two chaplains who were to celebrate mass daily forever in the Brethren's Church at Whelnetham for the repose of the soul of said Robert and the souls of his ancestors and of all the faithful departed (Suffolk Green Books, vol. 15, p. 384).

Hillary his wife survived him but a few months and died 13 Dec. 1331 at which time Andrew de Bures, the heir, was said to be 30 years old and more.

Sir Robert de Bures is buried in the parish church of Acton (All Saints) in the Lady Chapel, in company with his descendants Alice de Bryan and Henry Bures. There is a magnificent brass over his grave, six feet and more in length and made apparently of bell metal. It has outlasted the purbeck stone upon which it rests, for the stone has crumbled away for the better part of an inch leaving the figure of the cross-legged knight in relief. The British Archaeological Association pronounces it to be the finest military brass in existence and the third oldest in England.

*James, brother to Sir Robert*—Sir Robert de Bures had a brother James who seems to have held jointly with him certain lands. Thus in the inq. p.m. taken 30 Edward I

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\*Many antiquaries give 1302 as the year of the death of Sir Robert de Bures, but on what evidence does not appear.

(1302), after the death of Alice the first wife of Robert de Bures, it is said that Robert de Bures, Alice his wife and James his brother held Badmundesfeld in the village of Wykambrook, Suffolk, and the following manors: Worle, Glouc; Bolewyk, Northt, Holpenynatre, Essex; Laxton and Pighesleye, Northt, Geddinges, Huntingdon; Blarenyke, Northt, Honesdon, Herts; Northt and Colne, Essex; and Delygton, Huntingdon. In 1310 Robert de Bures and James his brother of Suffolk proffer service of one fourth part of a knight's fee, performed by one "serviens" with one barded horse (Muster at Tweedmouth 19 Sept. 4 Edward II). In 1314 Sir Robert de Bures, Knight (Parl. Writs), and James de Bures witnessed the marriage of John de Reydon (or Roydon) 17 June 7 Edward II (Cal. Rot. Chart., fo. 132).

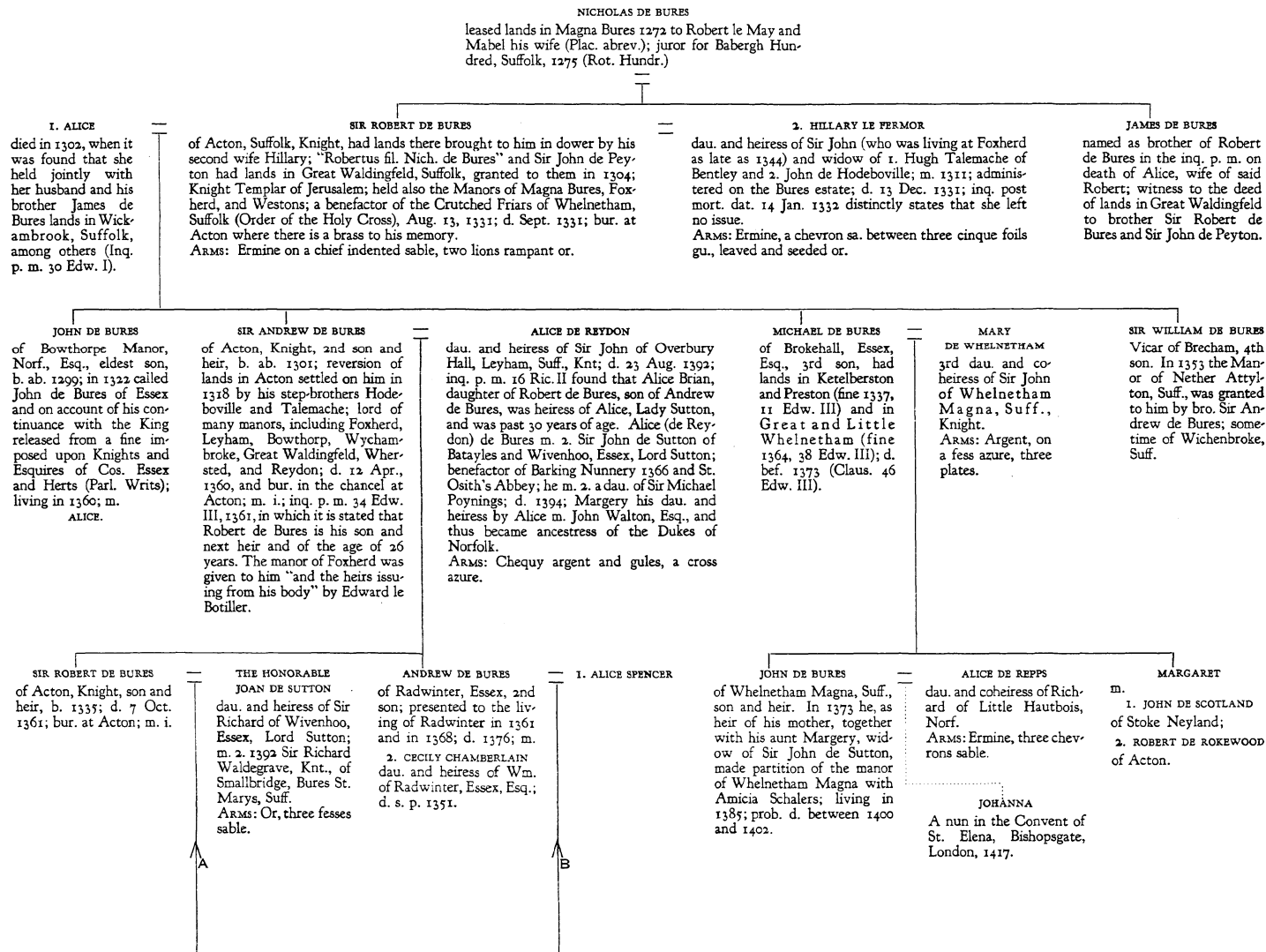
Sir Robert de Bures left no issue by his second wife Hilary. By his first wife Alice he had John, born about 1299, Andrew, born about 1301, Michael and William.

*John, eldest son of Sir Robert*—John de Bures, eldest son and heir and named as such in the inq. p.m. on his father's estate, was 32 years old at the time. Yet he is practically ignored in the disposition of Sir Robert's estate. The reason may be that he was his mother's heir and succeeded to her landed property which according to the inq. p.m. at the time of her death in 1302 was considerable. Moreover it is to be noted that none of the estates mentioned in this document appear in the inquisition at the time of Robert de Bures' death.

*Sir Andrew, second son of Sir Robert*—Sir Andrew de Bures, the second son, succeeded to all the landed estates which his father and step-mother had to leave. He married Alice, daughter and heiress of Sir John de Reydon (or Roydon), of Overbury Hall, Leyham, Suffolk. This lady brought to him in dower the Manor of Bowthorp, in Norfolk, Leyham, Whersted and Reydon (Roydon), in Suffolk. It is recorded by Cotman ("Suffolk Brasses") that Sir Andrew, when a boy between the years 1301-1312, was granted a pension of 40 shillings by Thomas, Abbot of St. Edmunds-

Chart 2

# PEDIGREE A







bury, in consideration of services done and to be done by his father, Sir Robert. Sir Andrew de Bures died 12 Apr. 1360 and was buried in the chancel of Acton church, as was also his son, Sir Robert. Weever saw the inscriptions over their graves and recorded them. At the present time both have disappeared, but their former situs is probably a nameless tomb in the chancel over which is a double floriated early English arch. Covering the tomb is a slab containing the matrix of a lost brass. According to Weever, the inscription read ("Antient Funeral Monuments," p. 492):

Hic iacet ANDREAS DE BURES & ROBERTUS DE BURES filius ejusdem ANDREE militis, qui ANDREAS obiit 12 die Aprilis anno dom. 1360 et dictus ROBERTUS obiit 7 die mens. Octob. ann. dom. 1361, quorum animabus\* propitietur Deus.

In 1643 William Dowsing was appointed by Parliament a visitor to demolish superstitious pictures and ornaments in the churches of Suffolk. William evidently did not approve of the words "*quorum animabus propitietur Deus*," for in his journal he records what happened to the church at Bures in the following words ("Suffolk Institute of Archeology," etc., vol. 6, p. 256):

"We brake down above 600 superstitious Pictures, 8 Holy Ghosts, 3 of God the Father and 3 of the Son. We took up 5 Inscriptions of *quorum animabis (sic) propitietur Deus*; one pray for the soul . . . and Superstitions in the windows and some divers of the Apostles."

What happened at Bures may well have happened at Acton also and would account for the loss of the Bures brass there.

Sir Andrew de Bures' inq. p.m. is dated 1363 (34 Edward III). By it it appears that he held Bowthorp manor in Norfolk, as of the honor of Hatfield Peverel. In Suffolk he held Leyham manor, certain lands in Hintlesham, Whersted manor, Roydon manor, Merks manor in Roydon, Bures manor, Aketon manor, as of the honor of Peverel, Great Waldingfeld manor, Wichambroke manor, as of the honor of MOUNGOMERY. In Essex he held Foxherd manor, as of the

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\*This is the common form in the vulgate for the classical *animis*. [Ed.]

honor of Clare, and divers lands in Foxherd, Lyston, Pentelowe and Beauchamp William. His widow married Sir John de Sutton of Batayles and Wivenhoo, Essex, Knight, Lord Sutton, and died 23 Aug. 1392. In her inq. p.m. it is stated that Alice Brian the daughter of Robert de Bures son of Andrew de Bures and herself is the next heir and is past 30 years of age. It is further stated that Alice Brian inherited from her grandmother, Lady Sutton, one acre in Middleton, Essex, and the advowson of the church there, also some rents in Bulmere. The next statement is clearly at variance with the facts already set forth, for it says that "Alice who was the wife of Sir John de Sutton, Knight, held the manor of Aketon for her life jointly with Sir Andrew de Bures late her husband, now deceased, by gift and grant of Edmund le Butler by fine levied in the court of King Edward, the present King's grandfather, to hold to said Andrew and Alice and the heirs of Andrew," and that Alice Brian was the next heir of Andrew and inherited the manor. On the contrary the manor of Acton came to Sir Robert de Bures, father of Sir Andrew, from the Hodebovills. The inq. p.m. (1309) of John de Hodebovill of Acton, Suffolk, showed that he and his wife Hillary possessed two parts of the manor and that his mother Agnes de Sandcroft held the third part in dower. On the death of Agnes this third part fell to Hillary for life with remainder to the heirs of John de Hodebovill. Sometime between 1309 and 1311 Hillary married, as her third husband and his second wife, Sir Robert de Bures, for in the latter year Roger de Hodebovill, evidently the heir of John de Hodebovill, granted the manor of Aketon to Robert de Bures and his wife Hillary for life for the "rent of a rose" with reversion to Roger and his heirs after the death of Robert and Hillary.

The next step in the descent of this manor has not yet been uncovered. Sir Robert and Hillary evidently secured a still further grip upon Acton, for in 1313 it was found necessary for the King to grant a pardon to Robert de Bures and Hillary his wife for "acquiring without license to them and their heirs from Roger de Hodebovill, the manor of Acton." The fine for this offence was five marks. Having thus ac-

quired legal possession of the manor of Acton Robert and Hillary settled it upon Andrew de Bures and his heirs by license entered on the Patent Rolls 25 Oct. 1317, James de Bures (the brother of Sir Robert) and John de Bures, eldest brother of Andrew, being trustees of the settlement.

This is the second time in this narrative that mention has been made of "Edmund le Butler" or "le Boteler." We shall encounter him again later on. Who he was does not appear. There was an Edmund le Boteler, Earl of Carrick, father of the first Earl of Ormond, but he died 13 Sept. 1321, whereas the Edmund le Boteler of the narrative was alive in 1329, when he granted Foxherd manor to Sir Robert de Bures and Hillary, his wife.\*

*Michael, third son of Sir Robert, and his descendants—* The third son of Sir Robert de Bures and Alice was Michael de Bures of Brokehall, Foxherd, Essex, Esquire. According to his father's inq. p. m. he inherited lands in Lavenham, Melding, Cokefeld, Preston and Monks Illeghe. He also acquired lands in Ketelberston, Preston, Great and Little Whelnetham, Risshebrok and Nouton. He was living as late as 1373. He married Mary, 3rd daughter and coheirress of Sir John de Whelnetham of Great Whelnetham, Suffolk, Knight, and by her had issue a son John de Bures and a daughter Margaret (chart 2).

John de Bures, son of Michael, married Alice, daughter and coheirress of Richard de Repps of Little Hautbois, Norfolk, and succeeded to his mother's share of her father's estate, viz: the manor and advowson of Great Whelnetham. In 1385 he bought lands in Stanefeld, Haustede, Lausele, Great Whelnetham and Little Whelnetham. In 1380 and 1400 he presented to the living of Great Whelnetham, but not later, so it is probable that he died soon after. No issue of John de Bures is recorded but there seems little doubt that the nun Johanna de Bures, an inmate at St. Helen's Convent, London, in 1417, was of this family and very likely his daughter, for in that year certain persons gave to the Prior

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\* He is referred to in the suit brought in 1530 by the heiresses of Henry Bures as "Edmund, Lord Butler." [Ed.]

ess and Convent at St. Helen's 100 shillings a year to be paid out of the receipts from their woods and tenements lying in the towns of Great Whelnetham, Little Whelnetham, Rosshebrook and Newton in Suffolk, "during the natural life of Johanna de Bures, nun of the said house, if it happens that Johanna should remain so long in said house, and for half a year more." When we consider that Michael de Bures, who was living in 1373, owned lands in all of these towns the likelihood of a relationship between himself and the nun Johanna becomes at once apparent.

Margaret de Bures, daughter of Michael, married 1st, John de Scotland of Stoke Neyland, and 2ndly, Robert de Rokewood of Acton, and left issue by both husbands. In 1420 the manor and advowson of Great Whelnetham was sold by William Rockwood, the younger, and Agnes his wife.

*William, fourth son of Sir Robert*—William de Bures the fourth son of Sir Robert, was a priest.

*Sir Robert de Bures, elder son of Sir Andrew, and his descendants*—It has been mentioned that Sir Andrew de Bures (died 1360) had an elder son Sir Robert who was of Acton Hall, Knight, and inherited the Bures estates. He died 7 Oct. 1361 and was buried in Acton church beside his father. He married Joan, daughter and heiress of Sir Richard de Sutton of Wivenhoo, Essex, Lord Sutton, by whom he left an only daughter Alice. His widow married 2ndly in 1392 Sir Richard Waldegrave of Smallbridge, Bures St. Mary's, Suffolk, Knight. Alice de Bures sole daughter and heiress thus inherited the Bures estates. She married Sir Guy de Bryan, the younger, Knight (died 1386), son and heir of Admiral Lord Bryan, Knight of the Garter, Baron of Tallagherm, etc.

Guy de Bryan, the father, was a man of note. He served in the wars with Scotland, Flanders and France. He was Standard Bearer to King Edward III at the Battle of Calais, 1350; Governor of Saint Briavel's Castle and Warden of the Forest of Dean, 1341; Custodian of the Great Seal of



ALICE (BURES) DE BRYAN  
1362-1341



England, 1349; summoned to Parliament 25 Nov. 1350 to 6 Dec. 1389 as a Baron (Baron of Tallagherm, Wales) by writ addressed "Guidoni de Bryan" (Lord Bryan or De Bryan); ambassador to the Pope, 1354; Admiral of the Fleet, 1369; Knight of the Garter in room of the renowned Chandos. He died 17 Aug. 1390 and was buried at Tewksbury where there is a monumental inscription to his memory. On his death the barony of Tallagherm fell into abeyance between his two granddaughters and coheirs, Philippa and Elizabeth, the children of his eldest son and heir, Sir Guy de Bryan, the younger, who had died in 1386. At the time of his inq. p.m. in 1390, the Honorable Philippa was the wife of John Devereux, son of Sir John Devereux, Knight, and the Honorable Elizabeth was the wife of Robert Lovel, son of Sir John Lovel, Knight, Baron of Tichmersh. Philippa subsequently married 11 July 1399 Lord Scrope of Masham, but died without issue 19 Nov. 1406.

Alice de Bryan, widow of Sir Guy the younger, died 11 Jan. 1434 and is buried in the Bures chapel at Acton. There is a beautiful brass there to her memory, the figure arrayed in a widow's habit (which looks very much like a nun's habit) standing under a triple pinnacled canopy surmounted by four shields containing the arms of Bryan and Bures and Bryan impaling Bures. In her inq. p.m. taken at Gloucester 7 Mar. 1436 (13 Hen. VI) Elizabeth the wife of Robert Lovell is named as heiress and of the age of 48 years. Elizabeth Lovell died about 1438. Her inq. p.m. is dated 16 Hen. VI (chart 3).

Elizabeth Lovell's only child, Maud, Countess of Arundell, died before her mother, viz: in 1436. Her will is dated 11 May 1436 and probated 25 Oct. 1436. In it she names her son Humphrey, her daughter Amicia, her mother, Elizabeth Lovell, and her father [in law] Humphrey Stafford.

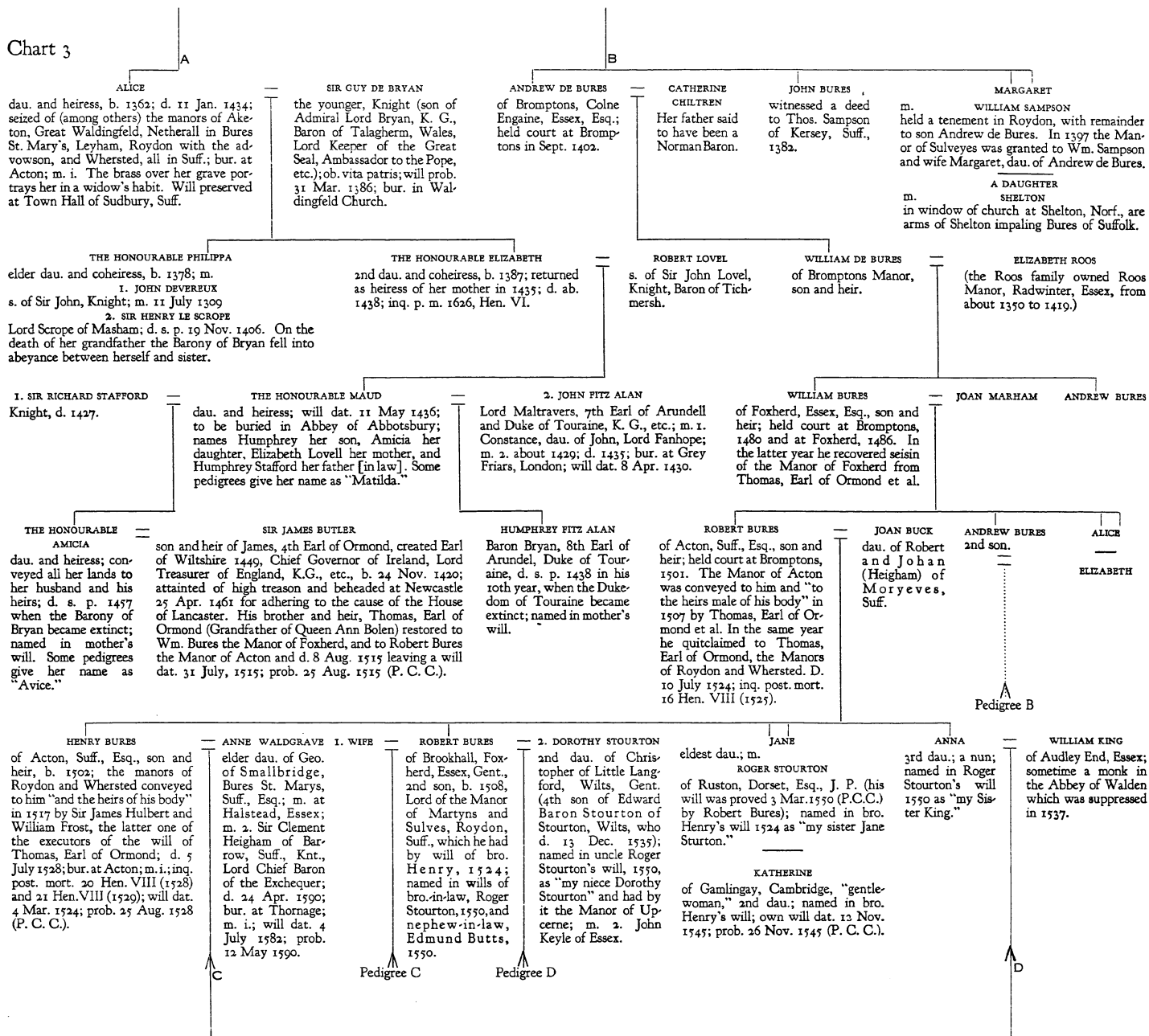
Maud was twice married, 1st to Sir Richard Stafford, Knight, who died in 1427, by whom she had a daughter Amicia, and 2ndly, about 1429, to John FitzAlan, Lord Maltravers, 7th Earl of Arundell, Duke of Touraine, Knight of the Garter, etc. (he died 8 April 1430), by whom she had a son Humphrey FitzAlan, Baron Bryan, 8th Earl of

Arundell, Duke of Touraine. Humphrey died in his tenth year. The daughter Amicia thus succeeded her grandmother, Elizabeth Lovell, as heiress of the Bures estates. She married Sir James Butler, Earl of Wiltshire and of Ormond, son and heir of James 4th Earl of Ormond. He perished in the War of the Roses, a staunch adherent of the House of Lancaster. He was born 24 Nov. 1420; knighted 19 May 1426; served in the Wars in France; sheriff of counties Carmarthen and Cardigan, 1442-61; Chief Justice in Eyre, South of Trent, 1445; created Earl of Wiltshire 8 July 1449; Governor of Calais, 1450; succeeded his father as Earl of Ormond 22 Aug. 1452; Chief Governor of Ireland, 1453-56; privy councillor, 1454; Treasurer of England, 1455, and again, 1458-60; Knight of the Garter before 23 April 1459. He fought on behalf of the Lancastrians at the battles of St. Albans, 1455, Wakefield, 1460, Mortimer's Cross, 1461, and Towton, 2 Mar. 1461, where he was taken prisoner and is said, though there is some doubt about it, to have been beheaded at New Castle 25 Apr. following. He died without issue and having been attainted of treason with his two brothers, John and Thomas, his estates were confiscated and his honors abrogated.

Amicia, Countess of Wiltshire and Ormond, conveyed all her lands to her husband and his heirs and died without issue in 1457, when the line of Sir Robert elder son of Sir Andrew de Bures and the barony of Bryan became extinct. There is evidence that her husband enjoyed her inheritance of the Bures estates because in the early days of Edward IV there is a grant on the Patent Rolls of the manor of Acton by the King to Thomas Cole, it being described as being occupied by "Thomas Roos, Knight (i. e. Lord Roos), and James, late Earl of Wiltshire, respectively as their right of inheritance." This is one of the bits of evidence that makes it appear doubtful that James, Earl of Wiltshire, was beheaded in 1461. It is certain, however, that his brother Sir John Butler or Ormond succeeded as Earl of Ormond in 1476, when the attainder of the Irish Parliament was lifted. This nobleman was a great linguist and served his King as ambassador at most of the Courts of Europe. He died un-



Chart 3





married at Jerusalem during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land 14 Oct. 1478.

He was succeeded by his brother, Sir Thomas Ormond, who was born about 1424. He was Knight of the Bath, 1483; Lord Chamberlain to Queen consort, 1486-1502. In 1485 the statutes which declared him and his brother traitors were utterly abrogated. He was ambassador to France, 1492; summoned to Parliament as an English baron, Lord Rochford, 1495-1514; ambassador to Burgundy, 1497; privy councillor, 1504. He died 8 Aug. 1515 and was buried in the church of St. Thomas of Acon, London, will dated 31 July 1515. He was said to have been the richest Irishman of his time. He left £40,000 in money, besides jewels and rents which at this day would be worth £30,000 per annum. He was the grandfather of Queen Ann Bolen.

*Descendants of Andrew of Radwinter Hall, younger son of Sir Andrew*—To understand the further descent of the Bures manors, and incidentally the Bures pedigree, it is necessary to revert to Sir Andrew de Bures of Acton Hall who died in 1360. He had two sons, Robert and Andrew. The issue of Robert has already been given. That of Andrew follows.

Andrew de Bures married twice. His first wife was Alice Spencer by whom he left issue. His second wife was Cecily daughter and heiress of William Chamberlain of Radwinter Hall, Essex, Esquire. She died without issue in 1351, but Andrew de Bures her husband continued to enjoy his right in the manor and advowson of Radwinter during the remainder of his life. He presented to the living in 1361 and in 1368 and died in 1376. Upon his death the manor and advowson reverted to the sisters of William Chamberlain, his father-in-law.

By Alice, his first wife, Andrew de Bures had Andrew, John, Margaret and a daughter who married a Shelton of Shelton, Norfolk (Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 19, 121). Little has come down to us about this family (chart 3).

*Andrew of Bromptons, elder son of Andrew of Radwinter Hall*—Andrew de Bures, the elder son, was lord of the

manor of Bromptons, at Colne Engaine, Essex, where he held court in 1402. He married Catherine Chiltren, whose father was said to have been a Norman baron, and left issue a son William, also of Bromptons.

*John, younger son of Andrew of Radwinter Hall*—John Bures, the younger son, witnessed a deed of Thomas Sampson of Kersey, Suffolk, in 1382 (Harl. MSS. Brit. Mus. fo. 95).

*Margaret, daughter of Andrew of Radwinter Hall*—Margaret, one of the daughters, married William Sampson. She and her husband held a tenement in Roydon with remainder to her brother Andrew de Bures (or de Burys) (Harl. MSS. Brit. Mus. fo. 130). In 1397 the manor of Sulveyes (or Martyns and Sulveyes) in Roydon was granted to William Sampson and Margaret his wife by various feoffees who had derived it from Sir John Sutton, Knight, and Alice his wife, widow of Sir Andrew de Bures and daughter and heiress of Sir John de Roydon. She was, therefore, the grandmother of Margaret Sampson.

*The other daughter of Andrew of Radwinter Hall*—In a window of the church at Shelton, Norfolk, are, or were, the arms of Shelton impaling the arms of Bures of Suffolk, which probably refer to this match.

*William of Bromptons, son of Andrew of Bromptons*—William de Bures, also of Bromptons, married Elizabeth Roos. Two sons were born of this union, to wit, William and Andrew.

*William of Foxherd, elder son of William of Bromptons*—William Bures, the younger, succeeded to the Bures estates. He held court at Bromptons in 1480 and at Foxherd (or Foxearth) in 1486.

It is stated in the inq. p.m. taken at Colchester 1529 after the death of Henry Bures, grandson of William of Foxherd, that the manor and advowson of Foxherd reverted to Robert Bures, father of Henry, as cousin and heir of Avice (or Amicia), Countess of Wiltshire, who died in

1457, and that "he entered into the said manor as of fee tail" under the original grant to his ancestor [Sir] Andrew de Bures by Edmund le Boteler. This statement is not born out by the facts, for it was William Bures, the younger, father of Robert, who first entered into the family inheritance. In 1486 William Bures the younger "gives to the lord the King sixty shillings for leave to agree with Thomas, Earl of Ormond, in a plea of covenant concerning the manors of Foxerth and Brokehall" etc., and in the same year he claims the manor of Foxherd "which Edward le Botiller gave to Andrew Bures and the heirs issuing from his body", from Thomas Mountgomery, Knight, John Hardyng, clerk, John Clopton, James Hobart, John Mordant, William Dunthorn, William Frost, Thomas Grene of Witham and Thomas Hobart, by right of descent from Andrew Bures, and gives a long pedigree to prove his contention. The claim was allowed and he entered into possession of the manor. In 1511 William Bures, the younger, also claimed the manor of Acton, but the same persons mentioned above, viz: Thomas Mountgomery, Knight, John Bukenell, Knight, John Hardyng, clerk, John Clopton, James Hobart, *et al.*, demanded and recovered the manor of which they said they were seised in fee in the time of Edward IV (viz: 1461-1483).

William of Foxherd married Joan Marham and had issue: Robert, Andrew, Alice and Elizabeth.

*Robert of Acton, elder son of William of Foxherd*—Robert Bures, son and heir of William, held court at Bromptons in 1501. In 1507\* the manor of Acton was conveyed to him "and to the heirs male of his body at the requisition and special request of Thomas Ormond, Knight, Earl of Ormond," by the same persons who had "lately recovered" it from William Bures and Joan his wife. In the same year, to wit: 1507, Robert Bures quit-claimed to Thomas Ormond, Knight, Earl of Ormond, the Manors of Boydon [? Roydon] and Whersted, Suffolk. In 1517

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\*There is a confusion of dates relative to this transaction, for whereas 1507 is the year named in the instrument, 1511 is the year as recorded in which the manor was recovered by the feoffees from William Bures.

Sir James Hulbert and William Frost, gave these manors to Henry Bures, son of Robert, and "the heirs of his body."

Robert Bures married Joan, daughter of Robert Buck of Moryeves Manor, Suffolk, Gent., and Johan (Heigham) his wife. He died 10 July 1524. His inq. p.m. is dated the following year, viz: 3 Nov. 1525. He held the manors of Acton and Moryeves in Suffolk; the manor and advowson of Foxherd, the manor of Brokehall in Foxherd, and a mill there called Weston Mill, all in the county of Essex. He also held certain lands appertaining to the manor of Moryeves and lying in Waldingfeld, Melding, Melford, Sudbury, Beuntell, Groton and Newton and other lands appertaining to the manor of Acton and lying in Acton, Kettlebarston and Melford. The manor of Moryeves was granted by Robert de Bures to his father and mother-in-law Robert Buck and Johan his wife "and to the longer liver of them" with reversion after their death "to the use of the said Robert Bures."

The children of Robert Bures and Joan, were: Henry, Robert, Jane, Katherine and Anna.

*Henry of Acton, elder son of Robert of Acton*—Henry Bures of Acton Hall, Esquire, was born in 1502. He succeeded his father as lord of the manors of Acton, Moryeves, Foxherd and Brokehall. The manors of Roydon and Whersted in Suffolk were given to him and "the heirs of his body" in 1517 by Sir James Hulbert and William Frost, as has already been said. It is probable that this gift was the result of the wish of the late Earl of Ormond,\* expressed before his death in 1515. Henry Bures also possessed in the parish of Roydon the manor of Martyns and Sulves, which presumably reached him through the Sampsons. But more of this anon.

Henry Bures married Anne, elder daughter of George Waldegrave of Smallbridge, Bures St. Mary's, Suffolk,

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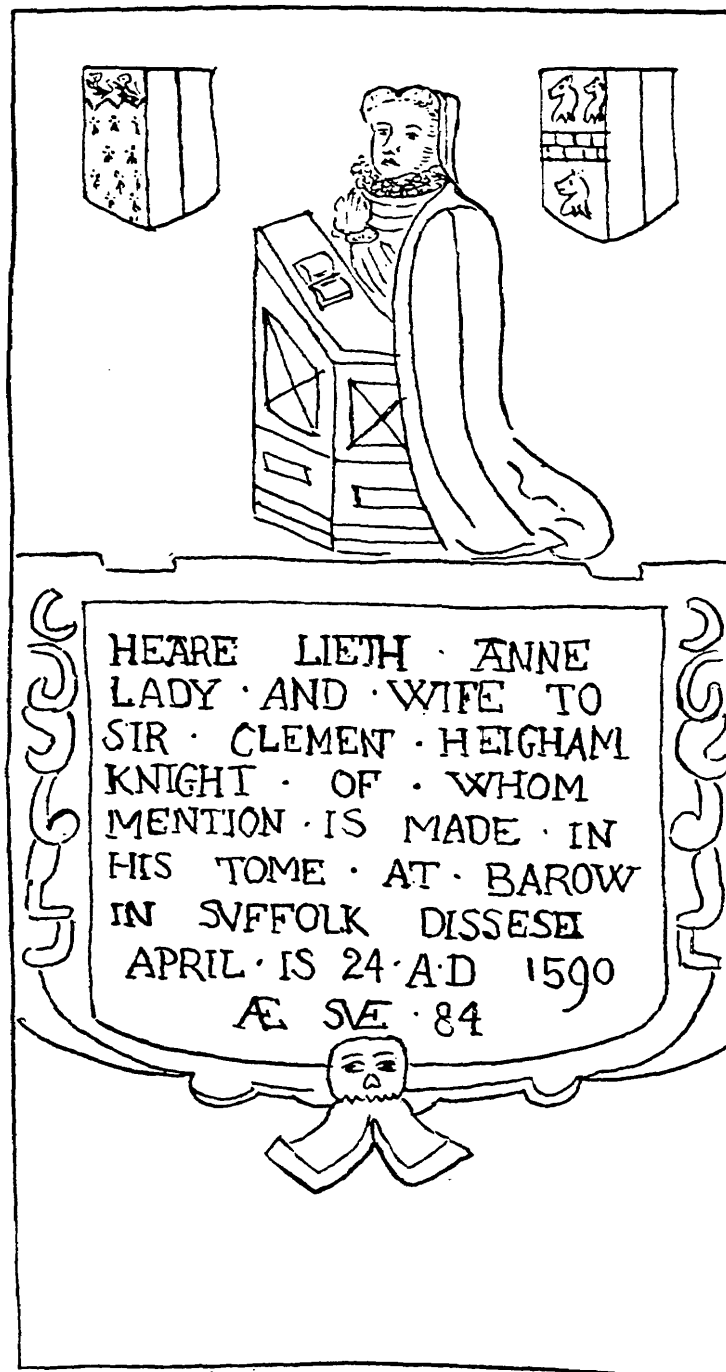
\* Amongst the Harleian MSS. there is a receipt dated 28 Nov. 1516 for £30 from Sir William Waldegrave being a year's rent for the Manors of Roydon and Whersted to John FitzJames, one of the executors of the will of Thomas, late Earl of Ormond.



HENRY BURES  
1502-1528







ANNE (WALDEGRAVE) (BURES) HEIGHAM

c. 1502-1590



Esquire, and left issue; Jane, Bridget, Anne and Mary. He died 5 July 1528 and was buried in the Lady Chapel at Acton, where there is a brass to his memory. Anne, the widow, married, as his second wife, Sir Clement Heigham of Barrow, Suffolk, Knight, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, by whom she had issue. He died 9 March 1571; she died 24 April 1590, and lies buried at Thornage, Norfolk, where there is a brass to her memory.

Sir Clement Heigham deserves more than passing notice. He was one of the old Catholic gentry who flocked to the standard of Princess, afterwards Queen, Mary. He was a member of Parliament and subsequently Speaker of the House of Commons. He was knighted by King Philip in his chamber at Westminster on Sunday 27 Jan. 1554-5. The Parliament over which he presided was notable in that it repealed all the laws of Henry VIII and Edward VI relating to the reformed religion and reconciled England to the Holy See. To commemorate the event and to give thanks to God both Houses of Parliament passed through the streets of London in solemn procession. There were 90 cross-bearers in this procession, 116 priests in copes and vestments, 8 bishops in cope and mitre, followed by Bishop Bonner of London carrying the Blessed Sacrament in a pix under a splendid canopy and by the House of Lords and the House of Commons headed by their Speaker (Heigham), the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and City Companies in their several liveries.

Anne Waldgrave (or Waldegrave) was also of an old Catholic family, and it may be said here in passing that the reformed religion of Luther and Calvin made slow progress in England at this time among the country gentry. Most of the converts came from the shopkeepers, artizans, yeomen and servants. The gentry was finally whipped into line by penal statutes of Queen Elizabeth which imposed heavy fines for not attending the services in the parish churches. The Waldegraves were among the leading families in Suffolk, and have a long and honorable record. Sir William Waldegrave, the grandfather of Anne, was knighted in 1501 at the marriage of Prince Arthur (elder brother of Henry VIII)

with Catherine of Aragon. In 1513 he was nominated as one of the most discreet persons for assessing and collecting the subsidy. He founded a chantry at Bures. By his will dated 26 Jan. 1524-5 he directed that his body be buried "in the parish church of St. Mary of Buer," in the tomb he had caused to be made under the arch between the high Altar and the chapel of Jesu, and that he be buried within 24 hours after his decease. He died 30 Jan. 1527-8.

His son, George Waldegrave, father of Anne, married Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Drury of Hausted, Knight. He was lord of the manors of Smallbridge, Silvesters, otherwise Netherhall, Overhall and Schrepps in Bures St. Mary's. He died 8 July 1528.

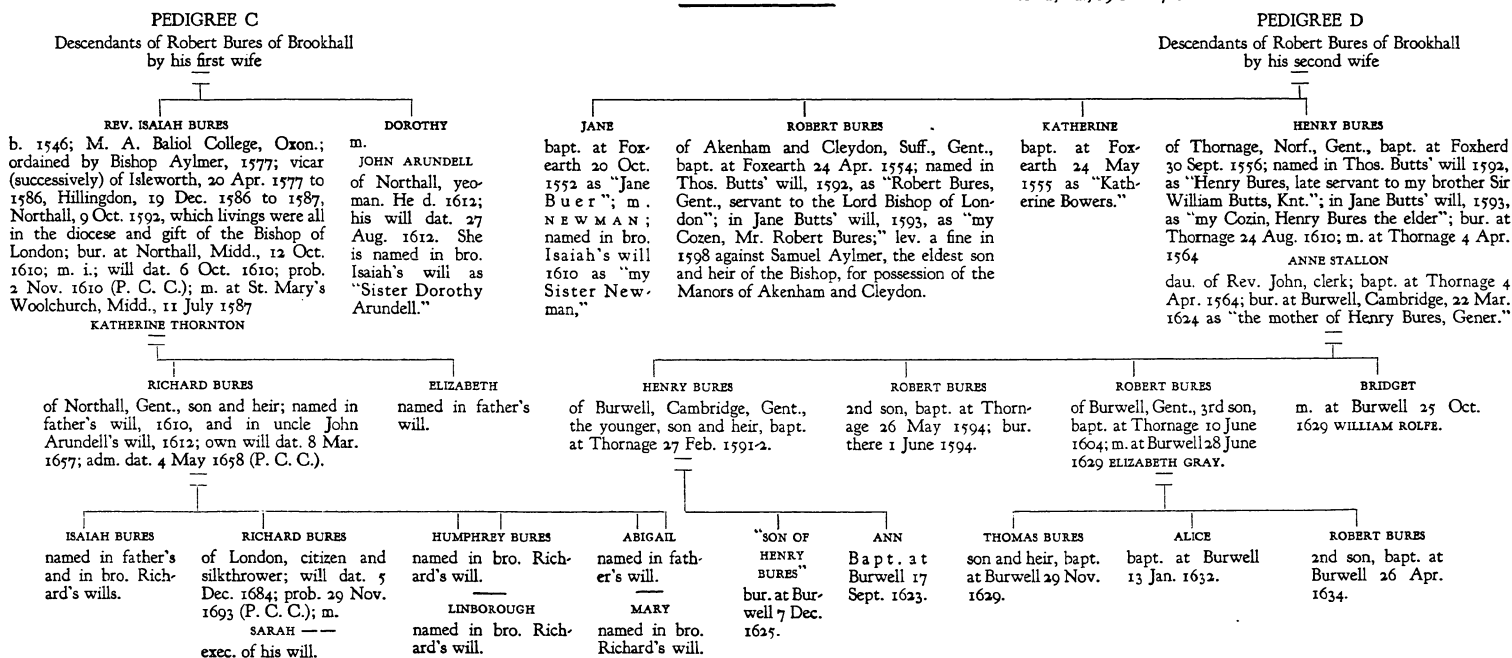
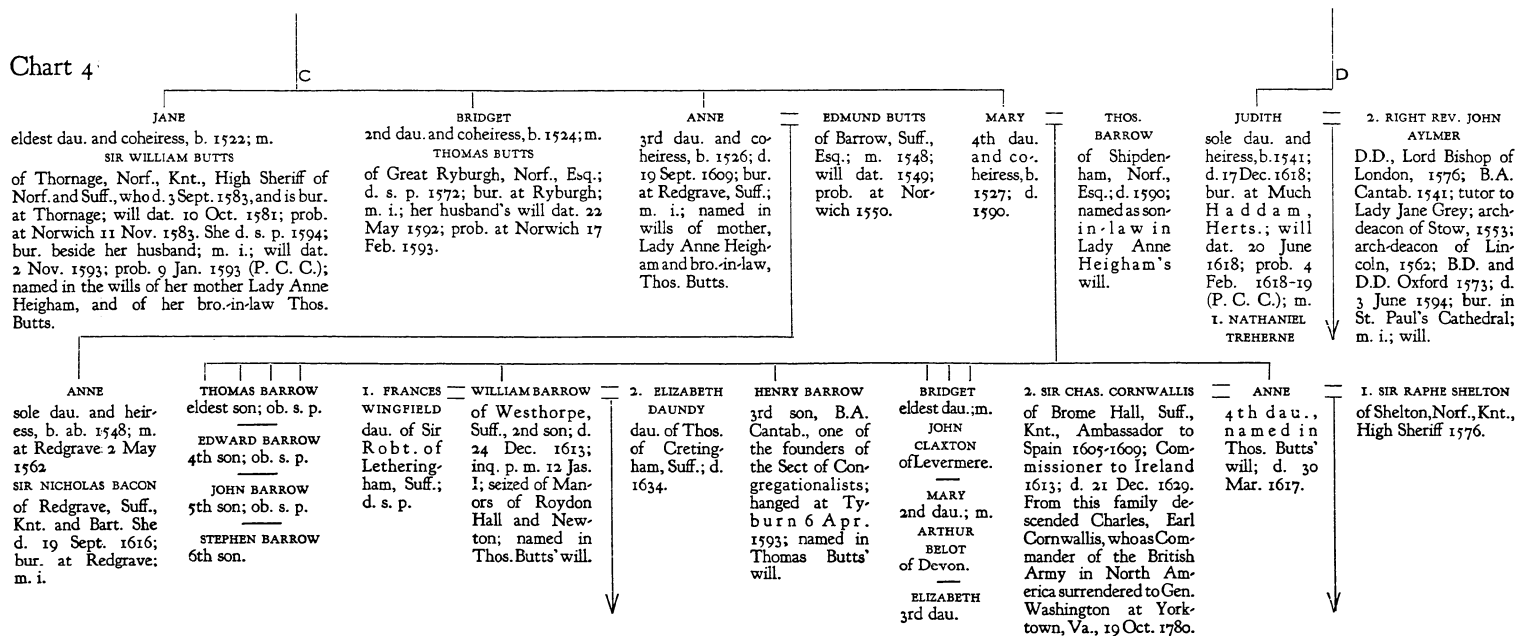
Anne's brother was Sir William Waldegrave, knighted about 1543, sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk 1549, who took a prominent part in raising the standard of the Princess Mary. He died in 1554. In the church at Bures is the following inscription:

"Of your charity pray for the soul of Sir William Waldegrave, Knight, of Bures St. Mary in coun. Suff. who died XII December 1554 and left behynd one son and four daughters, on whose souls Jesu have mercy. The said Sir William Waldegrave died at Callys in France, where his body is buried in St. Marie's church there."

The will of Henry Bures of Acton dated 4 March 1524, proved 25 Aug. 1528, presents several anomalies.

Evidently he thought at the time he made this will that the manor of Acton descended to him as heir male and he planned that after his decease his own heir male should inherit, and failing such that the heir male of his father should inherit, which would have been his brother Robert. The same plan was adopted for the manor of Roydon. The manor of Martyns and Sulves in Roydon was given outright to his brother Robert. Thus Robert Bures was to succeed him as head of the family. His widow was to have the manor of Acton for her life, and the daughters, of whom only Jane and Katharine were alive at the time of the making of this will, were evidently to be provided for out of the other manors, to wit: Whersted, Moryeves, Foxherd and

Chart 4





Brokehall. The provisions of this will were set aside when the estate came to be settled.

The manor of Acton had been conveyed in 1507 to Robert Bures (father of Henry) and "to the heirs male of his body." The inq. p.m. on the estate of Robert Bures in 1525 states that the manor of Acton was "settled to the use of Henry Bures, son and heir of the said Robert, and the heirs of his body, failing these to the use of Robert Bures brother of the said Henry and the heirs of his body," etc. . . . The inquisition contradicts the deed of conveyance. The manor was entailed in 1507 upon the "heirs male" of Robert Bures, which meant that Robert Bures the second son of Robert Bures should have succeeded upon the death of his elder brother Henry without male issue. We know that he did not so succeed, that on the contrary the manor passed to the "heirs" of Robert of Acton and not to the "heirs male." The entail was broken. At this time "no subject could dispose of lands or their tenure by will. Lands were all vested in the Crown and could be alienated (i.e., sold or bequeathed) only by fine to the King for permission or by the finding of an inq. p.m. as to how by a feudal law they passed at death" (Thomas M. Blagg, in a letter to the writer).\*

Henry Bures in his will states his wish that the manor of Roydon should pass to his heirs male, and on default of such to the heirs male of his brother Robert, and for default of such to "the Heires of the body of me." The terms of the entail of Roydon were quite different, the succession being strictly limited "to the heirs of his body," i.e. Henry Bures' body, and it was this entail which was followed throughout in the inq. p.m. Whatever the reasons were for breaking the entail of Acton, the practical results as seen in the next gen-

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\* It is to be inferred from the inq. p.m. on the estate of Robert Bures that all his lands in Suffolk except his remainder interest in Moryeves manor had been settled to the uses of his will. This was a device to enable the disposition of lands by will. Robert could not however by settlement break the entail of Acton manor. This entail however was not, so far as the record shows, brought to the attention of the inquisitors. Henry, Robert's son, was then a young man of 23 years and doubtless hoped to have a son. Robert, his brother, who was next heir to Henry, was a youth of 17 years. It was for him or his guardian to prove the entail. On the evidence before the inquisitors their finding was right. The same is true for like reasons of the Suffolk inq. p.m. on the estate of Henry Bures. [Ed.]

eration, were to enhance the fortunes of the daughters of Henry Bures while those of the children of his brother Robert steadily declined. The first inq. p.m. of Henry Bures is dated at Henhowe, Suffolk, 29 Aug. 1528, and returns the four daughters of Henry Bures as heirs to wit: Joan, Bridget, Anne and Mary. The manors disposed of were Acton, Roydon, Whersted and Morieues, all in the county of Suffolk. The second inq. p.m. is dated at Harlowe, Essex, 12 May 1529, and disposes of the manors of Foxearth and Brokehall in County Essex. Robert Bures is returned as heir, and it is stated (incorrectly) that Henry Bures, his elder brother, died without issue. Under the laws of that day the four daughters of Henry Bures (chart 4), being minors and heiresses, became wards of the Crown. On August 9 1529 Dr. William Butts, physician to King Henry VIII, bought the wardship. On Oct. 2, 1529, the third inq. p.m. on the Bures lands in Essex was taken at Colchester, Essex, by which Robert Bures was eliminated as heir,\* and Joan *aet.* 7, Bridget *aet.* 5, Anne *aet.* 3, and Mary *aet.* 1, were substituted. Then on Nov. 10 1529 Dr. Butts, as guardian, had a grant of an annuity of 40 marks† out of his wards' estates.

Dr. Butts was an important man in his day. He was born in Norfolk about 1485, educated at Gonville Hall, Cambridge; B.A., 1506; M.A., 1509; M.D., 1518. In 1524 he took a lease of St. Mary's Hostel, so he was probably in practice at that time. In 1529 he became a member of the College of Physicians. He early rose to prominence and became the trusted physician to King Henry VIII. Sundry references to his recipes and fees are to be found in Thomas Vicary's "Anatomie." His city residence was on the site of the White Friars Monastery, London, and his principal seat in the country was at Thornage, Norfolk. He was knighted in 1545 and died in the same year. He was buried

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\* This seems to be right for the reasons stated by Mr. Blagg (*infra*, p. 64) and averred in the suit by the infants to recover Foxherd manor (*infra*, p. 65). Perhaps Dr. Butts earned his annuity by instituting the suit. Incidentally he added to his perquisites as guardian. [Ed.]

† A mark was two-thirds of a pound sterling.



in Fulham Church in a tomb close to the altar, which tomb formerly possessed a brass representing him in armor and with a shield bearing his arms. The brass is no longer in place.

Among his patients were King Henry VIII, Queens Anne Bolen and Jane Seymour, the Princess Mary, whose life he undoubtedly saved by frustrating a plot to poison her, the King's natural son, Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Richmond, the Duke of Norfolk, Sir Thomas Lovell, Lord Rochford, etc. When Cardinal Wolsey was in disgrace Dr. Butts tried to reconcile the King to him. His interposition in favor of Archbishop Cranmer is set forth in Shakespear's "Henry VIII," Act V, Sc. II. He was a friend of the Reformation and of such reformers as Bishop Latimer and Sir John Cheke. It is said that he tried in person to convert some of the monks of Sion, who refused to acknowledge the royal supremacy. His portrait was twice painted by Holbein who also painted that of his wife. He left three sons, to wit: William, Thomas and Edmund, who married three of the daughters and coheiresses of Henry Bures.

Sir William Butts, the eldest son, was educated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He served in the campaign against Scotland in 1547, and was knighted on Sept. 28th of that year by the Duke of Somerset in the camp beside Roxburgh. In 1562 he was sheriff of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. In 1569 and for many years subsequently he and Sir Christopher Heydon were the Queen's lieutenants for the county of Norfolk, and both were returned as knights of the shire to the Parliament of April 2, 1571. He was a member of the commission against Popish recusants in Norfolk 1572. He died Sept. 3, 1583, and was buried at Thornage, where by the south wall of the church is his tomb with four colored shields thus described by Farrer ("Church Heraldry of Norfolk," vol. 2, p. 407):

- i. Quarterly: 1 and 4 Butts: 2 and 3 Bacon of Cambridge,
- ii. Same as 1.
- iii. Quarterly: 1 and 4 Butts: 2 and 3 Bacon of Cambridge impaling Quarterly:—1, Ermine, on a chief indented sable two lions rampant or, Bures: 2, Azure, three oak leaves, two and one, or, Mervesse, co. Suffolk; 3, Chequy

or and gules, a cross azure, Rowdon, co. Suffolk; 4, Ermine, a chevron sable between three cinquefoils gules, *Fermour*.

- iv. Quarterly of five:—1, *Bures*; 2, *Rowdon*; 3, *Mervesse*; 4, *Fermour*; 5, Per bend wavy sable and or.

Crests: 1, A Wyvern, *Bures*?; 2, A horse's head couped gules accoutred and maned or, on the head two feathers erect, *Butts* of Norfolk; A horse's head argent (bay-coloured?) on the head a plume of three feathers or and of the first (or and azure?) the face and mane covered with armour gold, bridled of the last.

*Motto*: Soyez sage et simple. Date: 1583.

There is no inscription, but there can be little doubt that it was erected in memory of Sir William Butts.

He married Jane, eldest daughter and coheiress of Henry Bures of Acton, Esq., who was born in 1522 and died in 1594 without issue.

Thomas Butts, the second son, was probably educated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He was seated at Great Ryburgh, Norfolk, where he built a good mansion. On April 8 1587-8 he contributed £25 for the defence of the kingdom against the expected Spanish invasion. He died 22 Jan. 1592-3, and was buried on the north side of the chancel of Great Ryburgh church in an altar tomb which bore his arms and the initials "T.B." His will dated 22 May 1592 is unusual and will well repay careful study. He married Bridget second daughter and co-heiress of Henry Bures of Acton. She was born in 1524, and died without issue in 1572.

Edmund Butts, the third son, was of Barrow, Suffolk, the home it is to be noted of Anne, Lady Heigham, the mother of Henry Bures' four daughters. His will is dated 1549 and probated 1550, so he died between these dates. He married Anne, the third of these daughters, in 1548. She was born in 1526 and died 19 Sept. 1609, and lies buried in Redgrave church where there is a brass to her memory.

Anne Butts left issue, one daughter, Anne, who married at Redgrave, 2 May 1562, Nicholas Bacon of Redgrave, afterwards Knight and Baronet, the eldest son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal. This marriage



ANNE (BURES) BUTTS

1526-1609



was evidently a scheme of the Lord Keeper to enrich his son, for the latter was only 14 years old at the time and his bride 12 years. It had already been perceived that Anne would become the heiress of her two Butts aunts and their husbands as well as of her mother, for they were all parties to the marriage settlement and to the seven royal licenses of alienation, which were necessary to give legal effect to the assurances (Copinger, "Manors of Suffolk," vol. 1, p. 8). The settlement is dated 3 Oct. 1561.

Sir Nicholas Bacon, the Lord Keeper, benefited by the dissolution of the monasteries. Lands in Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Wiltshire and Hampshire belonging to the monasteries of St. Albans, Walsingham, and Thetford and to the unfortunate Countess of Salisbury, who had been executed in 1541, were bestowed on him in 1543 and 1544. Redgrave Park, Suffolk, one of these estates, he exchanged in 1544 with the King for the manors and woods of Great Holland, Essex, and of Redgrave, Botesdale and Gillingham, Suffolk, all of which had been the property of the Abbey of St. Edmundsbury. In 1546 he was made Attorney of the Court of Wards and Liveries and was continued in this office by Edward VI and Mary. So he probably knew all about the inheritance of the Bures girls, wards of the King. Under Elizabeth, he was created Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, knighted and made a member of the Privy Council. The Queen was content for many years to leave the ordering of church affairs in his hands and in those of Cecil, afterwards Lord Burghley. He nominated Parker as Archbishop of Canterbury. Bacon was a stout Protestant which is not to be wondered at, as he had fallen heir to so many of the monastic lands. He lived at Redgrave till 1568 when he moved into his famous house at Gorhambury near St. Albans, which he had just built. He entertained Queen Elizabeth at both houses.

Sir Nicholas Bacon, his eldest son, succeeded him at Redgrave. He was born in 1547, married in 1561, entered as a student at Gray's Inn, London, 1567, became an "Ancient" of Gray's Inn, 1576, knighted by Queen Elizabeth at Norwich, 1578, high sheriff of Suffolk, 1572-83, created Pre-

mier Baronet of England by James I, 1611 ("Dictionary of National Biography"). He was half brother of the famous Lord Francis Bacon, Baron Verulam. Sir Nicholas was a very rich man for his day, inheriting not only a large part of his father's estate, but handling in addition, through his wife, all of the Butts and the greater part of the Bures estates. He died 22 Nov. 1624 and lies buried in the north aisle of the church at Redgrave in a magnificent tomb with the recumbent life size marble effigies of himself and wife thereon.\* He is portrayed in a complete armor with his visor up. His actual helmet hangs on a pillar near by.

Mary the fourth daughter and coheiress of Henry Bures was born in 1527 and died in 1590. She married Thomas Barrow of Shipdenham, Norfolk, Esquire, by whom she had six sons and four daughters.

Henry Barrow, the third son, had a stormy career. He was a B.A. of Cambridge 1569-70, and a member of Gray's Inn 1576. For a time he was a dissolute man about town, but suddenly became converted to the tenets of Robert Brown, founder of the sect called Brownists, and became a fearless exponent of them. In consequence he fell under episcopal displeasure and was arrested and taken before Archbishop Whitgift. Pressure was brought to bear upon him to recant, but nothing came of it and he was sent back to prison. His fellow prisoners in his misfortune were John Greenwood and John Penrie. One or all of these wrote the tracts signed "Martin Marprelate," which set all England and particularly the bishops, by the ears. These tracts were published at Dort in the Low Countries, the MSS. having been smuggled out of prison and overseas. Barrow and Greenwood were finally arraigned under a statute of 23rd Eliz. which made it a felony punishable by death to "write, print, set forth, or circulate, or to cause to be written, set forth, or circulated any sort of book, ryme, ballade, letter or

\*Walpole in his "Anecdotes of Painting" vol. 11, pp. 44-45, gives an interesting note on this monument. He says the monument was made by Bernard Janson and the figures by Nicholas Stone. He quotes the latter as saying: "And in this same place [Redgrave] I made two Pictors of White Marbell of Sir N. Bacon and his lady, and they were layed upon the tomb that Bernard Janson had made there: for the which two Pictors I was payed by Sir Edmund Bacon £200."



OLD STOURTON HOUSE

DESTROYED A.D. 1720

[RECOVERED FROM AN IMPERFECT SKETCH BY JOHN AUBREY A.D. 1870.]

between a monk and a nun. Anna, the third daughter of Robert Bures and Joan, his wife, was a nun in a convent at the time the storm of the Reformation burst over England. The name of this convent has not come down to us, but several old pedigrees refer to her as a "nun." William King, her future spouse, at this time was a monk in the Abbey of Walden, Essex, which was suppressed in 1537. Some pedigrees refer to him as abbot of Walden, but a careful examination of the list of abbots of that famous monastery fails to show any of the name of King. The condition of the poor monks and nuns who were turned adrift by Henry VIII when he closed the religious houses has received scant attention. Of course they were under vows of celibacy and it is difficult to understand how a legal marriage could be contracted or who would solemnize it. The monks of Charterhouse and of Sion were of sterner stuff and were true to their vows to the end. But union there was between these two, and the offspring was a daughter Judith, born in 1541, who became the wife of John Aylmer, Lord Bishop of London. He died in 1594 and she in 1618.

Katherine, another sister, is named in Henry Bures' will. Her own will is dated 12 Nov. 1545, and she describes herself as "gentlewoman of Gamlingay within the dioces of Eleye."

*Robert, the younger brother of Henry Bures, and his descendants*—He was born in 1508. He was, therefore, twenty years of age at the time of his brother's death and presumably living at Foxearth with his mother who in the inq. p.m. of 12 May 1529 is described as "still surviving and in full life at Foxearth."

The intention of Henry Bures to pass on the manors of Acton and Roydon to his brother failed as we have seen, and Robert's attempt to claim title to the manors of Foxearth and Brokehall also failed. He was, however, lord of the manor of Martyns and Sulveyes, in Roydon, Suffolk, which was given to him by the will of his brother Henry, and as this manor is not named in the extent of the latter's lands, dated 1529, it is fair to presume that he did succeed thereto.



The manor of Sulveyes, or Sullies, or Martyns and Sulveyes, was conveyed by Sir John Sutton, Knight, and Alice, his wife, daughter and heiress of Sir John de Roydon, Knight, to Roger de Wolferston, John Brook, parson of Polstead, and others who demised and granted it in 1397 to William Sampson and Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir Andrew de Bures of Radwinter Hall, Essex. To them succeeded their son and heir Thomas Sampson, who died in 1439, when the estate passed to his son and heir George Sampson, who died without issue 8 Jan. 1511-12. As the manor had been granted to William Sampson and Margaret (Bures) Sampson, his wife and the Sampson heirs had died out, it is probable that the Bures heirs of Margaret succeeded. At all events the manor was in the possession of Henry Bures in 1524. It finally passed to the Sheltons by way of Thomas Barrow of Shipdenham, Norfolk (died 1590), the husband of Mary daughter and coheiress of Henry Bures.

Robert Bures (chart 3) married Dorothy, second daughter of the Honourable Christopher Stourton of Little Langford, Wilts., Gent., who was the fourth son of Edward 5th Baron Stourton of Stourton, Wiltshire. As the Waldegraves and Heighams belonged to the Catholic gentry of the Reformation period, so the Stourtons belonged to the Catholic nobility. Lord Stourton, the 5th baron succeeded to the peerage in 1523. In 1531 he was one of those who signed a letter to the Pope demanding the divorce of Henry VIII. He married Agnes, daughter of John Fauntleroy of Fauntleroy March, Dorset. His will dated 26 Nov. 1535 was probated 17 Jan. 1535-6. He was buried at Stourton, where there are stone effigies of them both over their graves.

Robert Bures is named in the will, 1550, of Roger Stourton of Ruston, Dorset, his brother-in-law, as "Mr. Bueres, my wifes brother." He is also mentioned in the will of Edmund Butts of Barrow, 1550, as the recipient of a horse, and Edmond calls him "uncle." Robert Bures was certainly living at Foxearth between the years 1552 and 1556. In reality he probably lived there much longer, but it is impossible to prove it from the parish registers. The only register for the years 1551 to 1617 now extant is a book of

baptisms. In it are recorded the baptisms of four of his children (chart 4), to wit: "Jane Buer ye daughter of Robert, gentl.," 2 Oct. 1552; "Robert Buers ye son of Robt., gent.," July 1554; "Katherine Bowers ye daughter of Mr. Bowers," 24 May 1555; "Henry Buers ye son of Robt., gent.," 30 Sept. 1556. But he had other children (chart 4), to wit: Isaiah and Dorothy.

This raises the question as to whether he was married twice. Roger Stourton of Ruston, Dorset, his brother-in-law, refers in his will dated 1550, to "my niece Dorothy Stourton." She was, therefore, unmarried in 1550. But in 1552 she was the wife of Robert Bures, and her first child was baptized at Foxearth. So she must have been married in 1551. As the book of baptisms at Foxearth covers the period 1551-1617 and there are at most only four Bures entries therein it is evident that the additional children were not by this wife or were not born at Foxearth.

When Robert Bures died or where he died, we do not know. His widow married John Keyle of Essex and all record of her is lost.

Of the additional children, Isaiah was probably the oldest. He was born in 1546 according to his gravestone, and was therefore not the son of Dorothy Stourton. The record of his birth has not been found but it seems impossible to doubt his parentage in view of the fact that he bore the Bures arms on his memorial brass, including the Wyvern crest, which appears at only one other spot in England, viz: on the Butts tomb at Thornage. He was a Master of Arts of Balliol College, Oxford. Ordinarily the records of the college would give the name of the father of the matriculant. But in this case a search of the records fails to give any one of the name of Bures as having graduated from the College. And yet his epitaph distinctly states that he was M.A. in Balliol. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1577, at the age of 31, by Bishop Aylmer of London, to whom he owed all his subsequent preferment. Bishop Aylmer had married his first cousin Judith King, daughter of the monk and the nun. The Rev. Isaiah Bures' first charge was at Isleworth, of which he was vicar from 1577 to 1586-7.



SACRVM MEMORIA ISAIE BURES MARITVS CHARISSIMO  
QVI NON OBSCVRIS GRVS NATALIBVS BONIS LITERIS IN  
ACADEMIA OXONIENSI ERVDITVS, IBIQ IN COLLEGIO  
BALIOLINSEI MAGISTER IN ARTIBVS RENVTIATVS HVIVS  
NUPER ECCLESIAE PASTOR VIGILANTISSIMVS CVI DVVM  
OMNI STVDIO & ZELO MILITARET IN TRIUMPHANTEM  
IN CALIS ECCLESIAM A CHRISTO EVOCATVS PLACIDE  
PIEQ EMIGRAVIT & QVOD MORTALE FVIT CERTVS RESVR-  
GENDI HIC AD TEMPVS DEPOSUIT DIE 12 OCTOBVIS ANO  
ÆTATIS SVÆ 64 & SALVTIS HVMANÆ 1610  
CATHARINA VXOR EIVS AMANTISSIMA DESIDERII MEMOR POSUIT

ISAIAH BURES  
1546-1610



From 1586 to 1587 he was vicar of Hillingdon and from 1592 to 1610 he was vicar of Northall, Middlesex. All these livings were in the diocese of London. He died in the latter year and was buried at Northall, or as it is now called Northholt, where there is a heraldic and picture brass to his memory. He was married 11 July 1587 at St Mary's Woolchurch, co. Middlesex, to Katherine Thornton, who survived him. Her issue is recorded in the pedigree (chart 4). His nuncupative will is dated 6 Oct. 1610. In it he mentions his "sister Newman" and "sister Dorothy Arundell". Various old pedigrees in the British Museum state that Jane, the daughter of Robert Bures of Foxearth, married a Newman (Christian name not given), so that the allusion to "my sister Newman" seems to stamp Isaiah as her blood brother. By the same reasoning, if Dorothy was Isaiah's sister she was also Jane's sister.

Dorothy Bures (probably named for her mother, Dorothy Stourton) married John Arundell of Downebarnes, Northall, Middlesex, yeoman, who died in 1612.

Of the other sons, Robert and Henry, provokingly little is known. And yet it is scarcely to be wondered at, when we learn from the will of Thomas Butts in 1592 that both had become servants. He refers to them in the following words: "To Robert Bures, gent., servant to the Lord Bishop of London," "To Henry Bures, his brother, late servant to my brother Sir William Butts, Knt."

The Lord Bishop of London was John Aylmer, who died in 1594, and who had already befriended their brother Rev. Isaiah Bures. Sir William Butts died in 1583. It seems to have been the custom at this time for poor relatives to take service with the more affluent members of their family. Case after case could be cited from the wills of the 16th and 17th centuries to prove this statement. Notwithstanding his menial\* position in the Bishop's household, Robert Bures is referred to as "Gent." in Thomas Butts' will and as "my cozen, Mr. Robert Bures" in Jane Butts' will, 1593. It is

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\* Dr. Burr perhaps overlooked the fact that only in very modern times has the word servant come to connote a menial servant, as pointed out by Charles T. Libby in the *Maine Hist. & Gen. Rec.*, vol. 5, p. 61 note. [Ed.]

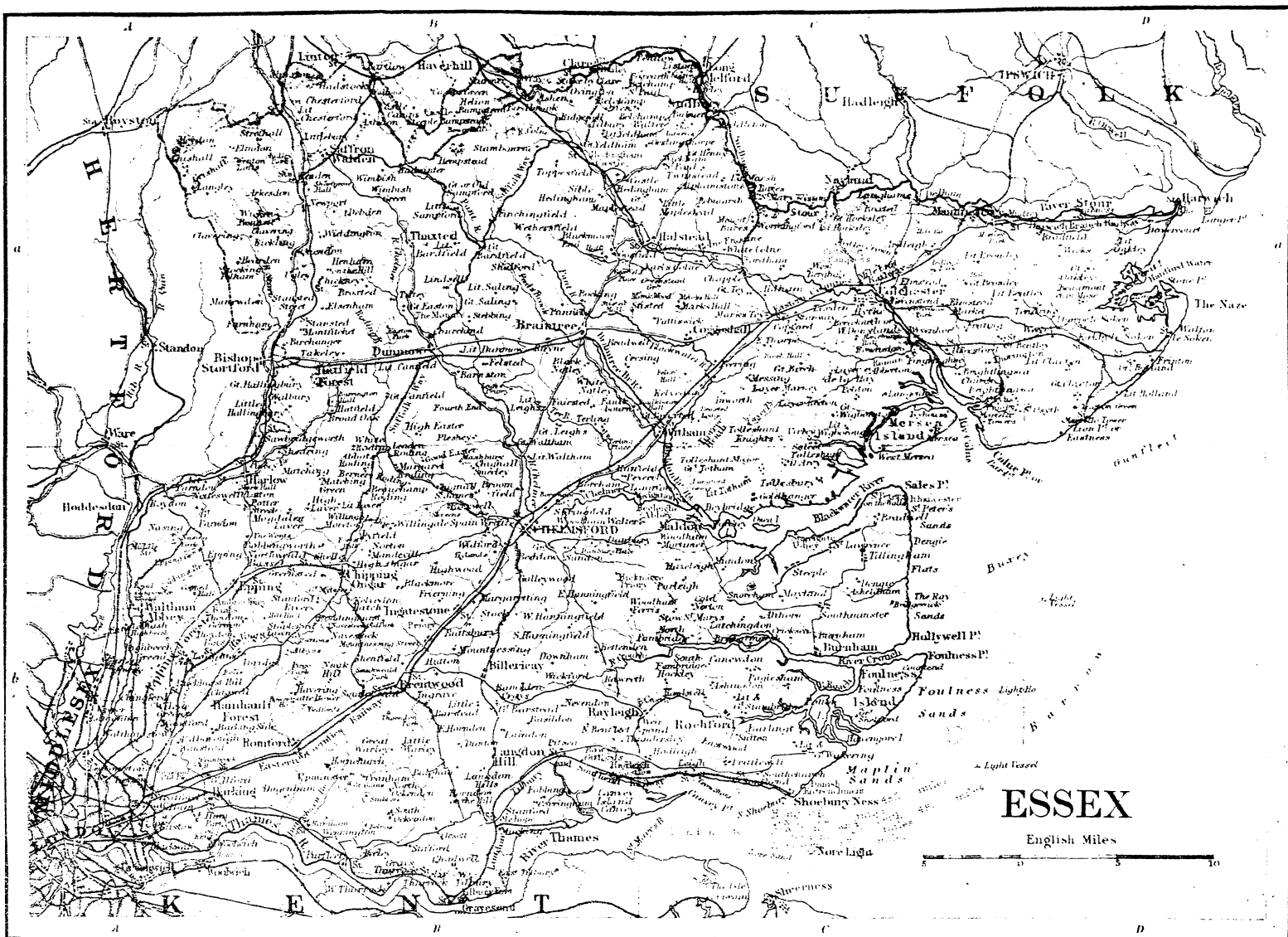
possible that this may have been an acknowledgment of his position as head of the family. Bishop Aylmer died in 1594, and as has been stated there is no mention of Robert Bures in his will nor in that of his wife Judith (Robert Bures' cousin) who died in 1618. In 1598 Robert Bures, "gentleman," and Thomas Daston bought from Samuel Aylmer, Esquire, the eldest son and heir of the Bishop, for the sum of £1,300 sterling the manor of Akenham and Claydon, Suffolk. At this time Robert was apparently married for reference is made in the fine to "the heirs\* of Robert." If this was a *bona fide* sale of these manors they did not long remain in Robert Bures' possession, for Samuel Aylmer, who inherited them from his father, was lord of the manors of Akenham and Claydon and patron of the livings. He lived and died at Akenham Hall and was buried in the chancel of Claydon Church 12 Jan. 1635. This is the last positive information that we have of Robert Bures. There is no record of his death or issue.

As Henry Bures was in the service of Sir William Butts and the latter lived at Thornage, it seemed natural to look for traces of him in that parish. And the search was rewarded, for the date of his marriage, death, and the birth of his children are there recorded (chart 4). He married 24 May 1591, Anne, daughter of Rev. John Stallon, who bore him the following children: Henry Bures, baptized 27 Feb. 1591-2; Robert Bures, baptized 26 May 1594, buried 1 June 1594; Robert Bures, baptized 10 June 1604. Henry Bures, the elder, was buried at Thornage 24 Aug. 1610. Henry Bures, the younger, apparently moved to Burwell, Cambridgeshire, together with his mother, brother and possibly a sister, for the mother was buried there 22 March 1624, as "the mother of Henry Bures, gener.," and the marriage of a Bridget Bures to William Rolfe is recorded there 25 Oct. 1629.

Sir Nicholas Bacon's father, the Lord Keeper, held lands in Burwell, and if these descended to his son, it is possible

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\* This does not imply marriage for a man may have heirs though he is single. A grant to a man and his heirs is the method of conveying an estate in fee simple as distinct from a life estate only. [Ed.]



ESSEX  
(JOHNSTON, 1845)

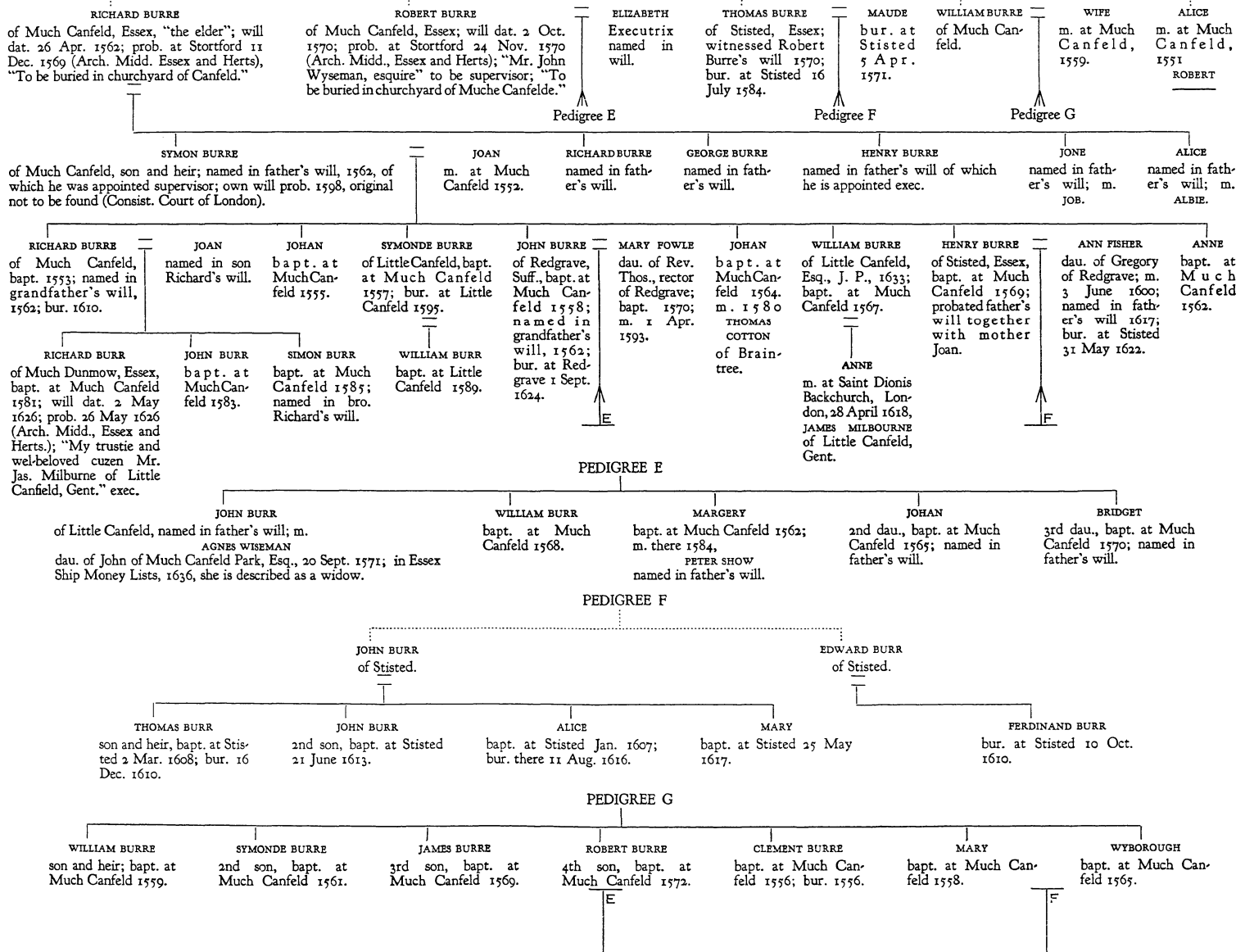
BURES ST. MARY'S, C.a. on the Stour  
FOXEARTH, C.a. S. of the Stour  
LITTLE CANFELD, B.a. 10 miles W. of Braintree  
MUCH (or Great) CANFELD, B.a. 2 miles S. of Little Canfield  
STISTED, B.a. 3 miles N. E. of Braintree





Chart 5

PEDIGREE B  
Descendants of Andrew Bures  
Second Son of Robert Bures of Acton





that there may be some connection between this fact and the presence of the Bureses in Burwell.

Further details of Henry Bures' descendants will be found in the pedigree (chart 4).

*Possible lines of descent of the Burrs of Massachusetts Bay*—There is good reason to think, as will be shown later, that the Burrs of Hingham, Mass., were descended from the Bures family of Suffolk. If so, the connection could have come only at one of two points. William Bures of Bromptons Manor, Colne Engaine, Essex., who succeeded to Foxearth and Brokehall Manors in 1486, had a brother Andrew and a son Andrew (chart 3). Nothing is known of either of them. Presumably they lived at Bromptons or in the neighborhood.

In the same neighborhood, in 1548, lived John Wiseman of Little Maplestead Hall, Esquire, one of the auditors of the King's Revenue. In that year he bought Much Canfeld Park and went there to live. Shortly afterwards the Burres began to appear there. The Registers begin in 1540 and the first Burre entry is in 1551. They were evidently friends for in 1570 Robert Burre named "Mr. John Wyseman, Esquire," to be supervisor of his will and in 1571 his son John Burre married Agnes, John Wyseman's daughter (chart 5).

If this Robert Burre was in reality Robert Bures, as there is some reason to suppose, it at once suggests a connection with one of the two Andrew Bureses named above. Of these Canfeld Burres, Richard Burre who died in 1569 (chart 5) was the ancestor of Rev. Jonathan Burr of Dorchester, Mass., and of Simon Burr of Hingham. Their descent is given in the pedigree (charts 5 and 6). Jonathan's father was John Burre of Redgrave and Simon's father was Henry Burre of Stisted. They were apparently brothers. At all events Simon Burre of Much Canfeld (chart 5) had, among others, two sons named John and Henry. John Burre lived at Redgrave and married in 1593 Mary the daughter of Rev. Thomas Fowle, rector of Redgrave. Henry Burre lived at Stisted and married in 1600 Ann the daughter of Gregory Fisher of Redgrave.

It has been stated in the introduction that two Burre families of Essex preserve a tradition of Bures descent. This same tradition appears again in the family of John Burre of Redgrave, for his daughter Rebecca was baptized at Redgrave 13 August 1606 (chart 6) as "Rebecca Bures filia Johanis Bur." The Redgrave registers begin in 1538. There are various Burre and Burr entries therein, but this is the only instance where the name is spelt "Bur." It would seem as if the writer of that entry after recording the name of the daughter as "Bures," hesitated to give the same name to the father because he called himself "Burre" or "Burr," so he left off the final "es." This entry, by the way, was seen by the sharp eyes of Rev. Edmund Farrer, author of the *Church Heraldry of Norfolk*.

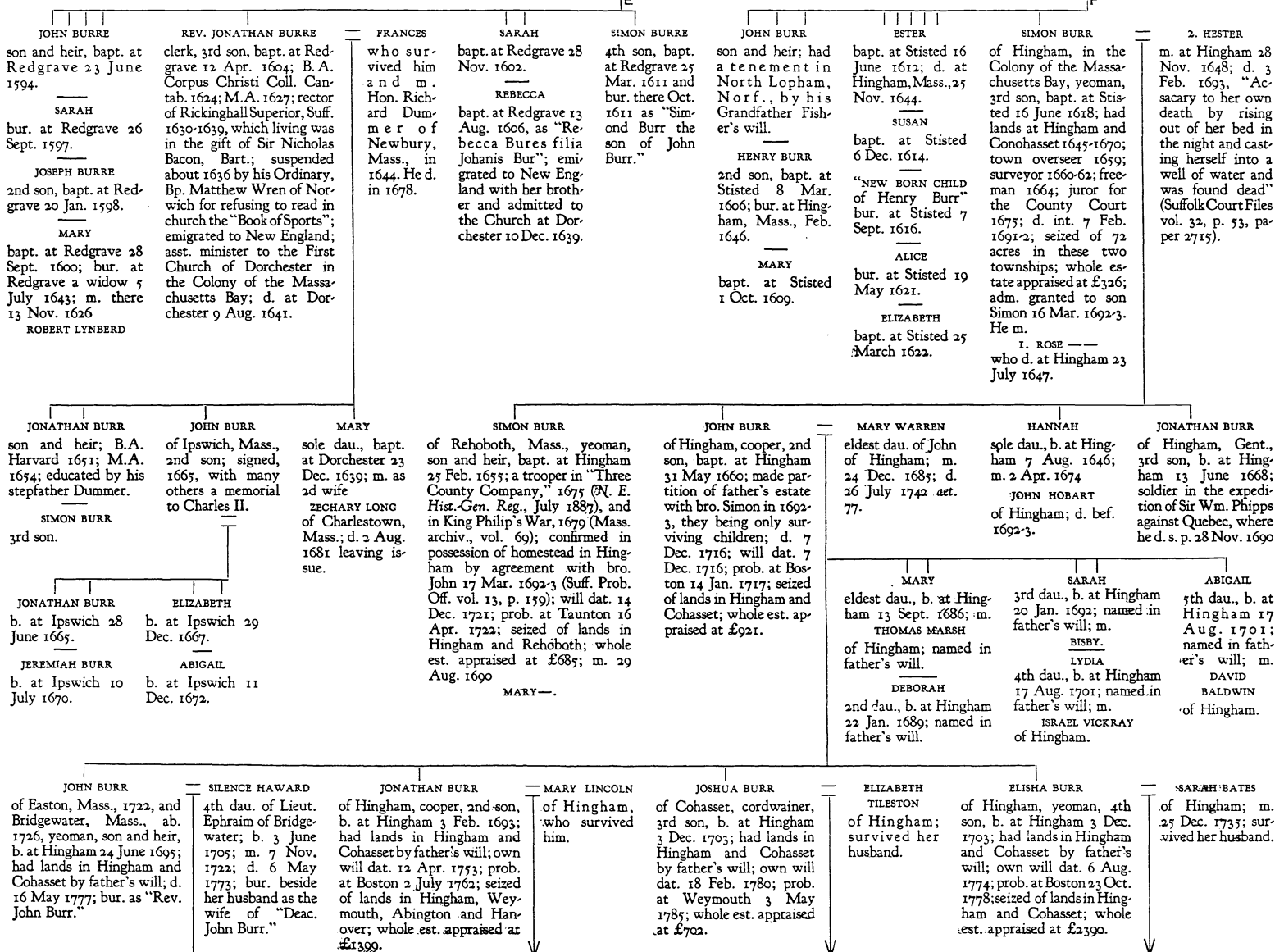
At this time there lived at Redgrave Hall Mistress Ann Butts (née Bures), with her daughter the Lady Ann Bacon, who had brought to her husband Sir Nicholas Bacon the greater part of the Bures and Butts estates. Thus the rector of the parish, who made this entry, must have known of the Bures family and that the infant whom he baptized as a "Bures" was indeed of that blood. Of course it was a time in which family names were more or less in a state of flux. Thus in the will of Sir William Waldegrave of Smallbridge, 1524, mention is made of the parish church of "St. Mary of Buer," which we know was not "Buer" at all but "Bures." Similarly in the baptismal entry at Foxearth 2 Oct. 1552 Jane Bures is recorded as "Jane Buer ye daughter of Robert, gentl." Scores of other instances of the contractive diminution of proper names could readily be cited. Many will occur to the reader who has any familiarity with their history. The breaking-down of the original form of a family name is therefore unimportant. The significant thing is that while the process was going on a recorder who observed it should have been at pains to restore, if only once, in the record he was making the older form of a family name with which he had occasion to deal.

It remains to add to this narrative a brief account of the two men of this name who settled in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay shortly after it was founded.

BURR OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY



Chart 6







## BURR OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY

*Jonathan Burr of Dorchester*—Jonathan Burr (chart 6) was born at Redgrave 12 Apr. 1604 and educated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he was graduated as Bachelor of Arts in 1624 and as Master of Arts in 1627. When he took holy orders does not appear, nor who ordained him, but from 1630 to 1639 he was rector of Rickinghall Superior, Suffolk. This living was in the gift of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Bart., who evidently named him for the position. The Reverend Jonathan was a puritan and of a tender conscience. He refused to read in church, when ordered to do so, the "Book of Sports," set forth by the authority of James I, which book enumerated such sports as were seemly and lawful to engage in on Sunday afternoon. For this offense he was suspended by his ordinary, Bishop Matthew Wren of Norwich, about 1636, and in 1639, with his wife and three children, he sailed for Boston in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. At Dorchester he met a kindred spirit in the person of Rev. Richard Mather, also a puritan, who had found it convenient to leave England sometime before because he would not wear a surplice although he had been a priest of the Church of England for many years. Burr became Mather's assistant and quickly rose to prominence because of his piety and eloquence. But his career was cut short by death within two years of his arrival, on 9 August 1641. His widow [Frances] married Hon. Richard Dummer of Newbury, Mass., in 1644, and died 19 Nov. 1682.

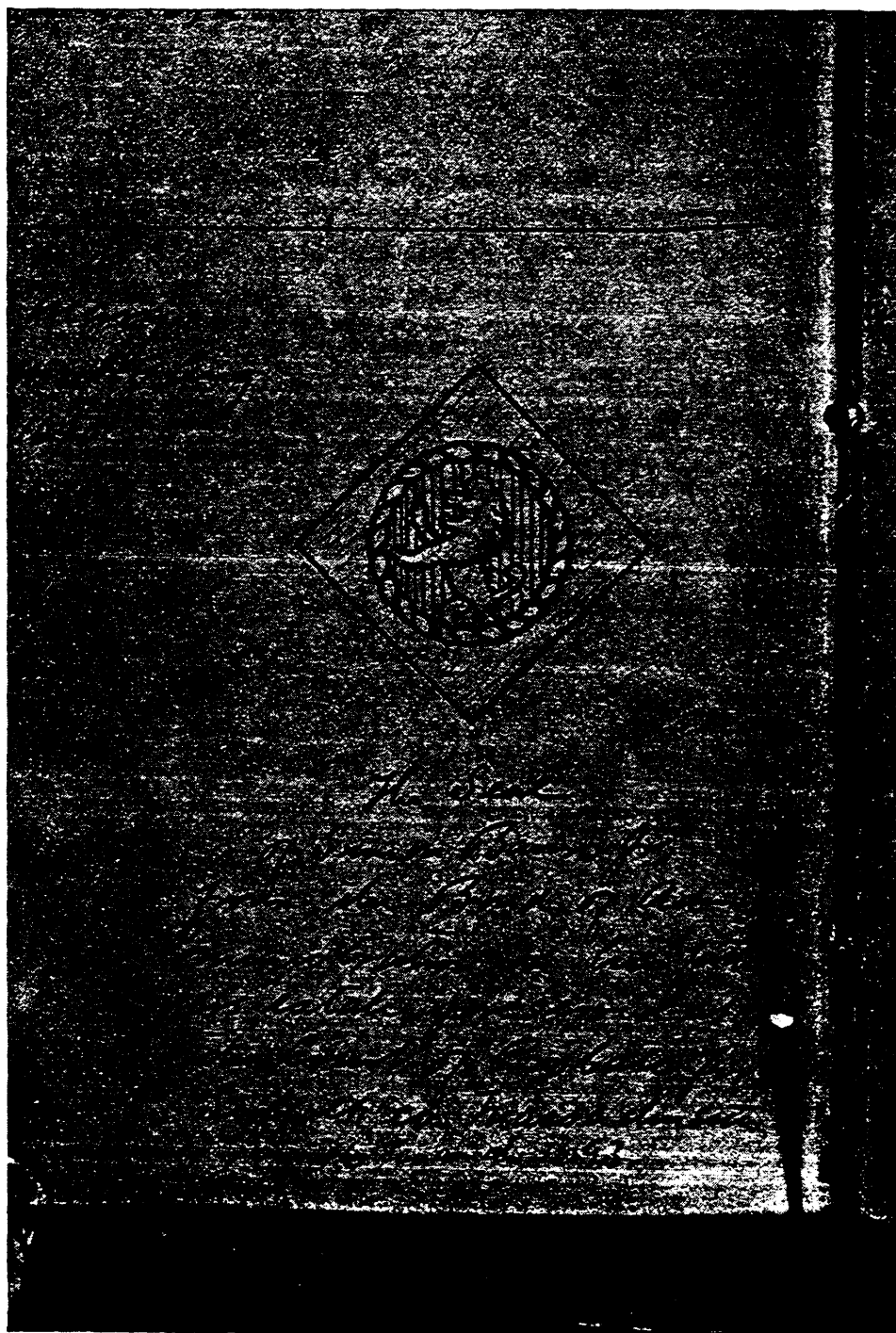
*Simon Burr of Hingham*—Simon Burr (chart 6) appeared at Hingham in 1645. There is a tradition that he came thither from Dorchester. He died 7 Feb. 1691-2. In the preceding July he was party to an action before the Court of the Assistants at Boston in which he testified to being seventy-four years of age. This would give 1617 as the date of his birth. When the difference between the old and the

new style is remembered, the date 1617 is sufficiently near 1618 to challenge attention, because Henry Burr of Stisted, who married Ann Fisher of Redgrave, had a son, Simon, baptized at Stisted 16 June 1618. When he was born we do not know. Henry Burr had other children, among them Henry, baptized 8 March 1606, and Ester, baptized 16 June 1612. Now contemporary with Simon Burr at Hingham there was an Esther Burr who died 25 Nov. 1644, and a Henry Burr who died 9 February 1646. They were evidently adults, otherwise their father's name would have been mentioned, and the association in the Stisted registers of a Henry, Ester and Simon with a like association in the Hingham records seems more than coincidence. When we consider, in addition, that Rev. Jonathan Burr's birthplace is definitely known to have been Redgrave (*vide* Mather's "Magnalia"), and that he was closely connected with the Stisted family, there seems no reason to doubt that it was the Stisted family of Burr, or certain members of it, which settled at Hingham. Simon Burr of Hingham is described as "Yeoman." He received various grants of land in Hingham and Conohasset between the years 1645 and 1670. He was town overseer in 1659, surveyor 1660 to 1662, freeman 1664, juror for the county court 1675.

In the *Heraldic Journal* published at Boston, Mass., in 1868, the authors state in the Preface:

"We have now only to reaffirm our belief in the genuineness of the older evidences of seals and inscriptions. The accumulation of examples seems clearly to show that for the first century after the colonization of New England there was no fashion of adopting arms, but that the seals and rings of their ancestors were preserved as heir-looms by the settlers here."

No instance has been found of the use by Simon Burr of Hingham of a heraldic seal, but his eldest son, Simon Burr of Rehoboth, used such a seal. It occurs on the bond of administration on his father's estate in 1693 and is preserved at the Suffolk County Probate Office at Boston. This seal is a *lion rampant*. It looks very much as if it might have been taken from the Bures coat of arms. A person not versed



SEAL OF SIMON BURR, 1693



Mary  
m. 24 Aug.  
1690.



The Seal  
of Simon Burr. Jr.  
from the Bond of Ad-  
ministration on his father's  
estate, preserved at  
the Court of Probate for  
Suffolk co. Massachusetts  
16 March 1693.



in heraldry would naturally describe the lions as the outstanding feature of that coat, and conceivably might have had a seal cut after this fashion. Be that as it may a heraldic lion appears to have had some association in the mind of Simon Burr of Rehoboth.

Twenty-nine years after its first appearance the lion again appears after Simon Burr's signature affixed to his will dated 14 Dec. 1721 and preserved at the Bristol County Probate Office, Taunton, Mass. This time it is a *lion passant* standing on a wreath, the whole device having a resemblance to a crest.

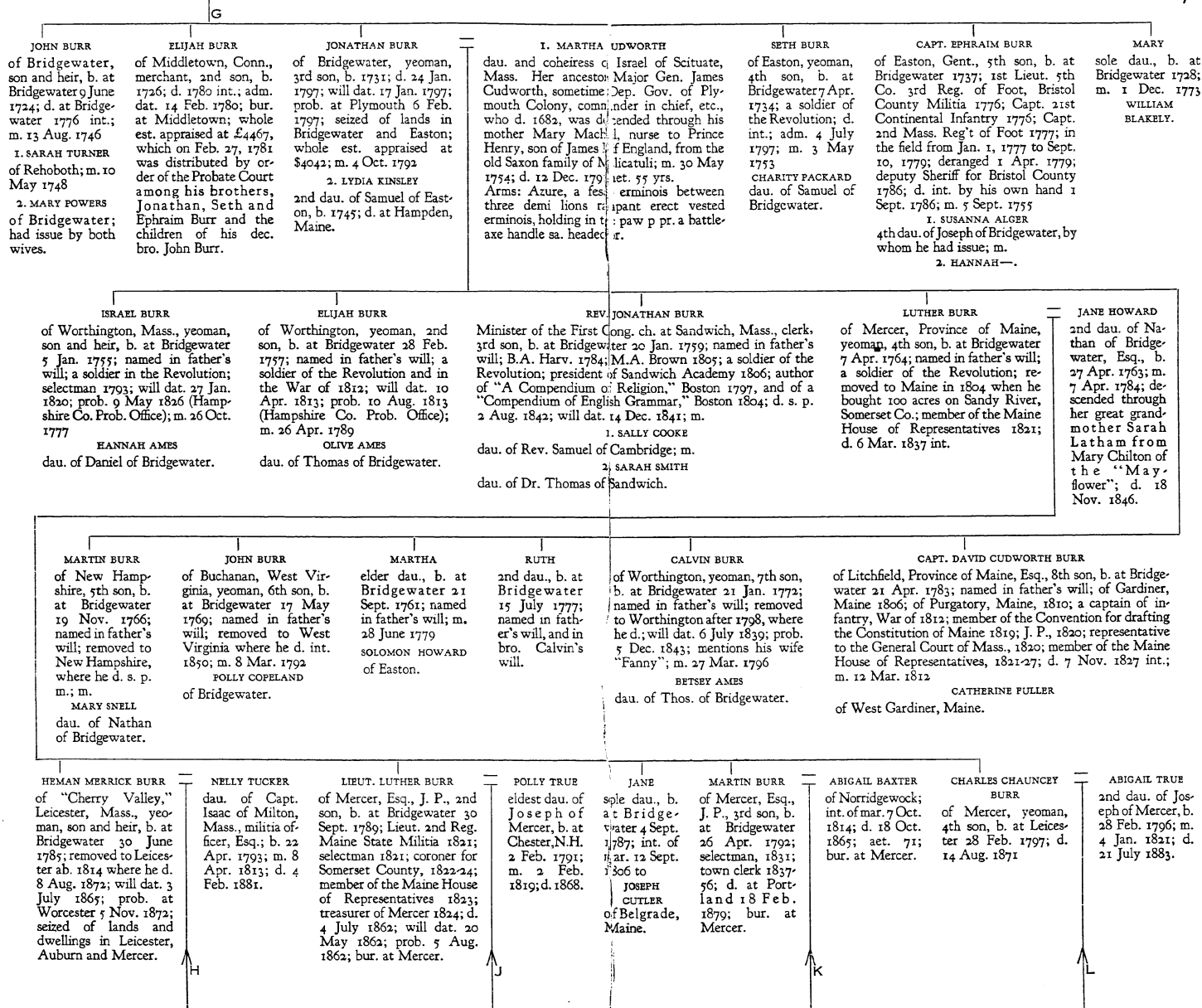
Obviously these seals are not the same, and neither may have belonged to Simon Burr, but it seems to be more than coincidence that on each occasion when he needed a seal he should have been at pains to secure an heraldic lion. This furnishes a basis for the deduction that he had been told that his coat of arms contained a lion or lions as the principal charge.\*

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\* Some account of the descendants of Jonathan Burr and of Simon Burr will be found in Todd's "Burr Family," 4th ed. New York, 1902, at pp. 453 et seq. [Ed.]









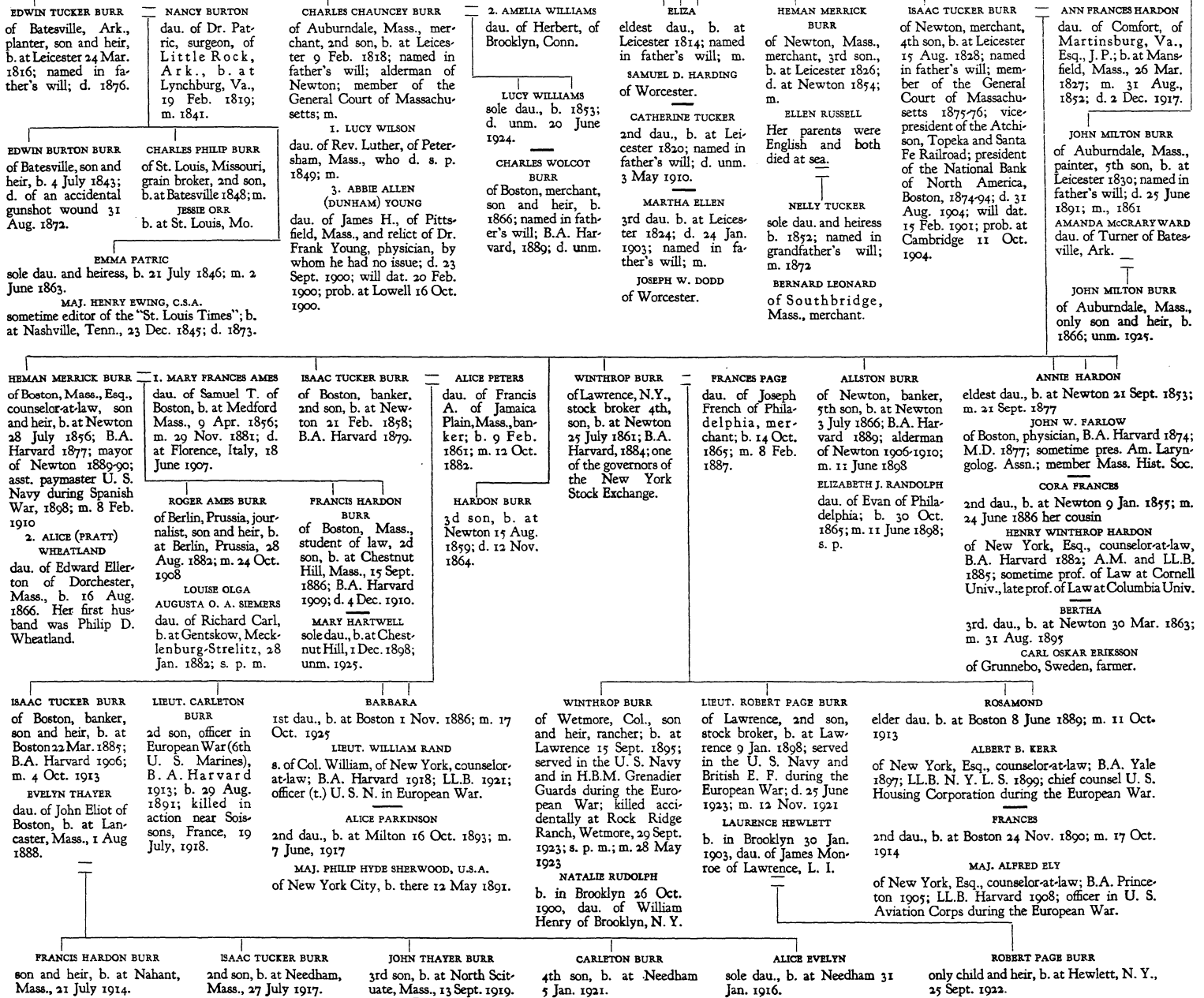




Chart 9

LUTHER NELSON BURR  
of Davenport, Iowa, Esq.,  
J. P., son and heir, b. at  
Mercer 15 Nov. 1819; d.  
1892; m.

1. LAURA ANN WILEY  
dau. of Mason of Mercer,  
who d. 12 Dec. 1842 aet.  
21 yrs.; m. 24 Apr. 1844  
2. MARY B. WILEY  
dau. of Mason of Mercer,  
b. 14 May 1823.

MILTON BURR  
of Mercer, son and heir, b.  
at Mercer 31 Aug. 1846;  
soldier in the Civil War  
(14th Me. Vol. Inf.), prob.  
d. at New Orleans in 1862.

LUTHER NELSON BURR  
3rd son, b. at Mercer 15  
Mar., 1861; d. aet. 9 yrs.

ALBERT HOWARD BURR  
2nd son, b. at Mercer  
5 Nov. 1827; d. 8 Aug.  
1828.

EDWARDS DAVIS BURR  
of Mercer, 3rd son, b.  
at Mercer 1 Aug. 1830;  
d. 6 Apr. 1850.

PORTER WILEY BURR  
of Charles City, Iowa, Esq., 2nd son, b. at Mercer 1 Feb.  
1852; B.S. Griswold 1871; LL.B. Iowa State Univ. 1873;  
clerk of the courts, 1876-81; mayor of Charles City, 1881;  
city attorney, 1882; judge of 12th District, Iowa, 1892-  
1897; d. 28 Sept. 1925; m. 19 Apr. 1876  
BUENA VISTA GAYLORD  
of Nova Springs, Iowa.

MARY ELIZABETH  
elder dau., b. 10 Feb.  
1880; d. unm. 1 Dec.  
1912.

LUCY WEBER  
2nd dau., b. 3 June  
1890; m. 16 Mar. 1920  
C. E. BURRETS  
of Mason City, Ia.

MARY TRUE  
elder dau., b. at Mer-  
cer 24 Mar. 1829; d.  
24 Feb. 1837.

ELMIRA  
2nd dau., b. 24 Mar.  
1829; d. 10 Mar. 1834.

REV. CHARLES CHAUNCEY BURR  
of New York, clerk, son and  
heir, b. at Mercer 22 Aug.  
1815; editor of "The Nine-  
teenth Century," Phil. 1848-50;  
author of "Lectures of Lola  
Montez," New York, 1858,  
"Notes on the Constitution of  
the United States," New York,  
1864; d. in West Hoboken,  
N. J., 1883.

WILLIAM BURR  
d. 21 July 1851 aet. 16 mos.

HANNIBAL J. BURR  
d. 7 Dec. 1863. aet. 15 yrs.

FRED L. BURR  
d. 27 Oct. 1862, aet. 18 yrs.

FANNIE  
d. 1 Jan. 1864, aet. 7 yrs.

MARTIN LEWIS BURR  
of Mercer, Esq., 2nd  
son, b. at Mercer 10  
Aug. 1821; town clerk  
1846-1855; J. P. 1856;  
U. S. inspector of cus-  
toms at Portland; d. at  
Rochester, N. H.; m.  
1845  
JULIA E. INGALLS  
of Mercer.

HEMAN BURR  
of New York, adver-  
tising agent, 3rd son,  
b. at Mercer 27 June  
1823; d. 17 Sept. 1901;  
m.  
AMELIA DUTTON  
of Philadelphia, who  
d. 2 Aug. 1889.

LOUIS HEMAN BURR  
of New York, Gent., son and  
heir, b. 25 Feb. 1852; educated  
at the College of the City of  
New York; d.; m. 13 Oct. 1874  
JOSEPHINE E. ALLEN  
of Worcester.

AMELIA JOSEPHINE  
sole dau. and heiress, b. 19 Nov. 1878; authoress of "The Roadside  
Fire," 1912; "In Deep Places," 1914; "Life and Living," 1916; "The Silver  
Trumpet," 1918; "Hearts Awake," 1919, etc.; m. 19 Nov. 1921  
REV. CARL HOPKINS ELMORE  
Presbyterian clergyman of Englewood, N. J.

EDWIN HOWARD BURR  
of Mercer, 4th son, b. at  
Mercer 27 June 1829; d.  
17 Oct. 1846.

FRANCIS ANN  
sole dau., b. at Mercer  
2 Oct. 1817; m. 24 May  
1840

HENRY F. GETSHELL  
of Anson, Maine, and  
later of Chicago, Ill.

FREDERICK MARTIN BURR  
of New York, Gent., 2nd son, b. 27  
July 1859; B.A. Columbia, 1882;  
M.A. 1884; author of "Life and  
Works of Alexander Anderson, M.D.  
New York, 1893.

CHARLES HARTWELL BURR  
of Portland, Maine, son and heir, b. at Mercer 22 June 1824; D.D.S.  
Univ. of Penn. 1856; M.D. Hahneman Med. Coll. Phil. 1859; physician,  
member of Portland City Council, 1864-66; Fellow Am. Inst. of Home-  
opathy, 1869; president, Maine Homeopathic Med. Soc., 1869; d. int.  
26 Feb. 1885; seized of lands and houses in Portland, Willard and Mer-  
cer; m. 28 Nov. 1859

SARAH ALBA REA  
elder dau. and coheir of Albus, M.D., of Portland, b. 26 Dec. 1839;  
d. 10 Mar. 1915.

CHAUNCEY REA BURR  
of Portland, son and heir, b. at Portland 16  
Oct. 1862; Ph.B. Yale 1884; M.D. Harvard  
1888; physician; vice consul of Spain for the  
State of Maine, 1905; Fellow American Col-  
lege of Physicians, 1919; d. 24 Dec. 1923; m.  
25 July 1888

FRANCES BREWERTON RICKETTS  
sole surviving dau. of Maj. Gen. James Brew-  
erton, U. S. A., and Frances Ann Pyne Liv-  
ingston Lawrence, his wife.

FRANCES DOROTHY REA  
eldest dau. and coheir, b.  
at Morrystown, N. J., 14  
July 1889; drowned at  
Great Diamond Island,  
Maine, 29 July 1918.

GLADYS VIOLET LIVINGSTON  
2nd dau. and coheir, b. at "Greenhithe," Cape  
Elizabeth, Maine, 2 Aug. 1891; m. 9 Mar. 1918  
LIEUT. GEORGE WORCESTER RICKER, U. S. A.  
who served 18 months in France and received from  
the United States Government a medal for his  
gallant service in the Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne and  
Meuse-Argonne battles.

GEORGE EMMETT BURR  
of Mercer, 2nd son, b. at Mercer 10 Aug.  
1832; town clerk, 1867; member of the Maine  
House of Representatives, 1881; m. 1861  
ELIZABETH LANDER  
dau. of John of Mercer; d. s. p. 24 Nov.  
1903. She d. 11 Feb. 1908.

HENRY EDWARD BURR  
of Boston, Gent., son and  
heir, b. at Boston 21 Dec.  
1866; m. 22 June 1903  
1. MARIE CONSTANCE MOTT  
dau. of Frank Peter of New  
York; m. 10 Apr. 1912  
2. ANN MAY SMITH  
dau. of James Foster of  
Boston; s. p.

JULIA MARGUERITE RICKETTS  
3rd dau. and coheir, b. at San Fran-  
cisco, Cal., 5 Dec. 1893; m. 8 Sept. 1920  
NEAL KINGSBURY BREWER  
of Portland, Gent., who served in the  
U. S. N. during the European War.

HENRY MARTIN BURR  
of Boston, merchant, 3rd son, b. at Mercer  
20 Sept. 1835; d. 25 Jan. 1898; will dat. 22  
Dec. 1892; prob. 10 Mar. 1898; m. 8 Feb.  
1865

1. EMILY JOSEPHINE BAKER  
dau. of Eliphalet of Boston; m.  
2. ALICE BAKER  
dau. of Eliphalet of Boston.

ARTHUR ELLINGTON BURR  
of Boston, Esq., judge of Probate and Insol-  
vency for Suffolk County, 1918, 2nd son, b.  
at Boston 23 July 1870; B.A. Harvard, 1891;  
LL.B., 1891; member of the General Court of  
Massachusetts, 1915-1916; d. 13 Mar. 1918;  
m. 17 Apr. 1899

EMILY FRANCES STURTEVANT  
dau. of Charles, M.D., of Hyde Park, Mass.

STURTEVANT BURR  
son and heir, b. at Boston  
21 Jan. 1910.

MARTHA JANE  
eldest dau., b. at Mercer 30 Oct.  
1821; m.

OSCAR F. ALBEE  
JULIA FRANCES  
2nd dau., b. at Mercer 10 Aug.  
1826; m. 1862

FRANKLIN CROSBY MOODY  
of Portland.

LAURA  
3rd dau., b. at Mercer 5 Aug.  
1829; m.  
E. S. HULBERT  
of Bernardston, Mass.



## EVIDENCES





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1309

### *Inquisition post mortem on the estate of John de Hodebovill of Aketon Suffolk*

Writ dated 12 Feb. 2 Edw. II

Inq. dated 18 Mar. 2 Edw. II

Aketon. Two parts of the manor jointly held by the said John and Hillaria his wife of the grant of Peter de Debenham and Roger de Hodebovyle by license of the late King to be held to them and their heirs of the said John which, together with the third part of the manor which Agnes de Sandcroft holds in dower of the said John's inheritance, are held of the King in chief as of the honour of Peverell for two parts of 1 knight's fee; and after the death of the said Agnes the said third part ought to remain to the said Hillaria together with the said two parts for life with remainder to the heirs of the said John according to the form of a fine levied in the late King's court between the said Peter and Roger and the said John and Hillaria. Walter his son aged 30 and more is his next heir.

Writ of plenius certiorari on the complaint of the said Hillaria that two parts of the manor of Aketon of which she was enfeoffed together with the said John had been taken into the King's hand 18 Sept. 3 Edw. II.

Suffolk Inquisition 6 October 3 Edward II

Peter de Debenham and Roger de Hodebovyle by licence of the late King Edward enfeoffed John de Hodebovyle and Hillaria his wife of two parts of the manor of Aketone to be held to them and their heirs of the said John and the said Hillaria has had peaceful seisin thereof until the said John's death. The whole manor is held of the King in chief by service of two parts of 1 knight's fee.

Cal. of Inq. P. M. vol. V.

1310

### *Order to admit Hillaria widow of John de Hodebovill as tenant in chief of two parts of the Manor of Acton*

1310, Jan. 20. The Grove. To Walter de Gloucester escheator this side of Trent. Order to deliver to Hillaria, late the wife of John de Hodebovill, a tenant in chief\* two parts of the manor of Aketon,

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\* Holding directly of the King, not of some intermediate lord.

co. Suff., held in chief of the King by knight service, as it appears by injunction that she was enfeoffed thereof jointly with her husband by licence of the late King by Peter de Debenham and Roger de Hodebovil the King having taken her fealty.

Calendar of Close Rolls, 1307-1323

1311-2

*Grant by fine\* of the manor of Acton to  
Robert de Bures et ux. for their lives*

This is the final agreement made in the Court of the lord the King at Westminster in the 5th year of King Edward son of King Edward between Robert de Bures and Hillaria his wife plaintiff and Roger de Hodebovill deforciant of the manor of Aketon whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them viz: that Robert acknowledged the said manor to be the right of the said Roger. And for that acknowledgment &c. Roger granted the said manor to Robert and Hillaria for a rent of a rose at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the manor to revert to Roger and his heirs after the death of Robert and Hillaria.

Feet of Fines, Case 217, file 53

No date

Demise by Roger de Hodebovyle to Sir Robert de Bures, Knt. and Hillary his wife for their lives of Aketon Manor, saving the homage and service of Thomas de Chasteleyn and certain land specified.

Fragment, Ancient Deeds Vol. III, C. 3117

1313

*Pardon to Robert de Bures and Hilary ux. for  
acquiring the manor of Acton to them and their heirs*

1313, March 30. Westminster. Pardon to Robert de Bures and Hilary his wife for acquiring without licence to them and their heirs from Roger de Hodeboville the manor of Aketon which is held in chief as of the honor of Hatfeld Peverell as appears by an inquisition taken by the sheriff of Suffolk and returned into the Chancery. By fine of 5 marks.

Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edw. II, 1307-1313

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\* A fine was a means of conveying title abolished in England only in 1834. It was a fictitious suit in which the buyer, plaintiff or querent, complained that the seller, deforciant, wrongfully kept him out of possession. It was concluded by an agreement in open court which began: *Haec est finalis concordia*, whence the term fine. The record was made in triplicate, the first two parts side by side at the top of the skin, the third at the foot of the others and hence called foot of the fine. Each party took one of the upper parts. The foot remained as a record in the court. [Ed.]

1317

*License to Robert de Bures and Hilary ux. to grant the manor of Acton in fee to be regranted to them in tail remainder to Andrew de Bures in fee*

1317, October 25. Westminster. Licence for Robert de Bures and Hillary his wife to grant in fee the manor of Aketon together with a messuage, a carucate\* of land, 7 acres of meadow, 7 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood and 4£. 10s. of rents in Aketon and Ketelberston, co. Suffolk, held in chief as of the honor of Hattefeld Peverel, to James de Deures [Bures] and John de Bures, and for the grantees to regrant the same to them and their heirs of their bodies with remainder to Andrew son of the said Robert and his heirs.

By Privy Seal.

Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edw. II, 1317-21

1318-19

*Grant by fine of the manor of Acton etc. to Robert de Bures and Hillaria ux. in fee tail remainder to Andrew son of Robert in fee*

This is the final agreement made in the Court of the lord the King at Westminster XI Edward II between Robert de Bures and Hillaria his wife plaintiffs by Robert Clerbeck put in the place of the said Hillaria to gain or lose and James de Bures and John de Bures defendants of the manor of Aketon, a messuage, a hide of land, 7 acres of meadow, 7 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood and 4£. 10s. rent in Aketon and Ketelberston. Robert and Hillaria acknowledge the premises to be the right of James and John as those which they have of the gift of the said Robert and Hillaria. And for this acknowledgement James and John have granted to Robert de Bures and Hillary the said tenements. And they have rendered them in the same court to have and to hold to Robert and Hillaria and to the heirs issuing from their bodies and if it should happen that Robert and Hillaria die without issue then the premises shall remain to Andrew son of the same Robert de Bures and his heirs. And this agreement was made by order of the said lord the King.

Feet of Fines, Suffolk, Case 217, file 69, No. 17

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\* Carruca (from carrus, a two-wheeled vehicle) the open, four-wheeled vehicle of magistrates in the Augustan Age came later to mean a plough (whence charrue), with or without the team that drew it. A carucate or hide was so much arable land as could be managed annually with one plough and a team of 8 oxen. The quantity of land was necessarily uncertain depending on the soil and the custom of husbandry. It varied from 80 to 180 acres. [Ed.]

*Grant by fine of the manor of Foxherde and advowson to Robert de Bures and Hillaria, ux., in tail, remainder to Andrew son of Robert in tail, remainder to William brother of Michael in tail, remainder to the heirs of Robert*

This is the final agreement between Robert de Bures and Hillaria his wife plaintiffs and Edmund le Boteler deforciant concerning the manor of Foxherde and the advowson of the church of the same place . . . Edmund has granted the premises to Robert and Hillaria to have and to hold to them and their heirs . . . And if they should die without issue of their bodies the premises shall remain to Andrew son of the same Robert and Alice his wife and the heirs of Andrew. And if Andrew should die without heirs [?issue] they shall remain to Michael brother of Andrew and his heirs, and if he die without issue then to William his brother, and if he die without issue then to the right heirs of Robert.

Feet of Fines, Case 63, file 165, No. 68

*License to Robert de Bures to grant lands in mortmain*

Inquisition ad quod damnum 5 Edw. III, Aug. 13, 1331

Inquisition at Lavenham before the escheator of the King in the County of Suffolk on August 13 in the 5 year of King Edward the third from the Conquest according to the tenor of the King's writ, on the oath of Peter le Botiller, Geoffrey le Clerk, etc.

Who say on their oath that it is not to the harm or prejudice of the King or of others that the King should allow Robert de Bures of Aketon to give to the Prior and brothers of the order of the Holy Cross of Whelnetham 4 messuages, 240 acres of arable land, 20 acres of pasture with belongings in Aketon and Waldingfeld, to have and to hold to them and their successors for finding two chaplains to celebrate Mass (divina celebrantur) for the soul of said Robert and the souls of his ancestors, and of all the faithful departed, in the church of said prior and brothers of Whelnetham every day forever. They say nevertheless that of the aforesaid lands and holdings said Robert de Bures intends to give at present only one messuage, 28 acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow in Aketon, one messuage and 60 acres of arable land in Waldingfeld, for the finding of two chaplains as aforesaid. And they say that said messuage and lands in Aketon are held of the King as of the honour of Peverel in the King's hand by the service of two parts of a knight's fee, and are worth yearly in all their outgoings according to their true value, 17 shillings, viz: the messuage 12 pence, the arable land 6 pence per acre, and the meadow

2 shillings. And that said messuage and lands in Waldingfeld are held of William de Athelly by the service of 12 pence yearly, and said William holds them of the Earl of Oxford, and the Earl holds them of the King in chief, and they are worth yearly 31 shillings, viz.: the messuage 12 pence, the arable land 6 pence per acre. And they say that there is left to Robert de Bures (after the above gift) the Manor of Acton and divers other manors, lands and holdings in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, which are held of divers lords by divers services which at present they do not know, which are worth yearly £100 and more; and that they are sufficient for the customs and services due to be done both for the lands thus given and for the lands that he retains, and for all other burdens which he bore and was used to bear, as in suits, frankpledges,\* tallage, fines, redemptions, contributions, etc. and all other emergencies to be borne. And they say that said Robert is able to be placed on assizes, juries and other recognizances as he used to before said gift. So that the country will not be burdened by this gift in default of said Robert more than before.

In testimony whereof said jury have placed their seals to this inquisition.

Given at Lavenham on the day and year abovesaid.

1331

*Inquisition post mortem on the estate of Robert de Bures*

Suffolk Inq. 15 Oct. 5 Edw. III

Aketon. The manor held jointly with Hilary his wife of the King in chief as of the honour of Hatfeld Peverel by service of two parts of a knight's fee by the grant of James de Bures and John de Bures by fine levied in the King's court to hold to the said Robert and Hilary and the heirs of their bodies, with remainder to Andrew son of the said Robert and his heirs.

Aketon and Ketilberston. A messuage &c. (extent given) similarly held by like grant with remainder to the aforesaid Andrew and his heirs.

Lavenham, Meldyngg, Cokefeld, Preston and Monks Illeghe. Two messuages and two carucates† of land held for his life by the grant of Robert Clerbec, of John de Veer, earl of Oxford, and the prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, by divers services at present unknown, by another fine levied in the King's court with remainder to Michael his son and heirs.

Gt. Waldyngfeld, Little Waldyngfeld, Meldyngg, Melford, Aketon, Sudbery and Neuton. Three messuages, lands, rent, &c. (extent

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\* Burden of responding by fine for breach of the King's peace by a fellow member of a tithing or small community of householders (originally ten). [Ed.]

† See note p. 41.

given) held jointly with the aforesaid Hilary of John de Mounteny, Knight, by services of a quarter of a knight's fee, by fine levied in the King's court of the grant of Edmund le Botiller to hold to them and the heirs of their body, with remainders successively to the aforesaid Andrew and to Michael and William his brothers, and the heirs of their bodies, and to the right heirs of the said Robert forever.

Gt. Bures, Wyston, Asyngton, and Little Cornerthe. Eight messuages, three mills, lands, rents &c. (extent given) held for life of Thomas de Ponyngge, Knt, by service of 20£ yearly by the grant of the aforesaid Edmund le Botiller, by fine levied in the King's court, with remainder to the aforesaid Andrew and Alice his wife, and to the heirs of the body of the said Andrew, with remainders successively to Michael and William brothers of the said Andrew and to the heirs of their bodies and to the right heirs of the said Robert for ever. Heir as above aged 28 and more.

Cal. I.P.M. Edw. III, Vol. VII, No. 365

1331

*Inquisition post mortem on the estate of Robert de Bures*

Essex Inq. Tuesday after All Saints 5 Edw. III

Foxherd. The manor jointly acquired with Hilary his wife who still survives, whereof the reversion after her death ought to remain to Andrew, son of the said Robert, and his heirs by fine levied in the King's court in chief of Elizabeth de Burgo as of the honour of Clare by service of a quarter of a knight's fee.

John his son aged 32 years and more is his next heir.

Cal. of I. P. M. Edw. III, No. 365

1332

*Inquisition post mortem on the estate of  
Hilary late wife of Robert de Bures*

Writ 4 January 5 Edw. III

Suffolk Inq. 14 Jan.

Aketon. A messuage within the motte\* (motam) of the manor with free entry and exit held for her life; which messuage with the manor she sometime held jointly enfeoffed with the said Robert of the King in chief, as of the honor of Hatfeld Peverel, by service of two parts of a knight's fee, by the grant of James de Bures and John de Bures by fine levied in the King's court with the King's licence to hold to them and the heirs of their bodies with remainder to Andrew son of the said Robert and his heirs. The said Robert and Hilary died

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\* Defensive earth-works. [Ed.]

without heir of their bodies, so that the messuage will remain as above to the said Andrew; and the said Hilary after the said Robert's death surrendered the manor, except the said messuage, and all the lands &c. which she held after the said Robert's death in the counties of Suffolk and Essex as of the right of the said Andrew to the said Andrew and his heirs, rendering 60£ yearly to her for life for the same. She died 13 Dec. in the above year and the said Andrew is aged 30 years and more.

### 1337

*Grant by fine of lands in Ketelberston and Whelnetham to Michael de Bures in fee after the deaths of Henry and Robert de Whelnetham*

Michaelmas 1337 (11 Edward III). This is the final agreement made in the King's Court at York 15 days from Michaelmas-day in the 11th year of King Edward the third from the Conquest: and afterwards granted and recorded at Westminster at 15 days from the day of the Holy Trinity in the 15th year of the same king; between Michael de Bures querent and John de Whelnetham deforciant; concerning three messuages, 120 acres of arable land, 6 acres of meadow, 8 acres of pasture, 4 acres of wood, 4 acres of alder grove and 20 shillings rent with belongings in Ketelberston and Preston, which Henry de Whelnetham and Robert his brother hold for life.

John acknowledged said holdings to be the right of Michael, and for himself and his heirs granted that said holdings which said Henry and Robert held for life of the inheritance of said John in said towns on the day when this agreement was made, and which after the deaths of Henry and Robert were due to return to John and his heirs, should, after the death of Henry and Robert, wholly remain to Michael and his heirs for ever. And John and his heirs will guarantee said holdings to Michael and his heirs against all men for ever. And in return Michael gave to John 100 marks of silver.

Feet of Fines

### 1358

*Order to admit Andrew de Bures to lands in Foxherd as tenant in fee, his eldest brother John et ux. having died s.p.*

1358, June 6. Westminster. To Roger de Wolfreton escheator in Essex. Ordered not to intermeddle further with the manor of Foxherd called "Borlehalle," a messuage and 120 acres of land with view\* of frankpledge in the town of Foxherd and other lands (described) taken into the King's hand by the death of Katherine late the wife of

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\* Right to hold a frank pledge or court leet of the manor which had jurisdiction over lesser criminal offenses and various administrative functions. See Stubbs, Constitutional History, vol. i, p. 88. [Ed.]

John Fermer, delivering up the issues thereof, as the King has learned by inquisition taken by the escheator that Katherine at her death held the manor aforesaid for her life, of the demise of Andrew de Bures, Knt., to her and John for their lives, with reversion to Andrew, and the said lands to Katherine and John and the heirs of their bodies of the demise of John Cavendish and William Dereward with remainder, in default of such heirs, to the said Andrew and Alice his wife and to Andrew's heirs, and the manor and lands aforesaid are held of other than the King, and John and Katherine died without an heir of their bodies.

Cal. of Close Rolls Edw. III, 1354-1360

1360

*Inquisition on the estate of Andrew de Bures, Knight*

Wonthrop [?Bowthorp] in co. Norfolk, 10 May 34 Edward III

The jurors say that Andrew de Bures, knight, was seized on the day on which he died of the manor of Wonthrop [? Bowthorp] as of the right and inheritance of Alice his wife which manor is held of the King in chief as of the honor of Hatfeld Peverell by service of a knight's fee. And they say that the said manor is worth 100s per annum and that Andrew died April 12th last. And that Robert son of the said Andrew is next heir and is of the age of 26 years. In testimony whereof the jurors have appended their seals to this present inquisition.

Dated the day, place and year above said.

Inq. P. M., Edw. III, file 130, 60

1364

*Grant by fine of lands in Great and Little  
Whelnetham to Michael de Bures in fee*

Michaelmas 1364, 38 Edward III. This is the final agreement made in the King's court at Westminster at 3 weeks from St. Michael's day in the 38 year of King Edward the third from the Conquest between Michael de Bures querent and Walter de Shetyngton of London, cotiller, and Elizabeth his wife deforcients: concerning one messuage, 80 acres of arable land, 3 acres of meadow, and 2 shillings rent with belongings in Great Whelnetham, Little Whelnetham, Rishbrok and Nouton.

Walter and Elizabeth acknowledged said holdings to be the right of Michael and for themselves and the heirs of Elizabeth they renounced claim to Michael and his heirs for ever. And in return Michael gave to Walter and Elizabeth 100 marks of silver.

Feet of Fines, Suffolk



1364

*Grant by fine of lands in Great and Little  
Whelnetham to Michael de Bures in fee*

Michaelmas 1364, 38 Edward III. This is the final agreement made in the King's court at Westminster at one month from St. Michael's day in the 38 year of King Edward the third from the conquest: between Michael de Bures querent and William de Walsham deforciant: concerning one messuage, 100 acres of arable land, 7 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood and 20 shillings rent with belongings in Great and Little Whelnetham.

William acknowledged said holdings to be of the right of Michael and rendered them to him at the same court to have and to hold to Michael and his heirs of the chief lords of that fee by the services which belong to said holdings for ever. And William granted for himself and his heirs that they will guarantee said holdings to Michael and his heirs against all men for ever. And in return Michael gave to William 100 marks of silver.

Feet of Fines, Suffolk  
Suffolk Green Books, vol. 15, p. 283

1385

*Grant by fine of lands in Great and Little  
Whelnetham etc. to John de Bures in fee*

Day after the Ascension, 1385, 8 Richard II. This is the final agreement made in the King's court at Westminster on the morrow of the Ascension of the Lord in the 8 year of the reign of Richard King of England and France between John de Bures querent and John Straunge and Elizabeth his wife deforciant: concerning one messuage, 100 acres of arable land, 7 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood and 20 shillings rent with belongings in Stanefeld, Haustede, Lausele, Great Whelnetham and Little Whelnetham.

John Straunge and Elizabeth acknowledged said holdings to be the right of John de Bures, and for themselves and the heirs of Elizabeth they renounced their claim to John de Bures and his heirs for ever. And moreover they granted for themselves and the heirs of Elizabeth that they would guarantee said holdings to John de Bures and his heirs against all men for ever. And in return John de Bures gave to John Straunge and Elizabeth 100 marks of silver.

Feet of Fines, Suffolk

1386

*Will of Sir Guy de Bryan*

In the name of God and of the Holy Ghost, I, Guy de Bryan le

Fitz, the 7th day of July of the year of the reign of King Richard II do devise my testament in this manner.

In the first I bequeath my sold to God and my body to be buried in the chapel of the chantry of Our Lady of Slapton.

Item. I bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Alyse de Bryene in aid of her livelihood and sustenance the sum of [my] estate and, to aid my sons, all that may be had from the remnant and residue of my petty goods. And because I well know that they are of so little value that what could be raised from them could not suffice to acquit my debts I humbly supplicate my very honorable and very redoubtable lord and father, if I dare as [his] son, so noble have I found my Lord of Bryene and Piere in all my anguishes and needs, that it please him in honor and charity and for the glorious passion of Our Lord that he acquit my debts, so that my misery may not continue to the end of purgatory. And in regard to my servants I have not that which to give them, and with more I dare not charge my lord and father. And on this account I pray God that He aid and comfort them. And that my will be well and loyally executed point by point as heretofore mentioned I ordain as my executors my dearly beloved wife Alys de Bryene as principal executor and Richard Muchyldevere, jointly and severally. In testimony that it is my will to make my testament, I have myself subscribed this day, praying my dearly beloved brother Robard le Fitzpayn that it please him to grant affixing [? his signature] that I am aided by him in making my said testament.

## 1390

### *Inquisition post mortem on the estate of Sir Guy de Briene*

In the inquisition post mortem on the estate of Sir Guy de Briene Senior, Knight of the Garter (d. 1390), mention is made of his grand daughters Philippa and Elizabeth de Briene, which Philippa was the wife of John Deveros, son of Sir John Deveros, Knight, and Elizabeth was wife of Robert, son of Sir John Lovel, Knight.

## 1392

### *Inquisition post mortem on the estate of Alice wife of John de Sutton*

(Her first husband was Andrew de Bures. Her two inquisitions, i.e., that for Essex and that for Suffolk were both held in Sept. 1392.)

Essex. Inquisition taken at Alphamstone, co. Essex, on Thursday next before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, in the 16 year of Richard II by the oath of jurors. Who say that Alice who was the wife of Sir John de Sutton, Knight, held no lands of the

King in Essex, but she held one acre in Middleton, and the advowson\* of the church of Middleton, and 19 shillings rent from divers tenants in Bulmere for her life, the reversion belonging to Alice Brian, daughter of Robert de Bures son of Andrew de Bures and said Alice now deceased and formerly wife of said Andrew. They say that Alice who was the wife of John de Sutton died on Friday the eve of St. Bartholomew the apostle last past [23 Aug. 1392], and that said Alice Brian is kinswoman and next heir of said Alice now deceased, and she is past 30 years of age.

Suffolk. Inquisition taken at Kersey, co. Suffolk, on Tuesday next after the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the 16 year of Richard II by the oath of jurors. Who say that Alice who was the wife of Sir John de Sutton, Knight, held the manor of Aketon for her life jointly with Sir Andrew de Bures, Knight, late her husband, now deceased, by gift and grant of Edmund le Boteler by fine levied in the court of King Edward, the present King's grandfather, to hold to said Andrew and Alice and the heirs of Andrew. The manor is held of the King in chief as of the Honor of Hatfield Peverel. Alice died on Friday the eve of St. Bartholomew last past. Alice Brian, daughter and heir of Sir Robert de Bures, Knight, son of said Andrew and Alice, is kinswoman and next heir of said Andrew and is past 28 years of age.

Inquisition taken at Kersey on Tuesday next after the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the 16 year of Richard II by the oath of jurors. Who say that Alice who was the wife of Sir John de Sutton, Knight, now deceased, on the day she died held one manor in Reydon late of Sir Robert de Reydon, Knight, and the advowson of the church jointly with Sir Andrew de Bures, Knight, late her husband, by gift and grant of Michael de Ponynge and Thomas le Boteler by fine dated 10 Edward III in the court of the present King's grandfather, to hold to Andrew and Alice and the heirs of their bodies, with remainder (in default of such) to the right heirs of Alice for ever. Alice died on Friday the eve of St. Bartholomew last past, and Alice Brian, daughter and heir of Sir Robert de Bures, Knight, son of said Andrew and Alice, is kinswoman and next heir and is past 28 years of age.

1417

*Grant of a quit rent to the Prioress and  
Convent of St. Helen's, London, while  
Johanna de Bures remains a nun there*

(Translation)

To all the faithful in Christ to whom the present written indenture comes: Andrew Botiller, Knight, Robert Teye, Richard Baynard,

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\* Right to appoint the vicar. [Ed.]

John Rowhed, Robert Cooke de Lavenham, John Badewell, William Rookwode and John son of said William, eternal health in the Lord.

Know ye that we have granted, and by this present indenture have confirmed to the Prioress and Convent of the house of Nuns at St. Elena within Bishops Gate, London, and their successors, a certain annual and quit rent of 100 Shillings Sterling to have and receive yearly during the natural life of Johanna de Bures, nun of the said house, if it happens that Johanna should remain so long in said house, and for half a year more, out of all those woods and tenements of ours called Sydolesmers, Walshams, and Carbonels with their appurtenances in the towns of Great Whelnetham, Little Whelnetham, Roshebrook and Newton in co. Suffolk which lately we had from the demise and feoffment of John Howard, Knight, William Clopton, Ralf Chamberleyn, Giles Pirye, John Notyngham and Geoffrey Salle; so that 40 Shillings of said 100 Shillings are to be paid to the use of Johanna de Bures at the four principal terms of the year viz: At the feasts of the Nativity of the Lord, Easter, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and St. Michael the Arch Angel, by equal portions and in the Church of St. Elena within Bishopsgate, London. Provided that if said yearly payment of 100 Shillings after any term when it should be paid should be partly or wholly unpaid, then it shall be lawful for the Prioress and Convent and their successors and attorneys during the life of Johanna de Bures and for half a year after to enter and distrain upon said lands and tenements and the distrains thus taken lawfully to carry off and keep in their own possession until there shall be full satisfaction of the payment in arrear. . . . Of which yearly 100 Shillings we place the Prioress and Convent in full possession by the payment of 40 pence which we deliver to them *nomine seisine*.\* In testimony of which to one part of this indenture remaining in the possession of the Prioress and Convent we have placed our seals. To the other remaining in our possession the Prioress and Convent have caused to be placed their common seal.

Given at London 12 November in the fifth year of King Henry the fifth after the conquest.

(Endorsed in English):

5 Henry V (1418). An annuity of £5 per annum granted to the Nuns of St. Elen, London, out of lands in Suffolk during the life of Joan de Bures, a nun there.

Topham MSS., Brit. Mus., Charter 39

1435

*Inquisition post mortem on the estate of Alice de Bryen*

*Inquisitio capta apud Gloucester Septimo die Martii 13 Hen. VI*

\* The ancient and at this time common method of transfer of title to land was by livery of seisin, that is delivery by the grantor to the grantee on the land itself of a clod or twig as emblem of the land itself. [Ed.]

(1435) quod Alicia de Bryen obiit die Martis proximo post festum Epiphanie Domini ultimo preterito, Elizabetha nuper uxor Roberti Lovell heres, ætatis 48 annorum.

She died seized (inter alia) of the Manors of Aketon, Great Waldingfield, Netherall in Bures St. Mary's, Leyham, Roydon with the advowson and Wherstead, all in Suffolk.

Coll. Topograph. et Genealog., vol. 3, p. 260

1436

*Will of Maud, Countess of Arundell*

Maud wife of John late Earl of Arundel makes her will May 11th 1436. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Anne within the Abbey of Abbotsbury. To Humphrey, my son, my reliques; to Amicia, my daughter, one French book; and I appoint Elizabeth Lovell, my mother, and Humphrey Stafford, my father, supervisors of this my will.

Probated 25 Oct. 1436.

Testamenta Vetusta, Nicolas, London, 1826, vol. 1, p. 233

1485

*Inquisition post mortem on the estate  
of Isabel, Countess of Essex*

Inquisition taken at Blyburgh April 30th 2 Richard III

Edward IV by his letters patent dated Dec. 26th the 14th year (1474) granted to Henry Earl of Essex for his good and laudable service to him among other things the manors of Acton and Moreves in Waldyngfeld which were of James Earl of Wiltshire and forfeited by Act of Parliament Nov. 4th 1 Edward IV (1461), to have and to hold to the said Henry and Isabel and their heirs. They had issue William which William had issue Henry now Earl of Essex and died in his father's life time and afterwards the father died and Isabel survived him and she died on October 2nd last and Henry Earl of Essex is her heir viz: son of the said William son of the same late countess and he is of the age of eleven years.

Inq. P.M. Ric. III, file 7, No. 35 (3)

1485

*Inquisition post mortem on the estate  
of Isabel, Countess of Essex*

Inquisition at Brenwode, co. Essex 30 April 2 Ric. III

Whereas Edward IV granted to Henry Earl of Essex (as before) the manors of Magna Noland and Foxherd which belonged to

James Earl of Wiltshire etc. (as before). . . . The manor of Foxherd is worth £22 per annum. Heir (as before).

Inq. P.M. Ric. III, file 7, No. 35 (10)

1486

*License to William Bures to make an agreement with Thomas Earl of Ormond concerning the manors of Foxearth and Brokehall etc.*

William Bures gives to the lord the King 60s for leave to agree with Thomas Earl of Ormond in a plea of covenant concerning the manors of Foxherth and Brokehall\* and 2 messuages, 3 tofts, one mill, 200 acres of arable land, 40 acres of pasture, 20 acres of meadow, 12 acres of wood and 100s in rent in Foxerth, Pentlowe, Lyston, Borley, Weston, Water, Belcham and Otton besides the advowson of the church of the same town of Foxherth.

De Banco Roll, Mich. 2 Hen. VII, roll 486

1486

*Extract from the record of a suit by William Bures to recover the Manor of Foxearth*

William Bures in his own person claims against Thomas Moungomery, knight, John Hardyng, clerk, John Clopton, James Hobart, John Mordant, William Dunthorn, William Frost, Thomas Grene of Witham and Thomas Hobart the manor of Foxherde which Edmund le Botiller gave to Andrew Bures and the heirs issuing from his body and that after the death of the said Andrew and Robert, his son and heir, and Alice, daughter and heir of the said Robert, and Elizabeth, daughter and heir of the said Alice, and Matilda, daughter and heir of the same Elizabeth, and Avice, daughter and heir of the said Matilda, and Andrew, son of the said Andrew father of Robert, and of Andrew son of the same Andrew son of Andrew father of Robert, and William, son of the same Andrew son of Andrew son of Andrew father of Robert, it to the aforesaid William, son of the same William, son of Andrew, son of Andrew, son of Andrew the father of Robert and kinsman and heir of the aforesaid Avice, ought to descend by the aforesid gift. He says that the aforesaid Edmund le Botiller gave the aforesaid manor to the said Andrew de Bures and the heirs issuing from his body by which gift the same Andrew Bures was seised in his demesne as of fee and right in the time of peace of the lord Edward lately King of England the third. And from the said Andrew Bures the right descended to a certain Robert as son and

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\* Brokehall (or Brookhall) also called Borle or Weston Hall, adjoined Foxearth. See p. 61. [Ed.]

heir and from him to a certain Alice as daughter and heiress and from her to a certain Elizabeth as daughter and heiress and from her to a certain Matilda as daughter and heiress and from her to a certain Avice as daughter and heiress and from her because she died without heir of her body the right reverted (*resortiebat*) to the aforesaid Andrew, son of the aforesaid Andrew father of Robert as kinsman and heir. And from the said Andrew the son the right descended to a certain Andrew as son and heir, and from the said Andrew son of Andrew son of the aforesaid Andrew father of Robert the right descended to a certain William as son and heir, and from the same William the right descended to this William who now claims as son and heir, etc., and as kinsman and heir of the said Avice.

And the aforesaid Thomas, John, John, James, John, William Dunthorn, William Frost, Thomas and Thomas by John Kyrton their attorney come and defend their right. And they say that they cannot deny the action of the said William Bures, nor that Edmund le Botiller gave the aforesaid manor to the aforesaid Andrew Bures and the heirs issuing from his body, nor that the said manor is the right of the said William Bures as the same William Bures claims above. Therefore it is determined that the aforesaid William Bures recover his seisin against the aforesaid Thomas, John, John, James etc. of the said manor.

De Banco Roll Mich. Term 2 Henry VII, Roll 539

1507

*Grant of the manor of Acton etc. to Robert Bures in tail male, remainder in tail general, remainder in fee*

Know ye present and to come that we James Hobert, knight, William Froste and Thomas Hobert at the requisition and special request of Thomas Ormond, knight, Earl of Ormond, have conveyed and by this present charter confirmed to Robert Bures son and heir of William Bures our manor of Aketon in co. Suffolk and a messuage, a carucate of arable land, 7 acres of meadow, 7 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood and £4.10.0 rent in Aketon and Ketelbeston which we together with Thomas Mountgomery knight, John Bukenell, knight, John Hardyng, clerk, John Clopton, John Mordaunt, William Dunthorn and Thomas Grene of Whitham now deceased lately recovered against William Bures and Joan his wife in the Court of the lord the King at Westminster before Thomas Bryan, knight, and his companions justices of the Common Bench in Michaelmas term the second year, to have and to hold the premises to the said Robert Bures and to the heirs male of his body, or failing such that they remain to the said Robert Bures and the heirs of his body, or failing them to his right heirs. Know ye moreover that we have appointed our beloved Christopher Davyson and William Hamylden our true and lawful attorneys to enter for us in our place and name into the premises and

to take possession of them for us and our men and then to deliver them to the said Robert Bures to have to him and his heirs. In testimony whereof both the said Thomas Earl of Ormond, and we the said James Hobert, William Froste and Thomas Hobert have appended our seals to this present charter. Dated June 8th 22 Henry VII.

(The seals of William Froste and Thos. Hobart are still attached and fragments of two others.)

Endorsed: A gyfte in tayle of the manor of Aketon etc. from the Earle of Omonde and his cofeffees to Robert the son of Wm. Bures.

A° 22 Hen. VII

(Presented to the British Museum by the Family of the late Sir Francis Palgrave 23 Jan. 1862.)

Add. Charters, 15756

1507

*Robert Bures to Thomas Earl  
of Ormond, general release*

Robert Bures came here November 22nd as before and remitted, released and quitclaimed to Thomas Ormond, etc. all kind of actions real, personal, spiritual and temporal, suits, complaints, claims, debts etc. which I have against him. Dated 22 Nov. 23 Hen. VII.

De Banco Roll, Mich. Term, 23 Hen. VII, enrolled charters, m. 3

1507

*Robert Bures to Thomas, Earl of Ormond,  
quitclaim of the manors of Roydon and Whersted  
and of the advowson of the Church of Roydon*

Robert Bures came here in the Court November 27th and acknowledged the following writing to be his deed. To all the faithful in Christ to whom this present writing shall come. Robert Bures son and heir of William Bures and cousin and heir of Andrew Bures, greeting: Know ye that I have remitted, released and quitclaimed to Thomas Ormond, Knt., Earl of Ormond, the full and peaceful possession of the Manors of Boydon [? Roydon] and Wersted, co. Suffolk, and the advowson of the church of Boydon [? Roydon] and to his heirs and will warrant them to him against all men. In testimony whereof etc.

1511

*Recovery of the manor of Acton against  
William Bures and Joan ux.*

Common Plea Roll, 2 Henry VIII

Thomas Mountgomery, Knight, John Bukenell, Knight, John



Hardying, clerk, John Clopton, James Hobert, John Mordaunt, William Dunthorn, William Frost, Thomas Grene of Whitham and Thomas Hobert, by John Kyrton their attorney, demand against William Bures and Joan his wife the manor of Aketon, a messuage, a carucate of arable land, 7 acres of meadow, 7 acres of pasture and 40 acres of wood and 4 pounds 10 shillings of rent in Aketon and Ketelberston as their right and inheritance by writ of the lord the king *precipe in capite* and whereof they say they were seised in their demesne as of fee in the time of Edward IV. And William Bures and Joan came in their own persons and defend their right and call to warrant Denis Guger who is present here in the court in his own person and warrants the said manor etc. to them. And Thomas, John etc. demand the premises against Denis and say they were seised in their demesne as of fee and right. And Denis denies their right and puts himself on the great assise of the lord the King and demands whether he or the said Thomas etc. have the better right to the premises. Finally Denis the tenant by warrant fails to appear although solemnly enacted and Thomas, John etc. recover their seisin against William Bures and Joan.

Common Plea Roll No. 495, Mich. 2 Henry VIII; also Roll 498

(The entry on 498 is nearly identical with that on 495 except that the plaintiffs names are spelt Montgomery, Biconell, Hardyng, Clopton and Hubert.)

1515

### *Will of Thomas, Earl of Ormond*

Thomas Ormond, Knight, Earl of Ormond, makes will the last of the month of July 1515.

First. "I bequeath and commend my soule unto Almighty [God] my maker and redeemer, to the most glorious Virgin his mother, our Lady Saint Mary, and to the glorious Martyr Saint Thomas and to all the holy college of Saints in Heaven, and my body to be buried in the church of Saint Thomas Acon in london that is to wyte upon the north syd of the High Aultar in the said church where the sipulcher of Allmighty God is used yearly to be sett on Good Friday, to the intent that by the merits of his most precious passion and glorious Resurrection, the presence of the Blessed Sacrament there resting . . . may be to the singular comfort and gostly relieff of my Soule", etc.

Item: "I bequeath mye olde psauter, being at Awdere in the countie of Devon, that it be delivered to the parysh church of Monkeley in the said countie of Devon. Also I bequeathe to my daughter Dame Anne St. Leger a cloke of laton gylt\*, wych was my wyffes, her mother. And I bequeathe also a lytle masse boke, covered with russett velvett".

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\* Thin sheet gold.

Item: "I bequeath unto my Daughter Dame Margaret Bolen, late the wife of Sir Wylliam Bolen, Knight, a bedde of tapistrie work that is to wyte *Ceto Testo* [?] and counter point of hawkes, wych was her mothers and also the costrings . . of tapestry works belonging to the same bedde, with some images thereupon holding hawkys and with some horses for the said hawkys."

Item: "My greate carpet that was her mothers and is markyed for her".

Item: "ii quyshyons of velvett of dyvers colours with flowers upon them and also a pair of aulter clothes of bleu and grene sattin with the vestyment corporus according to the same."

Item: "I wyll that my psauter boke covered with whyte lether and my name within with myn own hand in the end of the same wych is at my lodgyng in London shall be layed and fyxed with a chayn of Iron at my Tombe, wych is ordained for me in the same church of Saint Thomas Acon, ther to remayne for the service of God in the said church the better to be hadd and done by such personnes as shall be disposed to occupye and loke upon the same boke".

Item: "I wyll that my Executors . . . do keepe together my menyall household servants at my manner of Newhall in the countie of Essex by the space of half a yere after my decease."

Item: Funeral expenses, maintenance of household at Newhall for six months, legacies etc. to be paid out of sale of plate, "cheynes of gold and other jewells of golde wyth precious stones", horses, harness, "wearing array" and rents, as far as they will go, and if this is not enough the residue shall be taken and levied on the "revenues of my lands and tenements wych some tyme were Sir Guy de Bryans or Sir Andrew Bures being in sessment and in ffeaffe" to be recovered "to myn use under such manner and as I have ordered and declared in my last wyll concerning the disposition of the same".

Item: All his debts to be paid.

Item: "Where[as] my Lord and ffather, whose soule god . . . left and delivered unto me a lytle whyte horne of ivorie garnyshed at both ends with gold and a corse thereunto of whyte sylk barred with barres of gold and a turret of gold thereupon, the wych was my ancestors at such tyme they were called to honor and hath sythen continually remayned in the same blod for wych cause my said lord and ffather recommended me upon his blessing that I should do my devoir to cause it to continue in my Blod as perfectly as it myght lye in me so to be done to the honor of the same Blood, therefore for the accomplishment of my said ffathers wyll as far as in me is to execute the same, I wyll that myn executors deliver unto Sr. Thomas Bolen, Knight, sonne and heir apparant of my said daughter Margaret the sayd lyttle whyte horne and corse, he to kepe the same to the use of the issue male of his body lawfully begotten. And for lacke of suche

issue the sayd Horne to remayne and be delivered to Sr. George Sentlyger [St. Leger] Knight, sonne of my said daughter Anne and to the issue male of the same Dame Margaret and Dame Ann as long as shall now fortune any such issue male of their bodies to be. And else for defaute of issue male of the body of any of mye said daughters, the said Horne to remayne and to be delyvered to the next issue male of my said ancestors so that it may continue styll in my blood hereafter," etc.

Item: Provisions for neglected "offeryngs" to the parish church of Saint Peter behind "pauls wharf in London," of which testator was a parishioner.

Item: To the reparation of "Sydeford Brygge" in Devonshire X marks.

Item: To the reparation of "the church and housing of the priory of Tykford behynd Newport Paynell in the countie of Buck" XX marks.

Item: To all his servants a half years wages and to Isabell Trussell late servant to "Dame Lore late my wyffe" in addition XX lb.

Several more bequests to servants.

Item: To godson John Talbot, son of Sir Gilbert Talbot knight 10 pounds.

Item: To Sir Gilbert Talbot, knight, all his belongings in his lodging in the parish of St. Peter at Paul's wharf in London, and the use of the same, 20 pounds in money, his choice of "my best gowns of silk furred" and all "manner of harness which I had for the war".

He gives the residue of his personal estate to his executors to be expended in deeds and works of pity and charity for the "weale" of his soul, his wife's, children's, father's, mother's, grandame's (Dame Jane Beauchamp), bretheren's, sisters', friends', goddaughters' and all other souls.

All other testaments and wills declared void and of no effect.

Executors: "Right Reverend ffathers in God Richard, Bishop of Winchester, Richard, Bishop of London, John Yong, Bishop of Calipoten and Master of St. Thomas of Acon in London, John Fitz James, William Frost and Thomas Hobart.

Sir Gilbert Talbot, Knight, to be overseer.

To "my Lord of Winchester my best washing bason of silver and gilt covered". To my Lord of London "a standing cup covered of silver and gilt pounced with damask work" and XX lbs in money. To John Yong XX lbs. To John Fitz James XL lbs. To William ffrost XL lbs. To Thomas Hobart XX lbs.

Probated 25 August 1515.

P. C. C. 8 Holden

*Will of Henry Bures of Acton, Suffolk,  
Esq. dated March 4, 1524*

To be buried within the Chapell of our Lady Saint Mary within the Church of Ackton.

To my wife Ann "all myn inward stuffe, my trotting baye horse and my best gray ambling horse and my manour of Ackton, terme of hir lyfe, [then] to remayn to the heires males of my body, and for defaulte of such to the heirs males of the body of my father Robert Bures, and for defaulte of such of the heires males [? general] of my body lawfully begotten".

"The feoffees\* of my manour of Royden shall stand seased of the same to thuse (the use) following, to witt: that myn executors shall receyve of the Revenues of the said manour the sune of seven hundred fourty and fyve marks. Of the which sune I will that Jane my doughter have thre hundred marks to hir marriage. Item to my daughter Brygett to hir marriage thre hundred marks. To my suster Kateryn Bures one hundred marks. To my suster Jane Sturton XLV marks. And after the said VIICXLV marks be receyved the feoffees shall stand enfeoffed of the same manour of Royden to the heires males of my body, and for defaute of such Issue to the heires males of Robert Bures my father and for defaute of such to the heires of the body of me".

"I will my brother Robert Bures shall have my landes and tene-ments called Martyns and Sulves to him and his heires".

"I comitte the residue of my goodes unto the disposicion of myn executors, Roger Martyn, esquire, and Robert Buck, gentelman". These witnesses Roger Sturton gentelman, etc.

Probatum XXV die Augusti 1528 Jurament. Roberti Buck executoris. Reservata p'tate alteri executori.

P. C. C., 36 Porch

*Inquisitio post mortem Roberti Bures qui obiit  
decimo die Julii ultimo preterito et Henricus Bures fuit  
filius et heres et aetatis viginti et duorum annorum.*

\* It appears from the inquisition of 1528 (*infra*) that Reydon and Whersted manors were conveyed to Henry Bures "and the heirs of his body" 5 Feb. 8 Hen. VIII. Then he conveyed the manor of Reydon to feoffees to hold it to the uses declared in his will. Of course he could not by such a conveyance break the entail to the "heirs of his body" and the feoffees could take no larger estate than he had to convey. [Ed.]

Inquisition taken 3 Nov. 16 H. VIII at Stoke by Neyland, co. Suffolk.

Robert Bures held the Manor of Acton, co. Suffolk, and twenty messuages, six tofts, 500 acres of arable land, 200 acres of meadowland, 400 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood and quatuor libr.: tenentur de Rege. Et Val p. Ann XX<sup>1</sup> (In Acton, Kettlebarston and Melford reddit.).

Also the Manor of Moryeves, held of Robert Crane as of the manor of Great Waldingfield Hall. Et Val. p. Ann VIII li. Lands named part of the manor of Acton called Talmagefeld, Thurstons, Hawke [? Hacok], Deysmershe, Whypney Medowe, Shepcotefeld and Wymbelburne.

Settled to the use of Henry Bures, son and heir of the said Robert and the heirs of his body: failing these to the use of Robert Bures, brother of the said Henry, and the heirs of his body: failing these to the use of Robert Bures the father.

Postea ante mortem Roberti Bures idem Henricus cepit in uxorem Annam Walgrave filiam Georgii Walgrave, mar. solempnizat. apud Hausted, com. prd.

The said Robert Bures named in this brief was seized of the manor of Moryeve. A certain Michael Fisser, Esq., recovered it of the said Robert Bures to the use of one Robert Buk and Johan his wife (late Joan Higham) and after the death of the said Robert Buk and Johan his wife to the use of the said Robert Bures. Robert Buk and Johan his wife are still living.

Inq. P.M. 16 H. VIII, No. 35

1528

*Inquisition post mortem on the estate of Henry Bures  
taken at Henhowe, Suffolk, on the Monday after the  
Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist  
(29 August) 20 Henry VIII*

Long before his death William Wiggeston, Esq., Christofer Seynthmyn, Clerk, and Thomas Fitzhugh, Gent., were seised of closes called Talmage, Thurstons, Hacok and of pastures called Deysmarshe and Wymbilbourne and of a close called Shepescottesfeld with 20 acres of land in a croft and 20 acres of pasture called Wypney medowe in Acton, parcel of the manor of Acton, to the use of the said Henry Bures and Anne his wife for life and the heirs of Henry and failing issue to the heirs of Robert Bures Esq. deceased, his father. Anne survived her husband and is still in full life. The same feoffees were seised of the remainder of the manor for the use of Henry Bures and his heirs. Long before the death of Henry Bures Sir James Hulbert and William Frost were seised of the Manors of Reydon and Whersted and gave them to Henry Bures and the heirs of his body and in default of such to the right heirs of Andrew Bures, Knight, as in

a certain charter of the said James and William dated February 5th, 8 Henry VIII, by which gift Henry Bures was seised of the said manors in fee tail. After his death the said manors descended to Joan, Brigett, Anne and Mary Bures as daughters of the said Henry Bures. Long before the death of Henry Bures the aforesaid Robert Bures, esq., was seised of the manor of Morieu in co. Suffolk, and of 3 messuages, 4 tofts, 200 acres of land, 24 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood and £7 of rent and of the fourth part of a mill in Great Waldyngfeld, Little Waldyngfeld, Meldyng, Melford, Sutbury and Brentille, Broton [? Groton] and Newton and a certain Michael Fisher and others recovered the same manors etc. against Robert Bures in Michaelmas Term, 24 Henry VII (1508), to the use of Robert Buck and Joan his wife and after their decease to the use of the said Robert Bures and his heirs. The reversion descended to Henry Bures as son of Robert. After Henry's death the reversion of the said manors descended to the use of Joan, Bridget, Anne and Mary and the heirs of their bodies and failing such to their heirs. Furthermore Robert Bures was possessed of lands in Reydon, Halton and Shelley and sold them to William Waldegrave until 10 years after his Robert's death. Robert died July 10 16 Henry VIII (1524). Joan, Brigit, Anne and Mary are daughters and heirs of Henry.

Cal. I.P.M., Vol. 48, No. 81

1528

*Extent of lands of Henry Bures deceased, Johane  
Briget, Anne and Marye Bures, Anno XX<sup>mo</sup> rr. H. VIII*

The extent and clere yerely value of all the manors landes and hereditamentes late [of] Harry Bures, esquier, deceased the VIth July anno regnorum H. VIII 20 etc. And Johanne, Briget, Anne and Mary Bures are his doughters and nexte heyres Johanne being VII yeres olde, Bridget V yeres olde, Anne III yeres olde, and Mary one yeres olde at the finding of thoffice in com. Essex the seconde daye of October anno dicti domini regis.

Com. Suff.

Manor of Acton w <sup>t</sup> the appurtunences above XVII <sup>li</sup> VI <sup>s</sup> VIII <sup>d</sup> of yerely rente for the doure of Johanne Bures wyff of Robert Bures grandfather to the wardes and XX <sup>li</sup> yerely for the jointor of Anne Bures mother of the wardes	XXXII <sup>li</sup>
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Manor of Reydon w <sup>t</sup> the appurtunences per annum	X <sup>li</sup>
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Manor of Wested hall w <sup>t</sup> thappurtunences per annum	IX <sup>li</sup>
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(Defended and remaynyng  
in the Kinges possession)

The jointor of Anne Bures p[ar]cell of the said  
manor of Acton per annum

XX<sup>li</sup>

(Jointor of Anne Bures  
mother of the wardes)

Manor of Moryvys w<sup>t</sup> certen medowes, landes and  
pastures thereunto apperteyning in Waldingflete  
[? Waldingfeld], Melding, Melford, Sudburye,  
Beuntell, Brotton [Groton] and Newton per annum XIII. VI. VIII.

(Graunted to Robert Buck  
and Johanne his wyff and  
to the longer lyver of them  
by Robert Bures grandfather  
to the Wardes)

Certen landes and ten[emen]ts p[ar]cell of  
the manor of Acton for the Doure of Johanne Bures  
wyff of Roberte Bures graundefather to the Wardes XII. VI. VIII.

(Jointor of Johanne Bures)

Com. Essex

Manor of foxeherde and Brokehall  
w<sup>t</sup> thapp[ur]tun[an]ces and the advouson of  
the churche of foxherde holden of the quene  
as of her honor of clare by the s[er]vice of  
the IIIIth parte of a knightes Fee p. annum XXVI. XIII. IV.

Sm. To. CLVIII. VI. VIII.

Court of Wards, Misc. Books, Vol. 129, ff. 92-3

1529

*Inquisition post mortem on the  
estate of Henry Bures*

Inquisition taken at Harlowe in co. Essex May 12th 21 Henry VIII

The jurors (named) say that a certain Robert Bures, Esq., father of  
Henry Bures was seised of the Manors of Foxherth and Crokehall  
[Brokehall] otherwise called Borley, co. Essex, and of a mill (water)  
called Westmer myll in Foxherth and of the advowson of the church  
of Foxherth and granted them to Robert Broughton, Kt., William and  
Edward Clopton, Esqrs., and Thomas Lewys to his use and that of his  
wife Joan and their heirs male with remainder to the heirs of the  
said Robert and Joan with remainder to the use of the right heirs of  
Andrew Bures, knight. Robert and Joan had issue the said Henry  
and a certain Robert now surviving and afterwards Robert Bures the  
father died. Henry Bures died July 13 last without issue.

Joan is still surviving and in full life at Foxherth. Robert is son and heir male of Robert and Joan and is of the age of 21.

Inq. P.M. Henry VIII, Vol. 80, No. 88

1529

*Inquisition post mortem on the  
estate of Henry Bures*

Inquisition taken at Colchester on October 2nd 21 Henry VIII after the death of Henry Bures Esq.

Writ dated July 5 21 Henry VIII, Inq. quinto die Julii, sexto die Julii

The jurors say that long before the death of the said Henry Bures a certain Edmond le Buttiller was seised of the Manor of Foxherd and of the advowson of the church of Foxherd and by a fine in the court of the lord Edward formerly king of England, progenitor of the said lord the king who now is, granted them to a certain Andrew de Bures and his heirs whereby he was seised of them as of fee-tail. After whose death they descended to a certain Avice as his cousin and heir viz: daughter of Maud, daughter of Elizabeth, daughter of Alice, daughter of Robert son of the said Andrew, whereby Avice entered into the said manor and advowson. She died without heirs and the manor etc. reverted to a certain Robert Bures, Esq., father of the aforesaid Henry as cousin and heir of Avice, viz: son of William, son of William, son of Andrew, son of Andrew, son of the aforesaid Andrew father of the aforesaid Robert, father of the aforesaid Alice, mother of the said Elizabeth, mother of the said Maud, mother of the said Avice. Whereby the said Robert Bures Esq. entered into the said manor as of fee-tail. The same Robert Bures was seised of the manor of Crokehall [?Brokehall] in Foxherd and of a mill there called Weston mylle. He enfeoffed Roger Wigeston, Esq., Roger Marten, Esq. and Robert Bukks, Gentleman, with them to the use of the said Robert Bures, Esq., and Joan his wife and then to the use of the heirs of the same Robert Bures. He died and Joan his wife survived and is still in full life. The reversion of the premises descended to Henry as son and heir of Robert and after the death of Henry it descended to Joan, Brigit, Anne and Mary as daughters and heirs of Henry son and heir of the said Robert Bures, Esq., which Joan, Brigit, Anne and Mary as daughters and heirs of Henry are in the custody of the lord the King by reason of their minority by pretext of other lands and tenements in co. Suffolk which descended to them by reason of the death of the said Henry. Joan is of the age of 7, Brigitt of the age of 5, Anne of the age of 3, and Mary of the age of one year. The manors etc. are held from the lady Katherine Queen of England as of



her Honour of Clare and are worth £16 per annum. Henry Bures had no other lands in the said county. He died July 6 20 Henry VIII (1528).  
Ch. I.P.M. Hen. VIII, Vol. 50, No. 86

*Letter of Thomas Blagg, Esq.*

120 Chancery Lane,  
London,  
3 Dec. 1920.

Dr. Chauncey R. Burr,  
Metropolitan Life Insurance Coy.  
New York City.  
Dear Sir:

Your enquiry of 8 May has led me into a great deal of research and has raised rather a baffling problem and as I have not been able to find an exact solution of the same I can only pass you on the work and, beyond making a suggestion, leave you to draw the best conclusion you can. The problem is as to how the Manor of Acton came to the four daughters of Henry Bures instead of to his heir male, Robert Bures.

To investigate this it has seemed to me advisable to look into the inquisitions and descents of the other manors belonging to Henry Bures in addition to that of Acton—such as Foxherd, Reydon, Whersted etc.—to see what light they throw on the subject. Abstracts of these are enclosed and a copy of an "Extent" or survey of his lands, dated 1528. One of the inquisitions, that on the manor of Foxherd taken at Colchester 2 Oct. 1529, I would bring to your notice as comprising in its evidence a pedigree of no less than *eight* generations (which I have deduced in chart form, and enclose) exemplifying the great value of this class of record genealogically.

To revert to the argument as to Henry Bures' heirs. The first anomaly is the existence of an I. P. M. taken at Harlowe 12 May 1529 which not only gives the date of Henry's death as 13 July 1528, whereas other I. P. M.'s give the date as 6th July, but states that he died *without issue!*: and clearly finds his brother Robert to be his heir, as heir *male* to his parents, Robert and Joan. One might assume that the phrase "without issue" in this I. P. M. means "without issue *male*" and that such an assumption might have been established so far as the manor of Foxherd was concerned while possibly the manors of Acton, Reyden, etc., went to heirs *general*, and not only heirs *male*; but such an assumption falls to the ground not only by the wording of the will of Henry Bures, quoted by you, but by the inclusion of Foxherde with Acton, Reydon and Morevys in an Extenta Terrarum of 2 Oct. 1528 in the Court of Wards, reciting the property of the four daughters, when they were wards of the

King (this document is copied and enclosed for you)—also by the fact that another inquisition (the one first quoted as being of such exceptional genealogical richness) was taken at Colchester five months later—2 Oct. 1529—on the manor of Foxherd, which ignores Henry's brother Robert altogether and finds that the manor is vested in the four daughters, as heirs of Henry. Now this I. P. M. takes the title back to the first Andrew Bures and states that he held in *fee tail*, i. e. in *tail general* and not specially in *tail male*, and implies therefore that the I. P. M. of 12 May, which took the title back only to Henry's father Robert Bures, was wrong in finding that the latter granted the manor to Robt. Broughton, etc. on trust for the *heirs male* of Robert and Joan; or that the settlement, if made, was bad in law, as Robert had no power to convert his *fee-tail-general* into a *fee-tail-male*. The effect of this would be to quash the I. P. M. of 12 May, possibly because it was harmful to the interests of the King in depriving him of the wardship of four rich co-heiresses. By the same argument the will of Henry Bures, entailing the manors on his heirs *male*, would also be of no effect in that particular, because he being seized of them in *fee tail general* had no power, at any rate without the King's License, to limit the fee to *tail-male*. An inquisition of 29 Aug. 1528 (translated and enclosed for you) held at Henhowe, Suffolk, dealing with the manors of Acton, Reydon, Whersted and Morievis makes no mention of *tail male*, or "male heirs," but uses the terms "fee tail" and "heirs of his body," and so it seems more than ever clear that the Foxherd I. P. M. of May 1529 was a mistake. I do not pretend to profound knowledge of feudal law and tenure and I may be wrong in my above explanation, but if so, it is within your means, by your own study, to refute me. It is possible that by searching the "Inq. ad quod damnum"—which found whether or not the King's interests would be damaged by this or that action or grant—one might find more exactly the cause and explanation of this puzzle; . . . "

1530

*Extract from the record of a suit by the infant  
heiresses of Henry Bures to recover Foxherd Manor*

Henry VIIIth by the Grace of God etc. Know that among the pleas enrolled at West [Minster] before Robert Bundell, Knight, one of the Associated Justices of the Bench in the term of St. Michael in the 21 Hen. VIII, rot. 433, it is thus contained:

Essex. etc. Jane Bures, Bridget Bures, Anne Bures and Mary Bures daughters and heiresses of Henry Bures within age, by William Butts their guardian, do demand of William Clopton, Knight, the manor of Foxherd which Edmond, lord Butler, gave to Andrews Bures and the heirs of his body issuing, and which after the death of the said Andrew, and of Robert son of heir of said Andrew, and of Alice

daughter and heiress of the said Robert, and of Elizabeth daughter and heiress of said Alice, and of Maud daughter and heiress of said Elizabeth, and of Avice daughter and heiress of said Maud, and of Andrew, son of said Andrew father of aforesaid Robert, and of Andrew, son of said Andrew, son of said Andrew father of aforesaid Robert, and of William, son of said Andrew, son of said Andrew, son of said Andrew father of aforesaid Robert, and of William, son of William, son of Andrew, son of Andrew, son of Andrew, son of Andrew father of aforesaid Robert, and of Robert, son of William, son of William, son of Andrew, son of Andrew, son of Andrew father of aforesaid Robert, and of Henry, son of Robert, son of William, son of William, son of Andrew, son of Andrew, son of Andrew father of aforesaid Robert, to the aforesaid Jane, Bridget, Anne and Mary as daughters and heiresses of said Henry, son of said Robert, son of said William and cozen and heir of aforesaid Robert son of the body of said Andrew, ought to descend by force of gift aforesaid.\*

1545

*Will of Katheryn Bures, gentlewoman, of Gamlingay  
within the dioces of Elye XIIth November 1545*

I bequeath my soule to god almightie, his blessed mother and Virgin Saint Mary and to all the blessed Company of heaven. To be buried in the churchyard of Gamlingay. All my gooddes to Mystreis Andrye Sengeorge because I have founde her goodd and trustie to me. I make her myne Executrix. Theis being wittnes: Sr John Dunne, Vicar of Gamlyngay, Mr. John bridges, Sr Robert parson, priste, etc.

Probatum XXVI die November 1545 Juramente Andriane Sengeorge, Executrix.

P. C. C. 43 Pynning

1550

*Will of Roger Storton of Ruston, co. Dorset,  
Esquire, dated 28 Jan. 4 Edw. VI*

My wife to enjoy my manor of Upserne for her life, with remainder to my niece Dorothy Storton, if she be ruled by honest order of Jane, my wife, or if fault be found with her governance, my niece shall be ruled by my lord, my nephew.

To Mr. Bueres, my wife's brother, my ambling gelding.

To my sister King 40 sheep and 4 kyne which she hath already.

Proved 3 March 1550/1 by Robert Bures, proxy for the Relict and Executrix named.

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\* Compare the original grant by fine in 1329-30 *supra*, p. 42. [Ed.]

1550

*Will of Edmonde Buttes of  
Barrow, Suffolk, Esquire*

Bequeaths his goods to Anne his wife for life, then to Anne their daughter; except his best horse which he has given to his uncle Robert Bures; his picture which he gives to his brother Thomas Buttes; two pair of velvet hose to cousin Edmonde Buttes; and his "frysade nyghtegowne" to the vicar of Gayle. His wife to be executrix. Dated 1549. Official copy.

Prob. endorsed Norwich 1550, Portion of Seal. No. 366.

Report of Hist. MSS. Commission on muniments in possession of Edmond R. Wodehouse, Esq., M. P.

1562

*Will of Richard Burre the elder of  
Much Canfeld, dated 26 April 1562*

My body to be buried in the Churchyard of Canfeld.

I give to my eldest son Symon Bur one parcel of ground called Brodyfild, containing about 18 acres, lying in Much Canfeld, he paying to my son Richard 40s., to my son George 40s., and to my 2 daughters Jone Jobe and Alice Albie 40s. each.

To my Godsons Richard Bur and John Bur, my son's sons, 6s. 8d. each, and to every other Godchild 4d. each, to be paid by my son Henry, whom I make exor.

The rest of my goods to my exor. to fulfil my will.

My son Symon to be my supervisor.

I will that at my burial 6s. 8d. be given to folks where my exor. shall see most need.

WITNESSES: Thomas Josselyn, Henry Casse & Robert Saunder.

Proved at Stortford 11 December 1569.

Arch: Middlesex Essex & Herts, Register Raymond, fo. 114

1570

*Will of Robert Burre of Muche Canfelde  
dated 2 October 1570*

I give my body to be buried in the Churchyard of Muche Canfelde.

To my son John Burre £3. 6d., at his age of 20.

To Margery my eldest dau. £5 at her age of 20.

To Johane my second dau. £5 at her age of 20.

To Bridget my third dau. £5 at her age of 20.

To John my son all my land after my wife's decease, on condition that he pay to Johane my daughter 20s. yearly during her life.

All my goods unbequeathed I give to Elizabeth Burre my wife, whom I make sole executrix, & "Mr. John Wyseman esquire" my supervisor.

WITNESSES: John Wyseman, esquire, William Enman, vicar, Symonde Burre, Henry Casse & Thomas Bur.

Proved at Stortford 24 November 1570.

Arch: Middlesex Essex & Herts,  
Register Raymond, fo. 102

1570

*Will of Sir Clement Heigham of Barrowe,  
Suffolk, Knight, dated 10 Nov. 1570*

To be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Barrow.

Disposes of lands to the use of Anne his wife and to his three sons, John, Thomas and William Heigham and their heirs.

"To my sister Constance one golde Ringe of the value of 40<sup>s</sup>.

"Item: I give and bequeathe to every one of my daughters and my wives daughters, being the daughters by Mr. Bures, her first husband, that ys to saye the Lady Buttes, Bridggett Buttes and Anne Buttes wydowe, Elizabeth Kempe, Margaret Moseley, Anne Turnor, Luce Stonar, Frances Heigham, Judithe Spilman, John Heigham and his wief, Thomas Heigham and William Heigham and to everyone of them one Ringe of golde of the value of 26<sup>s</sup>/8<sup>d</sup> every of the same Rings having 2 letters of my name being graven and joyned together with one truluffe, that is to saye C and H, desiring them and every of them to take and weare the same in remembrance of me and to content themselves with the same my poore gift for yf my power were better I wolde gladly a made every their saide poore gifts tenne tymes as muche".

Sir Wm. Cordall, Knt., Mr of the Rowles, Anne Bacon the wief of Nicholas Bacon, my brother in lawe Edmond Wright and his wief.

To my grande-children and others undernamed 1 Ringe of golde of 20<sup>s</sup> engraven with the Letters as is above—Wm. Kempe, Rich Moseley, Clement Heigham, Clement Spilman, the 2 daughters of Henry Edon, Clement Stoner, Clement Framlingham, Thomas Heigham son of John Heigham, Anne Turnor, Wm. Dennis and Clement Paman sonne of Henry Paman.

Amongst other things he bequeaths to his son John "all my harnes and all other thinges necessarie for the Warr".

"All the residue of my goodes, plate, debtes etc. beasts, grayne etc. shall be by 4 indifferent men elected, divided and severed into twoe partes, one moyetie soe divided to my wief, the other to my eldest son John."

Executors, wife Anne and son John, supervisor, "Wm. Walgrave esquier newew to my wief and cosen Jermin to my sonne John Heigham."

Proved 30 June 1571 by Anne Heigham relict.

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1581

*Will of Sir William Butts, Knight,  
dated 1581 the 10th October*

I, William Butts of Thornage, co. Norfolk, Knighte . . . My bodye I will to be buried in the parishe Church of Thornage neere the place for that purpose alreadye prepared and provided for in decente and comlie sorte, but utterly withoute pompe or greate sol-empnitie.

Item to poor in Thornage 10<sup>s</sup>, poor in Brinton 6<sup>s</sup>, poor in Bastone 10<sup>s</sup>, poor in Brinham 3<sup>s</sup>, poor in Meltoun 6<sup>s</sup>, poor in Edgefeilde 8<sup>s</sup>, poor in Letheringsett 3<sup>s</sup>. These last appointments to be distributed by the personne (parson) of Thornage and the persons of the said towns.

The two woodes or groves lyinge in the Toune of Whestede or elsewhere in Suffolk the one of them called Spinte Wood and containythe by estimation sixteen acres the other called Lounte Wood contayninge by estimation 9 acres, which I latelye bought of Maister Grice as by a deede and conveyance withe me remayninge under the hand and seal of the said Mr. Grice it doethe appeare, shall remaine and bee to the use and behooffe of the Ladye Jane my wiffe during her natural lyfe and after her deceasee theie shalle be to the use of suche the heirs of my saide wife as shall inherite and possesse the Manner of Whedsted in Suffolk and to theire heires forever. The said Groves and Wooddes after the deathe of my said wife doe remayne to the Manner of Whedsted as parcell of the saide Manner forever after to be reputed and taken.

William Shelton my Godsonne shall have ymmediately after my deathe one Cuppe of silver double guilte withe a cover wherein is graven W.S. for a remembrance of mee whiche Cuppe of the said (sic) shalbee delyvered to the Lady Anne Sheltoun his mother to the use of the said William.

Ladye Jane Butts my wyffe shalbee my sole and onlye Executrix, right earnestlie requiringe her evenn in the bowells of Jesus Christe to see my debtes paide, whiche debtes, althoughe theie be neither greate nor manye, yett to make her more able to performe this my requeste I will and do bequeath to her as followeth: First all my monneye and jewells, plate viz: 2 Basons and ewers silver percel guilte waighinge 8 score & tenne ounces, 2 livery pottes of silver percell guilt waighinge fower score ounces, three guilte Bolles withe a cover waighinge three score ounces, 3 newe bolles double guilte wayinge 30

ounces, one greate silver bolle unguilte waighing twentie six ounces, twoe saultes doubleguilte withe a cover waying one and thirtie ounces, one trencher salte guilte wayhinge sixe ounces, one lytle standing cuppe withe a cover wayhinge fyftene ounces, one mawdlyn cuppe percell guilte wayhinge seventene ounces, twoe dozen spoones of silver wayinge eighte and twentie ounces, sixe silver plates or trenchers percell guilte wayinge eightene ounces, one casting bottel of glasse withe a foot and cover and chaine of silver and guilte, one oulde glasse with a foote and cover of silver and guilte. I also gyve to my said wyfe all my househoulde stufte whatsoever, viz: hangings, beddes, bedsteds, coverlettes, linnen, naperye, pewter, brasse, and all other ymplementes of howseholde whatsoever. To my saide wyffe all my sheepe cattel of what kyndesoever and also all my Neate, as well Northens boughte for the howse, as darye Neate, all draughte steeres, and all other whatsoever, and also all my horses geldinges mares, aswell for Rode as husbandrye.

Item I will that my howshould shalbe mayntayned and kepte together in suche sorte as nowe it is by the space of three moneths nexte after my deathe, to the intente that my servauntes havinge meate and drinke and lodgeinge theie maie in that tyme provide for themselves.

Item I will that William Sparcole my servaunte in consideration of his longe service and unableness to gett his livinge shall have meat and drinke and clothe dureing his liffe if he will tarrye, and if he will not tarrye, then I will he shall have twentie shillinges and one cove by the discretion of my executore. The residue of my servauntes I leave to be rewarded and remembered by the discretion of myne executoure, according to their qualities and longe abode.

Item I will that my yearlie pention of thirtie three shillinges foure pence payable by the persone of Edgefeilde whiche I late purchased of her hignes Patentess as by the Indentures it doethe appear shall remaine to the Ladye Jane my wiffe for terme of her natural lyffe, and after her deathe to Sr Nicholas Bacon and to his heirs for ever.

William Butts.

(No witnesses)

Proved 11 November 1583 by Thomas Wheler notary public procurator for Lady Jane Butts Relict and executrix.

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1582

*Will of Anne Heigham of Barrow, co.  
Suffolk, widow of Sir Clement Heigham, Knight,  
dated 4th July 24 Eliz. (1582)*

To be buried in Barrow chancel next my husband. To Sir John Heigham my son and to his wife. To my nephew Clement Heigham son of Sir John. To Dorothy Heigham dau. of Sir John. Bridget

Heigham my god-daughter. To Clement Spelman, Clement Framyngham, son of Charles Framyngham, Esq., my son-in-law. To Anne Framyngham my god-daughter. To my dau. Jane Butts, wife of Sir William Butts. To my dau. Anne Butts, widow. To the eldest son of Thomas Barrowe my son-in-law. To Bridgett Burre [Butts] wife of Thomas Burre [Butts]. Residue to Thomas Heigham my son; he to be sole executor.

Probatum 12 Maii 1590 juramente Thome Heigham Executor.

Bishop's Registry, Norwich

1592

*Will of Thomas Butts, late of Great Ryburgh,  
co. Norfolk, Esqr., dated 22 May 1592*

Whole of mynde &c. consideringe the state of this world to be in pilgrimage and an uncertaine jorneye and the ende thereof unknowne, therefore do make this my last will and testament:—

I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God & Jhesus Christ his only son, by whose death and passion & faith therein I trust to be saved.

My body to be buried in the chancell of Great Ryburgh, within one foot of the Tombe which I have made for my late wife.

To the poor folk's box there 20/— To the poor of Little Ryburgh 6/8, & of Thorneham 26/8 (with the advice of William Reade of Thornham, gent.).

Four sermons to be preached at Great Ryburgh by Mr. John Percyvall, Mr. Edward Fenton, Mr. John Marten, Mr. Leeds, Mr. Peter Stewardson or Mr. Samuel Otes, on Sondays at 1 o'clock—each preacher to have 10/— & 7/6 to be distributed (6d each) to the poorest people in Great Ryburgh and 2/6 at Little Ryburgh, at same rate. Two other sermons also to be preached by Mr. John Percyvall, Mr. Rowland Nutt, Mr. Stewardson or Mr. George Leeds or Mr. Fletcher, upon the same terms, as well as four others at Walsingham Parva.

To the Lady Jane Butts, my sister-in-law, "a starr ryall"\* , to make her a ring, and to have engraven therein T.B.

To my sister-in-law Mrs. Anne Butts, widowe, the same; and also two rings of horne, garnished with silver, which she did give me longe since.

To my niece, the Lady Anne Bacon, a "starr royall" for the like purpose, my New Testament, lymned with golde, written in olde Englishe in parchment, and my written service book, and the cupborde of dyvers colors, & the diske of divers colors which I lately bought of Mr. William Burton.

To my nephew Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Redgrave, Knt., "a starr ryall" for a ringe, and my windemill and half an acre of land in

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\* A royal was a gold piece of ten shillings.



Thornham, at Christie furlonge, which I lately bought of John Fishe of Hindringham, to him & his heirs males.

To the lady Anne Shelton, a coin for a ring, and my booke intituled the manner to die well, and a book called Theodore of Beza's confession, and my book of sermons by Mr. John Calvyn upon S. Paul's Epistles to Galations.

To Sir John Higham, of Barrow, Suffolk, Knt., a coin for making a ring, and a little booke all written, with a black cover, bosted and backed with lether, having the leaves gilt, intituled certain godly prayers gathered and taken out of divers bookes; and also six "bore staves".

To my brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Higham, a coin for a ring, and a booke, Exposition on S. Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians, by the Rev. Father John Jewell, Bishop of Salisburie.

To Mr. Nathaniel Bacon, a "starr ryall", for a ring, and the staff which Sir Thomas Cornewallis gave me, which was the Prince of Orange's staff.

To my cozen Isaacke Asheley, of Melton Cunstable, a similar coin, to make a ring of, & the same to my cozen Marie his wife.

To Mr. John Payne, gent., a like coin for the same purpose, and the second part of Mr. John Foxe's Acts and monuments.

To Mr. Robert Bozoun, the eldest, 6 spears or Javelins.

To my cozen Mr. Richard Anger, of Gray's Inn, Esq., a coin for a ring, and a muskett, caliver,\* two stakes, two murrians† and two Jackes‡ covered with white fustian.

To my friend Mr. William Rugge, of Billingford, Esq., a coin for a ring, my pocket dagge with a white hefte.

To Mr. Henry Cornewallis, Esq., a like coin for a ring.

To Mr. Roger Bozoun, of Wissingsett, gent., a coin for a ring and a booke Replication to Mr. Hardinge's answer, made by John Jewell, Bishop of Salisbury, and a book Answere by Thomas Cranmer, late Bishop of Canterbury, to a craftie sophistical cavilation, devised by Stephen Gardiner, and a book of godly prayers by John Field, minister.

To my friend Mr. William Reade of Thornham, a coin for a ring.

To my cozen William Barrow, Esq., the like bequest.

To my nephew and godson Henrie Barrow, Esq., gent., a like bequest and Five pounds and my greate English Bible, and a book of sermons by Mr. John Calvyn on Job, and a book of lectures having J.B. on the twelve articles of the faith, by John Hoper, martyr.

All the above bequests of coins, are for rings, to be made at my expence.

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\* A light musket.

† Morion, a helmet without beaver or visor.

‡ A foot-soldier's sleeveless tunic.

To Thomas Kinge of Barnard's Inn, a black curate\*, a black morian, and a black halberde.

To my cozen Edmund Bacon, son of Sir Nicholas Bacon of Redgrave, Knt., two calivers having their stocks set with white bone, also two white hornes wrought with black.

To Henry Gosnold, son of Matthew Gosnold of Hempton, deceased, 20/— for a ring, and my written book in a red cover called "Aurum ex Stercore", by Robert Talbott, sometimes a Prebendary of Norwich Cathedral.

To my niece Mrs.† Mary Barrowe, a double duckett for a ringe.

To Mr. Thomas Dawbeney, my godson, a like bequest.

To John Townesend, Esq., my godson, a staff with a rest for a muskett, having a hatchett on the end and set with yellow nayles.

To my friend Mr. Thomas Pede the elder, Regester, a black curate, a black morian, an arming sword, a daggard, a lether girdle and a morris pike armed.

To my friend Anthony Marker of Norwich, a black curate, a black morian, an arming sword, a daggard, a lether girdle and a morris pike armed.

To Thomas Warner, son of Thomas Warner of Hoo, my godson, a black corselet, a black morian, an arming sword and a morris pike armed.

To Henry Calthorpe, my godson, a double duckett.

To Beza Stallon, my godson, ditto.

To Thomas Tounesend, my godson, ditto.

To Thomas Yelverton, my godson, ditto.

To Henry Bacon, my godson, my lease of Thornham Priors manor.

To Butts Bacon, my godson, a double duckett and a great gilt Jugg, with a cover, waying 51 and a half ounces.

To Mrs. Dorothea Bacon, one of the daughters of Sir Nicholas Bacon and the Ladie Anne his wife, a gilt bowle or goblett, having graven in the bottome "Charolus Magnus Imperator", weight about 35 ounces, without any cover, to be delivered to her at her marriage.

To Jemine, another daughter of said Sir N. Bacon, a gilt goblet, graven on the bottom, Arthurus Rex Brittanorum, to be given to her at her marriage.

To the following godchildren: Thomas Rugge, Thomas Warner, Thomas Cooper, Thomas Hewet, Thomas Owtwhite, Thomas Manfield alias Perse, Thos. Catton, Thomas Egrym, Thomas Barsham, Thomas Scottow, Thomas Cottess, money legacies,—mostly a double duckett or 6/8.

To Christopher Andrew, godson, 20/— and a book called Cowper's Dictionary.

To Margaret Matson, my olde, trustie and paynful servant, £40 and the bedstead I lie in, with the tester of red and green damaske,

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\* Curiat, cuirass.    † Mistress was used for single women. [Ed.]

with curtains and iron rods; a feather bed, bolster, two paire of sheets, wherin I myself was wont to lie, with two coverlets, one yrishe happinge, one yrish mantell, color yellow; and three brass potts, one called the Bullen pot, the 2nd which I bought of Richard Smyth and the 3rd of George Miller; a skillet, a quantity of pewter, two cushions of crewel neddle work of water-flowers, two chests one of waynescote and the other of black bound with iron barres, a round table, a new green cloth, two low stools (one with a back) and sundry nappery and iron ware. Also a silver pott wherin I usually drink, having but one ear, with my arms, a silver spoon and the gold ringe I had of the gifte of Sir Nicholas Bacon, late Lord Keeper.

Legacies of armour, money &c. to Roberte Partricke, John Norton, Leonard Andrews, Austen Parvayse, Robert Stokes, Edward Wyborowe, Sampson Freesling, Stephen Cowper, Peter Blakye, Eliz. Hubberd, Sara Ogell, Marie Crosbie.

To Robert Bures, gent., servant to the Lord Bishop of London, 40/—.

To Henry Bures his brother, late servant to my brother Sir William Butts, knt., 40/—, and legacies to servants of said Sir William Butts.

To Mr. Frauncys Anger of Gray's Inn, a book, "Parcuste (?) Ludicra, sive epigrammata juvenilia", a little book "Historiarum Chronichorum mundi Epidhome velut Indexusque anno 1533", and a book "Pugna porcorum" by Placentius and a book Secrets of the Rev. Father Mr. Alexis of Piemounte, translated from French into English by William Warde.

To George Burfoot of Great Ryburgh, 10/—.

To Henry Bacon, gent., my godson, a free tenement called the Milles, with the yard, next the Mill House in Great Ryburgh.

To the Township of Great Ryburgh, a book of Erasmus' Paraphrases, and my greatest old Bible, which they have already in the Church.

To the reparations of the Church and Steeple of Great Ryburgh, 40/—, and my executors within six months to rayse and "hayne"\* the flores of the Chancell, the Church and Isles of Great Ryburgh, which stand 5 inches high, and on the same shall pave with new paving tyle all the said flores, not taking up any of the old paving tyle unless it be where monuments are, for if the old paving tyle shall be taken up which is thin and nothing worth, the Chancell and Church and Isles should be never the drier, which I caused lately to be proved. My executors are also to repair and amend the painting of my Tomb, which is decayed by reason of Moysture. They are also to give to 50 children in and near Ryburgh, of seven years of age at least, to such as be somewhat entered in reading, a Psalter & 4d.

To the poor of Lynn (being English born) £6-13-4, and to the

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\* Fence (?).

Lazar houses at Norwich, Lynn, Walsingham &c. and prisoners in the Castle.

To the poor of 48 parishes—and Dutch Congregation in Norwich.

To William Empson, yearly for life 20/—.

To Mr. Francis Anger, my cozen Richard Anger's son, now student in Grays Inn, my pension or portion of 40/— a year out of Great Ryburgh Rectory, bought of the Queen, for his life and then to my neece the Lady Anne Bacon and her heirs; also my book "De Vita morte et Jewelle(?)", and a book of verses in Latin by the late Bishop Parkehurst of Norwich.

To John Anger, my cozen Anger's 2nd son, my portion of 13/4 a year out of Little Ryburgh, for his life, remainder to said Lady Anne Bacon.

My old servant Margaret Matson to have a tenement called Candler, in Great Ryburgh, for her life, with remainder to Buttes Bacon my godson, son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Knt., and she is also to have my tenement & lands in Catton, near Norwich, for her life on certain conditions.

To Henry Shelton, son of Sir Raphe Shelton, Knt., my godson, the reversion of the same, on breach of conditions.

My houses and lands in Little Walsingham to be sold.

To my worshipful friend, Sir Drew Drewrie, Knt., an Iron Chiste, one yard long, with locks and keys, which he gave me at his last being at Catton, also the Picture or table of Mr. John Jewell, late Bishop of Salisburie, now hanging in my parlour at Catton, and the Picture or table of Mr. Roberts, late preacher in Norwich, in the same parlour, the picture of Mr. John Moore, preacher in Norwich, and that of Mr. John Foxe (that made the book of Acts and Monuments) and the picture of Mr. Henry Birde, late Lecturer in Norwich.

To Henry Shelton, godson, son of Sir Raphe Shelton, 20£.

To my friend James Moraunt of Norwich, 20/— for a ringe, & armour.

Legacies to friend John Russell in St. Saviours, and to Dingle of Catton, and Rebecca Wetham of Catton, and William Rooke of Catton, &c.

All residue to my cozen Mr. Isaac Asshley, Esq., Mr. Richard Anger the elder, Esq., and Mr. Henrie Shelton, gent., son of Sir Raphe Shelton, late of Shelton, Knt., deceased, my godson, whom I appoint my Executors.

John Russell, James Marrant, Edward Wiborowe, John Norton, Augustyn Purvis and Anthony Marker, WITNESSES. Dated 22nd May, 1592

Proved 17th February 1592-3 by the Executors.

Episcopal Consistorial Court of Norwich, Register 1592.

*Will of Dame Jane Butts of Thornage,  
co. Norfolk, widow, late wife of Sir William  
Butts, Knt., deceased, dated 2 Nov. 1593*

Being whole and sound in body &c.

I bequeath and most humbly commend by Soul to Almighty God, &c.

My body to be buried in the parish Church of Thornage between the monuments or graves of my said late Husband and my good Mother, the Lady Anne Heygham.

My executors shall for 10 years after my decease give to the poor of Thornage 26/8 a year, and the like among the poor of Brinton (13/4).

To my deere and loveing neece the Lady Bacon and my cousin Edmund Bacon her son, my long foulding table in the Hall with the two livery cupboards there and all the tables and forms usually in the said hall, & all my copper set in the Dyery house, and my copper brewing vessels in the brewing house, with the mashfatt, guildfatt and cooler there, my copper set in the Kitchen, the Turning wheele for a dogg, a payer of great Raks, a payer of eyrons used for the sea-coole fyers and all the dressers in the Kitchen, a great feather bed in the chamber over the buttery, marked A.B., which I give to the Lady Anne only.

To my good and loving sister Mrs. Anne Butts, my best Bason and Ewer of silver, parcel gilt, a silver porrenger and two brasslets of gould.

To my nieces Lucy Heygham and Lectice Heygham, daughters of my most deare brother Sir John Heygham, Knt., 100 marks, to be paid to their father for their use.

To my loving brother Mr. Thomas Heygham, 100 marks.

To my cozin Henry Bures the elder, 100 marks.

To my servant Anne Keene, 100 marks, and a feather bed, ruggs, blankets and sheets on the bed she usually lie upon.

To my servant Peeter Abbes, £10 above his wages and what I owe him.

To my men-servants, their wages and "because black liveries are not convenient to serve others in I give each of them 20/— in lieu of blacks."

To my women servants, each 20/—, except to Margery and Anne, 10/— each.

All my interest under my late Husband's will in the Manor of Thornage and lands in Brynton, Burningham [Briningham], Brinton, Leringset, Sharington, Gunthorpe and Borrowgh in Norfolk, I leave to my Executors for the uses of this my will.

To my servant Anne Keene a bedstead and canopy &c., bought of

Dr. Dawbeney, in the chamber behind the little parlour, and all the hangings there.

To my cozen Mr. Edmund Bacon, my tapestry hangings in the Great Parlour.

To my cozen Mr. Edmund Bacon, my tapestry hangings in the Bason and Ewer of silver.

Rings of gold worth 6/8 each to each god-daughter, viz:—Jane Bozoune, Jane Townshende, Temperance Fermor, Jane Symonds, Jane Bures, Jane Russell, Jane Bell the elder, Jane Bell the younger, Ann Barker, Jane Barker and Jane Calthorpe.

To my cousin Awdry Butts, wife of Jane (*sic*—but probably James) Butts of Ypswich, £20.

To my loving cozen Mrs. Mary Russell, a gold hoop ring given me by Sir Nicholas Bacon, late Lord Keeper.

My executors to make up Anne Keene's legacy to 100 pounds.

To my loving niece Mrs.\* Mary Brrow (*sic*), £30.

To my loving godson and cozen Mr. Henry Bacon, son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Knt., a debt or pension of tythes due to me by John Martyn, parson of Edgefield.

To my cozen Mr. Robert Bures, £6.13/4.

To Thomas Bircham, servant, £4, and to Nicholas Bond, servant, 20/—. To Jane Norman, for her son John's use, £6.13/4.

All the rest and residew of my estate to my deere Cozens William Barrow, Esq., and Isaake Assely, Esq., my executors.

Jane Buttes

Phyllipp Dawbeney, Christopher Burlingham, }  
Robert Kendall, } WITNESSES.

Dated 2nd November 1593.

Proved 9th January 1593-4., by the executors.

Episcopal Consistorial Court of Norwich, Register 1593

1598

*Grant by fine of the Manors of Akenham  
and Cleydon to Robert Bures and Thomas  
Daston and the heirs of Robert*

At Westminster on the Octave of St. Michael 40 Elizabeth (1598). Between Robert Bures gentleman and Thomas Daston, querents, and Samuel Aylmer esquire, deforciant, as to the manors of Akenham and Cleydon, Plea of covenant was summoned. Samuel acknowledged the manors to be the right of Robert, as those which Robert and Thomas have by gift of Samuel. And Samuel remitted and quit-claimed the same for himself and his heirs to Robert and Thomas and the heirs of Robert forever. Moreover Samuel granted for himself and his heirs that they will warrant to Robert and Thomas and the

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\* See second note on p. 72.

heirs of Robert the said manors against all men forever. For his acknowledgment, remission, quit-claim, warranty, fine and concord Robert and Thomas gave to Samuel £1300 sterling.

Fines, co. Suffolk,  
Michaelmas 40-1 Elizabeth

1610

*Nuncupative will of Esaius Bewres (called  
Buers in the calendar), clerk, vicar of  
Northall, co. Midd., made 6 Oct. 1610*

To his son Richard Bewres £300, to daughter Elizabeth a book called Beacon, to sister Newman 40<sup>s</sup> for a ring, to sister Dorothy Arundell 40<sup>s</sup>, to William Wolmer 10<sup>s</sup>, Joane Wolmer 20<sup>s</sup>, Catherine Wolmer 10<sup>s</sup>, Anne Newbery £5, to his wife Catherine all his freehold "soe longe as she keepeth herself a widowe", residue to her.

WITNESSES: Ric. Bewres, Peter Thornton, Katharine Bewres.

Commission 2 Nov. 1610 to Catherine Bures, relict, to administer.

109 Wingfield

1612

*Will of John Arundell*

John Arundell of Downebarns, par. of Northall, Midd., yeoman. Will dated 27th August 1612; pr. 28th Sent. 1612 by Dorothy, the relict, power reserved. Again pr. 6th June 1617 by the son, Henry Arundell. To be bur. in Northall Churchyard. My freehold lands at Northall to my son John Arundell at age of 18. My daughter Johane, my 4 sisters, Mary wife of Henry Carter, Elizabeth, wife of George fflye, Andrye, wife of William Earley, and Johane, wife of Robert Lydgould, Elizabeth Ravener. The servants of Sir Robert Wrothe £3, my household servants, each 10<sup>s</sup>. Residue to my wife Dorothy and my son Henry; sole ex'rs my friends Richard Buers, gent., Robert Lidgould; William fflye and George fflye, Overseers.

WITNESSES, William fflye, John Shippard.

Codicil 3rd Sept. 1612. My daughter, Jane (called also Johane) under 16. My copyhold lands in Northall to my son Henry Arundell. Copyhold lands at Harfield.

79 Fenner

1616

*Will of Gregory Fisher of Redgrave,  
co. Suffolk, dated 8 Oct. 14 James*

To Ann Burr my daughter, wife of Henry Burr of Stysted in Essex, for her natural life my tenement in North Lopham; and after her

decease to John Burr my grandchild, her eldest son. To Edmund Fisher, my eldest son and heir apparent, all my tenements in Redgrave, he to pay Anne Fisher my wife £15 p. ann., she to be sole executrix. Robert Fisher, my son, copyholder of the Manor of Redgrave.

Probate 26 Nov. 1616.

P. C. C. 103 Cope

1626

*Will of Richard Burr, servant to Mr. Kenelm Jenor of Much Dunmowe in co. Essex, esquire, dated 2 May 1626*

My body to be buried in Christian burial.

Whereas there is owing to me by William Marchell & George Marchell his son, woollen drapers & tailors, £20:

I now give £5 of the said £20 to my mother Joan Burr to be paid within 1 year of my death; but if she die then I bequeath it to my brother Simond Burr.

The other £15 I also give to the said Simon; also all other my goods & chattels, my debts being paid; if he die without heirs of his body then my executor & overseer shall have full power of all my personal estate.

I make "my trustie & welbeloved Cusen" Mr. James Milburne of Little Canfeild, gent., my sole executor, & my well beloved Master Mr. Kenelm Jenor, esq. supervisor.

To the poor of Much Dunmowe I give 20 s.

The mark

of Richard Burr

WITNESSES: Ben: More

Thomas Turner

James Haywood

Proved 26 May, 1626, by the exor.

Arch. Middlesex Essex & Herts, Original Will No. 3

1657

*Will of Richard Bures of Northall*

Memorandum that on or about the 8th day of March 1657 Richard Bures late of Northall in co. Middlesex, gent., made his will nuncupative as follows:

When my debts are paid I give the remainder of my estate to be divided between my son "Isaiar" Bures and my dau. Abigaell Bures.

WITNESSES: Robert Malthus, clerk, Elizabeth Printhall, widow.

On the 4th day of May 1658 letters of administration issued forth to Isaiah Bures, son of the said deceased, to administer the goods &c. of said deced., there being no exor. named in the above will.

243 Wotton



1684

*Will of Richard Bures of London  
dated 5 December 1684*

I Richard Bures, citizen and "Silkthrower" of London, "being weake and crazy in body", &c.

I give to my brothers and sisters Isiah Bures, Humphrey Bures, Linborough Bures and Mary Bures 5s each to buy a pair of gloves to wear in remembrance of me.

The residue of my goods, after my debts are paid, I give to my wife Sarah Bures, whom I make sole executrix.

Richard Bures.

WITNESSES: William Phillips, Joseph Deacon, Tho. Craven, scrivener.

Proved 29 Nov. 1693, by the relict.

176 Coker

1695

*Will of Richard Bures dated 17 Oct. 1695*

I Richard Bures of the par. of St. Andrews, Holborn, in Co. Middlesex, Clerk.

My body to be bur. in the par. Church of St. Andrews, Holborn.

To my wife Mrs. Mary Bures the bedstead, &c. standing in my own lodging chamber, and 2 silver tankards, the one given me by Mrs. Cotton my wife's sister, and the other one being a little one most commonly used by herself; also all those my 4 leasehold messuages situate in Swann Alley in or near the Minories in the par. of Algate "in or near the City of London", to hold during the remainder of the lease thereof; after her death I give the same to my son Mr. Humphrey Bures.

I give to my said wife £50 "now lodged in the Royall Bank of England."

To my granddau. Katherine Bures, dau. of my said son Humphrey by a former wife, £35 now in the hands of my son-in-law Mr. Richard Litchfeild.

I remit to my son-in-law Mr. Nicholas Rowe all the money he owes me, provided that he within 3 months after my death give his bond to my exors. to pay to them all the money I have laid out for the schooling, board and education of Richard Row his son, as soon as the houses in Blackhorse Alley near Fleet Street, London, shall come to him or his wife.

To my said son Humphrey £100, now due to me from Mr. Pratt of Clarkenwell in co. Middlesex.

I give all my books to my grandson Richard Bures, son of my said son Humphrey.

To the poor members of the Church whereof I am pastor £5, as Mr.

Haberfeild, Mr. Gregge, Mr. Davis and Mr. Jackson shall think meet.

To my said son and my daurs. and to my sons and daurs.-in-law £3 for mourning, and to each of my grandchildren 40s. for mourning.

The rest of my goods, plate, money, &c. I give to my said son Humphrey and my said son-in-law Richard Litchfeild whom I make exors.

WITNESSES: Katherine Cotton, Katherine Gill, T. Gregge.

Proved 15 May, 1697, by the exors.

177 Pyne

### *Notes concerning "The Book of Sports"*

"December 17, 1636. In the name of God Amen: An account touching the Royall Instructions given by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty to the Most Reverend Father in God William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, his Grace, Primate and Metropolitan of all England, concerning Orders to be observed by all the Bishops of that Province. To the several articles of which Instructions, I Matthew, Lord Bishop of Norwich, thus humbly make Answer and in Order" etc. To the 12th article he answered:

"That upon enquiry at my Visitation whether the Kings Majesties Declaration for lawful sports had been published? I found it had not been done in very many places of the Diocese. Having therefore about 60 Books at hand, I caused them to bee proposed to such persons as I had most doubt of, but many of them refused to publish the same, and were suspended for their refusall; yet divers of them presently promised conformity and so were absolved. So that now in the whole Diocese (consisting of about 1500 Clergiemen) there are not passing twice 15 excommunicated or suspended; whereof some so stand for contumacie in not appearing, at the Visitation and Synod, and still refuse to submit, some for obstinate denying to publish the Kings Declaration."

Canterburies Doom, London, 1646, by Wm. Prynn

Matthew Wren, Bishop of Norwich was impeached 19 Dec. 1640.

"Among the accusations against him are: that he employed his power to restrain powerful preaching; that in 1636 at Norwich he ordered chancels to be raised three or four steps; the communion table to be set at the East end, and a rail to be set about the table, and punished some among them Daniel Weyman for going within it; that he altered all pews so as to face east in the same year; ordered part of the communion service to be read at the communion table; used bowings and adorations to the altar; enjoined all persons to receive the sacrament kneeling at the rail, which caused many good people for fear of idolatry to avoid, who were yet excommunicated; that there should be no sermons on the Lord's Day in the afternoons or week days, without license, and no catechizing but the questions

and answers in the Common Prayer; that the more to confirm the people in profaning the Lord's Day, he enjoined the Ministers to read publicly in the churches a book allowing sports on it, for not doing which several were suspended by him (to wit: Master William Leigh, Master Richard Proud, Master Jonathan Burr, Mr. Matthew Brownrigg, Mr. Mott and divers others) and some deprived; that the more to alienate the people's hearts from hearing sermons he in the said year commanded all ministers to preach in their hood and surplice, a thing not used before in the diocese, and caused prayers to be omitted in the church of Knatshall two Lords Days for want of a surplice; that during his being bishop of Norwich, which was about two years and four months, he caused godly ministers to be excommunicated, suspended or deprived for not reading the service at the communion table, for not reading the Book of Sports, for using conceiv'd prayers, and for not complying with some other illegal innovations, to the ruin of their families, whereby some of them were forced to go beyond the sea; etc."

Victoria History of Norfolk, 1906, London Vol. 2, p. 286

## 1691

### *Order for costs in replevin to Simon Burr et al., Court of the Assistants*

At a county court holden in Boston July 28, 1691, before Wm. Stoughton, Elisha Hutchinson, Samuel Sewell, Isaac Addington and John Smith, assistants

"Peter Barns of Hingham, Simon Burr and Joseph Joy appearing before the court and shewing forth that they were summoned to this court by Capt. John Williams of scituate to defend a certain Replevin said Williams had taken out to replevin two Mares and a foale, no action entred, desiring their costs might be allowed. The court allow them their costs which is on file.\*

Execution issued Aug. 14, 1691."

## 1692-3

### *Letters of Administration on the Estate of Simon Burr*

William Stoughton, Esquire, Commissioned by his Excellency Sr William Phips, Knt., captain General and Governor in chief in and

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\* "Among the cases tried before the Assistants is one in 1691 where Simon Burr is one of the men who testified, and was at that time 74 years old. This would give 1617 as the date of his birth." (Extract from a letter of Isaac Sprague of Wellesley Hills, Mass. dated 15 Oct. 1886.)

over their Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England with the advice and consent of the Council for the granting of Probate of Wills and Letters of Administration within the County of Suffolk etc. To Simon Burr son of Simon Burr late of Hingham within the County aforesaid, yeoman, deceased intestate, Trusting in your care and fidelity, I do by these presents commit unto you full power to administer all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said deceased, etc.

Boston 16 March 1692-3.

Suffolk (Mass.) Probate Office

1692-3

*Inquest on the death of Hester Burr*  
*Hingham Feb. 3 1692-3*

"Upon the sudden death of Easter Bur we whose names are underwritten being required by the constable in their Majesties names and sworn to view the corps, we find that she was acsacary to her own death by rising out of her bed in the night and casting herself into a well of water and was found dead."

Suffolk (Mass.) Court Files vol. 32, p. 53, Paper 2715

1692-3

*Agreement for the division of the*  
*estate of Simon Burr*

Articles of Agreement made by Simon Burr and John Burr sons and only surviving children of Simon Burr, late of Hingham, county of Suffolk, Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, yeoman, deceased, for the division and settlement of the estate left by their said father pursuant to his mind declared upon his death bed.

Simon Burr to have the house which was their father's situated in Hingham, and all the orchards, gardens, lands and fresh meadow about said house and thereto belonging, and all edifices, buildings and fences thereon; also half of a three acre lot of upland on old Planters Hill in Hingham.

John Burr to have all that parcel of salt marsh at Conahasset in the first division; and a lot in ye second division of Conahasset upland; and half a lot in the third division of Conahasset upland within the bounds of Hingham; and half a great lot on the great plain in Hingham; and three shares of the common lands in Hingham; and one half of the three acre lot on Old Planter's Hill.

All household goods, moveables and stock except the best feather bed and furniture belonging to it (which is reserved for their neice Hannah Hobart) to be equally divided between said Simon Burr and

John Burr, and that said Simon Burr and John Burr will pay ten pounds in countrey pay to their neice Hannah Hobart, Simon paying six pounds and John paying four pounds, according to the declared will of their father.

Dated 17 March 1692/3 in the fifth year of their Majesties Reign.

Suffolk (Mass.) Probate Off., Vol. 13, p. 159

1753

*Will of Jonathan Burr*

Jonathan Burr of Hingham in the County of Suffolk, cooper, makes will 12 April 1753 being of a sound and disposing mind and memory.

Imprimis: To my beloved wife Mary £14, half of dwelling-house, six bushels of Indian corn, four bushels of Rye, one bushel and a half of wheat, four bushels of malt, one hundred pounds of beef, six score of pork, eight cords of wood, one milch cow, a horse to ride when she pleaseth, all my household goods.

Item: To my son Jonathan Burr £17 of my lands as the true value of the rest of my lands may be prized at.

Item: To my son John Burr £15 of my lands as the true value of the rest of my lands may be prized at.

Item: To my son Thomas Burr, one half of my cooper's tools.

Item: To my four sons Jonathan, John, Thomas and Samuel Burr, their heirs and assigns, my house, out-housing and lands and meadow in Hingham; also my cedar swamp in the township of Weymouth, also my piece of salt marsh in the township of Hull; also all live stock, husbandry tools and remainder of cooper's tools equally between them.

Item: To my daughter Mary Lincoln and her heirs, £14.

Item: To my daughter Sarah Lane and her heirs, £14.

Item: To my daughter Deborah Burr and her heirs, £40.

Item: To my daughter Susanna Burr and her heirs, £40.

Item: To my daughter Silence and her heirs, £40.

Sons Jonathan and John to be executors. His four sons, above named, to be residuary legatees.

WITNESSES: Benjamin King, Hawkes Fearing, Thomas Slader.

Probated at Boston 2 July 1762.

Suffolk (Mass.) Probate Office

1769

*Release of Jonathan Burr and his wife Martha  
(Cudworth) Burr to her guardian*

Bridgewater, May 25, 1769

Then received of Ebenezer Bailey our guardian the whole of the personal estate which he received into his hands and the rent of the

real estate which belonged to us and came into his hands from our grandfather Mr. Joseph Bailey and our father Mr. Israel Cudworth both deceased. Therefore we do hereby acquit and discharge the said Ebenezer Bailey from all dues and demands anyways relating thereunto as witnesseth our hands and seals the day above said.

WITNESSES:

Nathan Jackard, Jr.  
Grace Turner

Jonathan Burr  
Martha Burr

Plymouth (Mass.) Probate Off. vol. 20, p. 267

1774

*Will of Elisha Burr*

Elisha Burr of Hingham in the County of Suffolk in New England, yeoman, makes will 6 Aug. 1774.

To well beloved wife Sarah Burr £24; all corn and meats in store at decease; all household goods, while his widow; improvements of all improved lands and buildings in Hingham; use of horse and one cow; £3 annuity; six cords of wood standing. This to be her dower in estate.

To daughter Mary Cushing, £13.

To son Elisha Burr, £5 and all he now owes me and one half of farming and cooper tools.

To son Asa Burr what he owes me on note dated April 1, 1769.

To son David Burr his sons and assigns forever the homestead and land at Rocky Hill, land on Plain and Salt Marsh in the North Parish of Hingham, also the southwest end of the lot at Scituate Hill, district of Cohasset, and improvement of remaining improved land in said district, and one half of farming and cooper tools.

To daughter Rachel, £54.

To grandson Levi Burr, son of daughter Mary, £10.

To daughter Mary during her widowhood, annually 20 shillings.

Residue of estate to sons Elisha, Asa and David.

Wife Sarah appointed Executrix.

WITNESSES: Joshua Sprague, Nathaniel Gilbert.

Probated at Boston 23 Oct. 1778.

Suffolk (Mass.) Probate Office

1780

*Will of Joshua Burr*

Joshua Burr of Cohasset in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, cordwainer, makes will, 18 Feb. 1780.

To well beloved wife Elizabeth one moiety or half part of household stuff and books and an annuity of provisions.

To sons Isaac Burr and Timothy Burr three quarters of real estate and the whole of the personal estate.

To daughter Lydia Burr one quarter part of real estate in Cohasset or elsewhere, a cow, a bed and wearing apparel of daughters that are deceased.

To two sons and daughter aforesaid the other half of the books and household stuff.

Isaac Burr and Timothy Burr to be joint executors of will.

WITNESSES: Timothy Cushing, Calvin Cushing, Job Cushing.

Probated at Weymouth 3 May 1785.

Suffolk (Mass.) Probate Office

1780

### *Division of Estate of Elijah Burr*

We, the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate for the District of Middletown, on the 15th day of December, A.D. 1780, Distributors of the Real Estate of Mr. Elijah Burr, late of sd. Middletown, Dec., to and among the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Sd. Decd., According to Law, and we being Under Oath for the Purpose Aforesaid as the Law Directs, have Done the Same in the Following Manner, viz:

First we Distribute unto John Burr, Son of John Burr, Decd., Nine Acres, two Roods, twenty-nine Rods, and three-quarters of a rod of Land in Long Hill Lott, so called, lying South of the same Quantity of Land this Day sett of to Mary, wife of Robert Wharton, together with one Equal Half of the Barn Standing on said Lott, amounting to Seventy-seven pounds, Nine Shillings and Nine pence, three Farthings, Lawfull Mony, and is one Equal Twentieth Part of said Estate.

We Distribute to William Burr, second son of John Burr, Decd., Twenty-seven pounds, Nine shillings and Nine pence, three Farthings, Lawfull Mony, in the Decd. Mantion House and Lott, which is one Equal Twentieth part of said Estate.

We Distribute to Sarah Keith (Middtn.) and Eldest Daughter to John Burr, decd., Seven Acres and one Rood of Land in a Lott bought of Ebenezer Adkins, and four pounds Nineteen and Nine pence three Farthings, Lawfull Mony, in the decd. Mantion House and Lott, all Amounting to Seventy Seven pounds, Nine Shillings and Nine pence, Three Farthings, Lawfull Mony, and is One Twentieth part of said Estate.

We Distribute to Silence, the Wife of John Howard, second Daughter to John Burr, Decd., Seven Acres and three Roods of Land, in a lott bought of Ebenezer Adkins Amounting to Seventy Seven pounds, Nine Shillings and Nine pence three Farthings, Lawfull Mony, and is one Equal part of said Estate.

We Distribute to Mary, the Wife of Robert Warton, Third Daughter to John Burr, Decd., Nine Acres, two Roods, Twenty Nine Rods and three Quarters of a Rod of Land, on the North Side of Long Hill lott, so called, running through the Lott Easterly and Westerly from the Front to the Rear, Together with one Equal Half of the Barn Standing on Said Lott, amounting to Seventy Seven pounds, Nine Shillings and nine pence, three Farthings, Lawfull Mony, and is one Equal part of said Estate.

We Distribute unto Jonathan Burr, Eldest Surviving Brother to the Decd., five Acres and one Rood of Land in the Long Meadow, so called, one Rood Land in the Town Platt, Fifty-five Acres Land at Straight Hill, so called, all amounting to Three hundred and Eighty-Seven pounds, Nine Shillings Lawful Mony, and is one Equal Quarter part of said Estate.

We Distribute unto Seth Burr, second Surviving brother to the Decd., Three Hundred and Sixty Seven pounds, ten shillings and four pence half penny Lawfull Mony, in the Decd. Mantion House and Lott, and five Acres of Land at Straight Hill, so called, all Amounting to Three Hundred Eighty Seven pounds Nine Shillings Lawful Mony, and is one Quarter part of Said Estate.

We Distribute to Ephraim Burr, third and Youngest Surviving Brother to the Decd., One hundred and Forty Acres of Land at Straight Hill, so called, three acres and two Rods Land on the South Side of Long Hill Lott, so Called, both Amounting to Three Hundred and Eighty Seven pounds Nine Shillings Lawfull Mony, and is one Quarter part of said Estate, all which is submitted to said Court for Acceptance, by

Your Honorable Servants,

Ichabod Wetmore	} Distributors
Elihu Starr	
Bezaleel Fisk	

Att a Court of Probate held in Middletown, in and for the District of Middletown, on the 27th of February, A. D. 1781. Then this Distribution was Returned Into Court, was Accepted and Ordered to be Recorded in the Registry of this Court.

TEST: Bezaleel Fisk, Clerk

1797

### *Will of Jonathan Burr*

Jonathan Burr of Bridgewater in the County of Plymouth, yeoman makes will 17 Jan. 1797.

All just debts, funeral expences and legacies to be paid.

Imprimis. To well beloved wife Lydia all the household furniture and cloathing which she brought with her to my house at her marriage and to be delivered to her immediately after my decease in as good repair as they were at the time they were brought to me. Also



the sum of one hundred and ten dollars, this and the before mentioned furniture being all her right to my estate according to covenant and agreement before marriage.

Item: To son Israel Burr, the note of hand I have against him for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.

Item: To son Jonathan Burr, the note of hand I have against him for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.

Item: To son Elijah Burr, the note of hand I have against him for the sum of fifty pounds and ten shillings, also eleven acres of land being a part of my homestead farm, also five acres of meadow land, also eight or nine acres of land lying on the west side of the highway leading from my dwelling house to the west meadow, also all that field lying at the south east corner of the sheep pasture, also a garden spot of land containing about twelve rods lying on the south side of the highway near my dwelling house and on the west side of my cow yard, also about four acres and a half of land lying on the north side of the highway, also one half of my cooper's shop and one half part of my corn house, also one quarter part of my orchard field, also one cow.

Item: To son Luther Burr, the note of hand I have against him for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.

Item: To son John Burr, about twenty acres of land lying in Easton, also the note of hand I have against him for ninety five pounds and eleven shillings.

Item: To son Calvin Burr, about six or seven acres of land, also three notes of hand I have against him for three hundred and thirty four dollars, together with the advantage of a blacksmith's trade which I have before given him and the sum of sixty dollars.

Item: To son Martin Burr, the note of hand I have against him for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.

Item: To son David Burr, all my land lying on the south side of the highway which is not herein disposed of, with the barn standing thereon, except about five acres lying on the east side of the sheep pasture.

Item: To daughter Martha, wife of Solomon Howard, three dollars and thirty-three cents, which with what I have heretofore given her in stock and household furniture and to be discharged from all back accounts I have against her, I consider to be her full share of my estate.

Item: To daughter Ruth, six acres of land, one cow together with household furniture to the value of eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, also wearing apparel that was her mothers.

Son Elijah Burr to be executor. The residuary estate to be equally divided between the eight sons and two daughters.

WITNESSES: Latham Ames, Seth Bailey, Daniel Snow.

Probated 6 Feb. 1797.

Plymouth (Mass.) Probate Office

1813

*Will of Elijah Burr*

Elijah Burr of Worthington, in the County of Hampshire, yeoman, makes will 10 April 1813.

First: To beloved wife Olive, one third part of all real estate and buildings in Worthington, all household furniture and one third part of all moveable estate.

Second: To sons Jonathan, Elijah, Charles and David Burr, \$200.00 each to be paid them at the age of twenty-two years by son Horace Burr. To daughter Olive \$200.00 at the age of twenty-one years or at her marriage.

Third: Whereas my son William Burr has from infancy been so far destitute of common reason and understanding as to be unable to take care of himself, and as it is my will to make ample provision for his comfortable support so long as he shall live, I do bequeath to my son Horace Burr all my real estate and all my other estate except such parts as I have bequeathed to my beloved wife Olive, on condition that he pays the several legacies to my other children, and also takes care of and provides for the comfortable support of said son William in sickness and health so long as he shall live.

Wife Olive and son Horace Burr to be executors.

WITNESSES: Ezra Starkweather, Gershom Randall, Calvin Burr, John Burr.

Probated 10 August 1813.

Hampshire (Mass.) Probate Office

1820

*Will of Israel Burr*

Israel Burr of Worthington, Mass., yeoman, makes will 27 Jan. 1820.

First: To beloved wife Hannah, the use and improvement of the easterly half of all my real estate and buildings in Worthington; also all my personal estate.

Second: To son Ansel Burr and to son Ames Burr, \$400.00 each.

Third: To daughters Patty Hamlin and Hannah Porter, \$100.00 each.

Fourth: To son Jonathan, all my real estate in Worthington.

Son Jonathan Burr to be executor.

WITNESSES: Ezra Starkweather, Abraham Edwards, Enoch Peirce.

Probated 9 May 1826.

"We Ansel Burr, Ames Burr, Isaac Hamlin and Patty his wife and Jacob Porter in behalf of his children, do hereby approve of the within will and are willing to have it approved. May 9, 1826.

Hampshire (Mass.) Probate Office

1839

*Will of Calvin Burr*

Calvin Burr of Worthington makes will 6 July 1839.

To daughter Betsey, 25 acres of land lying south of Cyprian Parish farm.

To son Franklin Burr, all the rest of his estate real and personal on condition that he shall maintain and support "my sister Ruth Burr during her natural life in a manner suitable to her condition etc."

"And whereas I have made conveyance of real estate to my said son in which my wife Fanny has not relinquished her right of dower, I therefore instead of making provision for her in this my will, expect and desire that she should retain and claim all those rights and interests in my estate that the law has so wisely provided for those whose husbands are deceased."

Son Franklin Burr to be executor.

WITNESSES: C. B. Rising, T. H. Brown, Thomas A. Hall.

Probated 5 Dec. 1843.

Hampshire (Mass.) Probate Office

1841

*Will of Rev. Jonathan Burr*

I, Jonathan Burr of Sandwich, County of Barnstable and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, clerk, being through the goodness of God of sound and disposing mind and memory and in good health, but considering my advanced age and the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, viz:

1. My will is, that all my just debts and funeral charges (which I wish to be as moderate as a due regard to decency will permit) be paid by my Executors hereinafter mentioned as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

2. The sole use and improvement of the little worldly property I may leave, be it real, personal or mixed, I give to my wife Sarah S. Burr, during her natural life, said property consisting chiefly of household furniture, and twenty-four shares in the stock of the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company, estimated at a hundred dollars a share.

3. After the decease of my said wife I give said property (except the items hereinafter mentioned) to my heirs at law, the children and grandchildren of my father Jonathan Burr, late of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, who shall survive my said wife to be divided among them as the law directs, their heirs and assigns forever.

4. To the Congregational Church of Christ in Sandwich of which Rev. Messrs. Leveridge, Smith, Cotton, Fessenden, Williams, Burr,

Hunn and Cobb have been the successive ministers or pastors, I give the remains of my library, consisting of between seventy and a hundred volumes, in folio, quarto, octavo and duodecimo, several of which volumes are now in the hands of Rev. Asahel Cobb, the present pastor of said church, as the commencement of a church library to be improved under the direction of the successive pastors and deacons of said church.

5. To William Marstins of Sandwich I give my Self-Interpreting Bible in two volumes, royal quarto, now in his possession.

6. To my senior nephew bearing the name of Jonathan Burr who shall survive my wife Sarah S. Burr I give my silver tea-pot, -sugar bowl and cream-cup, marked with the initials of name and the inscription, viz.: "J.B. *ex dono alumn. Harvard Coll. MDCCLXXXVII. Haec olim meminisse juvabit.*"

7. To Rev. Asahel Cobb, present pastor of the church above described, I give my silver watch which has been my constant companion more than sixty years.

I hereby appoint my wife Sarah S. Burr and Asahel Cobb of Sandwich my sole executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and forty one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the sixty-fifth.

WITNESSES: William Coombs, Ezra Dillingham, Susan P. Dillingham.

No probate.

Barnstable (Mass.) Probate Office

1862

### *Will of Luther Burr*

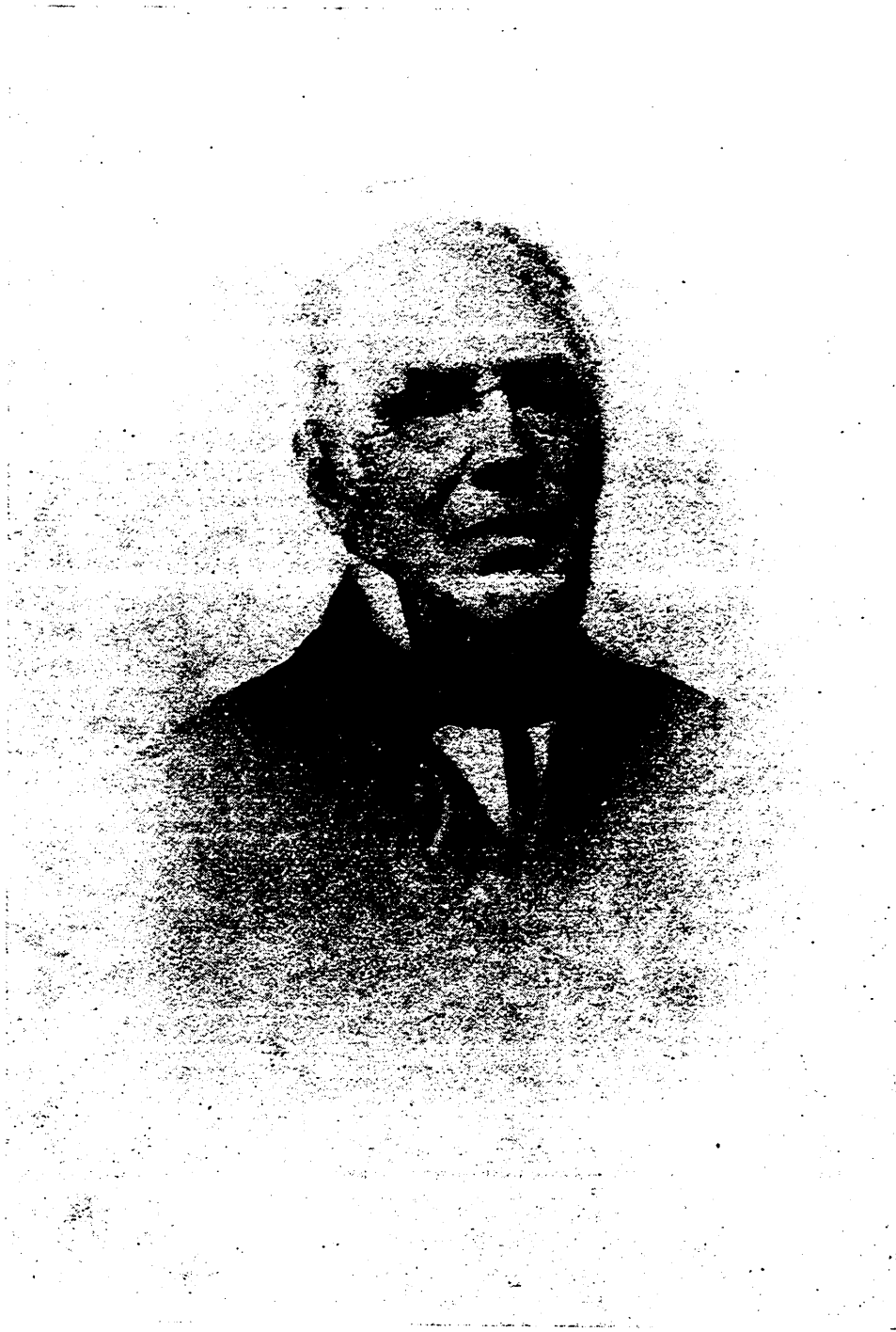
Luther Burr of Mercer in the County of Somerset and State of Maine makes will 20 May 1862.

To wife Polly his dwelling house in Mercer for life "or while she remains my widow", remainder and all other real estate to Mary B. Burr wife of L. N. Burr. To wife Polly all personal estate except a note of L. N. Burr and Daniel Clark for \$1000 which he gives to Mary B. Burr. Son Luther Nelson Burr sole executor.

WITNESSES: Hannibal Ingalls, Louise B. Whittier and Martin Burr.

Proved 5 Aug. 1862.

Somerset (Maine) Probate Office



LUTHER BURR

1789-1862



*Will of Heman M. Burr* 1865

Heman M. Burr of Leicester, in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, makes will 3 July 1865.

To my wife Nelly Burr all the property of every description which she has, or may receive hereafter from the estate of her late father; also the homestead place on which I now live consisting of about one and a quarter acres of land, together with the dwelling-house, barn, chaise-house and blacksmith-shop thereon standing; also about twenty-three acres of land lying between the William Cutting place and Hodges pond; also the rights I own with Cyrus Cowl's estate in a lane which leads from the Leicester and Worcester road to the aforesaid Hodges Pond, together with the land I own west of said lane, and between the aforesaid pond and James Smith's land, to a bridge across said pond; also the aforesaid bridge and the right I have of supporting one there; also about seven acres of woodland lying south of the dwelling-house of Mary L. Ward etc.; also my best cow, my horse, carriage and harness, with all household furniture, and the hay, grain, potatoes, provisions and wood at the door, which may be on hand at the time of my decease, and any produce which may be growing on any of my land at such time, together with my pew on the lower floor of the First Congregational Meeting-House in said Leicester, it being number fifty-eight, and my horse-shed north of said meeting-house.

Various gifts to his children Eliza Harding, Edwin T. Burr, Charles C. Burr, Catherine T. Burr, Martha E. Dodd, Isaac T. Burr, John M. Burr and to his grand daughter Nelly T. Burr daughter of his deceased son Heman M. Burr.

Wife Nelly Burr executrix.

WITNESSES: Jos. A. Denny, S. H. Howard, T. A. Richardson.  
Codicil, dated 22 Feb. 1866.

WITNESSES: F. A. Richardson, Jos. A. Denny, Charles A. Denny.  
Worcester (Mass.) Probate Office

*Will of Heman Burr* 1893

Heman Burr of the City and County of New York makes will 26 June 1893 "being of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this life"

To two sons Louis H. Burr and Frederick M. Burr my entire property both personal and real to be divided equally between them.

Said sons Louis H. Burr and Frederick M. Burr to be executors.

WITNESSES: Theodore L. Peveretly, Freeman J. Rhode, Frederick Jordan.

Probated at New York 26 Sept. 1901.

New York (N. Y.) Surrogate's Off., vol. 667, p. 124

1900

*Will of Charles Chauncey Burr*

Charles Chauncey Burr of Newton in the County of Middlesex makes will 20 Feb. 1900.

Item: To my daughter Lucy W. Burr the old Williams clock that came from her grandmother Williams, also two engravings viz: the "Aurora" and "The Traveling Musician".

Item: To my son Charles W. Burr the silver-plate (i.e. tray, pitcher and two goblets) presented to me on my birthday in 1859, also an engraving "Il Decameron" and my gold headed cane, also my share in the Boston Antheneum.

Item: To my nephew John M. Burr, my gold watch and chain.

Item: To my wife Abbie Y. Burr, the rest of the furniture, plate, pictures, books, jewelry, apparel, household goods, all articles of domestic use and consumption, horses, carriages, harnesses, robes, domestic animals and supplies belonging on the home place.

Pecuniary legacies to his wife, son and daughter and to his sisters Mrs. Eliza Harding, Miss Catherine T. Burr and Mrs. Martha E. Dodd.

Residue to his wife and two children.

Executors: His brother Isaac T. Burr, son Charles W. Burr and wife Abbie Y. Burr.

Proved 16 Oct. 1900.

Middlesex (Mass.) Probate Office

1901

*Will of Isaac Tucker Burr*

Isaac T. Burr of Newton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts makes will 15 Feb. 1901.

1. Nominates his sons Heman Merrick, Isaac Tucker, Winthrop and Allston and the survivors of them to be executors and trustees.

2. To my beloved wife Ann Frances \$100,000, all household furniture, plate, books, paintings, horses, carriages, etc.

Pecuniary legacies to his sisters Catherine and Martha, to Amanda widow of his brother John if she survives and if not to her son John, to his children Annie, Cora, Heman Merrick, Isaac Tucker, Winthrop, Bertha and Allston, and to all servants in his employ; gifts in trust for Mary A. Townsend of Lancaster, Mass., for life and his niece Nellie Burr Leonard for life; residue in trust for his wife for life remainder for his children (named).

WITNESSES: Prentiss Cummings, John Parkinson, Arthur Perry.

Proved 11 Oct. 1904.

Middlesex (Mass.) Probate Office





*Aet. 57*  
ISAAC TUCKER BURR  
1828-1904



### *Foxearth (Essex) Registers*

(The only register for the years 1551 to 1617 is a Book of Baptisms.)

#### *Baptisms*

- 1552 Jane Buer ye daughter of Robert gentl. was bapt. ye second of October.  
1554 Robert Buers ye son of Robt. gent. was baptized ye of Julye.  
1555 Katherine Bowers ye daughter of Mr. Bowers was bap. ye 24 May.  
1556 Henry Buers ye son of Robt. gent. was baptized ye 30 of September.

### *Thornage (Norfolk) Registers*

#### *Baptisms*

- 1591/2 Feb. 27 Henry Bures son of Henry Bures gent.  
1594 May 26 Robert Bures son of Henry Bures gent.  
1604 June 10 Robert Bures son of Henry Bures gent.

#### *Marriages*

- 1591 May 24 Henry Bures gent. and Ann Stallon\*

#### *Burials*

- 1583 Nov. 3 Sr. William Buttes Knight  
1588/9 March 12 Nicholas Worte servant to Jane ye Lady Buttes  
1590 April 25 Anne ye Lady Heygham widowe  
1592/3 March 13 John Knight laborer servant to ye Lady Buttes  
1593 April 17 Willm. Parcoll laborer servant to ye Lady Buttes  
1593 Nov. 26 Jane, the Lady Buttes, widowe  
1594 June 1 Robert Bures ye son of Henry Bures gent.  
1610 Aug. 24 Henry Bures gent.

### *Northolt (Middlesex) Registers*

("Northall" was the former name of this parish.)

#### *Burials*

Esayas Bures sepult. fuit 15 Octobris anno 1610.

(There are no Bures entries in the Book of Baptisms and Marriages.)

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\* 1564 April 4 Anne Stallon daur. of John Stallon clerk bp.  
1585/6 Feb. 28 John Stallon clerk bur'd.

*Great Canfield (Essex) Registers*  
(The Registers begin in 1540.)

*Baptisms*

- 1553 Richard Burre son of Symonde  
1555 Johan Burre daughter of Symonde  
1556 Clement Burre daughter of William  
1557 Symonde Burre son of Symonde  
1558 Mary Burre daughter of William  
John Burre son of Symonde  
1559 William Burr son of William  
1561 Symonde Burre son of William  
1562 Ann Burre daughter of Symond  
Margery Burre daughter of Robert  
1564 Johan Bur daughter of Symonde  
1565 Wyborough daughter of William  
Johan Bur daughter of Robert  
1567 William Bur son of Symonde  
1568 William Bur son of Robert  
1569 James Burre son of William  
Henry Burre son of Symonde  
1570 Bridget Burre daughter of Robert  
1572 Robert Burre son of William  
1581 Rycharde Burre son of Rycharde  
1583 John Burre son of Rycharde  
1585 Symonde Burre son of Rycharde

"This is the last entry that I find in the Book of Baptisms"  
(G. M. Wilson, Vicar of Great Canfield).

*Marriages*

- 1551 Robert and Alice Burre  
1552 Symonde Burre and  
1559 William Burre and  
1568 Thomas Burre and  
1580 Thomas [Cotton] and Johan Burre  
1584 Peter Show and Margery Burre  
1623 Thomas Burre and Mary

*Burials*

- 1556 Clement Burr  
1547 Margaret Burr  
John Burr  
1599 William Burr  
1600 Burr  
1610 Richard Burre

## *Redgrave (Suffolk) Registers*

### *Baptisms (1538 to 1644)*

Johannes Burre filii Johes Burre bap. 23 Junii 1594  
Joseph Burre filii Johis Burre baptiz, 20 Jannarii 1598  
Maria Burre filia Johis Burre baptizata fuit vicessimo octavo die Septembres 1600  
Sara Burre filia Johis Burre bap. 28 Novembris 1602  
Jonathan Burr fil. Johis Burr bap. 12 April 1604  
Rebecca Bures filia Johanis Bur bap. 13 August 1606  
Simon Burre filie Johis Burre baptiz March 25 1611

### *Marriages (1562-1644)*

John Burre and Meary Fowle married the 1st of April 1593  
Henricus Burre and Anna Fisher matrimonio copulati tertio die Junii 1600  
Robert Lynb[e]ard and Marion Burr were married November 13, 1626

### *Burials (1562-1644)*

Sarah Burre filia Johis Burre sepult. 26 Septembre 1597  
Simond Burr the son of John Burr buried Oct. [? Nov.] 1611  
John Burr sepultus primo die Septembris 1624  
Maryon Lynberd vidua sepulta fuit quinti die Julii 1643

## *Stisted (Essex) Register (Parish Registers begin in 1538.)*

### *Baptisms (1550-1640)*

1606	Henry Burr filius Henry .....	March 8
1607	Alicia Burr filia John .....	Jan. ?
1608	Thomas Burr filius John .....	March 2
1609	Mary Burr filia Henry .....	Oct. 1
1612	Ester Burr filia Henry .....	June 16
1613	John Burr son of John .....	June 21
1614	Susan Burr da. of Henry .....	Dec. 21
1617	Mary Burr da. of John .....	May 25
1618	Simon Burr son of Henry .....	June 16
1622	Elizth. Burr da. of Henry .....	Mar. 25

### *Marriages*

"I find no marriages registered of the name Burr"  
(T. W. Hardy, Rector of Stisted, 1900).

### *Burials (1550-1640)*

1571 Maude Burre wife of Thomas .....Apr. V

1584	Thomas Burre.....	July XVI
1588	Widow Burr .....	Jan. XV
1610	Ferdinand Burre son of Edward .....	Oct. 10
1610	Thomas Burre son of John .....	Dec. 16
1616	Alice Burr da. of John .....	Aug. 11
1616	Burr a newborn child of Henry .....	Sep. 7
1621	Alice Burre da. of Henry .....	May 19
1622	Anne Burr wife of Henry .....	May 31
1622	Alice Burre wife of Henry .....	Feb. 12

### *Burwell (Cambridge) Registers*

#### *Baptisms (1560-1640)*

Ann Buers bapt. 17 Sept. 1623  
 Thomas son of Robert Bures bapt. 29 Nov. 1629  
 Alice Bures, bapt. 13 Jan. 1632  
 Robert, son of Robert Bures, bapt. 26 April 1634

#### *Marriages (1560-1640)*

Robert Bures mar. Elizabeth Gray 28 June 1629  
 Wm. Rolffe m. Bridget Bures 25 Oct. 1629

#### *Burials (1560-1640)*

"Mother of Henry Buers, gener." buried 22 March 1624  
 "Son of Henry Bures" buried 7 Dec. 1625

### *Extracts from the Diary of Peter Hobart first Minister of Hingham Massachusetts made by Nath'l B. Shurtleff, July 1846*

1641	August 8	Mr. [Jonathan] Burr died at Dorchester.
1644	Novbre 25	Esther Burr died.
1646	Feby 9	Henry Burr died.
1647	July 23	Simon Burr's wife [Rose] died.
1648	Novbre 24	Simon Burr married [Hester ——].
1655	Feby 25	Simon Burr bapt.
1660	Jany 6	Simon Burr's son [John] B.[orn].
1660	May 31	John Burr, bapt.
1668	June 13	Jonathan Burr. B.[orn].
1686	Sept. 11	Mary Burr daughter of John Burr bapt.
1687	Novbre 1	John Burr's child died.
1689	Jany 27	Deborah Burr born.
1690	August	Simon Burr married [Mary ——].
1690	Novbre 13	Capt. Thomas Andrews, John Chubboch. Jonathan Burr, Jonathan May, Daniel Tower, Judkins, Gamal[iel] Gifford and two more of the town died of the small pox in the Canada Expedition and one slain.

1691	June 7	Simon Burr bap.
1692	Feby 14	Simon Burr senr. died.
1693	Feb. 3rd	Widow Burr drowned herself in a well.
1695	Augst. 4	John Burr bap.
1695	Augst. 4	Mary Burr bap.
1721	June 7	Mary dau. of Jonathan Burr, born.
1722	Feby 6	Sarah dau. of Jonathan Burr, born.

## *Bridgewater (Mass.) Vital Records*

### *Births*

#### BURR—

Betsey, dau. of John and Mary, Jan. 5, 1793  
 Calvin, son of Jonathan and Martha, Jan. 21, 1771  
 Charity, dau. of Seth and Charity, Nov. 13, 1755  
 David, son of Jonathan and Martha, April 21, 1783  
 Elijah, son of John and Silence, May 21, 1726  
 Elijah, son of Jonathan and Martha, Feb. 28, 1759  
 Elijah, son of Seth and Charity, May 26, 1769  
 Ephraim, son of John and Silence, Aug. 29, 1737  
 Horace, son of Elijah and Olive, Dec. 6, 1791  
 Huldah, dau. of Seth and Charity, June 21, 1761  
 Israel, son of Jonathan and Martha, Jan. 5, 1755  
 John, son of John and Silence, June 9, 1724  
 John, son of Jonathan and Martha, May 17, 1769  
 John Jay, son of John and Mary, July 25, 1795  
 Jonathan, son of John and Silence, April 16, 1731  
 Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Martha, Jan. 20, 1757  
 Luther, son of Jonathan and Martha, April 7, 1764  
 Martha, dau. of Jonathan and Martha, Sept. 21, 1761  
 Martin, son of Jonathan and Martha, Nov. 19, 1766  
 Martin Cudworth, son of John and Mary, June 18, 1798  
 Mary, dau. of John and Silence, Sept. 26, 1728  
 Mary, dau. of John and Mary, Dec. 9, 1800  
 Molly, dau. of Ephraim and Susanna, Jan. 25, 1756  
 Phebe, dau. of Ephraim and Susanna, Nov. 2, 1758  
 Polly, dau. of Elijah and Olive, Nov. 26, 1789  
 Rufus, son of Seth and Charity, Dec. 29, 1767  
 Ruth, dau. of Jonathan and Martha, July 15, 1777  
 Sarah, dau. of John, Jr. and Sarah, Sept. 28, 1746  
 Seth, son of John and Silence, April 7, 1734  
 Silence, dau. of Seth and Charity, May 25, 1754  
 Silvanus, son of Seth and Charity, Jan. 28, 1765  
 Simeon, son of Seth and Charity, Nov. 29, 1759  
 Susanna, dau. of Seth and Charity, April 11, 1763

### *Marriages*

BURR—

Calvin and Betsey Ames, March 27, 1796  
Elijah and Olive Ames, April 26, 1789  
Ephraim and Susanna Alger, Sept. 5, 1755  
Heman M. and Nelly Tucker of Milton, Intention, Dec. 12, 1812  
Israel and Hannah Ames, Oct. 26, 1777  
John and Silence Haward, Nov. 7, 1722  
John and Sarah Turner of Rehoboth, Aug. 13, 1746, in Rehoboth  
John and Mary Power, May 10, 1748  
John and Polly Copeland, March 8, 1792  
Jonathan and Martha Cudworth, May 30, 1754  
Jonathan and Lydia Kinsley, Intention, Sept. 15, 1792  
(m. Oct. 4. Plymouth County Records)  
Jonathan of Worthington and Sally Alden, Dec. 6, 1820  
Joseph and Hannah Richardson of Leicester, Intention, April 28, 1792  
Laban and Mary Ann Storrs of Boston, Sept. 25, 1820  
Luther and Jane Howard, April 7, 1784  
Martha and Solomon Howard (Int. Hayward) of Easton, m. in  
Easton, June 28, 1779  
Martin and Mary Snell, Jan. 23, 1792  
Mary (see Ruth Franklin)  
Mary (Int. "Widow") and Wm. Blakely, Dec. 1, 1773  
Phebe and John Foster, May 25, 1780  
Sarah and Isaiah Keith, Oct. 13, 1767  
Seth and Charity Packard, May 3, 1753  
Seth and Susanna Mehuren of Easton, Int., April 14, 1782  
Silence and John Haward, Dec. 2, 1773  
Sylvanus (of Easton) and Sarah Warren, Dec. 23, 1790  
Susanna of Norton and Samuel Hartwell, Int., March 2, 1782  
William and Nabby Bent, Aug. 29, 1798

### *Deaths*

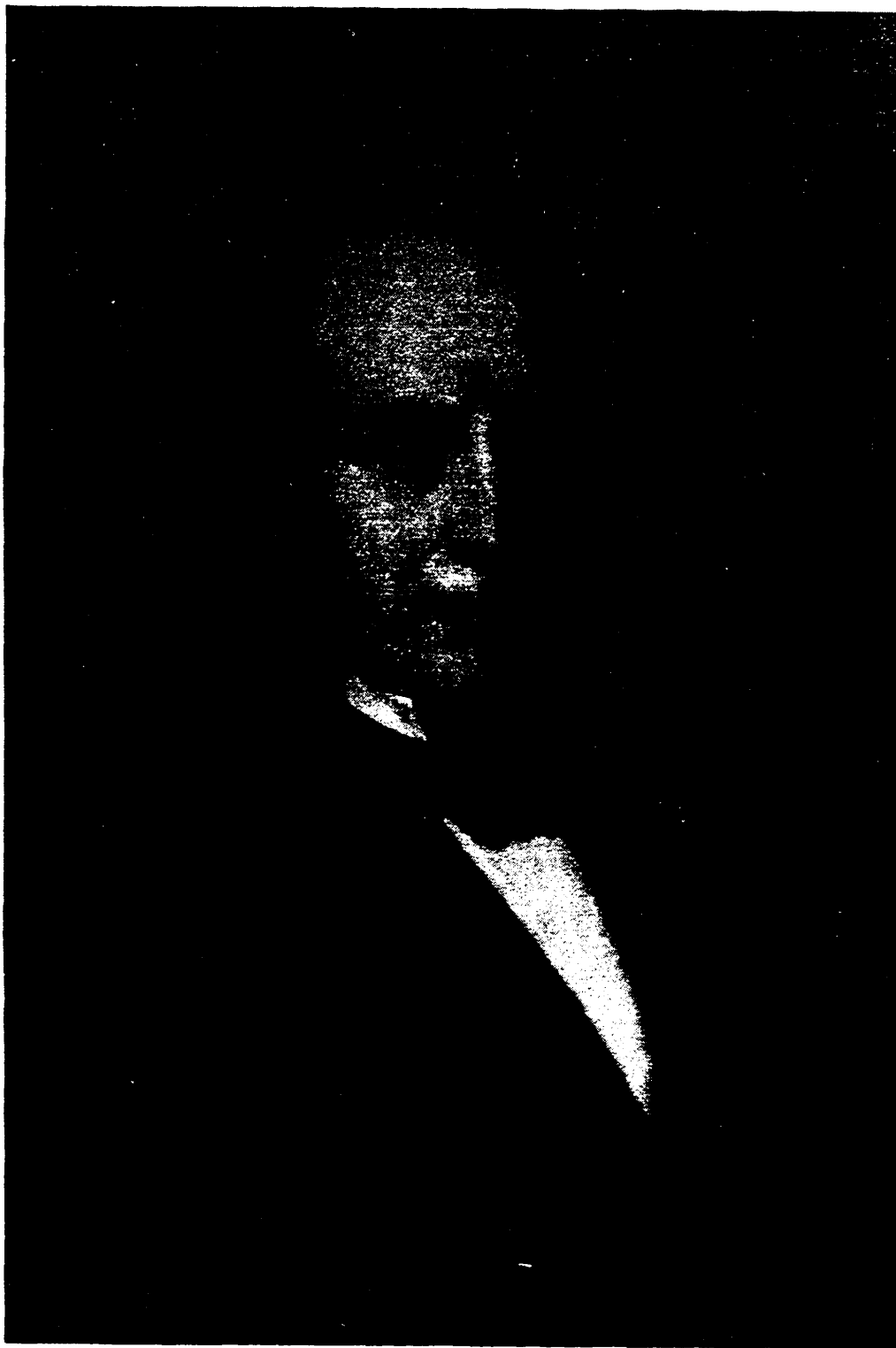
Ephraim, Sept. 1, 1786 (Capt. of Easton, "cut his own throat" P. R.  
105).  
John (husband of Sarah), Oct. 1776.  
John (husband of Silence), May 16, 1777.  
Silence, May 6, 1773.

## *Mercer (Maine) Town Records*

### *Births*

Heman Burr son of Luther Burr and Jane his wife born at Bridge-  
water (Mass.) June 30th A.D. 1785.  
Their daughter Jane born Sept. 4 A.D. 1787.  
Their son Luther born Sept. 3 A.D. 1789.





*Aet. c. 45*  
CHARLES HARTWELL BURR  
1824-85



Their son Martin born April 26 A.D. 1792.  
 Their son Charles Chauncey born at Leicester (Mass.) Feb. 28 A.D. 1797.  
 Luther Nelson son of Luther Burr, junior, and Mary his wife born Nov. 15, 1819.  
 Their daughter Mary True born March 24, 1823.  
 Daniel Burr born at Easton, Bristol County (Mass.) August 14, 1761.  
 Susanna his wife born in Norton, Bristol County, June 8, 1764.  
 They were married Oct. 22, 1785.  
 Their daughter Polly born at Norton Aug. 8, 1787.  
 Their son John born at Norton Feb. 20, 1789.  
 Their daughter Susanna Danforth born in Oxford Worcester County (Mass.) April 25, 1791.  
 Their son Daniel born in Oxford Jan. 31, 1795.  
 Their daughter Lettice born in Oxford Nov. 6, 1799.  
 Their daughter Experience Leonard born in Mercer Sept. 12, 1805.  
 Their daughter Ann Palmer born Feb. 18, 1809.  
 Charles Chauncey Burr son of Martin Burr and Abigail his wife born Aug. 22, 1815.  
 Their daughter Fanny born Oct. 2, 1817.  
 Their son Martin Lewis born at Mercer Aug. 10, 1821.  
 Their son Heman born June 27, 1823.  
 Their son Edwin Howard born June 27, 1829.  
 Charles Chauncey Burr and Abigail his wife married Jan. 4, 1821.  
 Their daughter Martha Jane born Oct. 30, 1821.  
 Their son Charles Hartwell born June 22, 1824.  
 Their daughter Julia Frances born Aug. 10, 1826.  
 Their daughter Laura born Aug. 5, 1829.  
 Their son George Emmett born Aug. 10, 1832.  
 Their son Henry Martin born Sept. 20, 1835.

*Intentions of Marriage (1804-67)*

1806	Sept. 12	Joseph Cutler of Belgrade and Jane Burr of Mercer.
1814	Oct. 7	Martin Burr of Mercer and Nabby Baxter of Norridgewock.
1818	Nov. 30	Luther Burr, Jr. and Polly True both of Mercer.
1820	Nov. 28	Mr. Charles C. Burr and Miss Abigail True both of Mercer.
1832	Aug. 13	Mr. John Gates of Worcester, Mass. and Miss Lettice Burr of Mercer.
1833	July 1	Mr. John Burr of Mercer and Miss Mary Hall of New Sharon.
1834	Feb. 17	Mr. William A. Cutler of Mercer and Miss Martha C. Burr of Madison.
1840	April 20	Mr. Henry F. Getchell of Anson and Miss Frances Ann Burr of Mercer.

- 1840 Nov. 21 Mr. Heman Wiley and Miss Martha Jane Burr  
both of Mercer.
- 1841 May 5 Mr. Luther Nelson Burr and Miss Laura A. Wiley  
both of Mercer.
- 1844 April 8 L. Nelson Burr, Esq. and Miss Mary B. Wiley  
both of Mercer.
- 1844 July 27 Mr. M. Lewis Burr and Miss Julia E. Ingalls both  
of Mercer.
- 1861 May 22 George E. Burr of Mercer and Miss Lizzie Lander  
of Bangor.
- 1863 Dec. 18 Mr. E. S. Hulburt of Bernardston, Mass., and Miss  
Laura Burr of Mercer.
- 1865 March 8 Mr. Daniel Kimball of Mercer and Mrs. Polly Burr  
of Mercer.
- 1867 June 7 Daniel Burr of New Sharon and Miss Hannah G.  
Paine of Mercer.

#### *Marriages*

- 1840 May 24 Mr. Henry F. Getchell of Anson and Miss Frances  
Ann Burr of Mercer.
- 1865 March 13 Daniel Kimball of Mercer and Miss Polly Burr of  
Mercer.

#### *Acton Church (Suffolk) Tombstones*

Yci gyst Sir Robert de Bures . . . Qui pur l'alme pryera . . .  
jours de pardon avera.

Andrew de Bures d. 12 Apr. 1360  
(*Vide supra* p. 5).

Robert de Bures d. 7 Oct. 1361  
(*Vide supra* p. 5).

Under this stone lyeth buried Alys de Bryan, daughter and heir of  
Robert de Bures Kt. and wife to Sir Guy de Bryan, the younger,  
Knight.

#### *Thornage Church (Norfolk) Tombstone* (*Farrer, vol. 2, p. 408, with drawing*)

Here lieth Anne Lady and wife to Sir Clement Heigham Knight of  
whom mention is made in his tomb at Barrow in Suffolk, dissesed  
(sic) Aprilis 24 A.D. 1590 AE. suae 84.

To this inscription Farrer appends the following note:

In Bl[omelfield's] Nor[folk] ix, 446, another inscription is given.  
"In memory of Anne, daughter of George Waldegrave, Esq., of  
Smallbridge in Suffolk who married first Henry Bures of Acton in

Suffolk, Esqr., and 2nd Sir Clement Higham who died April 21, 1559 (*sic*), aetat. suae 83."

### *Redgrave Church (Suffolk) Tombstones*

Anne Butts Widdowe changed this mortal life For an Immortal the 21 of December 1609. She was the daughter and coheyre of Henrye Bures Esqr., wife to Edmond Butts Esq., and mother to the Lady Anne Bacon, wife of Sr. Nicholas Bacon Knight who was her onlye child.

The weaker sexes strongest Precedent  
Lyes here belowe: Seaven fayer yeares she spent  
In wedlock sage; And since that Merry Age,  
Sixty one yeares she lived a widdowe sage.  
Humble as great, as full of Grace as elde,  
A second Anna had she but beheld  
Christ in his flesh, whom now she glorious sees,  
Belowe that first in time, not in degrees.

The Body of Nicholas Bacon Knight and Baronet lieth here. He took to Wyfe Anne Buts, sole heyre to Butts and halfe heyre to Bures. They lived together 52 years, when Death makinge the seperation on her part, he erected this monument to them both Anno Domini 1616.

#### *The Lady*

Anne Bacon wife of the same Nicholas Bacon lyeth buried in this place, by whom he had 9 sonnes and 3 daughters. She dyed in the 68 year of her age, the 19 day of September Anno Domini 1616.

### *Northolt Church (Middlesex) Tombstone*

Sacrum Memoriae Isaiae Bures mariti sui charissimi Qui non obscuris ortus Natalibus Bonis Literis in Academia Oxoniensi Eruditus Ibiq. in Collegio Balliolensi Magister in Artibus Renuntiatus Huius Nuper Ecclesiae Pastor Vigilantissimus cui cum Omni Studio & Zelo Militaret in Triumphantem In Caelis Ecclesiam A Christo Evocatus placide Pieq. Emigravit & Quod Mortale Fuit Certus Resurgendi Hic Ad Tempus Deposuit Die 12 Octobris Anno Aetatis Suae 64 & Salutis Humanae 1610. Catharina Uxor Eius amantissima Desiderii Memor Posuii.

#### *(Translation)*

Sacred to the memory of Isaiah Bures, her most loving husband, sprung from not obscure ancestry, trained in letters at Oxford University and there proclaimed Master of Arts in Balliol College, recently a most watchful pastor of this church for which he fought with all earnestness and zeal, yet when called by Christ to the Church

Triumphant in heaven he peacefully and reverently departed and sure of resurrection deposited here against that time all that was mortal on the 12th day of October in the 64th year of his age and of human salvation the 1610th.

I, Catherine his most loving wife mindful of my great loss have erected this.

### *West Bridgewater (Mass.) Tombstones*

In memory of Mrs. Silence Burr, wife of Deac. John Burr, who died May 6, 1773 in ye 68 year of her age.

In memory of Ruth, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Burr and Martha his wife. She died Oct. 15, 1776 in the 2nd year of her age.

In memory of Rev. John Burr, who died March the 16th, 1777, in ye 92d year of his age.

In memory of Silence Burr, daughter of Mr. Seth Burr and Charity, his wife, who died March ye 20 A.D. 1780 in the 26th year of her age.

You, reader, stop  
And lend a tear;  
Think on the dust  
That slumbers here.

In memory of Mrs. Martha, wife of Mr. Jonathan Burr, who died Dec. ye 12th 1791, in ye 55th year of her age.

Our loving friend is gone,  
No more to cheer her friends and children dear,  
O certain fate, we view this teaching stone  
And mourn thy death to meditate our own.

Here lies Mr. Jonathan Burr; he died January 24th in the 66th year of his age.

Death, inexorable, hath laid in the dust  
The man who was faithful, pious and just.  
From torments extreme, how happy the flight,  
From misery to joy, from darkness to light.

### *Middletown (Conn.) Tombstone*

In memory of Elijah Burr, merch't., son of Deac'n John Burr of Bridgewater in the Massachusetts State, who died at Middletown, the place of his residence for many years, Jan'y 15th A.D. 1780 in the 54th year of his age.

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Charles C. Burr, Died August 14, 1871, aet. 74 yrs.  
Abigail, Wife of Charles C. Burr, Died July 21, 1883, aet. 86 yrs.  
George E. Burr, Died Nov. 24, 1903, aet. 70 yrs.  
Elizabeth Lander, Wife of George E. Burr, Died Feb. 11, 1908, aet.  
71 yrs.  
Mr. Luther Burr, Died March 6, 1837, aet. 73.  
Mrs. Jane, Wife of Luther Burr, Died Nov. 18, 1846, aet. 84.  
Luther Burr, died July 4, 1862, aet. 73.  
Edwards D., Son of Luther and Mary T. Burr, Died April 6, 1850,  
aet. 20 yrs.  
Mary T., daughter of Luther and Polly Burr, Died Feb. 24, 1837,  
aet. 8 yrs.  
Albert H. Burr, Son of Luther and Polly Burr, Died Aug. 8, 1828,  
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Elmira, Daughter of Luther and Polly Burr, Died March 10, 1834,  
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Willie, Son of M. Lewis and Julia E. Burr, Died July 21, 1851, aet.  
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Fred L., Son of M. L. and Julia E. Burr, Died in Portsmouth, Va.,  
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Fannie, daughter of M. L. and Julia E. Burr, Died Jan. 1, 1864, aet.  
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Mary, Wife of John Burr, Died March 8, 1884, aet. 87 yrs.  
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