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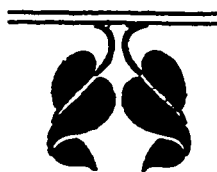
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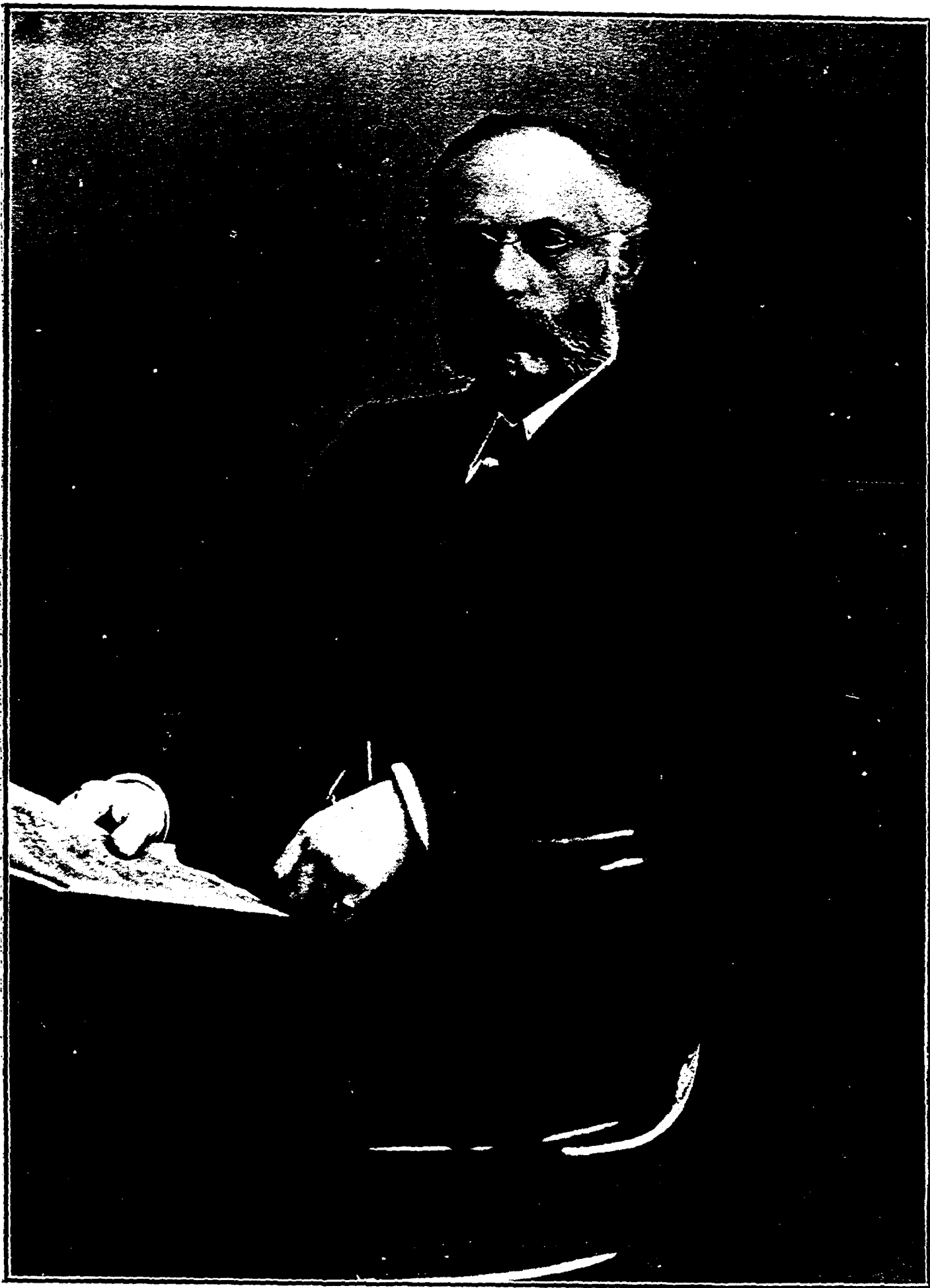
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TO THE MEMORY OF MY WIFE,

Charlotte Peet,

WHO ENTERED INTO REST ETERNAL

JUNE 4th, 1902,

AGED 46 YEARS,

AS THESE PAGES,

WHICH OWE SO MUCH TO

HER INTELLIGENT AND PATIENT SEARCH

AMONGST THE FRENCH REGISTERS,

WERE PASSING THROUGH THE PRESS.



PREFACE.



I N the year 1888 I collected some brief genealogical notes relating to the elder branch of the Wanty family, which appeared in "*Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*," vol. II., second series, page 31; and in "*Proceedings of the Huguenot Society*," vol. III., page 381. In both these accounts several inaccuracies crept in, due to the fact that at the time the notes were passing through the press I was away from home, and had no opportunity to correct the "proof-sheets"; and in the case of one of the publications the printed copy was not brought to my notice until eleven years after it had appeared. The errors have now been corrected and much additional information supplied.

One word in reference to the name, the etymology of which I am not able to explain. The orthography has clearly undergone a complete change, and its modern and Anglicised form is a perfectly natural corruption of a patronymic purely French. It is very probable that the de Vantiers were exiles from France before they were exiles from Flanders. At a very early period the prefix

"*de*" was occasionally omitted, and the initial letter indifferently written "*V*" and "*W*." Until 1750 it was variously spelled as *de Vantier*, *de Vantié*, *de Wantier*, *Vantié*, *Vantey*, *Wantier*, *Wantey* and *Wantié*. After that date it is nearly always *Wanty*. In only one instance have I found it *Wanté*. The similarity of the letters "*n*" and "*u*" in the writings found in ancient documents will account for the name being occasionally transcribed and printed as *Wautier*.

No attempt has been made to trace the history of this Huguenot family antecedent to the Alvin butcheries. A search in the archives of France and Belgium could not fail to reveal much interesting material, but this requires time, and the ability to decipher documents written in Dutch and old French, which, unhappily, I do not possess.

The following pages are printed for private circulation, and concern the *Wanty* family alone. I can only hope that all those descendants in whose veins courses the blood of Huguenot ancestry may be as interested in the perusal of these records as I have been in collecting them.

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The Wanty Family of Thorney.



THE FRENCH REGISTER now deposited in the Parish Chest at Thorney Abbey (which is shortly to be printed through the munificence of His Grace the Duke of Bedford), contains almost the only record of a colony of French, or Walloon Protestant Refugees, whose existence is for the most part forgotten even by their own descendants.

Some 25 entries of Baptism of members of the Wanty family are recorded in this volume. The French Church at Thorney was established in 1652. The Register of Baptisms commences two years later, in February, 1654, and ends in 1727. The first page, containing 25 entries, is missing. The French Registers of Marriages and Burials are also missing, but this loss is in a great measure supplied by the Register of Baptisms, which contains many particulars not usually found in such a document. Every married woman is therein mentioned by her maiden name and that of her husband, and whether she was a wife or widow at the time is stated. If the father or mother died before the child was baptised, that fact is also stated, and in many instances the date of birth is recorded, as well as that of Baptism. The god-parents, sponsors, or witnesses, as they are variously designated,

are also given, with many particulars as to their degrees of relationship, which adds much to the usefulness of the Register as a work for genealogical reference.

In tracing the history of one particular Huguenot family, many of whose descendants still reside in the Fen country, whilst others have risen to positions of distinction and affluence in America and elsewhere, it is not necessary to give in detail any historical account of the Persecution generally, or of the terrible war of extermination waged by the Duke of Alva upon the Protestants of the Low Countries in the 16th Century, nor is it necessary to enter into any minute particulars concerning the two great Fenland Drainage works, inseparably connected with the early struggles and vicissitudes of this hardy, industrious and interesting people, whose simple faith and noble courage led them to forsake fortune and fatherland, to bravely face the perils of flight, and gratefully accept a refuge and shelter in the humid wastes of the malarial and ague-stricken Fens. A brief reference, however, to both these events will not be out of place.

There were two great immigrations of Huguenots from Flanders and France. The first commenced a few years immediately anterior to the Massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day (1572), and continued for many years, with varying flow, as the Persecution waxed and waned. It consisted partly of French and partly of Flemish Protestants—these latter were French-speaking Flemings or Walloons. The second, and numerically the greater immigration, occurred at the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, and consisted almost entirely of French Huguenots. They found an asylum in this country, and settled in various places.

The French congregation at Thorney does not appear to have received any accession of members at this period.

In the five years next after the Revocation not a single baptism appears in any family which was not settled at Thorney before that event.

The history of the Refugees in their settlements in England is intensely interesting, but the literature on the subject is at present confined to very narrow limits. The splendid work now being accomplished by the Huguenot Society of London in printing the Registers of the French Churches and other important documents long pigeon-holed at the Record Office, or buried amongst State Papers, will add materially to the sources of knowledge available for the student and genealogist. Holland and England constituted the principal asylum of the exiled Huguenots, especially those resident in the Northern Provinces of France. Holland in the first instance, and England in the next—many of the Refugees passing through one country on their way to the other. In Holland they naturally became adepts in the art of Embanking and Drainage, and as is well known, a certain section, when they came to England, rallied to the call of Vermuyden—the Dutch Engineer—in the great Drainage works he undertook in the Fens of Lincolnshire and the adjacent counties. The successful reclamation of the drowned lands was to a great extent due to the skilled labour and patient industry of the French and Walloon Colony, which for the greater part of a century made Thorney its home. In the course of time, not a few of the refugee community, cut off from their native land, married with their English neighbours, although at first the practice was discouraged. The names of these foreign strangers—anglicised and corrupted often past recognition—abound in every village and hamlet throughout the district, but the tongue of La Belle France has long since ceased to be heard in the Fens.

The two geographical areas associated with the Refugees engaged in the Fen Drainage works are, singular to say, neither of them wholly in Lincolnshire—a county which to this day is popularly, though erroneously, known as one of “flats and fogs and fens.” Both areas are on its borders, at opposite ends of the county. The Level of Hatfield Chase, extending over a portion of the Isle of Axholme, at the extreme N.W. corner of the county, is partly in Yorkshire; whilst the Great Bedford Level, within the Isle of Ely, at the S.E. corner of the county, is almost wholly within the county of Cambridge.*

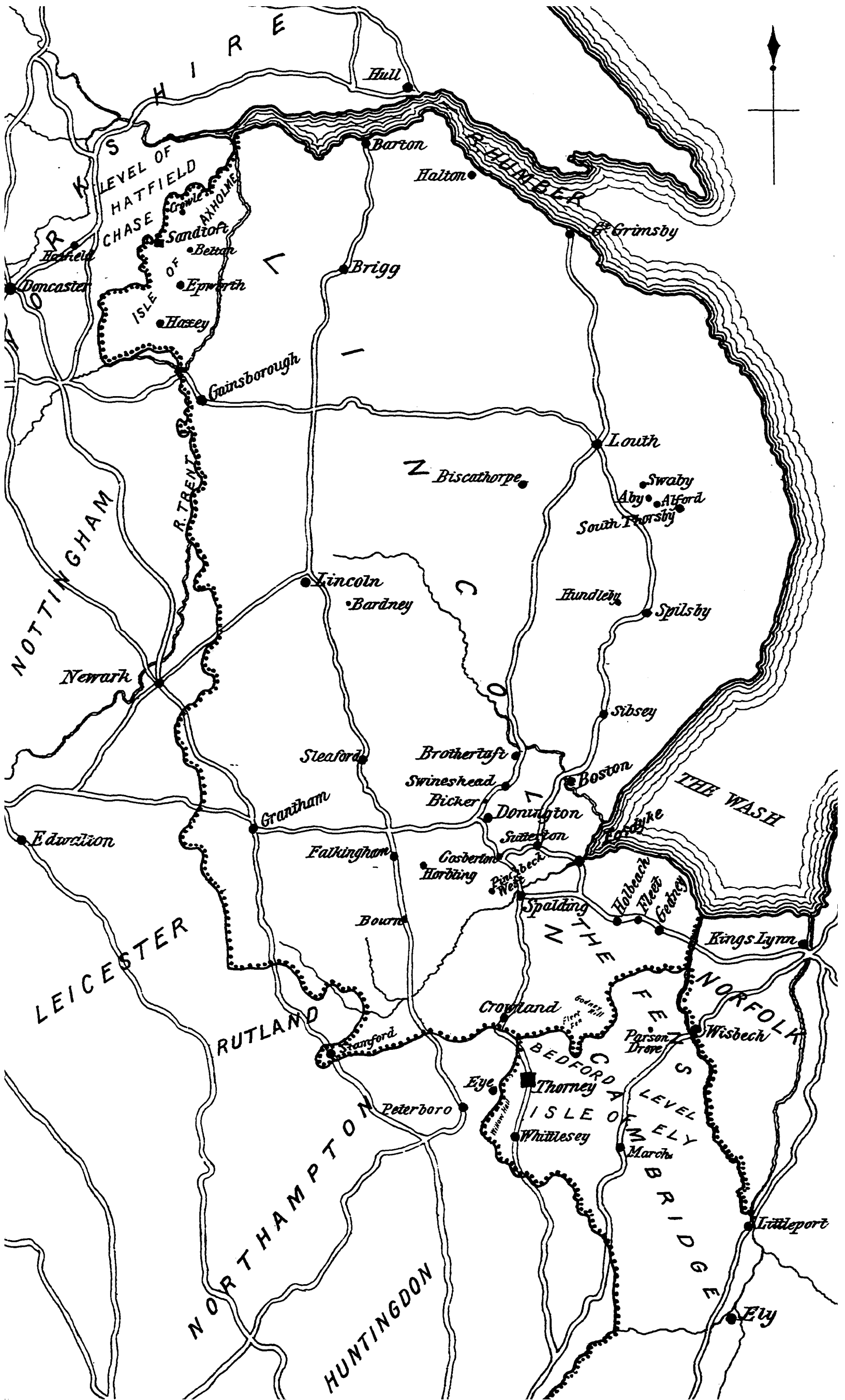
In 1626† the Drainage of Hatfield Chase was commenced, and a few years later a Chapel was built at Sandtoft, a place previously consecrated by religious associations and central to the whole drainage, in which service was performed, alternately, in the French and Dutch languages. The Register of Sandtoft Chapel, containing 500 entries, is lost; but the names of 88 persons belonging to 71 families have been preserved by Stovin, the antiquary, in the document known as the “Stovin Manuscript.”‡ Fifteen of these persons, of as many different families, appear to have removed to Thorney Abbey, and members of twenty-two of the remaining fifty-six families are shewn by the Register to have also wended their way to the Southern Level and joined the French congregation at Thorney.

The removal in 1652 of the Refugees then occupying the newly-drained lands of Hatfield Chase was due to the violence of their English neighbours, who defaced their chapel, demolished the little village which had grown up

* A portion of Crowland Parish in *Lincolnshire* now forms part of the Bedford Level.

† As a result of the persecution which Richelieu renewed against the Huguenots, 80 families resident in French Flanders fled to England and settled in the Level of Hatfield Chase, 1628-1629.

‡ The “Stovin MS.” is now in the possession of Baxter & Co., Solicitors, Doncaster.



around it, pulled up the flood-gates and allowed the waters once more to overflow the Level. The antagonism of the native population was so persistent that many of the settlers abandoned their farms; others sold their lands and removed to the Bedford Level, where other drainage works were in progress, founding a church first at Whittlesey, which existed only a few years, then at Thorney, which was eventually fixed upon as their headquarters.

The Drainage of the Bedford Level had been commenced in 1630, and the measures taken by William, first Duke of Bedford, who also engaged the services of Vermuyden, had been so effectual that in the year 1652, on the arrival of the Sandtoft settlers, they found about 40,000 acres already under cultivation. The privileges enjoyed by the Refugees settled on the Bedford estates, and the publication of an Ordinance by Cromwell, helped in a great measure to establish the Colony of Thorney Abbey.

The Ordinances of Cromwell are rarely to be met with. They are collected in volume form, and a copy is in the Library of Lincoln's Inn. The late Mr. Davies Gilbert, President of the Royal Society, possessed a similar copy. On the 26th of May, 1654, a month after the proclamation of Peace between England and the United Provinces of the Low Countries, Cromwell issued an Ordinance "for the better preservation of the works of the Great Level of the Fens," which contained a clause to the effect that "if any person of a foreign nation in amity with the Commonwealth *being Protestants*, should become purchasers, or farmers of any lands, part of the 93,000 acres adjudged to the 'adventurers' for draining the Levels, such persons, and their heirs, as to the said lands should be accounted *free denizens* of the Commonwealth, and should enjoy the like privileges and advantages for descent to their children,

dower to their wives and otherwise as denizens of the Commonwealth ought to enjoy." This was practically an invitation to the Protestant Refugees from Flanders, and it had undoubtedly the effect of directing the flow of the proscribed foreign Protestants towards Thorney, as well as of attracting many of those who in earlier years had settled at Canterbury, London and other places.

The name of Wantier, Wantié or Wanty (originally de Vantier) does not appear amongst the 71 names preserved by Stovin from the Sandtoft Register, but there is ample evidence that members of this family were amongst the Refugees settled in the Level of Hatfield Chase, as the name incidentally occurs in an interesting document printed in the Calendar of State Papers (Domestic Series, Car. I., 1641-3, page 481) detailing particulars of a quarrel between two of the "Participants"*—John Van Haesdonck, gentleman, and Capt. Antonio Vernatti. From this document it appears that John Wantier was living at Sandtoft in 1643 as the occupier of certain newly-drained lands. Haesdonck complains that during his absence on the King's Service, Vernatti with seven of his soldiers forcibly entered the house of John Wantier, and turned him, his wife and children thereout, and detained it from them by force. He further complains that he has several tenants by lease in the Level, viz., Hubert le Roy, John Wantier, Charles Waterlow, John le Haire, Edward Outibrigg, and others, all of them in quiet possession, that Vernatti with his agents and soldiers forcibly entered upon the possessions of the above-named tenants and committed divers outrages and barbarous acts, saying "there is no law in force." It will be noted that this was the year after the commencement of the Civil War, which will in a

*In the Level of Hatfield Chase the partners in the undertaking, were known as "Participants;" in the Bedford Level as "Adventurers."

measure account for the disorder prevailing. A careful perusal of the document shows that this was a dispute of a private nature, and had nothing to do with the long-standing complaint of the native inhabitants of Axholme against the "Participants" for robbing them of their rights of common. Apart from the light thrown upon the disturbed state of the country, the document has a special interest, in that it establishes the fact that the Wantys were amongst the Sandtoft settlers. In 1659, that is seven years after the migration of the Refugees from the Level of Hatfield Chase to the Great Bedford Level, Abraham Wantier is found amongst the French Colony at Thorney Abbey, and as he married the daughter of André Clerbau, of the parish of Hatfield, his connection with the Sandtoft congregation is fairly established. From this Abraham, the Wanty family of Swineshead, Sutterton and other Lincolnshire villages have an unbroken descent, as will hereafter appear. Before, however, tracing his descendants, some account of the early history of the family and of their continental origin may appropriately be given.

Le Pays de l'Alleud is the old home of the de Vantiers. This is a small territory between the two Flanders and Artois, which comprises the parishes of La Venthie, Saily, Lestrem, Fleubaix, and part of the town of La Gorgue. It was on the line of towns and villages between Armentières and Valenciennes, situated within a few miles of the present frontier of France and Belgium, and mostly within the province of French Flanders, then forming a part of the Spanish Netherlands, that the storm of persecution first fell. "This country was then esteemed one of the richest in Europe, and its towns were hives of industry, whose looms produced the finest fabrics of wool and linen. The Walloon people who dwelt in this land of plenty, blended the solidity of the Germanic with the

vivacity of the Gallic character. They spoke a somewhat modified French. Into this country, at the close of the year 1566, the Spanish troopers were sent to wipe out the Reformation. Historians have described the hopeless struggle, the gallant but futile efforts made for faith and freedom. Ill-armed peasants and citizens, led by enthusiast preachers, gathered in thousands and were slaughtered by the troops. Motley has vividly depicted the carnage in the church at Watrelots, and the butchery of the Protestant host at Lannoy. Valenciennes, after a siege of many months, opened its gates on a pledge being given that life should be spared. The pledge was broken. The Protestant pastors were hanged, and their people were made to suffer unspeakable cruelties. The persecution raged throughout Flanders and Artois, and thousands in despair began their perilous exodus."

Amongst those foremost in their opposition to the persecutors were the Wantiers of La Gorgue, who fearlessly espoused the cause of religious liberty, and were active opponents of the cruelties perpetrated by the Spanish armies. For a brief period the persecuted obtained the mastery, and in open revolt against the tyranny of the persecutors, committed many acts of violence, and carried on a war of reprisals. Jaques Wantier and Baudin de Laurens, both of La Gorgue, with others not known who came to assist them from Estaires (so runs the official information in a document still extant), sacked the church of La Gorgue, breaking down the images, altars and baptismal font. Jaques barely escaped with his life. He was arrested, and in January, 1567, tried before the "Council of Troubles," and sentenced to perpetual banishment and confiscation of his goods.

The next year (March, 1568) Jean Wantier and

Jaques Wantier, his brother, both of La Gorgue, were compelled to fly from the land of their birth. They were suspected of having borne arms against his Majesty at Watrelots, tried in their absence, and likewise condemned to perpetual banishment and confiscation of their property. The same sentence was passed upon Anna Wantier, the wife of Renault le Roy, for breaking images in various churches, notably that of Estaires. Other members of the family, all of whom appear to have been firm adherents of the reformed faith, continued to reside at La Gorgue. Possibly they may have outwardly conformed for a time to the religion of their persecutors, but they lived with their lives in their hands, suspected of heresy, and ever under the watchful eye of a merciless and bigoted tyrant. In later years, when the fires of persecution blazed out more fiercely than ever, the Wantiers of La Gorgue are again found amongst the faithful band expatriated for conscience' sake.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact, and is worthy of note, that a large number of persons bearing the same names as those who were sentenced to perpetual exile during the trouble of 1566-7 are found afterwards in the Registers of the French Church at Canterbury, and later, amongst the Refugees settled at Sandtoft and Thorney.* Mr. Francis Bayley, F.S.A., in his "*Bailleuls of Flanders and Bayleys of Willow Hall*," says:—"I had ascertained as far as possible the localities from which the settlers at Thorney came, and with very few exceptions they could be traced to Flanders, Artois and the Pays Conquis."

* Ballieul, Brune, Becue, Becque, Brunyne, Behague, Cocq, Chavatte Descamps, de Laurens, du Bois, des Biens, du Quesne, de la Haye, de Secq, Didier, de l'Escluse, de Houck, Despiez, Fauquemberghe, Fleurbaix, Hancquart, Le Talle, Lecluse, Lefevre, Lestienne, Lannoy, le Roy, le Roux, le Conte, Mannier, Manié, Oudart, Preuvost, Priem, Pacquette, Revel, Six, Saie, Saye, Seneschal, Taffin, Tassell, Van Beveren, Vennin, Vermeille, Wantier, Zwarte, &c.

Amongst the first places in England colonised by the Refugees were Maidstone and Canterbury. Many found their way to Maidstone as early as 1567, and a church was established at Canterbury in 1574. These early Protestant Refugees were exclusively from French Flanders and Artois. Amongst the Marriages and Marriage Contracts entered in the Register of the French Church at Canterbury are the following:—

1586, Aug. 18. Contract between Nicaise Matton, native of "Meureville," assisted by Noel Matton, his brother; and Peronne Wantier, native of le Gorgue, assisted by Nicolas Wantier, her father, and Jacques Wantier, her brother. Mention of Loys Wantier, George Wantier and Marguerite Wantier, children of the said Nicaise Wantier by Peronne Deschamps.

1587, April 13. Jean Oudart et Philipotte des Champs, assisted by Jaques Wantier, her brother-in-law.

1587, Oct. 19. Marriage contract between Noë Matton, assisted by Nicaise Matton, his brother; and Anne Wantier, assisted by Jacques Wantier and Alexandre Wantier, her brothers, and Henry Saie, her uncle.

1590, Sep. 27. Laurens Wantier, son of Nicolas Wantier of le Gorgue; and Marie Desrousseaux, daughter of Martin of Sandwich.

1590, Nov. 17. Marriage contract between Jacques Six, assisted by Authoine, his father; and Catherine Wantier, daughter of the late Nicolas Wantier, assisted by Jacques, Laurens, Loys and Alexandre Wantier, her brothers, and Henry Saie, her uncle.

1595, Nov. 23. Alexandre Wantier, son of the deceased Nicolas, native of le Gorgue; and Magdeline Deschamps, daughter of the deceased Mahieu, native of Hof-Kerk.

1616, Sep. 22. Louys le Roy, son of Lion, native of Tournay; and Marie Wantier, daughter of the deceased Laurens, native of Canterbury.

1616, June 20. Marriage contract between Jaques Wantier, widower, assisted by Arnoult Forest, his brother-in-law; and Anthoinette Van Hant, widow of Pierre Selosse. The children of Jacques by his first marriage have been paid and satisfied at their marriage for the "formature" of their mother. Anthoinette brings 50*l.* sterling in money and goods. If Jaques die first

without issue by this marriage Anthoinette is to have her jewels, bed, &c., with the said £50, and £30 more as dower or gratuitous gift, £30 being equal to 300 livres Tournois. If she die first, Jaques is to retain all goods, paying £30 to her heirs.

1628, May 13. Henry Haussy, son of the late John; and Susanne Wantier, daughter of late Laurent, assisted by Jaques Wantier and Pierre Castel, her uncles.

1628, Nov. 19. Marriage contract between Abraham Wantier, son of the late Alexandre, native of Coulonne pres de Calais, assisted by Jaques Wantier, his uncle, Jean Prevost (signs Jacob), his brother-in-law, and Jaques Simon, his "bel oncle"; and Sara le Poultre, dau. of the late Jean le Poultre, assisted by Marie le Poultre, her mother, Jaques Six, her brother-in-law, and Jean de Lillers, her uncle.

1626, Sep. 24. Jean Prevost, son of the deceased Pierre, native of Canterbury; and Magdalaine Wantier, daughter of the deceased Alexandre, native of Canterbury, assisted by Alexandre Wantier and Abraham Wantier, her brothers, Jaques Wantier, her uncle, and Jaques Simon, her uncle.

Entries of a similar character abound throughout the Marriage Register. The following are a few of the Baptismal entries from the same church:—

1595, Jan. 19. Elizabeth, daughter of Jaques Wantier.

1597, Jan. 2. Abraham, son of Alexander Wantier,—witnessed by Jehan Oudart, Louys Wantié, Peronne Wantié and Paquette Wantier.

1597, Aug. 24. Lea, daughter of Jacques Wantier.

1597, Oct. 18. Samuell, son of Laurent Wantier.

1598, Aug. 13. Alexandre, son of Alexandre Wantier.

There is one entry of Baptism which has a peculiar interest. When a child of one of the Refugee strangers was baptised, an entry was not only made in the Register of the French Church, but in many instances the fact was recorded in the Register of the parish in which the parents resided—due probably to the Injunctions of Laud, 1635. One instance is here given, because the phonetic spelling of the English scribe exactly reproduces the name as it is

pronounced to-day. Both entries relate to the same child, and are here placed side by side:—

<i>In the French Church, Canterbury.</i>	<i>In the Church of St. Alphage, Canterbury.</i>
1644. le 21 Avril. Isaac filz d'Abraham Wantier.	1644 April 21. Isaac son of Abrehem Wontee.

From a list of the Elders and Deacons of the Church of the Crypt, Canterbury, it is evident that the Wantiers held positions of honour and responsibility as officers of the church. One or other of the offices was held by Laurens Vantié in 1595; by Jaques Wantier in 1623; by Jacques Vantier in 1626; and by Abraham Wantier in 1637. Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of this family are very numerous at Canterbury, and continue almost uninterruptedly from 1591 to 1644, but a sufficient number have already been given to establish the connection between the Wantiers of La Gorgue, and those who found a home in England. After 1644 the entries cease for something like thirty years. There was evidently a dispersal of the family about this period. As evidence of this, two extracts from the French Church, London (Threadneedle Street), are given:—

1634, Jan. 25. Married, Alexander Wantier, son of the deceased Alexander, native of Canterbury; and Marguerite Willson, widow of the deceased Jean Hilliard, native of Derbyshire.

1644, Mar. 31. Jean Haussi, son of Henry Haussi et Susanne Vantié his wife, baptized.

But to return for a moment to the little territory in Flanders. After the lapse of seventy years the descendants of the Wantiers banished in 1568 are found living in the old home at La Gorgue, but much reduced in circumstances. This is not a matter for surprise. Their fathers escaped only with their lives. All their property had been ruthlessly confiscated. About the middle of the 17th century the persecution was raging with unabated fury,

and the Wantiers (or de Vantiers as the name is invariably spelled in the documents referring to this period) are found once more compelled to abandon home, and fly to other lands; and all because they desired to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience and the promptings of the faith that was in them. A few joined their relatives in England, but most of them, on this occasion (1661), fled to the Palatinate—"the fruitful Palatinate by the Rhine and Neckar." This district was colonised by Refugees mainly from the French Netherlands. They came in large numbers, and were settling everywhere in the Electorate, when after a brief period of repose, they were again (in 1698) scattered by the French armies, many of them finding their way to Denmark. A few genealogical details of those who passed through the Palatinate are here given:—

Pierre de Vantier was born at La Gorgue in 1637. He married Marie La Cauve, of Calais, and fled to Friesenheim in the Palatinate, where four of his children were born, viz., ¹Abraham, ²Isaac, ³Jacob and ⁴Pierre. When compelled again to fly before the sword of the persecutors, he went to Woddow, in Brandenburg, where he died in 1692. His wife died at Woddow in 1715, aged 74.

(1) Abraham de Vantier, (son of Pierre) born at Friesenheim, married Marguerite Gombert at Gramzow, July 12th, 1692. Lived at Battin.

(2) Isaac, born at Friesenheim, 1666. Married Cath. Destouches, of Flammersheim in the Palatinate, 1706. Died at Woddow, Mar. 17, 1753. His wife died at Flammersheim, Jan. 23, 1745.

(3) Jacob, born at Friesenheim. Married Marie Coppet, in 1697. Lived at Woddow.

(4) Pierre, born at Friesenheim, 1662. Married (1) Elizabeth Desmarets, 1695, and (2) Judith Desgardins, 1706. He died at Bagemühl, Feb. 7, 1741.

(5) Ester, married Michel Delauran, at Friesenheim. Some of their descendants went to Bergholz and Vierraden in Brandenburg.

Both Abraham and Isaac de Vantier had a very numerous posterity. Their genealogies, fully set out, will be found in the Danish documents at Frederica. In all the documents printed in the "Frederica Papers, 1886," the name is without exception spelled either "de Vantier," or "de Vantié." These documents confirm what has already been stated, that La Gorgue in the Pays de l'Alleud is the old ancestral home of the family. Those who fled during the middle of the 16th century came to England. Those who were fugitives in 1661 can all be traced *through the Palatinate* to Stettin, Berlin, Brandenburg, Frederica, Woddow, Bergholz, Gross-Ziethen, Varstein, Battin, and other places in Denmark and Germany, where many of their descendants are now living.

The Wantys have ever favoured old Scripture names for their children—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Benjamin, Samuel, David, and Daniel are repeated generation after generation. Jean, and its English equivalent, was also much used, and occasionally Peter.





THE celebrated Italian historian, Gregorio Leti, writing in 1683 about the origin of the Huguenot settlers at Thorney, says "that some Frenchmen who had rented lands in the county of Yorkshire, near to Doncaster, having been molested by the peasantry of that place, heard that the Earl of Bedford possessed an estate here (Thorney) which was almost uninhabitable, and resolving to make their fortune by industry asked him to let them rent it (now more than 40 years ago), that they might drain and cultivate it. The Earl had no hesitation in granting a request so advantageous to himself, and making certain honourable conditions with the Frenchmen, he allowed them to commence, and after immense fatigue and expense they drained the greater part of it," &c. The original Petition of Sir William Russell, praying for certain privileges for the French colonists, is still preserved in the British Museum.

The Thorney Colony consisted of those who removed from Hatfield Chase, some fresh arrivals from the Netherlands, and others, probably kinsfolk and friends, from Canterbury, London, and other places. They may roughly be divided into three classes. There were the skilled workers—men who were experts in the art of Drainage, and who received a daily wage for the work they per-

formed. The next class, and probably the most numerous, were the agriculturalists, who were attracted to the Fenland through being able to lease the "Adventurers'" lands at a low rental. The third class was composed of men who had capital, and who became purchasers of the newly-drained lands, and in several instances entered into partnership with the "Adventurers." To this class the Wantys belonged. The Bailleuls (or Bayleys), of Willow Hall, in the parish of Whittlesey, from whom descended Sir John Bayley, the eminent Judge of the Court of King's Bench, afterwards Baron of the Exchequer, and a Privy Councillor, were of this class. The families of Ris, Le Pla, Le Cont, Prevost, Egar and Milleville were landowners, and amongst the best of the Thorney settlers. With several of these families the Wantys formed alliances. The intermarriages were frequent. The French Register, by recording the names of those who stood as sponsors at the Baptism of the children, gives many clues to the relationships and friendships existing amongst the Refugees. Much may be learned from a careful perusal of this portion of the Register.

Between the three classes there was one common bond of union—they were all sufferers for conscience' sake, strangers in a strange land, speaking a foreign tongue. As members of the congregation they assembled, at least weekly, and in the observance of their religious services they were always careful to remember those less fortunate than themselves, who were still groaning under the weight of persecution.

It has been stated that the French congregation met at a Toll-gate on the road to Wisbech;* it is more probable that they had the use of the Abbey Church, and

* Churches near Peterborough—Rev. W. D. Sweeting, M.A.

conformed themselves to the English liturgy, translated into their own language.

The Refugees did not find the Great Bedford Level free from disturbing influences. The native inhabitants, who had long held undisputed sway, and enjoyed by immemorial usage the rights of fishing and fowling throughout the Fens, made many attempts to oust them. For years there was a seething discontent, and the ancient Fenmen were emboldened to renew their resistance from time to time by the success which had attended similar efforts on the part of the Islanders of Axholme, but the vast Fens of Lincoln and Cambridge were too wide, and the inhabitants too scattered, for any concerted action. Except for the injury occasioned to individual holders, comparatively little damage was done, and the agitation eventually died out.

In addition to the losses sustained by these occasional outbursts of violence, the watery wastes themselves long resisted the efforts which were so strenuously put forth to reclaim them, and bring them into cultivation. Many of the Refugees who had invested their capital in the newly-partitioned estates found they had embarked on an enterprise of doubtful commercial value. Not a few were ruined by the heavy exactions which ownership involved; some of the lands were sold by the unfortunate possessors, and in other cases became forfeited by the non-payment of the accumulated arrears of rates and taxes. The Wantys had trouble with their land speculations, as will be evident from the following extract from some old Deeping Fen Drainage Books, in the possession of Mr. Ashley Maples, solicitor, of Spalding. The John Wanty referred to in these documents was a son of Jacob and Susanne Wanty (née Gouy), and a nephew of Abraham Wantier.

BY INDENTURE DATED 18 APRIL, 1700, between Wm.

Fortray, of Byal Fen, Esq., John Wayman, Gent., of Spalding, Joshua Blackwell, Gent., of Stamford, Thomas Hargate and Thos. Thompson, Gent., of the one part,—and the Honble Charles Bertie, Esq., of Uffington, Sir John Shaw, of Eltham, in Kent, Baronet, and Wm. Hyde, Esq., of Langtoft, of the other part—

The said Adventurers transfer to them the following forfeited Lands as specified in this Deed (*inter alia*). The Lands of John Wanty, of March, in the Isle of Ely, forfeited for £14 9s. 4d. (28 acres, part of Lot 2 in the 5th Division).

DEED DATED 16 APRIL, 1730. The following Adventurers, Sir Francis Wychcote, of Awerby, John Blackwell, of Stamford, John Wayman and James Fortray, of Ely, of the one part,—conveyed to Capt. John Perrv. of Rye, in Sussex, of the other part, &c.

The Deed recites that (*inter alia*) the Lands of John Wanty, purchased by the said John Wanty of Wm. Fortray, Esq., were then to be sold by the payment of the taxes and arrears thereon. (Was afterwards added to the old Estate of 220 acres as first laid out.)

The Lay Subsidy Rolls (Record Office) give the names of those who paid the Hearth Tax. This was a tax on every Hearth or Chimney in England imposed by Charles II. in 1662. A diligent search amongst these records has given the following particulars of the Wanteys of Thorney:—

1662, July 17. Thorney. Isle of Ely. Payments were delivered in unto the Justices of the Peace. $\frac{84}{436}$.

Jacob Wantey, is occupier, &c.paid on 1 hearth.

Abraham Wantey is occupier, &c.paid on 2 hearths.

1664. Thorney. $\frac{84}{437}$.

Joane Wantey, widow, now James W..... (name not decipherable).
paid on 1 hearth.

Jacob Wanteypaid on 1 hearth.

Abraham Wantey (spelled Wanley)paid on 2 hearths.

1666. *Wickford* Hundred, Thorney.* $\frac{244}{23}$.

Jacob Wantey.....paid on 2 hearths.

Abr. Wanteypaid on 3 hearths.

1674. *Thorney.*

Abraham Wanteypaid on 3 hearths.

The Joane Wantey referred to in these Records has not been identified. It is possible that this may eventually be the clue which will lead to the discovery of the parentage of the first Abraham Wantier, mentioned in the Thorney French Register.

In 1659, Abraham Wantier, then a young man, was living in the parish of Thorney. It is of course possible that he came with his fellow-refugees from Hatfield Chase, but until the lost Register of Sandtoft Chapel is brought to light the point cannot be stated with certainty. He may have been the son, or nephew, of the Jean Wantier whose house was so unceremoniously entered in 1645 by Capt. Vernatti. It has been seen, however, that about 1644 the Wantiers of Canterbury dispersed, and the dates quite agree with his being the son of Abraham and Sara Wantier of Canterbury, who between the years 1629 and 1644 had several children baptised in the Church of the Crypt, who have not been traced.† Much search has been made to ascertain the parentage of this Abraham Wantier, and if possible absolutely fix his identity, but with indifferent success. The personal effects of the Wantiers—their plate, jewels, books, &c.—of which mention is made

* Amongst the Commissioners' certificates of payments of the two first Subsidies granted to the King (Charles I.) in 1640, the names of Sir Philbert Vernatti, Abraham Vernatti and Maximilian Vernatti, and the amount they paid on account of their Lands in the Hundred of Wickford, Isle of Ely, were found during the search. This is an interesting note, and is evidence of the early date at which some of the "Participants" in the Level of Hatfield Chase removed to the Great Bedford Level.

† Several grand-children of Nicolas Wantier of La Gorgue were baptized in the Church of the Crypt, and dispersed during the troublous time of the Civil War; viz., Abraham and Isaac, sons of Alexander and Magdaline Wantier (*née* Descamps); Pierre, Aaron and Samuel, sons of Laurens and Marie Wantier (*née* Desrousseaux) and the children of Louys Wantier.

in several Wills extant, have long since vanished. One interesting relic of this period has survived the general destruction, and that is the French Prayer Book which was used by at least two of the Wantiés in the services of the Church at Thorney. It gives some details of family history, but unhappily throws no light upon the parentage or birthplace of Abraham Wantier.

This volume is simply the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, in the French language. It was printed in London, 1695, and with it is bound a metrical version of the Psalms, also in French, dated 1679. It has inscribed on the fly-leaf, in faded but distinct handwriting, as follows:—

Le livre des Prières Communes
d'Abraham de Vantier, 1696, May ye, 20.
maintenant le livre de
Jacob Wantié,
Thorneye.

On the last page the name

Henry Wanty, Sutterton,
his book, 1787.

is inscribed, and on the inside of the cover the name of “*Ann Peet*.”* Between the Prayer Book and the Psalms on a blank page there is, in manuscript, a special form of prayer to be used during the time of Persecution, written in somewhat antiquated French, as follows:—

Collecte, pour demander à Dieu les assistances de Sa grace dans le tems
de persecution.

O Dieu, qui es justement irrité contre nous et contre nos frères
 qui gemissent sous le poids de la persecution nous te supplions qu'il

*The “*Ann Peet*” whose name appears on the cover was the daughter of Henry Wanty of Sutterton, Lincolnshire, and grand-daughter of Benjamin Wanty (who was the grandson of Abraham de Vantier, of Thorney), and subsequently the mother of Major Flintham Peet, of Horbling and Holbeach. He was my father.—H.P.

te plaise d'apaiser la tempête qui les desole: pardonne leurs infidélités et tieurs, qui arrêtent le cours de tes miséricordes envers eux, & qui les exposent aux plus tristes effets de la haine de leurs ennemis: pardonne leur O bon Dieu & ne sois point irrité contre eux a jamais; ne regarde point ce que voudroit ta justice, voi seulement ce que demande ta miséricorde: defens ta cause, delivre ton peuple & beni ton heritage, aye memoire de ton alliance, & de tes promesses faites en Jesus Christ notre Seigneur, que si tu ne veux point abrégér les jours de leurs calamités & glorifier ton nom en les delivrant, O Dieu accompli ta vertu dans leurs infirmités; augmente leur foy, affermi leur esperance; enflame leur charité & les adresse et les soutien par ton esprit; si bien que considerant qu'ils souffrent pour ta cause, non seulement ils souffrent avec patience, mais même ils te glorifient en leurs tribulations: en attendant la remuneration que tu leur prepares en ton fils, qui en l'unité du St. esprit vit & regne, un seul Dieu benit a jamais, Amen.

(TRANSLATION.)

Collect, to ask of God the assistance of His grace in the time of Persecution.

"O God, who art justly displeased with us, and with our brethren who are groaning under the weight of persecution. We beseech Thee, that it may please Thee to calm the tempest which overwhelms them. Pardon their unfaithfulness and their lukewarmness which arrests the course of Thy mercies towards them, and which exposes them to the saddest effects of the hatred of their enemies. Forgive them, O good God, and be not angry with them for ever. Do not look what justice would demand, see only that which asks Thy mercy. Defend Thy cause, deliver Thy people, and bless Thy heritage: remember Thy covenant and Thy promises made through Jesus Christ our Lord, that if Thou wilt not shorten the days of their calamities, and glorify Thy name in delivering them, O God, accomplish Thy work in their infirmities: increase their faith and strengthen their hope; kindle their love, and direct and sustain them by Thy Spirit, so that considering they suffer for Thy cause, not only may they suffer with patience, but even may they glorify Thee in their tribulations: waiting for the reward which Thou has promised them through Thy Son, who in union with the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one only God, blessed for ever. Amen."

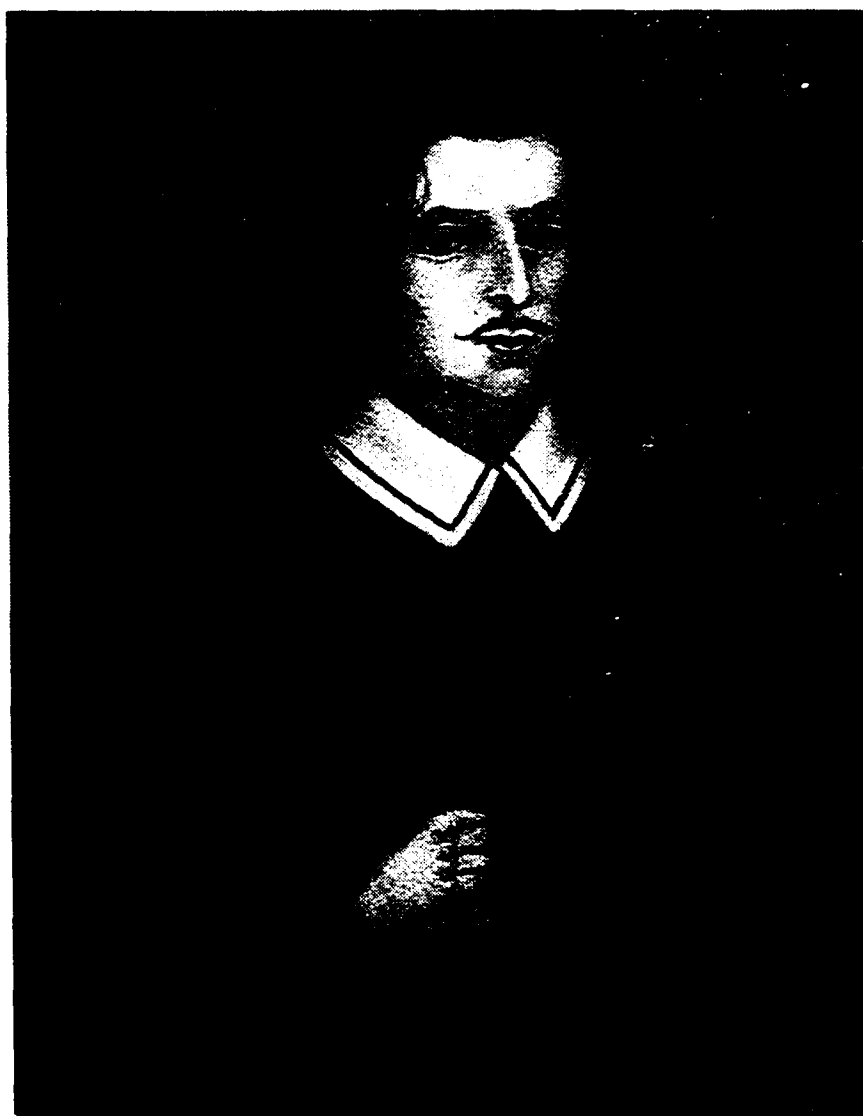
This simple yet beautiful prayer must have moved the heart of every worshipper, and vividly brought to mind the sufferings their kindred still endured, and from which many of them had but recently escaped.



The descendants of Abraham de Vantier, or Wantier.

(A.) **Abraham Wantier**, of the parish of Thorney, Cambridgeshire, married Marie, daughter of André and Perrone Clerbau (née le Noir), of the parish of Hatfield, near Doncaster, adjoining the Isle of Axholme. They had ten children, all (except David) baptised in the French Church at Thorney Abbey, as follows:—

1. **ABRAHAM**, bap. 4th Dec., 1659. Married Abigail du Bo. Two of his children—*Abraham*, bap. 23rd Dec., 1683, and *Mary*, bap. 24th Jan., 1685—are entered in the Thorney French Register. After the birth of his second child he removed to the adjoining parish of Eye, where it is presumed two other children—*Sara* and *Susanne*—were baptised. The second volume of the Eye Parish-Registers, covering the period 1665 to 1727, is lost. His Will, dated 16th Jan., 1721; proved 12th Jan., 1723. He appoints Mr. Daniel Bayley and Mr. Thos. Whitehead executors to be in full power with Abigail his wife. Bequest to daughter Sara; bequest to daughter Susan Sharman; bequest to daughter Mary Twist. To wife Abigail £40, and my daughter Sara shall let her live in the house she now dwells in. All residue to grandsons, Abraham Wanty and Isaac Wanty.



ABRAHAM DE VANTIER.

*From an oil painting (slightly damaged), formerly in the possession
of the late Jacob Marshall Wanty, Esq., of
Mount Pleasant Square, Dublin.*

His wife, Abigail Wanty, was buried at Eye, 6th June, 1729. Her Will, dated 20th May, 1729; proved 21st June, 1729. To grandson Abraham Wanty, six silver teaspoons, one large silver spoon, and one chest. To grandson Isaac Wanty, one large silver spoon. To daughter Susan Thompson, half woollen and linen. To grand-daughter Mary de Bois, chest of drawers. To grand-daughter Susan Sharman, great glass. Appoints daughter, Mary Twist, sole executrix.

Abraham Wanty (grandson of the above) died at Eye, and was buried there, 22nd Feb., 1744. Will dated 19th Feb., 1743; proved 1st June, 1745. He is described as "yeoman." To wife Susannah Wanty all the reversion after the death of Sarah Merriman (wife of John Merriman, of Eye, yeoman), his mother, of and in 16 acres of Fenn Land in Whittlesea Fenn, Isle of Ely, and county of Cambridge, commonly called "Willow Hall Land," in the tenure of Arthur Merriman, to Susannah his wife for life, and after her decease to his three daughters Sarah, Susannah and Anne.

2. ISAAC, bap. 10th Nov., 1661. Married (1) Jenne le Conte, by whom he had two children, who predeceased him—*Samuel*, bap. 1688; *Jeanne*, bap. 1689. He married (2) Susanne Vandebeck, widow of Abraham Ris. (By Abraham Ris, she had two children—*Marie*, bap. 27th Mar., 1676, and *Jacob*, bap. 26th Nov., 1677. *Marie Ris* married *Stephen le Count*, who was (probably) the cousin of Isaac Wanty's first wife.) Buried at Thorney Abbey, 27th Nov., 1705, aged 44. His Will, dated 20th Nov., 1705, proved 13th April, 1706, is an interesting document, and is here given *in extenso*.

Will of Isaac Wanty.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Isaac Wanty, of Thorney Fen, in y^e Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge, being sick and weak in body but of sound and p^rfect mind and memory, prayse be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my p^rsent last will and testam^t, in manner and form following, (that is to say) first and principally I commend my Soul into y^e hands of Almighty God, hoping through y^e Merritts death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inheritt Everlasting life, and my body I commit to y^e earth to be decently buried at y^e discretion of my Executor hereafter named, And as touching y^e temporall Estate it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth,—

First, I will y^t my debts and funerall charges shall be paid and discharged.

Item. I give unto my Brother David Wanty y^e sum of fifty pound, that is to say twenty-nine pound three shill: and sixpence that he owes me, and ten pound I am bound with him for y^e remaining part to be paid by my Executor hereafter named.

Item. I give unto my Brother Abraham Wanty y^e sum of thirty pound, y^t is to say fifteen pound y^t he ow's me and four pound that he is indebted to y^e widd: of James Tomson which I have excepted to pay, y^e remaining part to be paid by my Executor.

Item. I give unto my Brother John Bayley y^e sum of thirty pound, that is to say, tenn pound that he owes me, y^e other twenty to be paid by my Executor.

Item. I give unto my Sister Ann, y^e relict of Peter

Bayley, y^e sum of thirty pound, upon Condition that she does not Marry to her servant Will: . . . [Blank], and if it shall happen y^t such a Marriage shall be contracted, then I will and give y^e said thirty pounds to her Eldest daughter Abigall, my neice.

Item. I give unto my Brother James Wanty y^e sum of thirty pounds, and my will and meaning farther is that my Executor shall put out y^e same to Interest, and my will farther is y^t my said Executor shall dispose of y^e sum and Interest thereof for y^e use and benefitt of my said Brother James as he shall see requisite and convenient.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my dear and loveing wife the sum of three hundred pounds agreed upon in our Contract of Mariage, and alsoe thirty pounds more, with all my household goods, upon this account, that she Resigns within one year next after my decease unto my Brother Abraham Wanty all those my fifteen acres and three roods of Land lyeing and being in y^e parish of Whittlesea, within y^e Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge.

Item. I give unto y^e French Poor of Thorney y^e sum of tenn pounds.

All y^e rest and residue of my goods and Chattells whatsoever I doe give and bequeath unto my loving son Mr. Stephen Le Count, of Thorney, and I do appoint and make him my full and sole Executor of this my last will and testament, Revokeing all other wills and testaments, he payeing my Debts, Legacies and funerall charges. In witness whereof I the said Isaac Wanty to this my last will and testament sett my hand and Seale this three and twentieth day of November, in y^e fourth year

of ye Reign of or Sovereign Lady Ann, by ye Grace of
God Queen of England. Ann^q. Do^m. 1705.

ISAAC WANTÉ.

Sealed & delivered in the
p'sence off

John Le Pla

John Delarue.



In this Will there is a bequest to my "*Brother*," John Bayley. This should be my "*Brother-in-law*." As will presently appear, his sister Marie married Jean Bailleul (or Bayley), and his sister Anne married Pierre Bailleul (or Bayley). The explanation of Mr. Stephen Le Count being described as "*my loving son*" can only be accounted for by the circumstance that he was the husband of Marie Ris (Isaac Wanty's *step-daughter*). The various forms the name of "*Wanty*" assumed when written by different persons is exemplified in the case of Isaac Wanty, whose identity is established in every instance. He is baptised as "*Isaac Wantier*"; in the Register of the Baptism of his children as "*Isaac Wantié*"; throughout his Will the name is written "*Wanty*"; he subscribes himself as "*Wanté*," and his burial is entered in the Thorney *Parish* Register as "*Vantey*."

*This seal is slightly damaged, and in places the wax is but lightly indented. The *bend* is unusual, but does not appear to be a damaged *bend*. The emblazonry is as follows:—

Arms—arg. a bend coupé and pointed in the fesse point between two hearts, gules, pierced with an arrow, or

Helmet of an esquire, with mantling. *Crest*—A griffin, couard, passant regardant, or. *Motto*—Tant s'en faut.

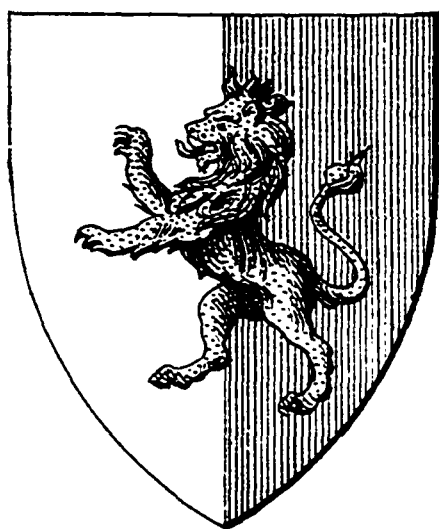
This French idiom flung at the Huguenots as a term of reproach was boldly adopted by many of them as their motto. The name *tant s'en faut* had an honourable origin. The response of the Council to the inquiry of Henri III. whether the loyalty of the Huguenot was suspect, was a prompt "*Tant s'en faut*"—*far from it*! And indeed a man of "*la Religion Pretendue Reformée*" was an ardent patriot.

In "*Armorial de Flandre*" par M. Borel d'Hauterive, vol. i. (Paris, 1856, 8vo.), Estienne Wanté, greffier et notaire royal de Gravelines, registered at Berghes as his arms:—"D'or à un arbre arraché de sinople, et un chef d'azur, chargé de deux plumes à écrire d'argent, passées en sautoir" (1696-1710).

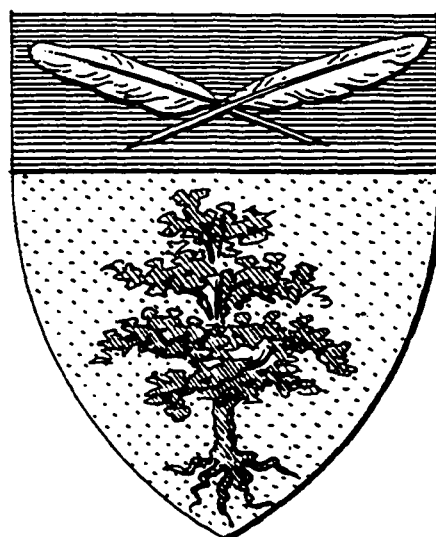
Jean Wantier, marchand à Lille, registered at Lille, his arms:—"Party, d'argent et de guenles, à un lion d'or, brochant sur le tout" (1696-1710).



ISAAC WANTY
OF THORNEY.



JEAN WANTIER
OF LILLE.



ESTIENNE WANTÉ
OF GRAVELINES.

3. DAVID. His baptism is not recorded in the French Register. He has been placed *third* on the list of Abraham and Marie Wantier's children, who mostly made their appearance at intervals of two years—David thus fills in the gap between 1661 and 1665. He married Rebecca Flahau, and lived at Eye. (A reference to the map will show that Eye was much more conveniently situated to the Willow Hall Estate than either Thorney or Whittlesey.) He was buried at Eye 5th Nov., 1737. Will dated 13th Oct. 1737; proved 12th Nov., 1737. He is therein described as "Farmer." Gives half of Farm House, with Thirty Commons in Edgerley, and Thirty Commons in Whittlesea Mear, and Thirty Bitts, and Four acres of Homestead lying in the Parish of Eye, late John de la Noy's, then in own tenure to his son David Wanty. Gives Fifteen acres of freehold Land in Wimsdale Willow Hall, in the parish of Whittlesea, in his own tenure (after the decease of his brother James Wanty), to his son David Wanty. To daughter Rebecca all clothes and other effects. Appoints his son David sole executor.

David Wanty (son of the above), of Eye, yeoman, married Mary Sharp, at Eye, 30th Nov., 1740, by license. He was buried at Eye 8th May, 1753. Will dated 1st Jan., 1753; proved 19th May, 1753. Gives to wife Mary Wanty, Sixteen acres of Land in Willow Hall, in the parish of Whittlesey, then in his own occupation, and which were late devised by Isaac Wanty, uncle to his late father David Wanty deceased, in trust for sale. To wife customary Messuage in Eye for life, afterwards to his two daughters, Mary Wanty and Sarah Wanty.

4. JACOB, bap. 9th April, 1665. No further trace—

probably died in infancy, as another child was named "Jacob" in 1674.

5. MARIE, bap. 20th Oct., 1667. Married Jean Bailleul. They had eight children, whose baptisms are recorded in the French Register at Thorney. Mentioned in her brother Isaac's Will.

6. ANNE, bap. 9th Jan., 1669. Married Pierre Bailleul. They had seven children, whose baptisms are recorded in the French Register at Thorney. Mentioned in her brother Isaac's Will. It is not known whether she contracted the *mésalliance* therein referred to as probable.

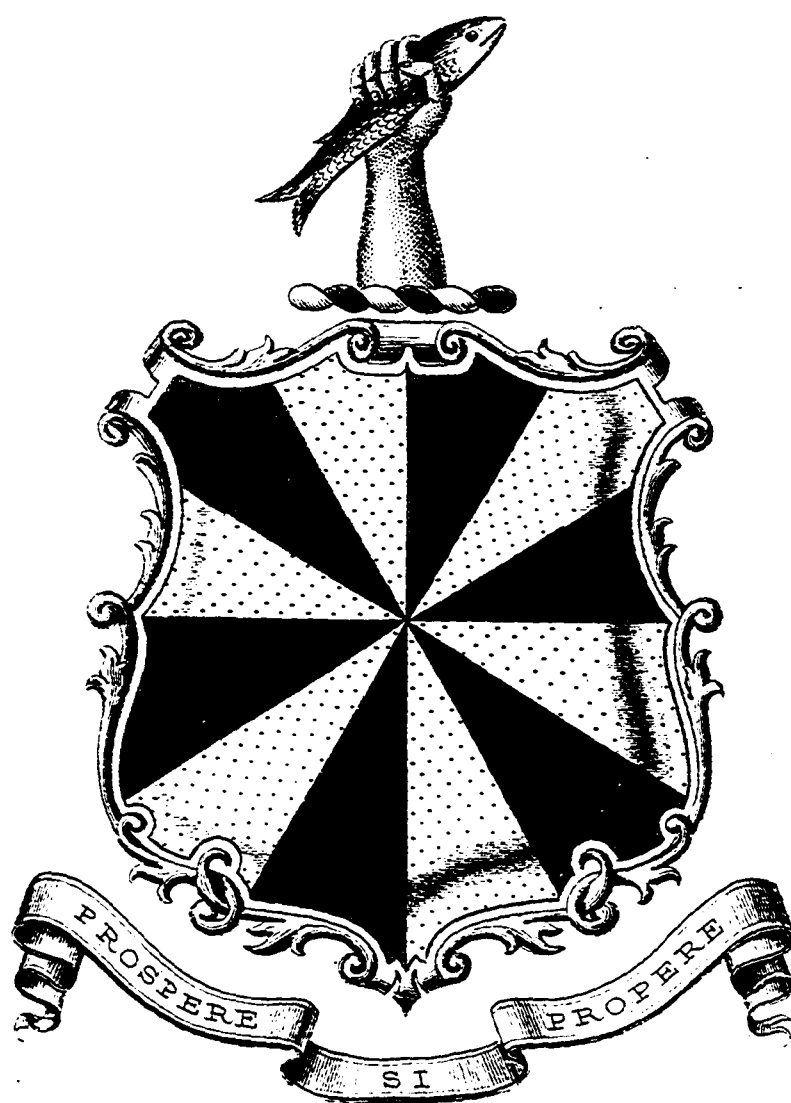
7. SUSANNE, baptised 21st April, 1672. Had as Sponsors, Jean Fauvergue and Susanne le Houc, wife of Jean Flahau.

8. JACOB, bap. 8th June, 1674. Had as Sponsors, Daniel du Bo, and Susanne Vandebeck, wife of Abraham Ris.

9. JEAN, born 18th Aug., 1676; bap. 10th Oct., 1676. Of whom presently. (See Generation B.)

10. JACQUE, bap. 3rd Nov., 1678. Mentioned in his brother Isaac's will. Living in 1705.

Before tracing the descendants of John Wanty, it will be desirable at this stage to enumerate all the Wantys whose names appear in the French Register at Thorney. Abraham Wantier had three brothers and two sisters. (1) Isaac, of whom nothing is known. He is incidentally mentioned in the will of David Wanty, the younger. (2) Jacob, who was twice married (1) Susanne Gouy, and (2) Marie le Rou. He died in 1671. His will is an interesting document, and is given later *in extenso*. (3) Jean, who married Marie de Sain. (4) Sara, married



Parson-Drove, a hamlet about four miles from Thorney, show that amongst the peasantry living in that parish between 1782 and 1825 were several bearing the name of Wanty.

Will of Jacob Wantier (1671).

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jacob Wantier, dwelling in Bassenmore in Wittlesea p'ish in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge being sicke of body but of good and p'fect memory prayesd be God I doe make and ordeyne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme as followes *First* I give and bequeath my Soule unto God my Maker and my Redeemer Jesus Christ through whose merritte I hope my Soule shall have everlasting life and the holy Ghost my Comforter. *Item* I give and bequeath to the poore of the French Congregation of Thorney. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved wife Mary the summe of Thirty pounds and my best bed wth all furniture. *Item* after all my debts shalbe paid that the remaynder shalbe equally devided in five pts (that is to say) to my well beloved wife above mentioned one fifth part and to my sonne John Wantier one fifth pte and to my daughter Sarah Wantier one fifth pte and to my daughter Mary Wantier one fifth pte and to my daughter Ester Wantier one fifth pte and apraysement to be made by fouer indifferent men wth in ten dayes after my decease of all my Goods moveable and unmovable yt it hath pleased God to lend me. *Item* I ordeyne Abraham Wantier and John Gouy supvisores of my sonne John Wantier and Sarah Wantier my daughter and to have their pt or portion payd them within three monthes after my decease or for my well-beloved wife to maintaine ym in meate drinke and apprell both Lynnen and woollen and schooling and learning as shalbe fit for children of their

condicion and to give security for ther porcons without diminishing their porcon or pt and security to be given to these abovenamed Abrahā Wantier and John Gouy. *Item* I ordeyne that my well beloved wife shalbe Executrix administratrix of this my last Will and shall have and enjoye ye portions of my two youngest daughters whilst they come to age or marriage for bringing them up in learneing and schooleing and apparells both Lynnen and woolling wth meate and drinke as shalbe fit for children of their condition. *Item* I ordeyne that in case either of my two eldest children doo decease befoure they attayne ye age of twenty one yeare or marriage yⁿ ye survivor shall have ye other porcon. *Item* in case it should please God y^t one of my two youngest shall happen to dye before age or marriage yⁿ the survivor and the mother shall her porcon equally devided. *Item* I ordeyne that in case it should please God y^t my wife should dye before she hapen to marry yⁿ the third pt of her pt shall returne to John and Sarah Wantier (y^t is to say) the third pt shall be found at ye praysemt^t wch to be wth in ten dayes after my decease and soe I have sent my hand and seale ye tenth day of Aprill In the yeare of or L^d God one thousand six hundred seaventy one

JACOB WANTIER.

Witnesse

Francis Heatenstall

his m^{ke}

Proved 20th day of August, 1671.

(B.) **John Wanty**, born 18th Aug., 1676; baptised 10th Oct., 1676, in the French Church at Thorney. Married Sara Manié (dau. of Jacob and Catherine Manié, née Holmes, bap. Thorney 14th June, 1685, and predeceased her husband). They had seven children; all,

with the exception of the youngest, were baptised in the French Church, Thorney. (1) Manee, bap. 29th Oct., 1708. (2) Jean, bap. 1st Nov., 1709. (3) Anne, bap. 28th Jan., 1710. (4) Susanne, bap. 13th Aug., 1714. (5) Jean (again), bap. 25th Jan., 1721. (6) Sara, bap. 5th Sep., 1727. (7) Benjamin, born 1730. (The French Register ends in Oct., 1727. Benjamin's birth will appear later in the "Extracts" from the Manorial Court Rolls.) John Wanty was buried at Thorney, 27th Nov., 1750, aged 74. Three children survived him. Will, dated 15th Sep., 1750, proved 15th Jan., 1752, is given below *in extenso*. He died possessed of a considerable amount of landed property lying in the Fens of the adjoining parishes of Fleet and Gedney. Some of the property was Copyhold of the Manors of Fleet Fitzwalter and Fleet Dominorum, and to this circumstance it has been possible to trace his descendants with absolute accuracy. In the Records of the Manor, preserved at Spalding, the Fines paid on each Surrender, or at the death of each individual owner, are recorded. One small parcel of land, copyhold of the Manor of Fleet Fitzwalter, which John Wanty purchased of David Lascelles, was until the year 1897 in the possession of Mr. Edwin Wanty, of Fleet Fen, the last lineal male descendant of the elder branch of the family. At his death it passed to his only child, Sara Anne, wife of Mr. James Benson, of Holbeach Drove, Lincolnshire.

Will of John Wanty.

In the Name of God, Amen. I John Wanty of Thorney Fenn in the Parish of Thorney Abby in the Island of Ely and County of Cambridge Yeoman being sick in body but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory blessed be God for the same do make and ordain this my

last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say in the First place I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator fulling trusting in a joyful Resurrection in and through the alone Merits and Mediation of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be decently interred at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named And as to the worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to prosper my Endeavours I give devise and bequeath the same as followeth and First I give and devise unto my Eldest son John Wanty all that my Messuage Homestead Farm Lands Tenements and Hereditaments situate lying and being in Fleet Fenn in the Parish of Fleet in the county of Lincoln with the appurtenances and now in the Tenure or occupation of Robert Sims to hold unto my said son John Wanty his Heirs and assigns for ever. Also I give and bequeath unto my said son John Wanty the sum of Five Pounds of lawful Money and also the Sume of One Hundred Pounds which is due to me from him on Note the said Five Pounds to be paid unto him within Twelve months and the said Note to be delivered up unto him by my Executor immediately after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Jacob Usil the son of my daughter Maney now the wife of John Pank the sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid unto him when he shall attain his age of Twenty-one years and if my said Grandson depart this Life before he attains his said age of Twenty-one years then I give and bequeath the said Ten pounds unto my said Daughter Maney Pank his Mother and my Will and Mind is that the Interest of the said Ten Pounds shall be received for the use of my said Executor until the said Legacy shall become due and payable Also I give and bequeath unto

my said Grandson one silver Pint Mugg marked with the Letters "B.W." to be delivered unto him within one Month next after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my said eldest Son John Wanty one Silver Pint Mug marked with the letters "I.W." to be delivered unto him within one month next after my decease. Also I give and devise unto my younger Son Benjamin Wanty all that my Messuage and four acres of Land and Pasture thereunto belonging situate lying and being in Fleet Fenn aforesaid and by me purchased of David Lascells and also my Six acres and Three Roods of Lands lying in Gedney in the said County of Lincoln to hold unto him my said Son Benjamin his Heirs and assigns for ever, but if it shall happen that my said son Benjamin Wanty depart this Life under age and without Issue of his Body then and in such case I give and devise the said Premises unto my said Grandson Jacob Usill and to the Heirs of his Body and in Default of such Issue then I give and devise the same to my said Daughter Maney Pank her Heirs and assigns for ever. All the Rest of my Estate both real and personal of what nature or kind soever I give devise and bequeath unto my youngest son Benjamin Wanty and do make him whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament he paying my Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses and bringing my Body decently to the Ground and I hereby desire Everard Buckworth of Spalding in the said County of Lincoln, Esquire to advise and assist my Executor in his affairs and for his Pains therein I give him the sune of Five Pounds and Five Shillings of lawful Money and Lastly I do hereby revoke and make null and void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made and do declare this present Writing consisting of one sheet of Paper to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my

hand and Seal this fifteenth Day of September in the year
of our Lord 1750. JOHN WANTY.

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator himself as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who set our Names as Witnesses hereto in the Presence of the said Testator.

John Bullen. Millisent Cosh (her mark).

Sarah Wells (her mark) Servant to the Testator.

(Affidavit by John Bullen, of Spalding, gentleman, one of the witnesses as to erasures in the above Will.)

Proved 15 January, 1752, by the Executor named.

Of the three children who survived him—

1. MANEE (spelled *Maney* in his Will, and *Manee* in the baptismal Register, but as she was given the maiden surname of her mother, it should be *Manié*), married (1) Jacob (?) Usille, by whom she had one son, *Jacob*; (2) John Pank.

2. JOHN.* He inherited lands in Fleet, which his father purchased in 1716, copyhold of the Manor of Fleet Dominorum. He sold them in 1760. He also inherited Lands in Fleet Fitzwalter Manor. John died at Fleet, aged 58, in somewhat reduced circumstances. Buried in Fleet Churchyard, 26th Jan., 1779.

3. BENJAMIN, born 1730, of whom presently. (See Generation C.)

This will be a convenient place in which to give extracts from the Rolls of the two Manors.

*In *Fleet Parish Register* I find the following entries, which may refer to this John Wanty:—

Nov. 14th, 1762. Married, John Wanty, widower, and Anne Brown, widow.

Feb. 26th, 1781. Married, Robert King, widower, and Anne Wanty, widow, and in *Holbeach Parish Register* this entry:—

Nov. 28th, 1761. Buried, Mary, wife of John Wantey.

Manor of Fleet Dominorum.

1751, April 15. At this Court the Homage presented that John Wanty, or tenant had died.

1752, April 15. At this Court John Wanty son and heir-at-law to John Wanty deceased was admitted Tenant to certain lands which hereditaments the said John Wanty, the father, had and took up to him and his heirs at a Court Baron held in and for the said Manor on the 9th day of April 1716 upon the surrender of Wm. Ivett and Esther his wife, and Wm. Ivett the son of the said Wm. and Esther.

1760, April 14. John Wanty surrenders these Lands to John Garland of Wisbech.

Manor of Fleet Fitzwalter.

1715, Oct. 29. Surrender to John Wanty of Thorney, from (name not decipherable).

1716, Oct. 29. Surrender from John Wanty to Veasy.

1738, April 10. John Wanty surrenders to the Use of his Will.

1752, April 15. At a Court then held for the said Manor John Wanty brought into Court Copy of the Will of John Wanty of Thorney Fen dated 15 Sep. 1750.

1753, June 26. At a General Court Baron of Thomas Burrell, Esq., Lord of the said Manor, &c. . . . At this Court came Benjamin Wanty and brought the last Will of John Wanty his late Father deceased under the Seal of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, bearing date 15 Sep. 1750 the tenour whereof as to the premises is in the words following "Also I give and devise to my younger son Benjamin Wanty all that Messuage and four acres of Land and pasture situated in Fleet purchased of David Lascelles, &c." And the said Benjamin Wanty being

upwards of *twenty-three years of age* was admitted thereto.

At the same Court Benjamin Wanty surrendered a Messuage and Four acres of customary Land in Fleet Fen between Lands of Joseph Rolls, South, Lands of Christopher Davis, North, abutting upon New Fen Drove, West, and Fleet Eau, East.—To the use of the said Benjamin Wanty and Ann his wife late Ann Baker, spinster, to the use of the heirs of the body of the said Ann by the said Benjamin Wanty her husband begotten, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Benjamin Wanty.

1807, July 16. At this Court came Benjamin Wanty of Fleet, in the county of Lincoln, the eldest son and heir-at-law of Henry Wanty deceased, who was the eldest son and heir of the body of Benjamin Wanty and Ann his wife, formerly Ann Baker, both sometime since deceased and humbly prayed the favour of the lord of the said Manor that he by right of inheritance might be admitted Tenant of and to all that one Messuage or Tenement and Four acres of Land, more or less, lying and being in Fleet aforesaid in the Fen there between the Lands now or late of Joseph Rolls on the South, and the lands now or late of Christopher Davis on the North abutting upon New Fen Drove towards the West and on Fleet Eau towards the East of which Premises the said Benjamin Wanty deceased died seized and to which said Premises the said Benjamin Wanty deceased was admitted Tenant at a Court Baron holden of the said Manor on June 26th, 1753, and also to all such allotment or allotments as hath or have been allotted, assigned, set-out or awarded to the said Benjamin Wanty deceased and Ann his wife or either of them in respect of the same Premises by the Commissioners appointed in and by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 34th year of the Reign of his present Majesty entitled “An Act for Dividing, Allotting and

Enclosing the Common Drovers and Waste Lands in the Parish of Fleet," and for altering an Act of Parliament passed in the 33rd year of his present Majesty for Draining, Preserving and Improving certain Lands lying in the several Parishes of Spalding, including the hamlets of Cowbit and Peakhill, Weston, Moulton, Whaplode, Holbeach, Fleet, Gedney, Sutton St. Mary's and Sutton St. Nicholas otherwise Lutton all in South Holland in the county of Lincoln to which said Benjamin Wanty now present in Court the lord of the said Manor did grant and deliver seizin of the said Messuage, Lands and Premises to hold to him the said Benjamin Wanty his heirs and assigns at the Will of the lord according to the custom of the said Manor by such Rents and services as were formerly due and of right accustomed saving to every one their better right, and he paid to the lord a Fine for his entry, as in the margin, and he was admitted Tenant thereto and his Fealty is respited and so forth.

And immediately afterwards at this same Court the said Benjamin Wanty in his own proper person surrendered by the Rod by the hands and acceptance of his said Steward into the hands of the lord of the said Manor according to the custom thereof all and every the Messuages or Tenements, Lands, Hereditaments and Premises by him holden of this Manor to for and upon such uses intent and purposes as already here or hereafter shall be mentioned expressed and declared of and concerning the same in and by the last Will and Testament in writing of him the said Benjamin Wanty.

Examined with the Rolls by me,

CHAS. BONNER, Steward of the said Manor.

1 Nov., 1813.

1820, *May 15*. Benjamin Wanty, of Fleet Fen, surrendered certain Lands to William Marshall Wanty of Sutterton.

1827, *April 23*. The Homage presented that Benjamin Wanty had died since last Court (Ap. 26, 1824) and that they knew not his heir.



(C.) **Benjamin Wanty**, born 1730 (see Manorial Court Rolls), married Ann Baker. He inherited considerable landed property from his father, and lived at Crowland, where his three children were born, and baptised. Their births are recorded in a Family Bible, until recently in the possession of the late Mrs. Henry Wanty, of King's Lynn, now in the possession of Mr. Henry Peet, F.S.A., J.P., of Liverpool. Their baptisms will be found in the Parish Register of Crowland Abbey. He died at the age of 26, and was buried with his fathers at Thorney Abbey, 18th Aug., 1756. Will dated 16th Aug., 1756; proved 20th Nov., 1756. Gives £20 and a silver tankard marked "B.W." and two silver spoons to his son John, but if he dies under 21 to his son Jacob, if he dies under 21 to his son Henry. Appoints his wife Ann Wanty sole executrix and gives her all goods, chattels, livestock, &c. The landed property in which she had a life interest was settled on their marriage.

Issue of Benjamin and Ann Wanty (née Baker).

1. **HENRY**, born 24th Dec., 1752; bap. 30th Jan., 1753, at Crowland Abbey; died at the age of 35; buried 8th Dec., 1788, in Sutterton Churchyard. Married Catherine Marshall, 10th Nov., 1772, at Brothertoft, near Boston, Lincs. They had a large family, all entered in the Family Bible. Four of his children survived him,

of whom presently (Generation D.). His widow married (secondly) Christopher Burrill, of Algarkirk. She died 19th Jan., 1838, aged 84.

2. JOHN, born 14th Aug., 1754; bap. 3rd Sep., 1754, at Crowland Abbey. He lived at Swineshead, and died (probably) a bachelor.

3. JACOB, born 8th March, 1756; bap. 21st April, 1756, at Crowland Abbey. Married Ann Peet (dau. of Richard and Ellinor Peet (née Torrington), of Horbling, Linc.), 11th June, 1778, at Swineshead Parish Church, by whom he had a large family. From this marriage the American branch of the Wanty family is descended. (See Generation E, page 50.) He died aged 67; buried at Swineshead, 11th April, 1823. His widow died at Donington, aged 81; buried at Swineshead, 23rd April, 1840.

(D.) **Henry Wanty**, married Catherine Marshall. They resided for about a year at Brothertoft, and then removed to Hollingbourn, in Kent, returning to Lincolnshire, to Sutterton, where ten of their children were born and baptised. The following four were married, the others dying in infancy:—

1. BENJAMIN, born 24th Dec., 1773; bap. at Brothertoft, 24th Jan., 1774. Married, 30th Aug., 1814, at Fleet, Elizabeth, dau. of Abraham Brackenbury, of Gedney-Clarks-Hill. Died 1826; buried Will dated 15th Dec., 1825. He had one son *Edwin Wanty*, bap. 27th April, 1815, at Gedney Hill; died 6th April, 1897. Married, 28th Aug., 1838, at Gedney Hill, Jemima, dau. of Thomas Disdel, of Sutton St. Edmund's (she died 9th Mar. 1891). Edwin Wanty had one daughter, Sarah Ann, born 7th July, 1839.



HENRY WANTY.

1805-1875.

From a photograph in the possession of the Author,

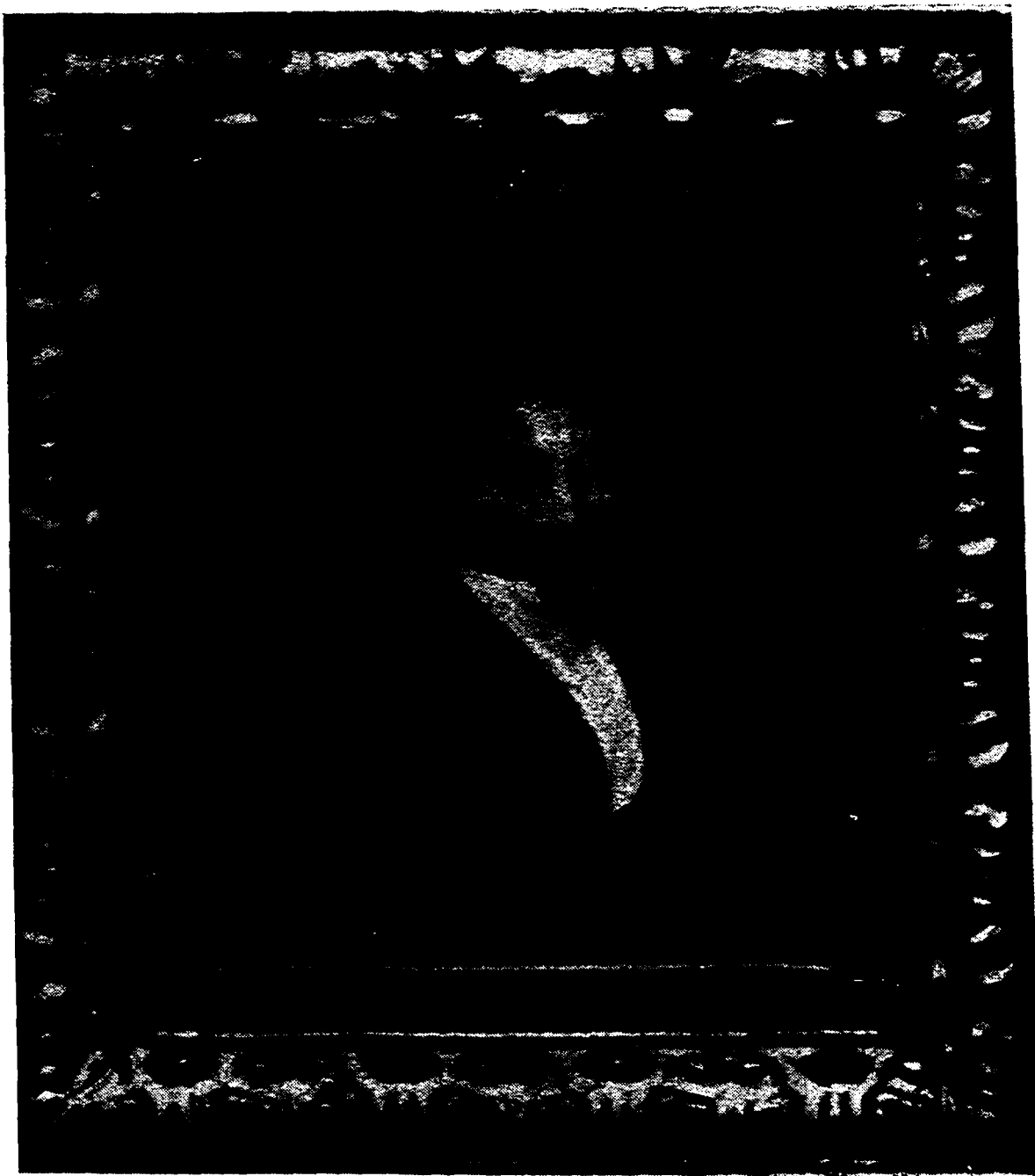
Married, 6th June, 1861, James Benson, at Fleet Church, have issue.

2. WILLIAM MARSHALL, born 16th Jan., 1775, at Hollingbourn, in Kent; died 14th Feb., 1846, aged 71; buried at Sutterton. Married Ann Cook, 13th June, 1801, at Sutterton. (She died 17th Sep., 1859, aged 82; buried at Sutterton.) He had three children—(1) *Henry*, bap. 16th April, 1805, at Sutterton, of whom presently. (2) *Frederick John*, bap. 11th Jan., 1807, at Sutterton; married, 20th July, 1829, Ann Garner, at Sutterton; died Feb. 17, 1843, aged 36, leaving one son—Frederick Love Wanty. (3) *Isabella*, died in infancy. Will dated 18th July, 1844; proved 20th June, 1846. Gives to his son Henry large silver Cup marked “W.M.W.,” also my Books except such as my wife Ann Wanty may select. I give all my Meadow Lands in Sutterton purchased of Mr. Wakefield to my said son Henry and his heirs. All the rest and residue of my Lands, Messuages, Cottages, Tenements and hereditaments in Sutterton as well Freehold as Copyhold I give and devise to my Trustees Upon Trust to pay the rents and profits unto my wife Ann Wanty during her Life, in bar of dower, but so as she may not anticipate the same. Directs that no Lands shall be ploughed or dug up, no Wood, Timber of growing Trees felled or taken down. After decease of Wife then all to my son Henry Wanty and his heirs, subject to the payment of £60 to my grandson Frederick Love Wanty. All personal estate to wife absolutely, who is appointed sole executrix.

Henry Wanty (son of William Marshall and Ann Wanty, née Cook) married Mary Ann Jarvis, at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. He died without issue, at King's Lynn, 15th Sep., 1875. Will dated 9th March,

1862; codicil 26th June, 1865; proved 12th Sep., 1876. "Of Gaywood, King's Lynn, gentleman." Directs that he be interred in the Churchyard of Sutterton, his native place. Gives his Freehold Meadow Lands in Sutterton; house and copyhold Lands in Sutterton; house, tenements and lands in Burnham Westgate and Burnham Sutton; house in Union Lane, King's Lynn; two houses in Victoria Street, South Lynn; Lands and house in Tilney-cum-Islington; and house in which I now reside to wife Mary Ann Wanty her heirs and assigns for ever. Gives all other his Lands and hereditaments situate in Sutterton, both Freehold and Copyhold, which were devised to him by the Will of his late Father to his Trustees upon trust to pay the annual income to his wife during the term of her natural life, and after her decease, upon trust to pay the annual income to his Nephew Frederick Love Wanty during the term of his natural life, without power of anticipation, and after the death of Frederick Love Wanty, or upon the determination of his life interest, for all and every the children or child of the said Frederick Love Wanty, but in case there shall be no child or lineal descendant of the said Frederick Love Wanty living at the time then he devises the said Lands, &c., to Henry Peet, son of Major Flintham Peet, of Holbeach, his heirs and assigns absolutely. Directs that no lands shall be ploughed or timber felled, and all buildings kept in substantial repair. Gives large silver family Cup marked "W.M.W." to nephew Frederick Love Wanty. Gives £50 to said Henry Peet. Residue of personal estate to wife absolutely.

3. ANN, born 14th Aug., 1778; died 13th Feb., 1847,



JACOB MARSHALL WANTY.

1784—1868.

*From an oil painting presented to the Author by the late Mrs. Henry Wanty,
of King's Lynn.*

at Holbeach; married John Peet, of Horbling (son of Richard and Ellinor Peet, née Torrington), 2nd Dec., 1801, at Sutterton. They had two sons—(1) *Henry*, died in infancy. (2) *Major Flintham*, born 13th July, 1806; bap. 3rd July, 1807, at Horbling. [For descendants of Major Flintham Peet, see page 49.]

4. JACOB MARSHALL, born 26th Jan., 1784; bap. 15th March, 1784, at Sutterton; died 1st April, 1868, aged 84; buried Mount Jerome, Dublin. Married, 18th Aug., 1838, at St. Michan's, Dublin, Elizabeth Geoghegan, widow (née Richardson), sister and heiress of Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Richardson, of East Pallant, Chichester, Sussex. [She died 15th April, 1867, aged 77; buried Mount Jerome, Dublin. Will dated 1st Sep., 1854; proved 13th June, 1867. Life interest to her husband, then all to her son William Marshall.] Jacob Marshall Wanty when a young man became private secretary to the Earl of Kildare. At an early age he received a valuable appointment in the War Office, Dublin Castle, which necessitated his residence in the Irish Capital during the greater portion of his long life. His family is now extinct.





The Peet Family of Horbling.*



BEFORE tracing the descendants of Jacob and Ann Wanty (née Peet), this will be a suitable place to give some brief genealogical details relating to the Peet family of Horbling, with which the Wantys were doubly connected. A son (John) and a daughter (Ann) of Richard and Ellinor Peet intermarried with the Wantys. Ann Peet married Jacob Wanty (son of Benjamin and Ann Wanty, née Baker), and her brother John Peet married Ann Wanty (daughter of Henry and Catherine Wanty, née Marshall). For nearly 250 years the Peets have resided at Horbling. Anterior to the Civil Wars they are found at Grantham, Woolsthorpe, Denton, and other neighbouring Lincolnshire villages, and across the Trent in the county of Nottingham at Edwalton, Plumtree, Lenton, Bunney and Nottingham. Some 65 wills of various members of the family are preserved in the Consistory Courts at Lincoln and York, which establish an almost unbroken descent from John Pete, who died in 1478, down to John Peet of Horbling, who married Mary Chevin, 23rd Jan., 1682. Their eldest son, John—bap. 21st Dec., 1684—married (1) Elizabeth Atley, by whom he had three sons. Two died in infancy; James, bap. 1st Jan., 1714, survived. John Peet married (secondly) Ann Marriott, 8th May, 1718, by whom he had three children,

* See "Ancestors and Descendants of Major Flinham Peet," privately printed, 1885, and *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, vol. ii., p. 91; also *Proceedings of Huguenot Society*, vol. iii., page 381.

who survived him. The youngest, Richard—bap. 22nd April, 1731—married, 31st Jan., 1758, Ellinor, daughter of John and Ellinor Torrington, née Flintham. (Ellinor Flintham was the daughter of Thomas and Ann Flintham, descended from the ancient family of Flintham of Flint-ham, county Nottingham.)

Richard and Ellinor Peet had three children—(1) Ann, bap. 11th June, 1759, married Jacob Wanty, at Swineshead, 11th June, 1778 [for issue and descendants, see Generation E, page 50.]; (2) John, bap. 8th May, 1764, married Ann Wanty, at Sutterton, 2nd Dec., 1801; and (3) Hannah, died in infancy.

John and Ann Peet (née Wanty) had two sons—(1) Henry, died in infancy; (2) Major Flintham, born at Horbling, 13th July, 1806; bap. 3rd July, 1807; died at Holbeach, 1st March, 1885, aged 79. Major Flintham Peet married (1) Ann Sharpe—no issue. (2) Harriet, daughter of James and Elizabeth Aldgate (née Giles), of Holbeach, 20th June, 1835. (3) Judith, daughter of Richard and Ann Burnett (née Hunter), of Holbeach, 15th April, 1851, at Fleet Church. By his second wife he had issue, as follows:—(a) Major Flintham Peet, born 22nd April, 1836. Married, at Holbeach, 31st Aug., 1864, Caroline, dau. of George and Harriet Tinsley. (b) Martha Peet, born 31st Dec., 1843. Married, at Holbeach, Robert Merry, J.P. (son of Robert and Elizabeth Merry (née Lee), of Littleport, Cambs.). (c) Harriet Peet, born 31st Dec., 1847. Married Joseph Henry, son of George and Rebecca Donington (née Ogden), at Holbeach, 27th Oct., 1869. Major Flintham Peet, by his third wife, had one son—Henry Peet, F.S.A., J.P., of Liverpool; born 16th April, 1856, at Holbeach. Married Charlotte, dau. of William and Fanny Tinsley (née Pitts), at Holbeach, 18th Sep., 1878.

(E.) Descendants of Jacob and Ann Wanty (née Peet).

Jacob and Ann Wanty had eleven children, all born and baptised at Swineshead. They were all buried in Swineshead Churchyard except two—Eleanor and Benjamin Peet. Six died in infancy.

Eleanor, bap. 14th Feb., 1780; buried 18th Dec., 1784, aged 5.

Richard Peet, bap. 4th Jan., 1782; buried 29th Nov., 1784, aged 3.

John, bap. 29th Aug., 1783; buried 10th Sep., 1783.

Ann, bap. 5th Nov., 1784; buried 18th Dec., 1784.

Richard, bap. 24th March, 1786; buried 23rd Sep., 1866, aged 80. (E. 1.)

Eleanor, bap. 23rd Aug., 1789. (E. 2.)

John Henry, bap. 26th June, 1791; buried 19th Aug., 1791.

John Henry, bap. 4th Dec., 1792; buried 3rd April, 1853, aged 60. (E. 3.)

Ann Rebeckah, bap. 5th April, 1795; buried 23rd May, 1798.

Samuel, born and bap. 10th Dec., 1797; buried 5th June, 1868, aged 70. (E. 4.)

Benjamin Peet, born 1st Sep., 1800; bap. 3rd Sep., 1800; died 19th May, 1878, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, U.S.A., aged 78. (E. 5.)

(E. 1.) **Richard Wanty**, married four times—(1) Sarah , by whom he had one son, JOHN, who married, and it is believed died at Swineshead, leaving issue. (2) Ann Dixon, of whom presently. (3) Maria Butheway; married 18th June, 1846, at Swineshead—no issue. (4) Ann Holmes, widow, aged 64; married 3rd Feb., 1859, at Swineshead—no issue. He married his second wife, Ann Dixon, at Swineshead, 27th Nov., 1816

(she was buried at Swineshead 13th May, 1845, aged 58), and by her had issue, three children who died in infancy, and

JANE WANTY, born 13th Oct., 1828; bap. 18th Oct., 1828, at Swineshead. Went to America on sailing ship "Vanguard." Arrived in New York 18th April, 1853. Married in New York, 25th April, 1853, Joel, son of John and Sarah Bolsover (née Rose), of Hope, Derbyshire (born 3rd Oct., 1829; died 17th Dec., 1899, aged 70), and had issue—(i.) *Emily Bolsover*, born 12th Mar., 1855, at Brooklyn, N.Y. Married, at Jersey City, 30th Nov., 1882, Henry, son of Samuel and Charlotte Wyatt. (ii.) *Edward Charles Bolsover*, born 24th March, 1857, at Dunkirk, Wisconsin. Married, at Hoboken, New Jersey, 4th June, 1889, Louise Freeman White (born 6th April, 1867, at Hoboken), daughter of George W. White, jun., and Mary, his wife (née Gillespie). Had issue—(a) Evelyn, born 2nd June, 1890, at Hoboken. (b) Edward Charles, born 2nd Feb., 1892, at Hoboken. (c) Harold Stanley, born 14th July, 1894, at South Orange, N.J. (d) Claudia Emily, born 18th Mar., 1897, at South Orange. (e) Rosamund Vere, born 5th Mar., 1901, at Maplewood, N.J. Mrs. Jane Bolsover living (1901) at Maplewood, now in her 74th year.

(E. 2.) **Eleanor Wanty**, married William Whittington. They had two sons—(1) JACOB, born at Donington; married Fanny Thorpe, of Swineshead, and lived at Frampton. (2) JOHN, born at Donington; married and lived for many years at Stamford; was classical tutor in one of the Public Schools.

(E. 3.) **John Henry Wanty**. Married, 18th May, 1817, at Swineshead, Rebecca Harwood (she died 29th Nov., 1870, at Sibsey, Lincs.), by whom he had twelve children

(three died in infancy—Elizabeth, Sarah Jane and Samuel), all born and baptised at Swineshead.

1. BENJAMIN WANTY, bap. 3rd April, 1818. Married, 16th Feb., 1843, at Donington, Sarah Bates, of Bicker (both living, 1901, at Donington). Had issue—(i.) *John William*, unmarried. (ii.) *Elizabeth*, married, 16th Feb., 1874, at Donington, William Eve Beech (he died 1886). (iii.) *George*, born 18th May, 1852; was twice married, and had issue. (iv.) *Sarah Ann*, married, at Eastbourne, James Barnsdale, widower. (v.) *Charles*, married, at St. Clement Danes, London, Emily Ralph, of Deal. (vi.) *Martha*, unmarried.

2. ELEANOR WANTY, bap. 19th Dec., 1819; living at Grimsby 1901. Married, (1) 14th May, 1845, at Spalding, Thomas Kime. (2) 19th Feb., 1890, at Grimsby, Edward Harris—no issue. By her first husband she had five children. (i.) *Mary*, born at Swineshead; married Thomas Maskelyn. (ii.) *John*, born 4th Mar., 1846, at Hundleby; died 13th Sep., 1868, at Hull. (iii.) *Richard*, born 2nd April, 1847, at Louth; married, 10th Feb., 1868, at Spilsby, Harriet Taylor. (iv.) *Thomas*, born 12th June, 1852, at Hundleby; married, 6th Jan., 1873, at Spilsby, Julia Laming. (v.) *James*, born 23rd Jan., 1856, at Hundleby. Went to America in 1873. Married, 1st May, 1882, at Milan, Michigan, Charlotte Wanty, his cousin. Have issue (see page 53.)

3. JOHN WANTY, born 23rd Nov., 1821; bap. 25th Nov., 1821; died 22nd April, 1887, at Toronto, Canada. Married, at Bicker, Lincs., Martha Bates (born at Bicker, 11th Aug., 1820; died 13th Jan., 1898, at Toronto), by whom he had seven children. (i.) *William*, born 3rd July, 1849, at Boston; married 26th Oct., 1875, at Toronto, Carrie Elizabeth Atkinson (born 31st

Dec., 1852, at East Bloomfield). Had issue—two children, died in infancy. (ii.) *Rebecca*, born 23rd Nov., 1851, at Bardney; living 1901, unmarried. (iii.) *John Thomas*, born 20th Aug. 1852; died at sea 23rd July, 1854. (iv.) *Mary Bates*, born 2nd June, 1855, at Durham, Quebec; married, 27th June, 1878, at Toronto, Elijah Smiley Dayman (born 18th Mar., 1851, at Beamsville, Ontario). Have issue—(a) Edward Dayman, died in infancy. (b) Albert Edward Dayman, born 3rd June, 1881, at Toronto. (c) Florence Emma Dayman, born 20th April, 1884, at Toronto. (v.) *Elizabeth*, born 1st April, 1858, at Bradford, Ontario; living 1901, unmarried. (vi.) *Sophia*, died in infancy. (vii.) *Emma*, died in infancy.

4. RICHARD PEET WANTY, born 10th Nov., 1825; bap. 19th Nov., 1825. Married, 15th May, 1848, at Spilsby, Elizabeth Swinn. Went to America in 1873; both living (1901) at Milan, Michigan, U.S.A. Had issue; several died in infancy. (i.) *Mary Ann*, born 24th Feb., 1850, at Halton, Lincs.; married, 11th May, 1873, at Milan, Samuel Swain (he died 6th May, 1885). Had issue—(a) Samuel James Swain, born 27th July, 1874. (b) Mary Jane Swain, born 20th Sep., 1879; married, at Milan, 14th Dec., 1899, Henry Newling; have issue one son, Walter Henry Newling, born 13th Sep., 1900. (c) Charlotte Swain, born 20th July, 1882. (d) Neva May Swain, born 6th June, 1884. (ii.) *Charlotte*, born 24th Nov., 1851, at Halton; married, 1st May, 1882, at Milan, her cousin, James Kime; had issue—(a) John Jay Kime, born 19th July, 1884; (b) Elmer Kime, born 1st Nov., 1887. (iii.) *Eliza*, born 4th Jan., 1854, at Halton; married, 25th May, 1873, at Milan, William Robbins. Have issue—(a) Richard Myron Robbins, born 13th June, 1876; married, 14th April, 1897, Mary Finney;

have one son, William Charles Robbins, born 17th Nov., 1898. (b) Charles Albert Robbins, born 19th Aug., 1878; married, 26th Oct., 1899, Emma Oelka. (c) Jennie Maud Robbins, born 14th April, 1880; married, 7th Aug., 1900, John Oelka. (iv.) *Maria*, born 22nd Feb., 1858, at Halton; married, April, 1874, at Milan, John Finch. Have issue—(a) Albert Finch, born Dec., 1875; (b) Verney Finch, born Nov., 1877. (v.) *Peet*, born 11th June, 1860, at Halton; married, 4th Jan., 1893, at Milan, Frances Stevens. (vi.) *Rebecca*, born 28th March, 1863, at Halton; married, 20th Sep., 1881, at Milan, John Belcher. Have issue—(a) Verner Belcher, born 17th June, 1885; (b) Hazel Belcher, born 10th April, 1889. (vii.) *Frederick*, born 1st Dec., 1865, at Halton; married, 2nd Mar., 1892, at Scofield, Monroe County, Agnes Kerr. Have issue—(a) Theron Wanty, born 19th Dec., 1893; (b) Robert Wanty, born 12th May, 1898. (viii.) *Ben*, born 30th April, 1874, at Milan; married, 28th Nov., 1895, Bertha Agnes Calhoun. Have issue—(a) Clayton Wanty, born 6th Aug., 1899.

5. WILLIAM WANTY, bap. 4th Nov., 1827; died 4th Feb., 1847; unmarried.

6. JAMES SMITH WANTY, born 5th June, 1831; bap. 16th June, 1831; died 21st Nov., 1890. Married Elizabeth Woodcock; have issue, one daughter—*Ellen*.

7. HENRY WANTY, born 18th Aug., 1832; bap. 16th April, 1833 (generally known as *William Henry Wanty*); living (1901) at Milan. Married, 6th Jan., 1861, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Mary Ann Patchett. Had issue, all except their first child born at Augusta, Michigan. (i.) *Mary Kate*, born 7th Nov., 1861, at Oshkosh; unmarried 1901. (ii.) *Samuel*, born 9th Nov., 1865; married, 30th Nov., 1891, at Augusta, Minnie Wil-

loughby. (iii.) *Henry*, born 26th Sep., 1867; married, 24th Dec., 1892, at Augusta, Rosella Murry. Have issue—(a) Murry Wanty. (iv.) *Elizabeth*, born 1st Oct., 1869; married, 26th Dec., 1892, at Augusta, John Murry. Have issue—(a) Harold Murry; (b) Grace Murry. (v.) *William*, born 20th Sep., 1871; married, 26th June, 1901, at Whittaker, Michigan, Anna Osborn. (vi.) *George*, born 23rd Dec., 1873. (vii.) *Harry*, born 17th Dec., 1875. (viii.) *John*, born 1st Nov., 1877; married, 1st Oct., 1900, at Augusta, Mabel Cooper. (ix.) *Susan*, born 16th Sep., 1879. (x.) *Nellie*, born 16th Mar., 1883. (xi.) *Don*, born 24th Sep., 1884. (xii.) *Carl*, born 14th Oct., 1886.

8. ANN WANTY, born 18th Aug., 1835; bap. 6th Sep., 1835. Married, 24th July, 1860, at Swaby, Lincs., Thomas Twigg (born 29th Jan., 1836, at South Thorsby; living 1901), and had issue—(i.) *Elizabeth*, born 27th April, 1861, at Biscathorpe, Linc. (ii.) *Harry*, born 20th Dec., 1862, at Biscathorpe. (iii.) *Emma*, born 15th Nov., 1864, at Biscathorpe; married, 22nd April, 1895, at Milan, Michigan, Jonathan Wardle. Had issue—(a) Rowland Percy Wardle, born 2nd Sep., 1896; (b) Stanley Rockford Wardle, born 16th Mar., 1898. (iv.) *Maria*, born 22nd Feb., 1866, at Swaby; married, 15th April, 1890, at Grimsby, Alfred Clemmit. (v.) *Carrie*, born 6th Nov., 1870, at Swaby. (vi.) *Joseph*, born 21st Feb., 1872, at Swaby; married, 23rd Sep., 1899, at Grimsby, Jane Hardy. (vii.) *Florence*, born 10th Dec., 1873, at Swaby; married, 28th July, 1900, at Homerton, Frederick Ballard. (viii.) *William*, born 6th June, 1875, at Swaby. (ix.) *Herbert*, born 5th Sep., 1877, at Swaby.

9. FREDERICK WANTY, born 2nd Nov., 1841; bap.

2nd Jan., 1842. Married (1), at Pinchbeck West, Lincs., 2nd Oct., 1866, Elizabeth Hind, of Rippingale, Lincs. (She died 5th Feb., 1873; buried at Pinchbeck West.) (2) Alida Blakeslee, widow—no issue. (3) At Tilsonbury, Canada, 29th Dec., 1898, Mary Ann Swinn, widow (née Robinson) no issue. By his first wife he had three children. (i.) *Elizabeth Martha*, born 12th July, 1868, at Pinchbeck West; married 22nd Aug., 1885, Wallace Durkee. Have issue—(a) Fred Durkee; (b) Glenn Durkee; (c) Iva May Durkee; (d) Eunice Durkee. (ii.) *Sarah Jane*, born 6th Mar., 1870, at Pinchbeck West; married, 4th June, 1885, at Stony Creek, Michigan, Aaron Richard Finch. Have issue—(a) Clifford Finch, born 21st Feb., 1888; (b) Theron Finch, born 20th Mar., 1893. (iii.) *Thirza*, died in infancy.

(E. 4.) **Samuel Wanty**, married, at Swineshead, 24th Dec., 1829, Hannah Ward, of? Derbyshire (born 11th Oct., 1803), and had issue—

1. ELIZABETH WANTY, died in infancy.

2. EDMUND WARD WANTY, born 16th Oct., 1830; bap. 21st Oct., 1830, at Swineshead, Lincs.; died 13th Jan., 1892, aged 61. Went to America in sailing ship "Vanguard," 1853. Married, 10th May, 1855, at Christ Church, New Brighton, Staten Island, N.Y., Elizabeth Dearden, of Bury, Lancashire (born 20th Mar., 1835; died 3rd Dec., 1894), and had issue—(i.) *Mary Hannah*, born 25th Feb., 1856, at New Brighton, Staten Island; married, 11th Oct., 1882, at New Brighton, John James, son of Nicholas James Wood, of New Springfield, S.I. (born 13th Oct., 1856, at New Springfield). (ii.) *Edward*, born 1st July, 1858, at New Brighton; married, 3rd June, 1880, at St. Paul's

Memorial Church, Edgewater, S.I., Sarah Bonnetta, daughter of (Judge) Albert Ward,* by his wife Catherine Ursula (née Parker), and have issue—(a) Edward Ward Wanty, born 20th April, 1881, at New Brighton; (b) George Albert Wanty, died in infancy; (c) Bonnetta Beatrice Wanty, born 15th May, 1884, at New Brighton; (d) Samuel Merrit Wanty, born 7th Feb., 1892, at Tompkinsville, S.I. (iii.) *Samuel*, died 10th June, 1880, aged 19. (iv.) *Joseph Ward*, born 1st April, 1870, at New Brighton; married, at 373, Richmond Terrace, New Brighton, 26th Feb., 1895, Sara Ellen Warren (born 17th Aug., 1870, at New Brighton), daughter of John Clement Warren and his wife Susannah (née Hartley). Have issue—(a) Elizabeth Wanty, born 17th Sep., 1900, at New Brighton.

(E. 5.) **Benjamin Peet Wanty**, married, 29th April, 1823, at Swineshead, Susannah Gibson. (She was buried at Swineshead, 11th Oct., 1852, aged 54.) Went to America on sailing ship "Vanguard," 1853. Settled at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Had issue—

1. **JACOB WANTY**, bap. 11th April, 1824, at Swineshead. Went to America in 1840. Settled at Oshkosh. Died 4th July, 1890. Married, 2nd Oct., 1849, at Oshkosh, Sarah M. Bennett, and had issue—(i.)

* The pedigree of the Ward family will be found in "*History of Westchester County, by Revd. Robt. Bolton, 1881.*" Andrew Ward, of Watertown, Massachusetts, freeman, 1634, accompanied the first settlers to Connecticut, and was elected a Magistrate in 1636. Removed to Long Island in 1643. From him descended the Hon. Stephen Ward, Judge of the county of Westchester, born 27th Feb., 1730, died 8th Dec., 1797. His son, Caleb T. Ward, married.....? and had issue:—Mary Mann Ward, and Albert Ward (Judge), born 1815; died 28th Oct., 1878, at Eastchester, N.Y., married Catherine Ursula Parker (born 22nd Sep., 1825, at Curacoa, West Indies. Living 1901). Judge Albert Ward built St. Paul's Memorial Church, Edgewater, Staten Island, "to the glory of God and in memory of his sister Mary Mann Ward." His youngest daughter, Sarah Bonnetta Ward, married Edward Wanty. The Arms of the Ward family are stated to be—*az. a cross patonce*, or. CREST, *a wolf's head, erased* or. Motto—*non nobis solum*.

Susannah, born 25th Aug., 1850, at Winnebago; died 12th June, 1894; married, 24th Mar., 1874, at Winnebago, Hilary Rhymer. Had issue—(a) Jacob Rhymer, born 15th April, 1877, at Oshkosh; (b) Anna Rose Rhymer, born 24th Sep., 1883, at Oshkosh. (ii.) *Gibson*, born 12th July, 1852, at Winnebago; married, Jan., 1893, at Buena Vista, Wisconsin, Mary Poley. (iii.) *Nelson*, born 15th Sep., 1854; married Amelia L. Schunck, at Oshkosh, 17th Oct., 1895. Had issue—(a) Earl Eugene Wanty, born 21st Nov., 1897, at Oshkosh; (b) Raymond A. Wanty, born 20th June, 1899, at Oshkosh. (iv.) *Harriet*, born 16th Nov., 1856; married 30th Oct., 1881, at Buena Vista, Charles R. Fletcher. Had issue—(a) Pearl Fletcher, born 2nd Aug., 1884; (b) Roy Fletcher, born 4th Aug., 1886; (c) Nary Fletcher, born 8th July, 1891; (d) Raymond Fletcher, born 8th Jan., 1894. (v.) *Emily*, born 12th Jan., 1859; married, 4th July, 1881, George Fletcher. Had issue—(a) Eugene Fletcher, born 21st April, 1882; (b) John Fletcher, born 14th Oct., 1884; (c) Clair Fletcher, born 5th Feb., 1886; (d) Mildred Fletcher, born 2nd April, 1887; (e) Ward Fletcher, born 19th July, 1891; (f) George Fletcher, born 23rd Oct., 1895; (g) Earl Fletcher, born 23rd Aug., 1897; (h) Ruth Fletcher, born 21st Aug., 1899. (vi.) *Jacob*, born 20th Jan., 1861; married, 24th July, 1901, at Oshkosh, Jennie Bradley. (vii.) *Alfred*, born 17th Jan., 1863; married 20th March, 1889, at Stockton, Portage county, Wisconsin, Isabel Ryan. Had issue—(a) Alfred Wanty, born 2nd Jan., 1891; (b) Maggie Wanty, born 6th Oct., 1892; (c) Thomas Wanty, born 8th Feb., 1895; (d) Winifred Wanty, born 17th Mar., 1897; (e) John Wanty, born 24th May, 1900. (viii.) *Julia*, born 9th May, 1865; married 15th Nov., 1892, at

Plover, Portage county, Irven C. Newby. Had issue—
 (a) Lloyd Newby, born 29th Sep., 1893; (b) Grant Newby, born 14th April, 1895; (c) Grace Newby, born 18th Feb., 1897; (d) Lynn Newby, born 16th Nov., 1899.

2. ANN WANTY, bap. 9th Oct., 1825, at Swineshead. Married John Pierson, of Swineshead.

3. WILLIAM WANTY, bap. 17th July, 1827, at Swineshead. Went to America in 1842. Settled at Oshkosh. Married, 1st March, 1881, at Omro, Winnebago, (Mrs.) E. P. Gratton.

4. SAMUEL WANTY, born 22nd Feb., 1829; bap. 22nd Nov., 1829, at Swineshead; died 22nd Feb., 1859, at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Married, 22nd Feb., 1853, at Holbeach, Lincs., Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Proctor (née Steel). She was born at Holbeach, 12th April, 1829; living (1901) at Grand Rapids. They both went to America in 1853 on sailing ship "Vanguard." Had issue—(i.) *Henry Gibson*, born 22nd Dec., 1854, at Detroit, Michigan; married, 26th Sep., 1893, at Martin, Allegan County, Michigan, Isabella, daughter of David and Mary Wylie (née Montieith). (ii.) *George Proctor*,* born 12th March, 1856, at Ann Arbor; married, 22nd June, 1886, Emma Nichols (born 28th July, 1851, at Kent, Michigan). Have issue—(a) Helen Wanty, born 22nd Aug., 1887, at Grand Rapids; (b) Thomas Cooley Wanty, born 4th Sep., 1889, at Grand Rapids.

*Hon. George Proctor Wanty has had a successful and distinguished career at the American bar. In 1900 he was appointed, by the President of the United States, a Federal Judge for the Western District of Michigan. An appreciation of his brilliant literary and legal attainments appears in *The Michigan Alumnus* for April, 1900. His wife is the daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Nichols (née Winslow). Mary Ann Winslow was the daughter of Dr. Jason Winslow, a lineal descendant of Edward Winslow, who went to America on the *Mayflower*, and was Governor of Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts.

5. JANE GIBSON WANTY, bap. 4th Sep., 1833, at Swineshead.

6. GIBSON PEET WANTY, bap. 22nd March, 1836, at Swineshead; died in infancy.

7. REBECCA GIBSON WANTY, bap. 3rd June, 1837, at Swineshead. Went to America in 1853 on sailing ship "Vanguard." (Living, 1901, at Buena Vista, Wisconsin.) Married, 12th Nov., 1854, at Oshkosh, Nathaniel Bennett. Had issue—(i.) *Mariett*, born 5th Nov., 1855; married, 5th Nov., 1881, Pete Barrett. (ii.) *Nellie*, born 20th May, 1862; married, 6th Feb., 1884, Irven C. Newby; died 14th May, 1890.



PEDIGREE OF WANTY FAMILY.

