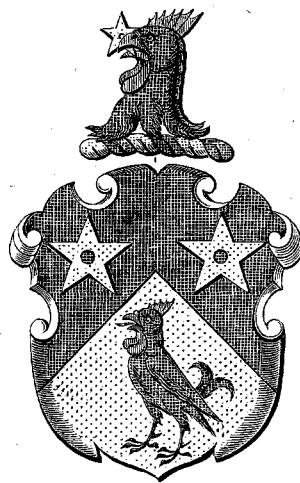


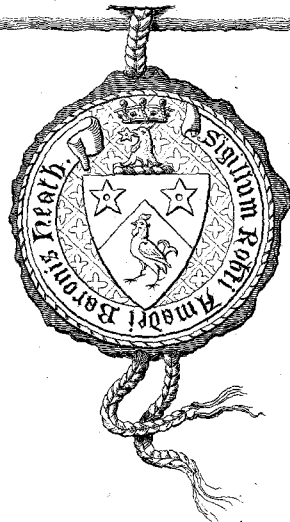
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OF THE FAMILY OF
HEATH;
ESPECIALLY OF THE DESCENDANTS
OF
BENJAMIN HEATH, D.C.L., OF EXETER.



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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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THE following pages result from an accidental circumstance connected with the death, in January, 1879, of Baron John Benjamin Heath. It is, as is well known, the custom of the President of the Royal Society at its Annual gathering to communicate the names of the Fellows who have died since the last Meeting. Baron Heath was an old Member of the Society, and the President, desiring some biographical information to accompany the notice of his death, applied to me. I placed him in communication with my friend Baron Robert Amadeus Heath, who supplied the information required, and, in the course of our many conversations on the subject, I found that the Heath family came from Devonshire, which led me to mount my hobby, and investigate the family history in connection with that County. The information at starting, was meagre and very fragmentary, but it became eventually sufficiently full and interesting to induce me, at my friend's request, to put it into a narrative form for the information of the present members of the Heath family and its surviving connections. At the same time I prepared, with the assistance of the Baron as regards the modern portion, the Tabular Pedigree which will be found in the Appendix, showing the connection between the various branches of the family and their several descendants.

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Heathiana.

IF the old chronicler of Devonshire Worthies had lived to record those who flourished in the Eighteenth century, the name of HEATH would doubtless have appeared in his pages in the persons of BENJAMIN HEATH, D.C.L., and of his nephew JOHN HEATH, Justice of the Common Pleas; both of them natives of Exeter, officially connected with that city, and men in themselves of no inconsiderable mark in their day.

The family from which these worthies sprung was not of old Devonshire root; nor have I been able to connect them with the families of the same surname who flourished in London, Kent, and Surrey.

The first of the name that I find established in Exeter was THOMAS HEATH (the grandfather of Benjamin Heath, D.C.L.), who had apparently migrated to the West of England, as the ancestors of the Barings did, induced to do so by the then flourishing state of the woollen market; in the trades * connected with which, he and his family embarked. He resided in Exeter in the parish of Holy Trinity, as I find from the Parochial Registers of that parish, which also disclose the christian name of his wife as "Mary," by whom he had several children, viz., Thomas,† Caleb, Abraham, Benjamin, and Sarah,‡ who are recorded in the *Tabular Pedigree* A (Appendix, p. xiii).

BENJAMIN HEATH (the fourth son) was a Fuller and Merchant of the city of Exeter,§ where he was born about the year 1672, and died on the 28th of May, 1728, at the age of 56, having married ELIZABETH KELLAND, of whom I find nothing

* Upon reference to the Records of the "Corporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen" of Exeter, it appears that several members of the family of Heath were Freemen and prominent members of that Company. The first of the name recorded as a "Weaver" was Thomas Heath, who was admitted a Freeman in 1655, whilst a second of the same Christian name became a Freeman in 1672, and held the position of Warden of the Guild from 1678 to 1680.

† Thomas Heath, the eldest son, also resided in the parish of Holy Trinity, and by his wife "Sarah" had, besides other issue, Staplehill Heath, who was the father of John Heath, who in 1751 took the surname of DUKE, by Act of Parliament, 24, Geo. II., and who for fourteen years represented Honiton in Parliament; further particulars of him will be found on page 20 (footnote †), as also in the Appendix, p. xii. where a copy of his Mon. Inscn. is given, together with an Abstract of his Will, and of the Will of his widow Susannah. See also *Tabular Pedigree* A (Appendix, p. xiii).

‡ It appears from the Parochial Registers of Holy Trinity, Exeter (Appendix, p. x.) that Caleb and Sarah were twin children, born 1st February, and baptized 5th June, 1664, and it will be seen by the Will of his brother Benjamin (Appendix, p. xi.) that Caleb was dead in 1725, having left sons and daughters, who were at that date alive. Abraham (the third son of Thomas and Mary Heath) is stated in the baptismal register of Holy Trinity to have been born on the 22nd October, 1666.

§ Benjamin Heath was admitted in 1692 a Freeman of the Corporation of Weavers, &c., of which he was Warden in 1700.

beyond the record of her burial at St. Leonard's* then a Suburb but now part of the City, of Exeter, in October, 1723. Benjamin Heath appears to have died possessed of landed property at Tiverton where he owned a portion of the Manor of Pool Anthony, which he had purchased of Sir William Windham, as also the moiety of the Manor of Little Rackenford, all of which he devised by his Will to his son Benjamin.

Benjamin Heath and Elizabeth Kelland had three sons, BENJAMIN, THOMAS, and KELLAND.

I. BENJAMIN HEATH, their eldest son, of whom I shall treat hereafter.

II. THOMAS HEATH, the second son, born about 1705, was a Merchant of Exeter. He was admitted a Freeman of the Weavers Company in 1730, and filled the Municipal Offices of Sheriff in 1732 and Mayor in 1738 and 1749.† Unfortunately for the success of his business, Mr. Heath, who, like his brother Benjamin, was a distinguished classical scholar, applied himself to literary researches, greatly to the detriment of his mercantile affairs. In 1756 he published "An Essay towards a new English version of the "Book of Job," London, 4to., and he was preparing a new edition of the Psalms when he died 5th July, 1759, aged 54, and was buried at St. Leonard's,* on the 12th July, 1759, having been thrice married, the first time at St. Leonard's,* on the 19th December, 1730, to ANN PYNE, probably the daughter of Philip Pyne, of an Exeter family of great respectability, whose representative, in 1678-9, was Malachi Pyne, Member of Parliament for Exeter. Her married life lasted six years; she was buried at St. Leonard's* on the 29th December, 1736, having been the mother of

I. JOHN HEATH, who followed the profession of the Law. Dr. Oliver‡ writes that he was "endowed by nature with quickness of apprehension, accuracy of discrimination, and strength of judgment, "and that he added to those qualities that unwearied diligence "and ardour of zeal which must ever ensure and command "professional distinction." Of John Heath's early career I do not find any particulars. He was a Member of the Inner Temple, where he was admitted in 1759, and was called to the Bar in June, 1762.§ In 1766 he held the office of Town Clerk of Plymouth, but he was in that year (almost immediately after his uncle Benjamin's death) elected Town Clerk of his native city; and on the 25th September, 1779 (having previously, in 1775, been made a Serjeant-at-Law), he was appointed Recorder of Exeter, but resigned that office in the following year on his appointment, *vice* Mr. Justice Blackstone, deceased, as Justice of the Court of Common Pleas,§ an office which he continued to hold until his death, which took place at Park House, in the parish of Hayes, Middlesex, on the 16th of January, 1816.||

Mr. Heath owed his elevation to the Bench to the friendship of

* See Appendix, p. ix, for Extracts relating to the Heath family taken from the History of the Suburban Parish of St. Leonard, Exeter, 8vo., Exeter, 1873, by Mr. Robert Dymond, who furnished me with the entries from the Parochial Registers of Holy Trinity Church, in Exeter, which will be found in the Appendix, p. x.

† A portrait of Thomas Heath, three-quarter length, in Mayor's robe, seated, painted by Hudson, was exhibited at Exeter in a collection of Portraits of Departed Worthies of Devon, in connection with the meeting of the Royal Archaeological Institute, held at Exeter in July and August, 1873, and was lent by Rev. J. Gattey.

‡ The Reverend George Oliver, D.D., the learned antiquary of Devonshire, in addition to his valuable published works, contributed to the local journals many biographical notices of eminent men connected with the County, and amongst them appeared brief memoirs of several members of the Heath family, of which I have availed myself in compiling these pages.

§ See Foss's Lives of the Judges, vol. viii., p. 301.

|| The Parish Register of Hayes records that he was buried 27th January, 1816, and that he was 80 years of age; but on a flat stone placed near the north door in the parish church is inscribed—"Here lieth the remains of John Heath, Esq., 37 years one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. Obiit 23rd

Lord Thurlow ; he was a Judge of the Draconian* type ; but in private life he was kind, charitable, and good natured. He was peculiar in some of his opinions, and amongst other somewhat eccentric acts, he refused to accept the honour of knighthood, which is usually conferred on all who are raised to the Judicial Bench. On his death, Sir Samuel Shepherd, as representing the Bar, expressed in the Court of Common Pleas the following testimony to the legal and moral character of Mr. Justice Heath:—
 “ Nobody (said he) had a higher respect for the opinions and
 “ character of the learned Judge than myself ; and nobody
 “ more sincerely regrets his loss. I owe it to my own feelings to
 “ say that I always considered him to be an able and upright
 “ Judge, as well as a worthy and valuable man, and I am
 “ convinced that in declaring these sentiments of respect for
 “ his memory, I have the concurrence of all my brethren of the
 “ Bar. My duty required from me such a tribute to the learned
 “ Judge, when the mention of his name furnished the opportunity
 “ of paying it : and I feel a pleasure in the act.”†

An interesting article on the Judge will be found in “ Notes and Queries” (3rd series, vol. ii., p. 11), written by Mr. R. W. Blencowe, the son of a neighbour living at Hayes, and who personally, as a young man, knew the Judge at his father’s house, where he states that Mr. Justice Heath was a welcome guest, full of anecdote, chiefly of a professional cast ; but his stories were sometimes more racy than refined (as was the custom of the time). Mr. Blencowe writes, that if the Judge’s “ sentences were severe, he was, as a friend and neighbour, charitable and good natured.” This latter quality was put to the test on one occasion, when, having hired four black horses to take him the Home Circuit, a day or two before he started some thieves cut off all the hair from the horses’ tails. The Judge, more amused than irritated, sent to a barber for false tails, which answered the purpose very well. A lady congratulating him on having so many old servants, he replied, that there was not one of them who would not leave him directly if he could get three guineas a year more wages.

A portrait of Mr. Justice Heath, in Judge’s robes, painted by Reinagle, was exhibited at Exeter in 1873, lent by Rev. J. Gattey.

His niece, Mary Heath (a daughter of his half-brother, Malachi Pyne Heath), married Mr. Edward Gattey, who subsequently held the office of Town Clerk of Exeter, and to whom,

“ January, 1817 (*sic*) ætatis 85.” *Notes and Queries*, 3rd series, vol. ii., p. 11. I have not found his Baptismal Register, and am therefore unable to decide as to the correct date.

* Referring to the inequality of our system of criminal justice, Lord Campbell (Chancellors, vol. vi., p. 154) writes that Mr. Justice Heath acted on principle in his severe sentences, and used to hang in all capital cases, because he knew of no good secondary punishments. Said he, “ If you imprison at home, the criminal is soon thrown upon you, hardened in guilt. If you transport, you corrupt infant societies, and sow the seeds of atrocious crimes over the habitable globe. There is no regenerating of felons in this life, and for their own sake as well as for the sake of society, I think it better to hang.” When sitting in the Crown Court at Gloucester, he asked a lying witness from what part of the county he came, and being answered “ From Bitton, my Lord,” Heath exclaimed : “ You do seem to be of the Bitton breed ; but I thought I had hanged the whole of that parish long ago.” Bitton, from its proximity to the Forest of Dean Collieries, was an extremely lawless place. In the three years previous to April, 1786, ten persons from Bitton had been hanged. The gang to which they belonged kept the neighbourhood in so much dread that people used to pay them an annual sum not to rob them ; some paid five shillings, others half-a-guinea, which was regularly collected at Lansdowne Fair.

† See an article on Mr. Justice Heath’s judicial qualities and conduct in *Fraser’s Magazine*, vol. vi., p. 427.

according to Mr. Foss, the Judge, by his Will, gave a legacy of twenty thousand pounds.

- II. BENJAMIN HEATH, baptized at Holy Trinity Church, Exeter, 19th December, 1732;* buried at St. Leonard's, 18th January 1736.†
- III. WILLIAM HENRY HEATH, baptized at Holy Trinity Church, Exeter, 8th November, 1733;* buried at St. Leonard's on the 11th of the same month.†
- IV. WILLIAM HEATH, buried at St. Leonard's 20th December, 1736.†

After the death of his first wife, THOMAS HEATH married *secondly* ANNA MARIA, a daughter of John PYNE. They were married in 1737 (the marriage license is dated 14th October, 1737), and she was buried at St. Leonard's, on the 16th February, 1753;† having given birth to six children, viz. :—

- I. MALACHI PYNE HEATH, of Lympton, who was baptized at Holy Trinity, Exeter,* 1st September, 1743, and died in 1786,|| having married and had issue :—

- I. JOHN PYNE HEATH, who was a Barrister, and died unmarried, on the 25th December, 1800.

- II. THOMAS HEATH, who was buried at St. Leonard's, 1st March, 1793.†

- 1. MARY, who was married at St. Sidwell's Church, Exeter, on the 17th June, 1794, to EDWARD GATTEY, Solicitor, Exeter, who was Chamberlain of the City in 1795; and Town Clerk from 1814 to 1836. His portrait, in the Town Clerk's gown, painted by Reinagle, was exhibited at Exeter in 1873; lent by Rev. J. Gattey. Mrs. Gattey died at Lympton, near Exeter, where her husband had a residence, on the 6th February, 1811, leaving issue. *Tabular Pedigree A* (Appendix, p. xiii).

- II. THOMAS HEATH, baptized at Holy Trinity, Exeter, 3rd August, 1749.*

- III. WILLIAM HEATH, buried at St. Leonard's, 27th October, 1751.†

- 1. ANNA MARIA, baptized at Holy Trinity, Exeter, 14th March, 1745;* buried at St. Leonard's, 2nd December, 1746.†

- 2. ANNA MARIA, baptized at Holy Trinity, Exeter, 16th February, 1747.*

- 3. MARIA, baptized at Holy Trinity, Exeter, 19th December, 1751,* and who married Mr. CHARLES DEVON.

Mr. THOMAS HEATH married a *third* wife, ANNE GANDY. The marriage took place‡ at Kenn, near Exeter, on 17th July, 1753; but by her he had no issue. She was buried at St. Leonard's, 9th April, 1754.†

III. KELLAND HEATH, who was the third son of Benjamin Heath and Elizabeth Kelland, married a lady whose maiden family name was PIERCE, by whom he appears to have had a son and two daughters, viz. :—

- I. BENJAMIN HEATH, æt. 8 in 1742, and who married LANE.

- 1. HANNAH, who married SMITH of Bombay. She died in India, in November, 1774, leaving no issue.§

* Par. Reg. Extracts, Holy Trinity, Exeter. (Appendix, p. x.)

† Par. Reg. Extracts, St. Leonard's, Exeter. (Appendix, p. ix.)

‡ Par. Reg., St. Paul's, Exeter. (Appendix, p. ix.)

§ Letter, Miss Elizabeth Heath to John Heath, 24th May, 1775.

|| Letter, Miss Elizabeth Heath to John Heath, 10th Decr., 1786: "Our cousin Malachi died of an apoplexy two months ago. He has left two sons and a daughter."

2. **MARY**, who, about 1768, married Thomas **MALKIN**, a silversmith, of London,* by whom she had a son, who distinguished himself in the literary world, viz. :—

BENJAMIN HEATH MALKIN, LL.D., born about 1770,* who became Head Master of Bury School, and was the author, amongst others, of the following works, viz. :—

Essays on Subjects connected with Civilization. London: 1795, 8vo.; The Scenery, Antiquities, and Biography of South Wales, from Materials collected during two Excursions in the year 1803. London, 4to., 1804. 2nd Edit. 1807; 2 vols., 8vo. Classical Disquisitions and Curiosities, Critical and Historical. Cambridge, 8vo., 1830.

Dr. Malkin married and had issue. *Tabular Pedigree A* (Appendix, p. xiii.)

I now revert to **BENJAMIN HEATH**, the eldest son of Benjamin Heath and Elizabeth Kelland, who was born in 1703. The Heath family appear originally to have been Nonconformists, as it was not until after the death of his father that the subject of my Memoir was baptized according to the rites of the Church of England, at St. Leonard's Church, on the 11th October, 1729,† he being then 26 years old. He was admitted a Freeman of the Weavers Company in 1725, and was elected Town Clerk of Exeter, in succession to Mr. Henry Gandy, on the 23rd of March, 1752, an office which he held with great credit to himself, as an excellent man of business and a good lawyer, for fourteen years, until the date of his death on the 13th of September, 1766, at the age of 63 years.

In 1763, he published "The Case of the County of Devon with respect to the "Consequences of the New Excise Duty on Cyder and Perry," and it is said to have been in great measure owing to Mr. Heath's exertions in the matter, that three years later the tax upon Cyder was repealed.‡

His picture, § full length in wig and Town Clerk's gown, painted by Robert Edge Pine, is in the Guildhall at Exeter, and was placed there after his death by a Resolution of the Corporation, "to perpetuate his memory, and to testify the obligations of the "Corporation to his great abilities and unwearied attention to the office of Town Clerk."

Benjamin Heath was not only eminent as a lawyer, but as a scholar few have surpassed him in classical attainments, as is evidenced by his "Criticisms on the Metre of

* "Our cousin Polly, of London, was married about Christmas (1768) to Mr. Malkin, a Stock-broker and Silversmith, of Bow Lane." *Letter, Miss Elizabeth Heath to John Heath, 25th February, 1769.*

In a further letter to her brother John, dated 16th June, 1770, Miss Elizabeth Heath writes :—"Your last letter was sent me from Mrs. Malkin's,—that cousin that you want to know so much who she is, 'tis one of my uncle Kelland's daughters that has always lived in London, you must have heard your "Cousin Polly" mentioned; her sister Hannah, you may remember to have seen at our house, she is married to a Mr. Smith, in Bombay. I was with them when I first went to London, and always promised my cousin a visit when she was married and settled in a house of her own, which she has now for about two years to a very worthy good-natured man of the name of Malkin, a Silversmith and Exchange Broker. They had a son born while we were there, and seem to live very comfortably. As to giving you a list of all our cousins 'tis impossible, for we don't know half of them. They are innumerable in France and Switzerland, and very plenty in Exeter; but we have no other first cousins except my cousin the Counsellor and his two sisters and brother Malachi; you cannot have forgotten them."

† Par. Reg. Extracts, St. Leonard's, Exeter. Appendix, p. ix.

‡ Besides other public acknowledgments for his strenuous endeavours for the repeal of the Cyder Act, Mr. Heath received the thanks and freedom of the Borough of Plymouth. See also footnote (*) to page 15.

§ This picture was a copy by Pine of one which, at the Town Clerk's death, was in his dining room, as we find from Miss Heath's letter to her brother John, of 2nd November, 1766 :—"My cousin John [afterwards Mr. Justice Heath] is chosen Town Clerk in the room of our dear father,—he intends living in Exeter, and his sisters are to be his housekeepers. The Chamber have desired to have papa's picture

the Greek Tragic Poets," 4to., 1752; in acknowledgment of the literary value of which work the University of Oxford, by diploma dated 31st March, 1752, conferred on him the Honorary Degree of D.C.L. He also published in 1740 an "Essay towards a demonstrative proof of the Divine Existence, Unity and Attributes of God," and in 1765 a "Revisal of Shakespeare's Text."

Independently of the published works to which reference has been made, the learned Town Clerk prepared various works, which evidence in a striking manner his great classical knowledge and erudition, of which his descendants may well be proud. The following MSS., all in Benjamin Heath's charmingly neat and clear handwriting, are now in the possession of his great-grandson, Baron Robert Amadeus Heath :—

1. *Spicilegium Virgilianum seu Notæ ad Virgilii Editiones Burmannianam et Martynianam.*
2. *Euripides Recensitus Castigatus et Illustratus ad Supplementum Editionum Kingianæ et Barnesianæ.*
3. *Lectiōnum Antiquarum Pars Prima sive Lectiōnes Catullianæ ad Editionem Cantabrigiensem. A. 1702 adornatæ. Autore Dexiade Ericio Iscano Dumnoniensi.*

In this latter work the following Dedication, with the quaint signature he adopted as a Latin equivalent for Benjamin Heath, to his friend Dr. Richard Mead, is inserted, and a fac-simile of the original illustrates these pages :—

Viro amplissimo atque Ornatissimo
Omni Eruditionis genere præstantissimo,
Omnium in unoquoque genere Eruditorum Mæcenati eximio,
Tantumque non unico,
RICARDO MEAD, M.D.,
Hunc qualemcunque Libellum
Ea, qua par est, veneratione ac reverentia inscribit,
Privatum hoc grati animi Testimonium,
Ob publica sua in rem literariam merita,
Quibus omnes Literarum Cultores sibi in æternum devinxit,
Exstare cupiens
Dexiades Ericius.

4. *Lectiōnes Tibullianæ. Dexiadis Ericii.*
5. A Supplement to the new edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's works, being a further Attempt to restore and explain the Original Text.

Of the literary merit and value of the last-mentioned work, there exists independent and valuable testimony conveyed to Mr. John Murray, in a letter from the late John Forster, than whom, from his knowledge of the dramatic literature of Queen Elizabeth's time, no one was more competent to form an accurate judgment. Mr. Murray had been consulted by the late Baron Heath as to the publication of the Notes, and it is to be regretted that the taste of the present day for Beaumont and Fletcher was considered to be so lukewarm as to lead to the conclusion that, valuable as they are, the Notes would not sell in sufficient number to cover the expense of publication. Mr. Forster's letter to Mr. Murray was as follows :—

"to put up in the Guildhall, and Mr. Pine is to draw it at full length from that which was in the dining room." The picture was engraved by J. Dixon, in mezzotint; the plate measures 18½ in. high by 14 in. wide. Miss Heath mentions it in her letter to her brother John of 25th February, 1769 :—"The prints of my father's picture are finished, and we expect them down next week. Mr. Pine thinks they are very like, and I hope we shall find them so." It does not, however, appear that the print was altogether satisfactory, for in a letter of 19th August, 1769, she writes :—"I wish it was a more pleasing likeness." A reduction of this print illustrates these pages. On the original mezzotint the portrait is described as being that of Benjamin Heath, *L.L.D.*, which is a Cambridge degree, whereas the degree was conferred upon him by the University of Oxford, and was that of D.C.L.

Viro Amplissimo atque Ornatissimo,
Omni Eruditionis genere præstantissimo,
Omnium in unoquoque genere Eruditorum Mæcenati eximio,

Tantumque non unico,

Ricardo Mead, M.D.

Hunc qualemcumque Libellum

Ea, qua par est, veneratione ac reverentia inscribit,

Privatum hoc grati animi Testimonium,

Ob publica sua in rem literariam merita,

Quibus omnes Literarum Cectores sibi in æternum devinxit,

Existare cupiens

Dexiades Ericius.

Fac-simile of Dedication by Benjamin Heath, D.C.L., to Dr. Richard Mead of his
unpublished Notes on Catullus.

An interesting family picture of the wife of the Town Clerk, and of his young family* was painted by Robert Edge Pine, and is now (1880) the property of Admiral William Andrew James Heath, C.B., of London. Mrs. Heath was naturalized by a special Act of Parliament. Her husband refers to the fact in the following characteristic letter addressed in June, 1762, to his eldest son Benjamin. The letter runs thus, and except the omission of a short paragraph, in which he gives some medical advice to his son, is literally as follows :—

“ Exeter, 28th June, 1762.

“ Dear Ben,

“ My present retirement at Teignmouth has been the occasion of your not receiving my answer to yours of the 20th instant by the return of the Post. I have just written to Mr. Mann to pay you £30 either personally, if you call on him in London, or in discharge of a Draught of yours if it should be more convenient for you to receive the money before you leave Cambridge. If you draw, it should not be at less than Ten days after sight, but if you call on Mr. Mann he will make no difficulty of paying down the money immediately. Whatever scheme you resolve upon for your Journey, I think you ought by no means to fail taking Eton in your way, and even staying there at least one night in order to preserve a place in Dr. Barnard's memory, and remind him, though by your Presence only, and by the respect implied in such a visit, of the kind intentions he has professed towards you. Mr. Betham, who accompanied your Provost in his late journey to this part of the kingdom, assured several of my acquaintance that it was looked upon at Kings as a thing certain that you would be called up by Dr. Barnard to succeed Mr. Young who would quit his assistant's place for an Irish Deanery about Christmas next, about which time I observe by your letter you expect to take your Degree, which I suppose would be considered as a necessary Preliminary. My expectations, however, were not too highly raised by this intelligence, as I apprehended the stride too large to be taken at once, and are now almost vanished after the assurance you give me that they were founded in an Imagination which has not the least Foundation. Your enquiry, however, whether Dr. Barnard has mentioned anything of this kind to me, which in truth he has not, would incline one to believe that you yourself have not quite abandoned all Hope of this Event taking place.

“ I hope you have had the good luck of finding Mr. Murdoch at his Living. In his kind letter to me he made a very particular enquiry after my Family, and particularly whether I had not a Son a Poet, whose name he had seen in the Cambridge Verses. This gave occasion to what you call an Anecdote, and which has appeared to you something odd by way of Character. But I assure you I have never considered it as an Anecdote, but have constantly spoken of you in the same manner when the occasion hath fallen in my way. And this I have done as well, because it is my real Opinion that you have Justice done you to the full in allowing you to be a tolerable versifier which you owe to the school you were educated in, whereas the character of a Poet implies Talents of which you have a very moderate share, and of which I do not even wish you a greater, as because I think it injures a young man with the world to incumber him with Pretensions which he is ill able to support.

“ I come now to that part of your letter in which you represent the uneasiness you have felt at finding no mention made in my last Letter of so many I had before received from you on various subjects. I must own your complaint to be a very reasonable one, and am sorry it has made so very disagreeable an impression on you. Part of my apology you may have read in my letter to Mr. Murdoch. What remains of it I shall apply to two different points : My not

* It is a remarkable circumstance in connection with this painting that the persons represented in it, viz., Mrs. Rose Mary Heath and the following seven of her children, viz., Benjamin Heath, D.D.; George Heath, D.D.; Admiral William Heath; John Heath; Elizabeth Heath; Rose Mary Heath; and Louisa Heath; were all living 53 years after the painting was made. An autotype print, from a reduced fac-simile in water colours of the picture by G. P. Harding, illustrates these pages, but owing to the colours used is not very successful.

"having answered your letters regularly as I received them and my taking no notice
 "of them in my last letter. As to the first. Till the publication of my book my
 "time was so much taken up in correcting and preparing it for publick view and
 "in drawing up its several accompaniments of Dedication, Preface, Dissertation on
 "Metre, and Addenda, that in Truth I had no leisure to think of anything else.
 "When this load was off my shoulders, the burthen of which I had very sensibly
 "felt, as it had been all drudgery, greatly against the grain, I resolved to indulge
 "myself in a fortnight's indolence, and as mere indolence without some amusement
 "is to me at least a Punishment, I accidentally took into my hands Shakespear of
 "Mr. Warburton's edition. On reading this gentleman's notes, I found such an
 "amazing heap of mistaken and wrong-headed Criticism, advanced with so much
 "Pride and Self-sufficiency, with so outrageous a contempt of every other person
 "who had laboured in the same province, as excited my indignation to no small
 "degree, and as I flattered myself I could detect those mistakes upon such evidence
 "as would admit of no reply, and besides that I had retrieved the genuine reading
 "in a very great number of places, and could explain the true sense of the Poet in
 "as many more which had been generally misunderstood, I could not resist the
 "temptation of putting pen to paper. This attempt of course produced Notes on
 "Shakespear, and as the enthusiasm of the first composition always gives me great
 "pleasure, every interruption was grievous and displeasing to me till I had gone
 "through the whole of my task which took me up between three and four months, that
 "is till towards the latter end of April. But as revisal and correction when the enthu-
 "siasm is at an end, is as heavy and disagreeable an employment as the first effusion of
 "my thoughts is an amusing one, I have not so much as looked on those papers
 "ever since, and am in some doubt whether I shall ever think of them more. From
 "this true and sincere account you will therefore see that my neglect of you ought
 "to be imputed to no want either of esteem or affection for you, but a mere Debauch
 "of Literature, which I was drawn into, as people generally are into most other
 "excesses, by the enchantment of good company, which you will the more readily
 "excuse, as you must admit, as I apprehend you are no stranger to Shakespear, that
 "there is no author extant in any language who is so bewitching a companion. I
 "have only some doubt about Homer; but as to all others, I think his superiority
 "of genius is indisputable. You are not the only sufferer by this intemperance.
 "I myself am so, in a matter which I think of some consequence to the Publick as
 "well as to my own Reputation, and which I think myself under some obligation to
 "exert myself in, as the only return in my power to the Honour the University of
 "Oxford has done me. I had for some time taken up a Resolution to enter upon a
 "Refutation of Mr. Hume's Philosophy, which is all bottomed on this principle, that
 "all our Ideas owe their origin either to some previous impression on the senses, or
 "to the conscious Perception which accompanies every Operation or Passion of the
 "Mind. As this Principle, if it be not Mr. Locke's (for his manner of expression is
 "so loose and inaccurate that you may find passages in his book to support both
 "sides the Question), is, however, so little different from the general drift of his
 "Philosophy that it will naturally find a ready admittance with almost every one
 "who take Mr. Locke for their Guide, and as Mr. Hume has employed it to over-
 "turn all Truth and Knowledge, all Religion and Morality, every Principle that is
 "valuable among men, and that by a train of consequences so necessarily connected
 "with it that it is impossible to dispute or deny that connection, I imagined I could
 "not better employ the little time it shall please God to continue me in this world
 "so much to the advantage of the Publick as in the refutation of this principle and
 "of its consequences, and in detecting the vague reasonings of Mr. Locke, from whose
 "authority it is likely to derive its greatest credit. I think I am able to do this to
 "the satisfaction of all impartial Persons who have been accustomed to Philosophical
 "Researches, and at the same time without departing from that form of sound words
 "which has been in a manner consecrated by general reception. These Notes on
 "Shakespear have deferred the execution of this Design till next Winter, for in
 "the Summer my Spirits are too volatile at sometimes, too languid at others, and in
 "general I am too open to Dissipation of all kinds to enter on a task which requires
 "the closest and most uninterrupted attention. As to the time which followed from
 "my finishing the Notes on Shakespear till now, its being the time of the year when
 "I am most engaged in the business of my office, Two Feverish Indispositions, the
 "last of which held me above three weeks, together with other necessary attentions

"to a very uncertain state of Health will I doubt not with you be accepted as a sufficient excuse. And as to my taking no notice of your several letters in my last I thought it the less necessary as I was so soon to have the Pleasure of seeing you, when the Contents of these might as well be examined in a free conversation, and as at the time I writt you I was obliged to write and did actually write four or five other Letters of very great Length.

"I make no doubt but the Extract of my Book in the Review was by Francklin, as you say he is one of those concerned in that flimsy performance. I had said nothing of him more than that I had purposely declined looking into his Translation, as my Book had been some time in the Press before his was published, for which, if he has any resentment, it is too impotent to give me any concern. Every Person whose good opinion I should esteem an honour to me will at first sight discern that he is in the wrong in every point in which he differs from me, that he has endeavoured, as far as his little Talents enabled him, to misrepresent me, and that he neither understands the language nor the subject sufficiently to give a satisfactory extract of my Book. You see he is mumbling Thistles throughout.

"The whole family is at present well at Teignmouth, except Charles who returned yesterday to Exeter in order to become a Scholar to Mr. Hodgkinson next Monday.

"I am, Dear Ben,

"Your very affectionate Father,

"BENJ. HEATH.

"If you pass through London, you will not fail to wait on Mr. Mann and ask him if Mr. Rozier, Clerk to Mr. Yates, has left with him the Exemplification of your Mamma's Naturalization Bill, as Mr. Yates, who is paid for it, assured my Nephew he had near a Twelvemonth ago, though I suspect he scarce told the Truth. But if he has you will bring it with you, though this circumstance is not of consequence enough to influence the scheme of your journey."

Since penning the foregoing, I have become acquainted with a MS.,* written in 1855, by Miss Angel Heath, the daughter of Admiral William Heath, which gives some interesting information about her grandfather, and from it the following is extracted:—

"He [Benjamin Heath, of Exeter, by his wife, Elizabeth Kelland] left three sons, the eldest, Benjamin, inherited a fortune of £30,000—which in those days was considered large. He was born in 1703, and intended for the Bar, but coming into his fortune soon after he had completed his studies at Oxford, he set out on what was then called the 'Grand Tour,' preparatory to his being called to the Bar; but an introduction to a certain Monsieur Jean Michelet, at Geneva, brought him acquainted with this gentleman's daughter, Rose Marie, to whom he was married two months after she had attained the age of 14 years. She must have been a very precocious child, for she has told me that the first thing that recommended Mr. Heath to her was seeing him decline playing cards on a Sunday, as every one else did there at that time. She said to herself, 'This must be a man of principle, because he adheres to what he thinks right under circumstances in which there would be no stigma in conforming to the general practice.'

"Being 14 when she married, and her husband being 28, he was consequently double her age at that time, and she expected he would always continue so, and was much surprised as she got on in life to find herself getting up to him, with only the difference in their respective ages of the 14 years with which they set out, and which at first appeared so formidable. She lived to be 92, consequently was married 78 years when she died. Her father lived to be 96, and at the age of 94 he came over from Geneva to see his daughter, and lived two years after his return. This journey, more than 100 years ago, was a very different undertaking from what it would be in these days of steam.

"Jean Michelet's wife was a Madlle. Tessier,† whose father was a Huguenot Merchant, residing at Nismes, who fled from France to Geneva, at the revocation

* The original of this MS. is now in the possession of Mrs. St. Vincent Pitcher, daughter of Admiral George Le Geyt, C.B., a niece of Miss Angel Heath. *Tabular Pedigree C* (Appendix xv). Further extracts from the MS. will be found in the Appendix, pp. iv to viii.

† Baron Robert Amadeus Heath has in his possession the Deed of Contract dated 19th February,

Zenodoti Editionem Hesiodi in nunt Scholiast Vot. p. 117. C. Ed. Venet

The Allegorist Ioannes Diaconus & the Scholiast on the Theogonia are very little worth the perusing they very seldom assist you as to the sense of the author and as seldom help you to a truer reading consisting in truth both of them in little else than a heap of idle and far fetched Allegories. If any person however is inclined to judge of them by his own reading as I do I would advise him to prefer the old Venetian Edition of Grineavellus which tho' incorrect enough is however much more correct than this of Heinsius & by far more complete having whole sentences and Pages which are omitted in this Edition and what this has more than the other is generally Nonsense or Repetition. In short it appears on comparison that Heinsius has taken very little Pains in collating & has made very little use of that Venetian Edition tho' he assures us to the contrary

Benj Heath

Ioannes Diaconus the Scholiast on the 'Aoxis' condescends to quit his too good Allegory & submit to the humble Part of a Paraphrast & Grammarian. which Character not admitting such high flown Nonsense he is in general more reasonable than in his Scholia on the Theogony not but that a good number of his Grammatical Etymologies are full as impertinent as his Allegories. Heinsius has however represented him here with more ease & correctness so that there are very few Faults in his Edition

B. Heath

As to the Interpreters of the Έγρα καὶ Ημεραι Moschopoulos has given a very good Grammatical Paraphrase with some short notes chiefly Grammatical. Proclus endeavours to allegorize every thing upon the principles of the Platonic Philosophy and by that means partakes of that idle empty trifling manner which is inseparable from the Profession of an Allegorist but there are many good remarks to be found in him useful as well to explain & illustrate his Author as for other purposes both of Philosophy & Criticism Moschopoulos is perpetually borrowing from him throughout & so is Izetzes tho' he is perpetually abusing him because I suppose two of a Trade seldom agree for Izetzes too is an eternal Allegorist & the most impertinent Writer I ever yet read. If there is any thing useful in him he is so very little that he is not worth the time it will cost to pick it out from among that heap of Rubbish ^{under} which it lies buried. How exceedingly careless an Editor Heinsius has been may be seen from my Collation & Corrections for the Printer has discharged his Duty with great Correctness

B. Heath

The above is a Fac-simile of the critical remarks made by BENJAMIN HEATH, D.C.L., in the fly-leaf of his edition of *Hesiod* with the Greek Scholia, by Daniel Heinsius, published in 1603.

"of the edict of Nantes. On account of the elegance and urbanity of his manners he was called 'Tessier le poli.'

"Benjamin Heath on his return to England gave up the idea of being called to the Bar, he settled at Exeter and devoted himself to literature and to benefitting his native county by his exertions. He drew up a Memorial from the county of Devon, showing how injuriously for that county the tax on cider worked. In consequence of this ably written Memorial the tax was repealed, and the county considered that he had done it such good service that a valuable testimonial of Plate,* with an inscription recording his services was presented to him, and a vote was carried to set up a full length portrait of him which should be placed in the Guildhall at Exeter, where it now stands.

"In consequence of his being Town Clerk of Exeter, he had an opportunity of detecting many abuses that had gradually crept into the administration of funds set apart for charitable purposes, among others certain lands that had been left for the endowment of a row of almshouses which had been misappropriated by the Corporation; he caused this to be rectified, the houses to be rebuilt, and the funds

1711, signed on the marriage of Mdlle. Peronne Benigne Tessier and Jean Michelet, therein described as "Le Sieur Jean Michelet de Molière en dauphiné Marchand bourgeois de Genève fils de feu sieur Michel Michelet," and Miss Tessier is described as "native de Nyon en Suisse fille du sieur Jean Tessier Marchand Banduge en Languedoc et de damoysselle Roze Pirot ses pere et mere."

* There are references in Miss Elizabeth Heath's letters to her brother John to this presentation of Plate. Writing from Exeter in September, 1765, she says: "The Plate given by the gentlemen of the County to Papa is brought home; it is a very large waiter and two pair of candlesticks; the waiter is as large as our little mahogany tea table; it is very handsome, but not very neatly finished; the inscription is upon it." This inscription, in a subsequent letter of December, 1765, Miss Heath gives as follows:—
"1764. The gift of the gentlemen of the County of Devon to Benjamin Heath, Esq., in grateful acknowledgment of his strenuous endeavours to rescue them from the oppression of the Cyder Act; Endeavours exerted with the utmost honour to himself; but unhappily thro' the magic of superior influence, proof even against declared conviction, and thro' the infidelity of pretended patriots and false friends) as yet without that success which was due to the force of his unanswerable arguments and the justice of the cause."

"Sat patriæ Priamoque datum. Si Pergama dextra
Defendi possent, etiam hac defensa fuissent."

The Cider Tax was not repealed until 1766, three years after Benjamin Heath's book was published, when there were great rejoicings in the county of Devon. Elizabeth Heath gives her brother an account of the general illumination at Exeter, in which "Bedford" (the house occupied by the Town Clerk in Exeter) with its trees were illuminated and allowed by everybody to be "much the finest sight." "We had a crowd of people here until 10 o'clock, it was like a fair."

A further rather curious reference to this Plate is made in Elizabeth Heath's letter from Exeter dated March 22nd, 1768. "The Election for Members for Parliament ended here last Friday. Mr. Buller [John Buller, son of John Buller of Morval, co. Cornwall, by his second wife Lady Jane Bathurst] "and Mr. Walters [John Walters, second son of John Rolle, of Stevenstone, and Isabella Walters, who on succeeding to his mother's estate took her surname] "were chosen by a majority of two hundred. A few days before the Election, which came on the Thursday, Mr. [William] Spicer, who was chose in the room of Mr. John Tuckfield [of Little Fulford, co. Devon, who represented Exeter in Parliament from 1745 till his death in 1766] "for the remainder of the last Session, declined standing for the General Election after having taken his seat in the House where, I suppose, he soon found that his consequence was not so great there as he expected, that his money which was his only qualification had not weight enough to command respect from the other members, but that they rather looked down upon him, so that he was not desirous of purchasing a station for a longer time which he did not find himself fitted for; indeed they say that Walters bought him off, but that will naturally be said whether there is any foundation for it or not. The City would not have got much honour by chusing Praed [William Mackworth Praed], and as it is, the old member owes more to his purse than his merit the continuance of his seat. Yet in spite of the length of the former (and he was prepared on this occasion to stretch it as far as it would go rather than be foiled) had his opponent been a man of worth and abilities he would have found his money at last but a weak dependence. He has spent Two thousand pound they say against Praed as it is. An odd circumstance attended the Breakfast which the Sheriff gave, as is usual, to the gentlemen on the day of Election;—Mama's great Waiter that has the Inscription on it, was borrowed by Mrs. Floud, her Husband being the Sheriff the entertainment was at her house, and that, being the largest she could get for the occasion I suppose, was put at the head of the first table with the tea things, where were placed among the rest Mr. Walters and Sir Richard Bampfylde, who both behaved shamefully, especially the latter, in regard to the Cyder Tax on account of which that piece of Plate was given. It is strange Mrs. Floud did not see the inconsistency of serving up such a cold compliment to her chief guests. Some gentlemen at the same table took notice of it and, I believe, were not sorry to see it; but if the gentlemen concerned did see it they must look upon it as a kind of an affront, though they would not seem to mind it, lest they should condemn themselves. The Election for the County comes on next Tuesday, and though Sir Richard [Bampfylde] is far from being universally liked, he finds no one powerful enough to oppose him."

" placed in such a position as to guard against further malversation. The row of
 " Almshouses went by the name of the Heath Almshouses, and were pointed out to
 " me many years ago.

" Benjamin Heath in consequence of his popularity with his fellow citizens
 " was induced to contest the city in an election for a member; he lost it and threw
 " away £1,000 on the contest. He was considered a very ripe scholar, and the
 " University of Oxford conferred on him the Honorary Degree of D.C.L. in
 " consequence of his Notes on the Greek Tragedians. He had prepared a great
 " part of an Edition of *Hesiod* which being unfinished at the time of his death was
 " never published. He published a revival of Shakespeare's text in answer to what
 " he called the insolent dogmatism of Bishop Warburton. He was a passionate
 " admirer of Shakespeare. He published a tract on the attributes of the Deity
 " intended to refute the atheistical and pernicious doctrines of Bolingbroke,
 " Shaftesbury, Voltaire, Rousseau and Hume, which at that time were much in
 " vogue.

" He was always a Martyr to bad health, and led the life of a Valetudinarian;
 " he died at the age of 63, respected and regretted by all who knew him."

By his wife, Rose Mary Michelet, Mr. Benjamin Heath had seven sons and six daughters, of whom he left five sons and three daughters surviving him, viz. :—

I. BENJAMIN HEATH, D.D., born in Exeter, on 27th September, 1739,*
 and baptized at St. Stephen's Church there, was educated at Eton, and
 in 1759 went to Cambridge, where he resided three years, and became a
 Fellow of King's College, about which time (1762—3) he was appointed
 an Assistant Master at Eton, and so continued until he was elected, in
 1771, Head Master of Harrow School, vacant by the death of Robert
 Sumner, D.D. For this appointment there was a warm contest, the
 celebrated Samuel Parr, then an Assistant Master at Harrow, being
 also a candidate. Dr. Heath was elected, as, singularly enough, were
 the two succeeding Masters, Drs. Drury and Butler, by the vote of
 the Archbishop of Canterbury, the six Governors being unable in
 either of these instances to elect a Master by the requisite majority of
 the whole. On his election Dr. Heath abolished the custom of
 " shooting for the silver arrow." In 1785, after having held the Master-
 ship of Harrow for fourteen years, he resigned that post on being
 elected to a Fellowship in Eton College. The Rev. Charles Drury, in
 his Memoir of his father, Dr. Joseph Drury, p. 13,† states that " Dr.
 " Benjamin Heath had retained the Mastership fourteen years, and
 " had educated some very eminent men at Harrow. The present Earl
 " Spencer [John Charles Spencer, third Earl, more generally known as
 Lord Althorpe, who died in 1845] was his private pupil, and he never
 " received any other in that capacity. The Earls of Hardwicke and
 " Harrowby were amongst the Statesmen whom Harrow sent forth
 " during his supremacy."

From the MS. notes (before referred to) of Miss Angel Heath, it
 appears that Dr. Heath held also two livings, the Rectory of Walkerne,
 in Hertfordshire, to which he was presented by King's College, in 1781,
 and about 1807 the valuable Rectory of Farnham, in Buckinghamshire,
 from Eton College, and that these, with his Fellowship of Eton, and
 residences attached to all, made up an income of more than £2,000
 a year.

From the time that he came to Harrow from Eton, his two elder
 sisters (Elizabeth and Rose Mary) resided with him, and after some time
 his mother, who had lived at Exeter from the time of her husband's death,
 removed to Harrow with her youngest daughter Louisa (who afterwards

* See Entry in Family Bible. Appendix p. viii.

† See Foot note (‡) to p. 22.

married Dr. Joseph Drury) and continued to reside with her son till the time of her death, in 1808, as before mentioned, at the ripe age of 92.

Dr. Heath came into possession of a portion of his father's choice collection of books, to which he made considerable additions, spending the greater part of his life in acquiring rare editions. He built a room at Walkerne for the reception of his Library, which he offered to King's College for half the sum it had cost him, but the College authorities declined the purchase, thinking, it is supposed, that he would bequeath it to them; but this he did not do. He was induced to sell his books upon an offer of £3,000 from some private individuals under a *verbal* engagement not to sell the Library publicly during Dr. Heath's lifetime; but this engagement was broken, and the purchaser sold the books by Auction in 1810, when they realized £9,000. Dibdin, in giving an account of this Auction (*"Bibliomania,"* p. 460), speaks of Dr. Benjamin Heath's Library as an "extensive and truly beautiful classical collection," and quotes from the title page of the Sale Catalogue as follows:—"A Catalogue of books, containing all the rare, useful, and valuable publications in every department of Literature, from the first invention of Printing to the present time, all of which are in the most perfect condition, &c.," sold by Auction by Mr. Jeffery, May, 1810, 8vo., 4,809 articles. Dibdin says that "Another Catalogue of the same Collection, elegantly printed in royal octavo, but omitting the Auctioneer's notices of the relative value of certain editions, was published by Mr. Constable of Edinburgh, bookseller, with the prices and purchasers' names subjoined, and of which it is said only 250 copies were printed." Dibdin adds:—"The Sale of this truly select and sumptuous classical library produced £9,000. Never did the Bibliomaniac's eye alight upon 'sweeter copies,' as the phrase is, and never did the bibliomaniacal barometer rise higher than at the sale; the most marked phrensy characterized it." "The prices for which some of the Collection sold appeared in the 4th number of *'The Classical Journal.'*"

In his *"Bibliographical Decameron,"* published in 1817, vol. iii., p. 367, Dibdin gives a portrait of Dr. Heath, engraved by Worthington, from an oval picture by Pine, then in the possession of the Doctor's sister, but now, on the gift of the late Baron Heath, in the Library of Harrow School. Dibdin writes that "it is an admirable portrait of an admirable man, in his 45th year, and the only one ever taken of him." A reproduction of this engraving illustrates these pages.

Dr. Heath died at Walkerne, unmarried, on the 31st May, 1817, aged 78, and was buried at St. Leonard's, Exeter.*

On his resignation, in 1785, of the Mastership of Harrow, he was succeeded by Dr. Joseph Drury, one of his Assistant Masters, who

* The following notice of Dr. Benjamin Heath appeared in Dibdin's *"Bibliographical Decameron"* Ed. 1817, vol. iii., p. 367:—

"He now [after leaving Harrow] retired chiefly to Walkerne, and to his 'dear bokes:' where, after the example of Sir Thomas Bodley, 'as the epilogue and end of all his actions and endeavours, of any important note' (see *Bibliomania*, p. 355), he had built a LIBRARY, and also, like Sir Thomas, built it 'in the shape of a T': the length whereof was 71 feet, the transverse part 50 feet, the width 15, and the height about 12 feet and a half: 'forming (says my friend Mr. Drury) a very handsome gallery: the whole being as full of books as it could hold.' Oh rare and brave, for a pastor—not being a dignitary! Here lived, and here revelled, the bibliomaniacal scholar and chieftain of whom we are discoursing. Here he saw, entertained, and caressed his friends, with *Alduses* in the forenoon, and with a cheerful glass towards evening: hospitable, temperate, kind hearted, with a well furnished mind and purse, and with a larder and cellar which might have supplied materials for a new edition of Pynson's

married his youngest sister, Louisa Heath. Another of Dr. Heath's sisters, Rose Mary, was married on the same day to the Rev. Thomas Bromley, also an Assistant Master at Harrow.

Of Dr. Heath's eldest sister, Elizabeth, notice is hereafter given.

- II. GEORGE HEATH, D.D., the second surviving son of Benjamin Heath and Rose Mary Michelet, who was born on the 3rd December, 1745,* was educated at Eton and at King's College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. Degree in 1767 or 8, when he was admitted a Fellow of King's College. In 1768 he was living as Tutor in the family of Gerard Anne Edwards, of Tickencote, near Stamford.† He took his Master's Degree in 1771, and became in 1796 Head Master of Eton College. He was Rector of Monks Risborough, in the county of Buckingham (to which he was presented by the Archbishop of Canterbury in March, 1789), and Canon of Windsor. He died on the 23rd February, 1822, aged 77, and was buried in St. George's Chapel, at Windsor, having married, on 6th August, 1776, MARY the daughter of Benjamin KEEN,‡ by whom he left issue. *Tabular Pedigree* B (Appendix, p. xiv).

"*Royal Boke of Cookery and Kerving*, 1500, 4to. Dr. Heath was anxious that his mansion should be the residence of all that was distinguished for talent and respectable in character. Nor was the host or the guests disappointed. 'Without the affection (says his nephew), which I naturally felt for my earliest friend and benefactor, I think, that if I had only lived his neighbour, I should have considered him among the best men living: learned, affable, high-spirited, and charitable to a degree which certainly nobody could believe who had not witnessed it.' It was in this retirement, gentle reader, that old age and infirmity (which, like time and tide, 'wait for no man') overtook the worthy character of whom we are speaking: and as these came on, he grew, comparatively, indifferent to those tomes in which formerly his pride and his pleasure consisted. His eyesight, however, was unimpaired to the last; but as his residence was but a rectory, he thought it best to anticipate all trouble, upon his decease, respecting the disposition of his library, and resolved upon sending the 'dear bokes' to town: retaining, however, a large proportion of those belonging to the Royal and Antiquarian Societies, as well as the whole of his father's books which contained marginal notes (and among them a *Hesiod* fit for publication), presents, and a considerable collection of History and Divinity.

"Accordingly, to town came the books. The library-room was broken up; and the Bodleian T was transformed into a parallelogram dining room of about 40 feet in length. I remember seeing the books arrive at Mr. Jeffrey's in Pall Mall, who devoted many autumnal mornings in brushing and putting in order the precious cargo he was about to dispose of. I believe, however, they were sold in the first instance to Messrs. Cuthell and Martin for three thousand pounds beneath the sum which they ultimately produced; and these latter took the measure of disposing of them by public auction. Of their character, nothing more need here be noticed; except that their owner (as remarks his nephew) 'had a piercing eye for margins: but choice, and selection, as well as beauty and magnificence, were the characteristics of the HEATH LIBRARY. It remains to draw the funeral curtain over our portrait, by observing that our Doctor died at his rectory at Walkerne, on the 31st of May, 1817, and that his nephew followed him to his grave as chief mourner, to the family vault at St. Leonard's, Exeter. 'POST FUNERA VIRTUS;' and here say we farewell to the most excellent Dr. Benjamin Heath."

* See Entry in Family Bible (Appendix, p. viii.)

† Elizabeth Heath, in her letter to John Heath, of 22nd March, 1768, refers to their brother George's engagement as follows:—"We have had two letters from George since his arrival in Rutlandshire. He is highly pleased with his situation and speaks in very favourable terms of the family he is in as an exceedingly agreeable one. Mr. Edwards and Lady Jane, he says, are very clever, friendly and affable. The children (for his pupil has a little sister) are remarkably sensible of their age, good-natured and well-behaved. He is to remain there three or four years, which is longer than he at first imagined, and then to go with his pupil to Eton."

In a further letter to her brother John, Miss Heath, referring to her brother George's appointment as Assistant Master at Eton, says that his pupil, Master Edwards, must now find some other tutor, "his plan was to settle at Geneva for two or three years to study as his uncle, Lord Gainsborough, did before him."

The "pupil" was Gerard Noel Edwards, of Exton Park, co. Rutland, son and heir of Gerard Anne Edwards, of Tickencote, co. Rutland, by his wife Jane, sister and co-heir of Henry Noel, sixth and last Earl of Gainsborough, to whose estates he succeeded on that nobleman's death in 1798. He married Diana, Baroness Barham, to which title he succeeded in 1813, and was the father of Charles Noel Noel, the third Baron Barham, who was created in 1841 Earl of Gainsborough, and was father of the present Earl.

‡ The Keen family were of Exeter, and (as appears from the letters addressed to John Heath by his three sisters) were intimate friends of the Heaths; the two daughters of Mr. Benjamin Keen were

III. WILLIAM HEATH, the third surviving son of Benjamin Heath and Rose Mary Michelet, was born on the 18th September, 1748,* entered the Royal Navy at a very early age, and attained the rank of Rear-Admiral. In 1789, he lived (as we learn from his brother John's note book) on an Estate he had purchased at Fahan, near Londonderry. He died at Fahan House, 11th June, 1815, at the age of 65 years, having twice married;† firstly in 1786, at Fahan old Church, to REBECCA, second daughter of the Rev. Josiah MARSHALL, the Rector of Fahan. She was born at Fahan Rectory, 20th January, 1765, and died at Fahan House, 23rd August, 1796. She was buried (as was also her husband) in a vault in the old graveyard at Fahan, leaving issue, three sons and two daughters. *Tabular Pedigree* A (Appendix, p. xiii). See also an Account by Miss Angel Heath of her father (Appendix, p. v.)—Admiral Heath married, secondly, ELIZABETH SCHOALES, who died and was buried at Fahan in 1832, but by her he had no issue.

IV. JOHN HEATH, the fourth surviving son of Benjamin Heath and Rose Mary Michelet, was born in Exeter, on the 28th September, 1749, O.S.,* and received his education at a school at Bridgewater. At the age of 15 he went to Genoa, where he arrived on 29th November, 1764,‡ and eventually, in July, 1774, established himself as a merchant there, having at that date been admitted a partner in the house of Robert Aubert & Co. The destination of John Heath was influenced by the connection of his mother with Geneva. I have before me two letters, both in French, written by his father from Exeter, in October, 1764, to Messrs. Doxat et Aubert, Merchants of Genoa, by which we learn that it was through the intervention of a "Madlle. Louise Aubert de Genève," that the firm had agreed to admit his son John as apprentice in their business for five years. Benjamin Heath gives a flattering account of his son's talents and conduct, reminding his correspondents that he does not desire to place him with them "pour se divertir ou pour faire parade de Cavalier, chose que ne lui convient nullement et à laquelle meme il n'est aucunement porté, mais pour s'instruire en travaillant et en vous servant avec toute la fidelité assiduité et diligence possible." On the 13th October, 1764, John Heath sailed from Exeter in a vessel of that port, under the command of a Captain Savery, and that was the date of his last interview with his good father, who died somewhat suddenly on the 13th September, 1766, as we learn by a letter addressed by Mr. Thomas Hayman, of Exeter, to Messrs. Aubert & Co, requesting, at the instance of the widow, that the sad news should be gently communicated to her son. John Heath apparently was well entitled to the character given of him to Messrs. Doxat & Aubert, he evidently was a careful and accurate man of business, of great method, as may be seen by the note book in his handwriting,

continually staying with the Heath girls. One of the Misses Keen married in April, 1767, a Mr. Tucker, an apothecary at Teignmouth. (Letter Elizabeth Heath to John Heath, January 8th, 1767). Mary Keen writes to John Heath at Genoa from "Exon, Nov. 8th, 1771," that she finds she is some months his senior, and thinks her bloom already on the decline and in "a few years must submit to the horrible appellation of an old maid." However five years afterwards she writes from Eton (October 10th, 1776) as the newly married wife of George Heath.

* See Entry in Family Bible (Appendix, p. viii.)

† *Ex rel.*—Major H. O. Marshall, now residing at Exmouth, who also furnished the copy of the monumental inscription on the Tablet in Fahan Church, which will be found in the Appendix, p. xii. Application has been made to the present Incumbent of Fahan, who states however that there is no record existing there of either marriage of Admiral Heath.

‡ A series of letters extending from 1765 to 1790, from his three sisters, Elizabeth, Rose Mary (afterwards Mrs. Bromley) and Louisa (married to Dr. Joseph Drury) were carefully preserved and are now (1881) in the possession of his grandson, Baron Robert Amadeus Heath.

which is now the property of his grandson, Baron R. A. Heath, and contains many interesting family notes and accounts, extracts from which will be found in the Appendix, pp. iii, iv. From this Note book we learn that he married MARY DE LA RUE, on 21st March, 1779, and that she died on 13th April, in the following year, 1780, without having had a child. After remaining for nearly six years a widower, John Heath, on 24th November, 1785, married secondly JANE LOUISA PASTEUR;* but they do not appear to have had any children for something like five years after their marriage, when a son, John Benjamin Heath, to whom special reference will hereafter be made, was born in Genoa, on 6th June, 1790.

John Heath, in his book, refers to his "Godfather and Cousin, John Duke, Esq.,"† having left him a legacy of his gold watch, and a legacy by the widow, Mrs. Duke, of £100, as godson of her husband, to be paid out of an estate bequeathed by her to his (John's) brother, George Heath.

In the year 1798, John Heath left Genoa and returned with his family to England, he established himself in London, where, in Great Winchester Street, he founded the mercantile house of "Heath & Co.," and resided at a house, 22, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, which he purchased in 1800, and where he died, 16th January, 1830.

By his wife, Jane Louisa Pasteur, he had five children, two sons and three daughters, viz. :—

I. JOHN BENJAMIN HEATH, before mentioned, and of whom hereafter.

II. JOHN CHARLES HEATH, born 9th and died at Genoa 26th November, 1796‡.

1. MARIA LOUISA, born at Genoa 20th November, 1794,‡ who married there, 6th June, 1815, ANDRE DE LA RUE, whom she survived, and died at Paris 30th August, 1868, at the age of 74 years, leaving issue, a daughter married to Baron ADOLPHE D'EICHTHAL. *Tabular Pedigree* 32 (Appendix, p. xvii).

2. HENRIETTA born at Walkerne 21st October, 1798‡, who married October 1818, her first cousin, THE REV. GEORGE HEATH, son

* The father of this lady was John Mark Pasteur, a Genoese Merchant living at Leghorn, whose wife was Jane Durade, a native of Genoa, who survived him. The note book of John Heath, to which reference is made in the text, supplies the following information :—

† Family PASTEUR of Leghorn. *Mrs. Pasteur born Jane Durade*, married in September, 1753. "Her children, *Jenny Pasteur*, now *Ulrich*, born 17 June, 1754, married 2 July, 17 . . . ; *Marie Anne*, born 26 November, 1755, married to *Pl. Maystre*, in 1776, and again to *J. G. Bansa*, in 1791; *Jean François*, born 16 November, 1757, married *Louise Mallet*; *Corneille Paul*, [born] 5 July, 1759, married . . . *Valentin*; *Jean Marc*, [born] 1761, married *Magdn. Alexandre*; *Jeanne Louise Heath*, [born] 14 September, 1763, married 24 November, 1785; *Jean Henri*, [born] Jany. 1767, Bachelor."

‡ The "Godfather and Cousin" here referred to, was, as will be seen by the *Tabular Pedigree* 2 (Appendix p. xiii), John Heath of Otterton, the son of Staplehill Heath of Ottery St. Mary, who was the third son of Thomas Heath of Exeter, the elder brother of Benjamin Heath, the grandfather of John Heath of Genoa, to whom, therefore, he bore the relationship of first cousin once removed. The mother of John Heath of Otterton was Anne, sister of Richard Duke of Otterton, who made his Will dated 31st March, 1736 (Appendix, p. xi) by which he devised his Estates to his nephew Robert Duke (son of his brother George), with remainder, failing issue, to his nephew John Heath, who, under the provisions of the Will, succeeded on the death of his first cousin Robert Duke, who died without issue in 1750, when he took the surname of Duke. He married Susannah, daughter and eventually, on the deaths of her two brothers, John and William, only surviving child of William Gill of Honiton (Will. and M.I., Appendix, p. xii.) and died without issue in 1775. Mr. John Heath was for fourteen years M.P. for the Borough of Honiton. The Dukes of Otterton were of old Devonshire stock, descended from a certain William Duke, a citizen of Exeter, who married a coheirress of Poer of Poerhayes. In the Visitation of Devon (MS. Coll. Arms I.C.I.,) 1620, nine generations are recorded. The last heir male was the Robert Duke who died in 1750.

Miss Heath, writing to her brother John under date 29th August, 1768, says : "Mama, my brother sisters, and self, went to Otterton to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Duke; he enquired for his godson."

‡ See Extract from Note Book of John Heath, Appendix, p. iii.

of Admiral William Heath. He died in London 23rd April, 1847, and was buried in Old St. Pancras Churchyard. She died at Brighton 6th February, 1863, and was buried there, leaving issue. *Tabular Pedigree*, **A** (Appendix, p. xiii).

3. ELIZABETH, twin sister of Henrietta, born at Walkerne* 21st October, 1798, and married at Turin 23rd August, 1834, CHARLES EDWARD PASTEUR, of Milan, who was born at Genoa 10th March, 1797. He died in Paris 10th February, 1860, and was buried in the Cimetière Montmartre, leaving issue. *Tabular Pedigree*, **JF** (Appendix, p. xviii).

V. CHARLES HEATH, the fifth surviving son of Benjamin Heath, D.C.L., and Rose Mary Michelet. He, like his brothers and sisters, was born in Exeter 3rd July, 1754,† and was only twelve years old at his father's death. He would appear from the letters of Miss Heath to her brother John to have possessed considerable abilities, and to have been of a kind-hearted disposition, but without the strength of character necessary to enable him to resist altogether the influences of those with whom he associated, and eventually he was sent to his brother John at Genoa, where in 1781 he arrived, and by whom he was much assisted, and eventually admitted as his partner. He never returned to England, but died at Genoa, 29th July, 1811, having married there 17th July, 1792, LYDIA PAULINE, daughter of David ALEXANDRE, by whom he had three daughters. *Tabular Pedigree*, **G** (Appendix, p. xix).

1. ELIZABETH HEATH, the eldest surviving daughter of Benjamin Heath and Rosè Mary Michelet, was born 3rd July, 1743.† She never married, and died 25th September, 1825, at her house, No. 49, Upper Southernhay, Exeter, of which she had, in 1818, taken a lease from the Chamber of Exeter, for the lives‡ of Elizabeth Frances Drury, æt. 8, Caroline Drury, æt. 7, and Henry Drury, æt. 6, the grandchildren of her sister, Louisa, who married Dr. Joseph Drury.

Miss Heath, as is evident from her letters to her brother John Heath, was a woman of strong character and excellent sense. She appears to have been the counsellor and adviser of all the members of the family. Her letters refer principally, of course, to matters specially interesting to her brother, such as the doings and whereabouts of his old friends; but they are interspersed with bits of local news which are amusing. In 1765, she refers to the general introduction into Exeter of Sedan chairs "so that in a little time it will be quite unfashionable to stir without them, and the fine ladies and gentlemen will be in danger of loosing their feet." She writes also of the use of umbrellas, for the supply of which, from Genoa, her brother, continually received commissions. Writing from Exeter, 2nd November, 1766, she says:—"We find our Umbrellas very useful. They are coming in fashion here; several people have got them; they do very well in a still shower; but we cannot manage them in windy weather."

There is an interesting memoir of this worthy woman, written in 1855, by her niece, Angel Heath, which will be found in the Appendix, p. iv.

2. ROSE MARY, born in Exeter 1st September, 1747.† married at Harrow

* See Extract from Note Book of John Heath (Appendix, p. iii.)


† See Entry in Family Bible (Appendix, pp. viii., ix.).

‡ The two elder of these lives still survive, the third, Henry Drury, is dead. *Tabular Pedigree*, **H** (Appendix p. xx).

5th August, 1777, to THE REV. THOMAS BROMLEY, who was one of the Assistant Masters of that school. Mrs. Bromley died at Southampton. She left no issue.

3. LOUISA, youngest daughter of Benjamin Heath and Rose Mary Michelet, was born 22nd January, 1753,* and married at Harrow on the 5th August, 1777, THE REV. JOSEPH DRURY, D.D., who, although claiming descent from the family of Drury of Holt in Norfolk, a cadet of the family of Drury, of Suffolk, was the architect of his own moderate fortune, and of that fact he was more satisfied than of any descent to which he might be entitled. He was the eldest son of Mr. Thomas Drury, and was born in London 11th February, 1750 O.S., and in 1762 he was King's Scholar at Westminster, from which, in 1768, he passed to Trinity College, Cambridge; but his means failing him for continuing his collegiate residence, he in 1769, on the recommendation of Dr. Watson, subsequently the Bishop of Llandaff, to Dr. Robert Sumner, then Head Master of Harrow, was appointed Assistant Master of Harrow, which post he continued to fill until Dr. Sumner's death in 1771. To the fact that on the death of Dr. Sumner Dr. Benjamin Heath was elected his successor is due the connection of the Drury and the Heath families; for Dr. Drury continued in his office at Harrow, and in 1777 married Louisa Heath, and in 1785, then in his 36th year, succeeded his brother-in-law in the Mastership of Harrow, from which, after twenty years of unremitting attention to the duties of his position, he, in the spring of 1805, sent in his resignation and retired with his wife and family to Dawlish, where he had purchased some property, including Cockwood, which was his residence until his death, at the advanced age of 84 years, on 9th January, 1834, leaving his wife surviving him. She died at Cockwood on the 5th, and was buried at St. Leonard's, Exeter, on the 11th November, 1837, aged 84 years.†

The issue of the marriage of Dr. Joseph Drury and Louisa Heath, besides two children who died in their infancy, were three sons, all in holy orders, and a daughter,‡ viz. :—

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| I. THE REV. HENRY JOSEPH THOMAS | } <i>Tabular</i> |
| DRURY. | |
| II. THE REV. BENJAMIN HEATH | |
| DRURY. | } <i>Pedigree</i>  |
| III. THE REV. CHARLES DRURY. | |
- (Appendix, p. xx).

- I. LOUISA HEATH DRURY, was born at Harrow, 12th May, 1787, and on 10th July, 1805, married JOHN HERMAN MERIVALE, who was born at Exeter, 5th August, 1779, in the neighbourhood of which city his father, John Merivale, resided, and was possessed of some landed property. His mother was Ann,§ daughter of Herman Katencamp, an

* See Entry in Family Bible. (Appendix, p. viii.)

† This fact is confirmed by the following entry, made by the Rev. H. J. T. Drury, in his grandfather, Dr. Heath's Bible, "My mother died at the age of 84, in November, 1837," and it is further verified by Miss Louisa Drury, who states that her grandmother died in 1837, aged 84, and was certainly buried at St. Leonard's, Exeter. These evidences establish a misdescription of Mrs. Drury's christian name in the Burial Register of the parish, where it appears as "Mary" instead of Louisa; and where the year is also incorrectly given as 1838 instead of 1837.

‡ The above particulars are taken from a Memoir of Dr. Drury, written by his son, The Rev. Charles Drury, Rector of Pontesbury, Salop, published in "The Annual Biography and Obituary," vol. xix, London, Longman & Co., 1835.

§ Married to John Merivale, at Trinity Church, Exeter, 4th November, 1773.

Exeter merchant of German extraction. His grandfather, the Rev. Samuel Merivale, was a Presbyterian Minister at Exeter, and Tutor at the Dissenting Theological Academy there. In 1797, John Herman Merivale entered St. John's College, Cambridge, but did not take any degree, in consequence of the impediment of his Dissenting persuasion, although at a later period he joined the Church of England. In 1805, he was called to the Bar, and practised in the Court of Chancery, and in 1825 he was appointed a Member of the Commission for enquiring into the state of that Court. In 1831, he became a Commissioner of Bankruptcy, and continued to hold that office until his death, 25th April, 1844.

From his early youth, Mr. Merivale was addicted to literary and antiquarian pursuits, especially to the study of Italian, and, in later years, of German, literature. He was an extensive contributor to literary Reviews, and furnished a portion of the translations contained in the "Collections from the Greek Anthology," published in 1813, under the editorship of the Rev. Robert Bland,* whose sister Sophia was, as after shown, the wife of Baron John Benjamin Heath.

John Herman Merivale and Louisa Drury had issue six sons and six daughters. *Tabular Pedigree* **M** (Appendix, p. xx), the eldest son being

I. HERMAN MERIVALE, C.B., born at Cockwood, 8th November, 1806; educated at Harrow, entered Oriel College, Oxford, became a Scholar of Trinity; Fellow of Balliol; First Ireland Scholar; Professor of Political Economy at Oxford — afterwards called to the Bar, and was a member of the Western Circuit. Was Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and subsequently for India. Author of various works, biographical, politico-economical, and historical; he died at Cornwall Gardens, London, 8th February, 1874, having married at Dawlish, 29th October, 1834, CAROLINE PENELOPE, daughter of Rev. William Villiers ROBINSON, Vicar of Grafton, co. Northampton, and sister of Sir George Stamp Robinson, Bart., of Cranford, near Kettering, co. Northampton.† She was born 4th April, 1809, and is living (1881). For the issue of the marriage, *Tabular Pedigree* **M** (Appendix, p. xx).

II. CHARLES MERIVALE, D.D., the second

* See Account of the Rev. Robert Bland, foot-note to p. 24.

† Baronetcy created 1660; the first Baronet was Lord Mayor of London, and a nephew of Archbishop Laud.

son of John Herman Merivale and Louisa Drury, was born in East Street, London, 8th March, 1808; educated at Harrow School, Haileybury, and St. John's College, Cambridge; Browne Medallist; Senior Op. and First-Class Classical Tripos; M.A., 1833; Fellow and Tutor of St. John's; Whitehall Preacher, 1839; Rector of Lawford, co. Essex, 1848; Hulsean Lecturer, 1861; Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, 1863; Boyle Lecturer, 1864 and 1865; D.C.L., 1866 (*Honoris causâ*), Oxford; Dean of Ely, 1869; Author of "Fall of the Roman Republic"; "History of the Romans under the Empire"; "Homer's Iliad in English Verse," &c., Dr. Merivale married, 2nd July, 1850, JUDITH MARY SOPHIA, youngest daughter of George FRERE, of Lincoln's Inn and Twyford House, co. Herts, by Elizabeth Raper, only daughter of William Grant, M.D., of Lime Street, London, and Rothiemurchus, Inverness. She was born in Brunswick Square, London, 1st February, 1817. Dr. and Mrs. Merivale are both living (1881), having had issue. *Tabular Pedigree* 39 (Appendix, p. xx).

JOHN BENJAMIN HEATH, the eldest son of John Heath and Jane Louise Pasteur, was born at Genoa on the 6th June, 1790.* His father having returned to England in 1798, placed his son, then only eight years of age, at Harrow School, under the care of Dr. Drury, then Head Master, whose wife was John Benjamin Heath's aunt. He passed about eight years at Harrow, where he was for some time fag to Lord Byron. On leaving Harrow, he was sent for one year to Hall Place School, near Foot's Cray, in Kent, to learn Arithmetic, English Grammar, and other matters which at that time were much neglected at our great public schools. He married, 14th September, 1811, at St. Ann's Church, Soho, SOPHIA, daughter of Robert BLAND,† M.D., of London, by whom he had a numerous family, of whom seven, *i.e.*, four sons and three daughters, survived him.

In November, 1816, he was appointed Consul-General for the Kingdom of Sardinia, and in 1861 became Consul-General for the Kingdom of United Italy; so that

* See Entry in Note Book of John Heath (Appendix, p. iii.)

† A son of Dr. Robert Bland was the Rev. Robert Bland, who was born in London, in 1779, was educated at Harrow and at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he took his Degree of B.A. He became Assistant Master of Harrow, was subsequently appointed Minister of the English Church at Amsterdam, and afterwards curate of Prittlewell, co. Essex, where he settled on his marriage, in 1813, with Eliza, third daughter of Archdale Wilson Tayler. In 1816, he removed to the curacy of Kenilworth, co. Warwick, where he was buried, having died at Leamington, 12th March, 1825, leaving six children and his wife surviving him. Mr. Bland was a contributor, at various periods of his life, to the literature of his day. In 1813 he published "Collections from the Greek Anthology, and from the Pastoral, Elegiac, and Dramatic Poets of Greece," a portion of which had previously appeared anonymously, in 1806 under the title of "Translations, chiefly from the Greek Anthology; with Tales and Miscellaneous Poems." He was also the author of a well-known school book called "Elements of Latin Hexameters and Pentameters," which has passed through many editions.



BARON JOHN BENJAMIN HEATH. ÆTAT: 87.
From a Photograph taken from life in 1877.

at the time of his death in January, 1879, he had held his Consular Commission rather more than sixty-two years. After fifty years of Consular Service he was, by a Decree of King Victor Emmanuel II., dated 26th May, 1867, created a Baron of the Kingdom of Italy, and the title made hereditary through the male branch. On the 14th June, 1871, he was made Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy, having previously (27 June, 1850) been made a Knight Commander of the Order of SS. Maurizio and Lazzaro. In 1847, the Emperor of Russia conferred on Baron Heath the honour of Knight Commander of the Russian Order of St. Anne in diamonds, in recognition of the valuable financial advice given to the Russian Government, which resulted in arrangements, considered by that Government of high importance to the Empire.

Baron Heath continued the business of his father, as a Merchant and Foreign Banker in London, and was still at the head of the house of Heath & Co. at the time of his death. Baron Heath was also connected with many of the leading institutions of the city. Amongst other Societies, he was Chairman of the London Life Association, as also for many years, until his resignation in 1875, of "The Society of Merchants trading to the Continent." He was for fifty years a Director of the Bank of England, of which he was Deputy-Governor from 1842 to 1844, inclusive, with Mr. William Cotton as Governor, and they were continued in their respective offices an additional year when Sir Robert Peel passed the new Bank Act; the two Governors of the Bank materially assisted Sir Robert in preparing the details of that most useful measure. He was Governor of the Bank in the years 1845 and 1846.

For many years Baron Heath was a Member of the Court of Assistants of the Grocers' Company, of which he was Master in 1829, when he presented the Company with his unpublished book intitled "*Some Account of the Grocers' Company*," which is a History of the Company from its institution in 1345. As a testimony of their appreciation of this work, the Court presented him with a splendid piece of plate, which has descended to, and is now in the possession of his eldest son. In 1868 the Court of the Grocers' Company requested the Baron to revise and re-edit on their account the book which he had presented to them thirty-nine years previously, and this he did, and in order that the Company might possess a lasting record of the services he had rendered to it, the Court requested him to sit for his portrait which resulted in an admirable likeness, painted by Mr. Eddis, which now decorates their Hall.

Baron Heath was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1843, and of the Society of Antiquaries in 1832; he was an accomplished musician and a good linguist, and took much interest in literary and archæological pursuits, in following up which he became a member of several learned Societies; he was also a member of the Roxburghe Club, of the Philobiblon Society, and the Dilettante Society; he possessed a well-selected library, and a large collection of autographs, in which he took great pleasure. He died at 66, Russell Square, London, on the 16th January, 1879, after a few days' illness, at the ripe age of nearly 89 years, esteemed and regretted by a numerous circle of attached friends, which he secured to himself, not only by his ability and business-like habits, but from his high sense of honour and eminent social qualifications, and was buried at Highgate Cemetery in a vault which he purchased on the death of his wife, which took place at 66, Russell Square, on the 10th June, 1863, in her 71st year, she having been born 2nd April, 1793. The Baron had with great care preserved his father's papers, including the letters which, as before mentioned, he had received when resident in Genoa from his three sisters; he left also several memoranda which show that many years since he commenced investigating his family history, and I cannot doubt that it would have given him sincere pleasure to have been party to the compilation of these pages, which his Son, not uninfluenced by what he is convinced would have been his father's wish, has determined shall be printed for the information of the numerous members of a widely-spread family, and as a record of the facts connected with its progenitors, which are here gathered together.

The surviving issue of John Benjamin Heath and Sophia Bland, were four sons and three daughters, viz. :—

- I. ROBERT AMADEUS HEATH, who was born in London, on the 12th December, 1818.* He was educated at Harrow, under Dr. Longley, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, and in 1837 entered the house of Heath & Co., of which his father was the head, and, on his father's death, having since 1st January, 1844, been Vice-Consul of the Kingdom of Sardinia, and subsequently of Italy, succeeded to the office of Consul-General in March, 1879, and became also the second Baron Heath, of the Kingdom of Italy, by virtue of the hereditary title conferred on his father. He received from the King of Italy, 7th July, 1870, the honour of being nominated a Knight Commander of the Order of SS. Maurizio and Lazzaro, having previously received the two lower grades of that order, and in December, 1879, that of Grand Officer of the Crown of Italy, of which he was previously Knight Commander. Baron Heath has for upwards of twenty-one years been, and still is, the Chairman of the San Paulo Brazilian Railway, and in reference to his services in connection with that commercial undertaking, the Emperor of Brazil, on 21 August, 1880, conferred upon him the honour of Knight Commander of the Order of the Rose, and at a General Meeting of the Company on 4th April, 1879, a resolution was unanimously passed, conveying the cordial thanks of the Shareholders for his services, and resolving on the presentation of a testimonial, which took the form of a handsome piece of plate. He was elected a member of the Roxburghe Club, 17th May, 1879. He married, at Croydon, 21st April, 1847, HARRIETT, the daughter of Thomas KEEN, of Croydon and Coulsdon, Surrey, and has issue, as appears by the *Tabular Pedigree* A (Appendix, p. xiii).
- II. WILLIAM ANDREW JAMES HEATH, C.B., is Baron Heath's second surviving son. He was born at his father's then residence, No. 5, Bloomsbury Place, on 19th January, 1820, but not baptized until 5th March, 1821.* He received his early education at the Royal Naval College, at Portsmouth, but at the age of 13 entered the Royal Navy as a Midshipman, on board H.M. Frigate "Winchester," then commanded by Captain Ed. Sparshott, and flagship to Admiral Sir Thos. Bladen Capel, K.C.B., on the East Indian station. He has seen much active service, and was gazetted Rear-Admiral, 1st August, 1877. The following particulars of Admiral Heath's services are extracted from the Royal Navy List, No. 8, of October, 1879:—

" Fo. 297, No. 188.

"Heath, W. A. J., served at the Capture of Caiffa and Tsours in Syria, and at St. Jean d' Acre, 1840; honourably mentioned in despatches (Syrian and Turkish Medals); Commanded the 'Otter' gunboat in the Baltic, 1854 (Baltic Medal); and the 'Medusa' during the latter part of 1855 in the Black Sea; promoted to Commander for distinguished service; Commander of 'Assistance'; was in charge of the ships and transports in Macao and Blenheim Passage Reach, near Canton, and assisted at the capture of that city, December, 1857 (China Medal, Canton clasp); also commanded right wing of storming party at the attack on Peiho forts, June, 1859; honourably mentioned in despatches, and appointed acting Captain of 'Highflyer,' January, 1860; confirmed in that rank, January, 1861, for the above services; C.B. 24 May, 1873."

In 1865, Admiral Heath married ELLA MARY, daughter of Edward HALE, of Hambledon House, Hants.

* Par. Reg., St. George's, Bloomsbury (Appendix, p. x).

III. HENRY BURNLEY HEATH, the third surviving son of Baron John Benjamin Heath, was born 5th July, 1824, but not baptized until 25th May, 1826.* He entered his father's counting-house in 1847, and has for some years been a partner of the firm of Heath & Co. He is a trustee of Morden College, and unmarried.

IV. ALFRED HALES HEATH, who was born 23rd November, 1825; but his baptism is not recorded (in St. George's, Bloomsbury) until 25th May, 1826.* He was educated at Addiscombe, where he gained his commission in the Bengal Artillery, in 1846, and went immediately to Dum Dum, near Calcutta. The following particulars relating to him are taken from Hart's Annual Army List of 1880, fo. 566 :—

“Major-General Alfred Hales Heath. Served in the Punjab Campaign of 1848-49, including the battles of Sadoolapore, Chillianwallah and Googerat (Medal with two clasps); commanded a Battery at the Siege of Delhi in 1857 (mentioned in despatch with especial approbation and thanks for zeal, ability, and coolness in situations of great danger) medal with clasp.”

On 3rd August, 1850, he married, in India, to ISMENA HENRIETTA FRY, and has issue. *Tabular Pedigree A* (Appendix, p. xiii).

I. HARRIETT ANGEL, born 2nd August, 1817, baptized at St. George's, Bloomsbury, 11th February, 1819;* married at St. Pancras Church, London, 31st August, 1845, to JOHN WILLIAMS FURSE, who was born 18th November, 1805, and died at 19, Montpelier Villas, Brighton, 10th May, 1877, leaving issue. *Tabular Pedigree A* (Appendix, p. xiii).

II. FRANCES ROSE, who was born 7th January, and baptized at St. George's, Bloomsbury, 1st May, 1828,* and married at St. Pancras, London, 6th June, 1859, to John Lewis MERIVALE, son of John Herman Merivale by Louisa Heath, the daughter of Dr. Joseph Drury, by his wife, Louisa, the daughter of Benjamin Heath, D.C.L. *Tabular Pedigree B* (Appendix, p. xx).

III. EMILY ADELAIDE, born 3rd September, 1831, baptized at St. George's, Bloomsbury, 31st May, 1832;* married at St. Pancras Church, London, 12th June, 1850, to JOSEPH HUME BURNLEY, late Chargé d'Affaires at Dresden, from which he retired in October, 1873, and has issue. *Tabular Pedigree A* (Appendix, p. xiii).

* Par. Reg., St. George's, Bloomsbury (Appendix, p. x).





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Extract OF Entries IN THE Note Book OF John Heath, 1764 to 1805.

Now in the possession of his grandson, Baron Robert Amadeus Heath.

"JOHN HEATH, Genoa; Born in Exeter the 29 September, 1749 old style, 11 October n.s. arrived in Genoa the 29 November, 1764; entered into Partnership with Robert Aubert & Co. the 1st July, 1774; with Rt. Aubert, Duseigneur, Heath & Co., 1 July, 1778; with Duseigneur, Heath & Co., 1 January, 1784; with Heath & Co., 1 January, 1789. Married with MARY DE LA RUE 21 March, 1779, who died the 13 April, 1780.

*John Heath's account
of his own family.*

"Married with JANE LOUISA PASTEUR, the 24 Novr. 1785.

"My son, JOHN BENJAMIN, born the 6 June 1790, at 3 P.M., christened the 2d August following by Thomas Hall, Chaplain to the English Factory at Leghorn.

"My Daughter MARY LOUISA born the 20th November 1794, at 6½ P.M., christen'd the 8 July 1795 by the above mentioned Thomas Hall as per certificate.

"My son JOHN CHARLES born the 9 Novr. 1796 died the 26 of the same month & buried at the Protestant Burying ground at the Cava in Genoa, christened by myself, there being no Minister at hand & the child being very ill.

"My two Daughters twins born at Walkern at my Brother's the Revd. Dr. Benjamin Heath the 21 October 1798 from ten to eleven o'clock in the forenoon; christen'd by the names of ELIZABETH & HENRIETTA privately by my said brother the 27 October, & publickly in Walkern church the 19 November. Godmothers my sisters Miss Heath & Mrs. Drury; Godfather, Mr. James Arthur, Tea broker of London."

"FAMILY PASTEUR OF LEGHORN :—

Pasteur family.

"MRS. PASTEUR born Jane Durade, married in Sept. 1753; her children :—

"JENNY PASTEUR now ULRICH, born 17 June 1754. married 2 July 17

"MARIE ANNE, born 26 Novr. 1755, married to Pl. Maystre in 1776 & again to J. G. Bansa in 1791.

"JEAN FRANCOIS, born 26 Novr. 1757, married Louise Mallet.

"CORNEILLE PAUL [born] 5 July 1759, married Valentin.

"JEAN MARC [born] 1761, married Magdn. Alexandre.

"JEANNE LOUISE HEATH [born] 14 Sept. 1763, married 24 Novr. 1785.

"JEAN HENRI [born] Jany. 1767, Batchelor."

SUNDRY MEMORANDUMS :—

"My Father BENJAMIN HEATH, LL.D., Townclerk of the City of Exeter. died the Friday, 12 Sept. 1766. He left me by Will One thousand two hundred pounds sterling, payable after the decease of my Mother and provided I survive her. N.B.—My Mother died the 19th Novr. 1808 at 9 A.M.

*Father.
Benjamin Heath.*

"My Godfather & cousin, JOHN DUKE, Esq., left me his gold watch, & his widow Mrs. Duke when she died left me a Legacy as Godson of her Husband One hundred pounds sterling to be paid out of an Estate bequeathed by her to my Brother George as per Letter of my sister Elizabeth Heath dated the See also the letter of Mrs. George Heath dated the 24 January 1790 & the 18 Jany. 1787."

*Cousin.
John Duke.*

"MR. PAUL MAYSTRE my Brother in law died the 1st January 1789 left by his Will a Legacy of Fifty Louis d'ors to each of the children I might have by my wife Jane Louisa Heath sister of his widow Anna Maria Maystre, born Pasteur, since married to John Gerard Bansa."

Maystre family.

"My brother, GEORGE HEATH, married to Miss Mary Keen;—family in 1789, five Boys, four Girls. In March, 1789, The Archbishop of Canterbury presented him with the living of Monk's Risborough in Buckinghamshire worth £300 stg. a year—23 miles from Eton, one mile from Wendover."

*Brother.
George Heath.*

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*Brother.
Captain, afterwards
Admiral Heath.*

"My brother WILLIAM, Captain, married to Miss Marshall ;—family in 1789, a Girl called Angel, a boy called Benjamin. Lives on an Estate he has purchased in the North of Ireland near Londonderry at Fahan. Family in 1798, 3 Boys & 2 Girls ; Angel & Rose two Girls ; Benjamin, Josiah, & George, three Boys."

Genoese Forced Loans.

In 1794 and 1796 when Mr. John Heath was living at Genoa the Government of that Republic made forced loans with interest at 2 per cent., and it appears from the Account Book that to meet his proportion of the forced loans, which could only be paid in metallic, his supply of Plate was called into use and some Silver Dishes were brought to the melting pot for that purpose. In summing up the loss arising out of "this dismal business," he says, "the same to be carried to the debit of the French nation or rather the Emperor if I should ever have it in my power to make him refund, though I should be willing to add "as much more if it could restore the independence of the Republic of Genoa."

*Wife.
Jane Louisa.*

"Compte regardant ma chere Spouse JEANNE LOUISE HEATH née PASTEUR de Livourne suivant notre contrat de mariage fait & passé a Livourne le 20 May, 1786 & confirmé par les Parens à Gènes le 12 Juillet de la même année."

[Then follows the Account showing what was received on account of Mrs. Heath's dôt.]

*Daughters.
Elizabeth and
Henrietta.*

"1799, 1st January.

"My two daughters ELIZABETH & HENRIETTA HEATH twins born at Walkern the 21 October, 1798, are entitled to a Legacy of fifty Louis d'ors each from the estate of my late Brother-in-law, Mr. Paul Maystre, of Genoa, which untill the same be paid unto me by his Executors, as shall be noted hereunder, I make good to them myself, out of my own private fortune & allow them an interest of 5 pr. Ct. per annum on the same making one account of the whole to be divided between them in due time or to remain for the survivor in case one of them should die."

*Brother-in-law.
J. G. Bansa.*

"Agreed with my Brother-in-law, JOHN GERARD BANSÀ, of Genoa, to take charge on joint account between him & me of the education of young Frederick Pasteur, son of Capn. Francis Pasteur & Louisa Mallet his wife, and put him at a boarding school at Paris under the care of our friend Dominique André who is to debit Heath & Co., of Genoa, one half of his disbursements on my account."

*Son.
John Benjamin.*

"Put my son JOHN BENJAMIN to school at Harrow, the 17. Sept., 1798,—Dr. Drury my Brother in law master."

Memoir OF Elizabeth Heath,

(THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF BENJAMIN HEATH AND ROSE MARY MICHELET,)

By her niece, ANGEL HEATH.

From the original MS. now in the possession of Mrs. St. Vincent Pitcher, daughter of Admiral Le Geyt, C.B.

"I shall now proceed to speak of Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Benjamin Heath, D.C.L., Town Clerk of Exeter, who was one of the best and most loveable specimens of female single life I have ever known. In early life she had delicate health, and I have heard her say that till she was 40 she never knew what the feeling of health was. This delicacy of constitution cut her off in a great measure from the usual scenes of enjoyment in which young people naturally seek for an outlet for the exuberant spirits which belong to their time of life, and this allowed her free scope for the undisturbed enjoyment of study ; her taste for reading was omnivorous and her memory tenacious, so that she had made herself acquainted with the rich stores of our standard literature, whether in poetry, history, theology, belles lettres, or biography, and late in life when I had the privilege of knowing her she was a complete book of reference on any subject connected with English literature, and a great deal of the standard literature of France was also familiar to her. To her I owe it that my taste for reading (which had always been so great that my step-mother used to call me 'little cormorant') was properly directed, and I now recollect with what lively delight I read for the first time Spencer's Fairy Queen, a poem which has more of the true poetic fire than can be found scattered among all the Poets of the present day.

"Elizabeth Heath never having married lived with her eldest brother, Dr. Benjamin Heath, from the time he first kept house as Head Master of Harrow till the time of his death (1817), thus forming the

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strongest tie that could exist in persons of different sexes who are not married, and as in old age they were called Dr. and Mrs. Heath, it sometimes happened that they were taken for man and wife. An amusing anecdote arose out of this mistake at Dawlish, where they both latterly spent their winters on Dr. Heath's account. A lady who supposed that they were married asked Mrs. Drury if they had any family? Mrs. Drury, who liked fun and a little mystification, replied, looking very grave and mysterious, that they never had any children, and then added 'Now I will tell you a great secret, the fact is that they never were married!!' 'Good Heavens! Mrs. Drury' replied the lady, 'you do not say so! What can be the meaning of this?' 'I will tell you' said Mrs. D., 'there was an insuperable objection.' 'But what could induce such respectable people to act in this way?' 'Well, then, I will explain it to you; the fact is that they are Brother and Sister.'

"I first knew my Aunt Elizabeth Heath when she was 60 and I was just 17, but from that time till I closed her eyes in death, at the ripe age of 80, my love and veneration for her character went on increasing as I became better able to appreciate her many admirable qualities; her sincerity and freedom from affectation of every kind, her love of truth, her honesty, integrity and just dealing, in small matters as well as in great, her unbounded charity in its most diffusive sense, which made all, whether in distress of mind or in want of pecuniary assistance, turn to her with certainty of relief, her peace-making disposition, which in more than one instance enabled her to heal family feuds; add to all this a genial nature which made her sympathise with the joys and amusements of others, she was a special favorite."

"She survived her Brother, Dr. Benjamin Heath, six years. I was with her when she watched by his dying bed, and when she had closed his eyes in death she turned to me and said, 'I am alone in the world now, but you will not forsake me.' I said, 'Never,' and from that time during the six remaining years of her life, I had the rare privilege of watching over one of the best and purest of beings who can put off mortality. During the two last years of her life her memory for the passing events of the day nearly failed, but unlike most people who feel that this decay of the faculties is coming on, and who on that account grasp more tenaciously than ever at their little brief authority, she resigned herself entirely to me, saying, when any failure of memory struck herself, 'My memory is gone, but you, my dear, are my memory.' I had the unspeakable comfort of feeling that from the gentle way I was able to rock the cradle of her declining years, she was spared all jarring emotion, and that she fully appreciated the comfort of my ministry. Once only, when I was absent for a few days, the lady who was staying with her in my place said, 'Mrs. Heath, I did not think you were impatient for anything in your life?' She replied, 'I am impatient for one thing now, it is for Angel's return, and if I hear a step on the stairs, tho' I walk so badly, I would get up to meet her.' While apparently insensible after the stroke which was the gentle messenger sent to release her pure spirit, as I watched by her day after day, I longed to know whether she was conscious of my presence, I leant over and said, 'Aunt, do you know me? Do you know Angel?' The expression which passed over her countenance was quite indescribable, it seemed as if the poor clouded spirit was then trying to pierce the veil which hindered it from manifesting all the love that lay in its depths. She pulled me to her and succeeded in saying, 'I do.' She then made an effort to kiss me, and kept stroking my face, as if to assure herself that I was near her; from that time I had the delightful consciousness that she knew who was tending her till the vital spark took its upward flight."

MEMOIR OF WILLIAM HEATH AND REBECCA MARSHALL,

By their daughter, Miss ANGEL HEATH.

From the MS. before referred to.

"The third son of Benjamin Heath, the Town Clerk of Exeter, was my Father, Admiral William Heath. He entered the Navy at his own strong desire when he was 10 years old, beguiled thereto, as I have heard him say, by the stirring tales told him of naval life by a retired sailor, whose society he delighted in at Exeter. He had no taste for the abstruse studies of his elder brothers, and I have heard him say that when his Mother, to secure his attention to his Latin Grammar, used to make him sit on a footstool at her feet, after a few minutes she found him asleep. As he evidently did not inherit his Father's classical taste, and as it seemed hopeless to attempt to make a Scholar of him, his parents did not oppose his choice of a profession, and accordingly he was launched into the wide world at 10 years old.

"The Navy was very different in those days from what it now is, and many of my Father's nautical tales might figure by the side of those of Smollett, which I believe, at the time he wrote, were not by any means caricatures. After a short time my Father was heartily sick of his profession; but he had made his choice and there was no retracting, so, after remaining 15 years a Midshipman, he was

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“made a Lieutenant, and soon after a Commander, and appointed to command a ship of war on the Irish Station.

“This proved to be the turning point of his life, for while so stationed he fell in love with Rebecca Marshall, the second daughter of the Rev. Josiah Marshall, Rector of Fahan, in the County of Donegal, “on the shores of Loch Swilly, where my Father’s ship lay when in Port. Rebecca Marshall was very “beautiful, I have heard many who knew her say that she was the prettiest woman they had ever seen, “and she had that nameless charm, which some few women possess, of attracting almost all men who came “within her influence; the list of her captives was a long one; one poor rejected lover became so ill that “he took to his bed at my Grandfather’s house in consequence of his despair, and I have heard one of my “Aunts say that my Grandfather’s office was to visit and console him in his distress, telling him that “There are as good fish in the sea as ever were caught.”

“The first way that my Father’s love showed itself, and which made the young ladies speculate on “it, was his being the reader of Sir Charles Grandison to the party in the mornings, his going straight on “with the book in spite of all going out of the room; but when my mother ‘on household cares intent’ “left the room he always laid down the book, saying we will wait till Miss Beck comes back. When he “wrote to tell his Mother of his attachment he described himself as going about ‘a body without a soul,’ “and this, from one who was as far as possible removed from sentimentalism, was a striking proof of what “a leveller this passion is.

“To marry an Irish Girl with little fortune appeared to my Father’s family a very rash and “imprudent step, as his own income, when he retired on half pay, which he intended to do on marrying, “would amount to little more than £180 a year.

“My Grandmother’s remonstrance on the contemplated imprudence of her son contained the pithy “question which she clothed in the words of—‘It is all very well so long as you can put your children “under a tub, but what are you to do when you come to educate them and put them out in the world?’ “This problem my Father did not attempt to solve, so he simply answered—‘As this is the only scheme “of happiness I have yet formed for myself, I am determined to carry it out. I must therefore beg that “you will not try to prevent it, but that you will write me such a reply to this letter as I can show to the “young lady’s friends.’ Being at this time 38, he no doubt thought that he was of an age to judge for “himself, and accordingly Rebecca Marshall became his wife. His ship was paid off a year after his “marriage, and he took his wife round in her to England to introduce her to his relations. Her beauty, “her engaging and amiable manners gained all their hearts, and they all approved of the wild Irish Girl “thus introduced into the family. My Father was at this time made Post Captain and took his wife back “to Ireland where he remained for the last 30 years of his life, and there left a name so respected and “venerated among the country people where he resided, that 30 years after his death a gentleman coming “to live at the same place, hearing the poor people quote Admiral Heath as a pattern of what an excellent “gentleman ought to be, and what a blessing he had been to the place, supposed that he was lately dead, “and was much surprised at seeing from his monument in the Church that he had been dead 30 years.

“My Father was a remarkable instance of how much may be done by judicious economy and good “management, and how it may be combined with munificent liberality when circumstances admit of the “exercise of this last quality.

“On my Father’s marriage his father-in-law built him a house which was the portion he gave to his “Daughter; he took a farm which, unlike most amateur farmers, he managed so well that he maintained “his family from the produce of it, and his well-managed gardens supplied him abundantly with vegetables. “so that so long as he could put his children ‘under a tub’ he had no difficulty in providing for them, and “four years after his marriage, the war with France breaking out, he got, through the interest of his family, “the post of Regulating Captain on the Impress Service at Derry, which he held till he was made an “Admiral with an income of £500 a year, and from this time, his expenses not increasing in proportion to “his income, he began to save money. A Lady, a co-heiress of large landed property, who had been “quite deranged, but though very eccentric was not in a state to be put under restraint, was placed by her “guardian in his family with an allowance of £300 a year. This increase in his income allowed a con- “siderable expenditure, as, unlike most who have been obliged to practice extreme economy in early life, “and who find habits thus acquired adhere to them in after life when enlarged means no longer require it, “my Father’s income at the time of his death was £1,500 a year, and on this he exercised a hospitality and “charity which would appear almost fabulous if we did not understand the circumstances which made it “possible.

“In the first place every item of expenditure for housekeeping was much cheaper than in England, “and there were no assessed taxes to pay; Servants also were kept in every way much cheaper than in “England; the housekeeping was carried on in the patriarchal way of having all articles of food except “fish and groceries from the farm; the allowance for the winter consumption of beef was three beasts, “killed in October, Christmas and Easter; Mutton and Pork and Poultry in proportion. Fish was so cheap “that a large Turbot could be had for 2s. 6d., a large Cod for 10d., and Salmon 3d. per pound. I recollect “my surprise, on my return from the neighbourhood of London, on hearing the man servant, on his return “from Derry, by way of accounting for not having brought back fish, saying that he could not get a Cod “fish under a shilling, which Cod would have cost about 15s. where I had just come from.

“The annual expenditure was one pipe of Port Wine, costing £100, and a Chest of Tea weighing nett about 80 lbs. The family, with the addition of guests, generally sat down 12 to dinner, and for many years before my Father's death, Lough Swilly having become a Station for Men of War, of which two were always cruising about there, our house was open to all the Officers who liked a run on shore, and they were all welcomed by my Father with open handed hospitality. A few instances of this I like to record:—A young Lieutenant Montague arrived at Fahan to join his Ship a few days after it had sailed, and in this dilemma, there being no Inns in the place, he appealed to my Father for advice, and had an immediate invitation to take up his abode with us for the six weeks that intervened till his Ship returned; he wrote to his family such a charming account of our life in these back settlements that his Father, Admiral Montague, wrote to be allowed to pay us a visit himself, circumstances, however, prevented this from taking place. On another occasion a poor lad, a midshipman, named Nelson, after an illness was so reduced that his Captain wishing to recruit him begged for a run on shore at our house, and my Father, on seeing him and thinking his case was hopeless, desired that none of us would ask for him to remain when the Ship sailed on its six weeks cruise. However, after he had been a few days with us my Father became so interested in him that he desired that he might be left. He was so; he got rapidly worse, and for some time before his death, when he was confined to his bed, my Father tended him himself, and the poor fellow died holding his hand, and shewing by the pressure that he recognised him to the last. At another time a boat had landed from the ship to bury a sailor, and a thick fog coming on, the officers who attended were afraid to return to the ship, and there being no accommodation for the night they rang at our house bell at 10 at night and were admitted to the number of eight. My sisters and I had retired at 10 o'clock, and on coming down to breakfast were surprised to find the room full of officers. My father, who was lighting his candle to retire when the bell rang, had at once received these unbidden guests, got cold meat for them, and had them accommodated with what in Ireland is called a shake down, a sort of dormitory which stintless hospitality and stinted accommodation often brings into requisition. I must record an instance of grateful recollection of my Father's hospitality in one on whom it had been exercised nearly 50 years before. A certain Aaron Tozer, a midshipman, had, like many others of his comrades, a week's run on shore at my father's, when a boy of 14; there was nothing to distinguish him from any other man of his profession except his name of Aaron Tozer, which struck us youngsters as very ridiculous, and Aaron Tozer became a sort of household word with us when we wanted a subject for mirth.

“Now it happened that nearly 50 years after the advent and exit of Aaron Tozer, I, living at Lynton, heard my friend Mrs. Hayes mention that at a party the evening before she had met a Captain Tozer, a Naval Officer, and his wife. The name struck me, and the coincidence of Captain Tozer being in the Navy at once brought back to my memory the long forgotten Aaron, and I begged Mrs. Hayes to enquire if his name was Aaron; an answer in the affirmative, as well as that he had when a boy been on the Irish Station, confirmed me in the belief that our long lost Aaron had now turned up. I called upon them, found that I was right in my conjectures, and on speaking to the Captain of my recollections he became very animated and declared that the week he had spent with us was one of the happiest of his life, that he was like a colt let loose. He spoke of my father with the greatest love and respect, and said that from that time whenever he had heard the Irish spoken against, he had stood up for them, saying that he had never met with such hospitality and kindness as he had in that country. I found him an excellent and most agreeable man, and his wife and daughter very pleasing acquaintances. One more instance I must give while on this subject. Captain Stirling, now Admiral Sir James Stirling, was stationed at Lough Swilly, and his father having been ill he brought him round with him from Scotland, introduced him to my father and he remained with us a few days. Many years after this I was at Manchester, with my brother, for a few days, and we had an introduction to a Mr. Stirling, an extensive merchant at that place. It did not occur to me that he might be a brother of Captain Stirling, so we dined with him without making an allusion to his brother; but the next day, immediately after breakfast, he called and asked my brother if he was a son of Admiral Heath? My brother said ‘yes,’ when Mr. Stirling said that the man servant who waited at table the day before had been his father's valet when he was in Ireland and that at dinner he had recognised me as Admiral Heath's daughter; he then launched out into praise and gratitude for the hospitality his father had experienced, and made all sort of offers of service to us while we remained. One of the recipients of the hospitality which my father so liberally exercised, was a youth of the name of Shepherd, a midshipman, who like poor Nelson came on shore to have a room in our house to recruit after an illness, but who, unlike him, soon recovered. My stepmother, after he was gone, had a remarkably interesting well written letter from his sister, containing most grateful acknowledgements for the kindness her brother had received, and giving a sketch of their family history. Their father, a clergyman, had died leaving a large family without any provision, and this daughter, when only 18, had taken the management of their affairs into her own hands, and by remarkable exertions, and being able to interest many influential people in their behalf, she had succeeded in getting them all put into the world and in a way to maintain themselves, their mother being placed in the Asylum for Clergymen's Widows, in Kent. Miss Shepherd afterwards set up a boarding school at Kensington, which soon attained a great name, and pupils flocked in, paying very high terms. She continued to correspond with Mrs. Heath till the death of the latter. While on this subject I shall conclude with one more interesting case. A Captain Stuart, one of the Bute family, who commanded a

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“frigate on the Lough Swilly Station was taken ill and died on board his ship. My father had asked him to come to our house to be nursed; but he was too ill to be moved and his disorder ended fatally. Immediately after his death, a friend of his, Captain Mangin, who had applied for the command of the vessel, in order to attend to his friend in his illness, arrived and found that he was no more. He found that the ship was to sail on a six months’ cruise and he asked my father’s advice as to what he was to do, his appointment being only provisional. My father told him that he must sail and receive his further orders on his return, and not being able to land the remains of his friend, who was to be buried in Westminster Abbey, he sailed with them in his cabin. This circumstance led to a lasting friendship with our family, and with me in particular, which lasted for the last 30 years of Admiral Mangin’s life. I corresponded with him through all those years, and had a full opportunity of appreciating the fine and noble traits of character which, though mixed with certain weaknesses arising from the Irish impulsive character, made him a most loveable being. The last letter he ever wrote was a farewell to me, as he died of a lingering disorder in which he was aware there was no hope of recovery. His love and veneration of my father were unbounded, and by a sort of instinct he seemed to have discovered all the noble elements of which his character was composed.

“My Father was apparently built for long life, having a powerful muscular frame and a noble bearing, with a fine face on which was stamped the aristocracy of nature. But in the matter of life and death the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong; at the age of 65 he fell into a lingering complaint which indicated a breaking up of the system, and which slowly but steadily undermined the vital principle; his mind was serene and unclouded to the last. For more than a year before his death he felt that his case was hopeless, but instead of this producing fretfulness or irritability it only seemed to soften down any natural want of gentleness, and to make him grateful for all that was done for him, and more tender to all around him. He was confined to his bed for three months before his death, and latterly had entirely lost the use of all his limbs, and was obliged to be fed and tended like an infant, but a murmur never escaped him nor the slightest sign of impatience. He gave all the orders for his funeral himself, and they were in every way calculated to spare the feelings of those about him. On the New Year’s Day after his death the Rector of Fahan, a son of the then Bishop of Derry, pronounced from the pulpit a very just and beautiful eulogy on his memory; he concluded by saying ‘We have seen him among us for 30 years, tried in all the various relations of life, tried and not found wanting; tender and affectionate in his family, warm and steady in his friendships; to the poor his charity was unbounded; to his tenants a kind and considerate landlord; to those in his own rank, and to all who stood in need of it, his hospitality was liberal and comprehensive; Incapable of fraud or deceit himself, he was unsuspecting of them in others, and his memory will be long and gratefully revered in this place. I should sooner have paid this well-deserved tribute to his virtues, but that I feared to open afresh the hardly closed wounds which his loss has occasioned, and I pay this duty now, in this place, conscious that the good man’s eulogy is best pronounced in the house of that God who he served and from which house he was never absent till bodily illness made his attendance impossible.’

“So spake of him one who could not have been influenced by any strong feeling of personal regard.

“My Father’s first wife, Rebecca Marshall, died of a deep decline at the age of 32, having been confined to her bed for nearly a year before her death; she left five children, three sons and two daughters.”

Entries IN THE Family Bible

Of Benjamin Heath, D.C.L., now (1881) in the possession of Miss Elizabeth Frances Drury, the eldest daughter of the Rev. Henry Joseph Thomas Drury, of Harrow.

NOTE.—All the Entries are in Benjamin Heath’s handwriting.

“My son Benjamin Heath was born on the twenty-seventh day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine, at five o’clock in the morning. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.

My daughter Elizabeth Heath was born 3rd July, 1743. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.

My son George Heath was born the 3rd December, 1745. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.

My daughter Rose Mary Heath was born September 1, 1747. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.

My son William Heath was born September 18, 1748. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.

My son John Heath was born September 28, 1749. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.

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My daughter Lisette Heath was born January 22, 1753. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.
N.B.—Lisette was christened by the name of Louisa.

My son Charles Heath was born July 3, 1754, at seven of the clock in the morning. Witness my hand Benj. Heath.

My son Thomas was born September 29th, 1757, at half an hour after eight of the clock in the evening. Benj. Heath."

Extracts FROM Parochial Registers.

*ST. PAUL'S, EXETER :—

Marriage—

1753. Thomas Heath, of Holy Trinity, Exeter, and Ann Gandy, married at Kenn, 17 July:

*ST. LEONARD'S, EXETER :—

Baptisms—

1729. Benjamin, ye son of ye late Mr. Benjamin Heath and Elizabeth his wife, 11 October.
,, Thomas Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.

Marriage—

1730. Thomas Heath, merchant, and Ann Pyne, of St. Paul's, Exon, Spinster, 19 Decr.

Burials—

1723. An Affidavit for Elizabeth, ye wife of Benjamin Heath, was brought ye 1st of November.
1733. William Henry Heath (an infant), son of Thomas Heath and Anne, his Wife, of ye Holy Trinity, Exon, 11th November.
1736. William, ye son of Thomas Heath, of St. George's, Exon, 20th December.
1736. Anne, ye wife of ye said Thomas Heath, 29th December.
1736. Benjamin, ye son of Thomas Heath aforesaid, 18th January.
1737. Elizabeth Heath (an infant), daughter of Benjamin Heath, of ye Holy Trinity, Exon, 31 December.
1740. Ann Heath, of ye p'sh of ye Holy Trinity, 6th December.
1742. Sarah, ye daughter of Benjamin Heath, Esq., of Bedford, in ye city of Exon, 19 August.
1744. William, son of Benjamin Heath, Esq., of ye city of Exon, 13 December.
1746. Anna Maria Heath, 2nd December.
1751. William, son of Mr. Thomas Heath, Alderman of ye p'sh of Holy Trinity, in Exon, 27 October.
1753. Anna Maria, wife of Mr. Thomas Heath, Alderman, 16 February.
1754. Mrs. Heath, of Trinity, 9th April.
1759. Mr. Thomas Heath, 12 July.
1766. Benjamin Heath, Esq., 21 September.
1793. Thomas, son of Malachi Heath of Limpson, 1 March.
1833.† Joseph Drury, D.D., of Cockwood House, Dawlish, 17 January, æt. 83. (*sic.*)
1838.† Mary (*sic.*) Drury, Cockwood, 11 November, æt. 85.

Register of Affidavits—(burial in woollen).—

1736. Anne Heath, 1 January.
1736. Benjamin Heath, 23 January.
1737. Elizabeth Heath, 2 January.

* The Parish Registers at Exeter contain entries of the births, &c., of various other persons bearing the surname of Heath who I have been unable to connect with this Pedigree.

† These entries are inaccurate. Dr. Drury died 9 January, 1834, æt. 84, and his wife, Louisa, (not Mary) Drury died 5 November, 1837, æt. 84.

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HOLY TRINITY, EXETER :—

Baptisms—

1664.	June	5.	Caleb & Sarah, son & dau. of Thos. Heath, born Feb. 1.
1666.	Oct.	22.	Abraham, son of Thos. & Mary Heath, born.
1677.	May	16.	Thos. son of Thos. & Sarah Heath.
1678.	Feb.	14.	Thos. son of Thos. & Sarah Heath.
1679.	Jan.	6.	Staplehill, son of Thos. & Sarah Heath.
1681.	Jan.	6.	Thos. son of Thos. & Sarah Heath.
1683.	July	12.	John, son of Thos. & Sarah Heath.
1684.	Dec.	8.	Hannah, dau. of Thos. & Sarah Heath.
1732.	Dec.	19.	Benjamin, son of Mr. Thos. & Mrs. Ann Heath.
1733.	Nov.	8.	Wm. Henry, son of Mr. Thos. & Mrs. Ann Heath.
1735.	Feb.	2.	Mary, dau. of Mr. Benjamin & Mrs. Rosemary Heath.
1737.	Dec.	29.	Elizth. dau. of Benja. Heath, Esq., & Rosemary his wife.
1743.	Sept.	1.	Malachy Pyne, son Thos. Heath, Esq., & Anna Maria.
1745.	March	14.	Anna Maria, dau. of Mr. Thos. & Mrs. Anna Maria Heath.
1747.	Feb.	16.	Anna Maria, dau. of Mr. Thos. & Anna-Maria Heath.
1749.	Aug.	3.	Thos. son of Thos. Heath, Esq., & Anna Maria, his wife.
1751.	Dec.	19.	Maria, dau. of Thos. Heath, Esq., & Anna Maria, his wife.

Burials—

1678.	June	29.	Thos. Heath.
1680.	May	15.	Thomas Heath.
1681.	Jan.	10.	Thos. Heath.
1755.	Apr.	22.	Sarah, dau. of Thos. & Hannah Heath.

HONITON CHURCH :—

Baptisms—

1721.	Oct.	10.	Susannah, dau. of Mr. Will. Gill, & Susannah, his wife.
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OTTERTON :—

Burials—

1775.	Nov.	7.	John Duke, Esq., was buried.
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ST. GEORGE'S, BLOOMSBURY, CO. MIDDLESEX :—

Baptisms—

1812.	September	16.	Born July 6. John Benjamin [son of] John Benjamin and Sophia Heath.
1816.	April 10.	Born Jan. 9.	Louisa Elizabeth, daughter of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Southampton Row, St. George's, Bloomsbury, Merchant, [by] C. F. Moore.
1819.	Feb. 11.	Born August 2, 1817.	Sophia Elizabeth, daughter of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Bloomsbury Place, St. George's, Bloomsbury. Sardinian Consul-General [by] G. Hunt.
1819.	Feb. 11.	Born August 2, 1817.	Harriet Angel, daughter of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Bloomsbury Place, St. George's, Bloomsbury. Sardinian Consul-General [by] G. Hunt.
1819.	Feb. 11.	Born Dec. 12, 1818.	Robert Amadeus, son of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Bloomsbury Place, St. George's Bloomsbury. Sardinian Consul-General [by] G. Hunt.
1821.	March 5.	Born Jan. 19, 1820.	William Andrew James, son of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Bloomsbury Place, St. George's, Bloomsbury. Sardinian Consul-General [by] P. Felix.
1823.	April 17th.	Born Decr. 9, 1822.	Frances Rose, daugr. of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Bloomsbury Place, St. George, Bloomsbury. Sardinian Consul-General [by] Rd. Wm. Johnson Vickery.
1826.	May 25.	Born July 5, 1824.	Henry Burnley son of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Bloomsbury Place, St. George's, Bloomsbury. Sardinian Consul-General [by] S. Wynn.
1826.	May 25.	Born Nov. 23, 1825.	Alfred Hales, son of John Benjamin and Sophia Heath [abode] Bloomsbury Place, St. George's, Bloomsbury, Sardinian Consul-General [by] S. Wynn.
1828.	May 1st.	Born Jany. 7.	Frances Rose [daughter of] John Benjamin and Sophia Heath, [abode] Bloomsbury Place. Sardinian Consul-General [by] S. H. Wynn.
1832.	May 31.	Born Sept. 3, 1831.	Emily Adelaide [daughter of], John Benjamin & Sophia Heath, [abode] Russell Square. Sardinian Consul-General [by] Jno. Lonsdale, Rector.

Abstracts of Wills.

BENJAMIN HEATH, of St. Lennards, co. Devon, Merchant, Will dated 9th December, 1725, proved 31st July, 1728, by Benjamin Heath, power reserved to the other Executors: Poor of the parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, £5; Poor of the City of Exeter, £15. To Joseph Stennett, of Exeter, gent.; Samuel Spurway, of St. Thomas, co. Devon, Sergemaker; Simon Rowden, of the same parish, Fuller; Samuel Waymouth, of Exeter, Tobacconist, and Matthew Parsons, of St. Thomas aforesaid, Sergemaker, the sum of £150, in trust, the interest thereof to such poor of the Baptist or Anabaptist congregation, at Exeter, as they shall think fit. To my son, Benjamin Heath, my estate and interest in portions of the Manor of Pool Anthony, in the parishes of Tiverton and Willand, co. Devon, and lands in Elmore, in the parish of Tiverton, also the residue of a term of 99 years (determinable on the deaths of my two sons, Benjamin and Thomas, and of Richard Cock, son of Richard Cock, of Tiverton) in a third part of certain fields, part of the said Manor of Pool Anthony, purchased of Sir William Windham, Bart., and also my moiety of the Manor of Little Rackenford, Devon, and my moiety of tenements in Little Rackenford, Blindwell, Sydeham, and Windsor, &c., remainder in default to my son Thomas, remainder in default to my son Kelland Heath. To my said son, Benjamin Heath, £5,000, my signet ring, &c. To my son, Thomas Heath, £3,000, at age of 21. To my son, Kelland Heath, £2,000, at age of 21, and also a further sum of £500, if he releases to my son Benjamin Heath, his right in a tenement in Rackenford called Mogworthy or East Mogford, &c., which was given him by his mother, and also his right to what was given him by his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Kelland, deceased. Should all my sons die without issue, my said lands in Tiverton, Rackenford, &c., to go to my nephew, Staplehill Heath, of Ottery St. Mary, Devon, gent. The children of the said Staplehill Heath, £500 each. My niece, Hannah Collier, and her three daughters, Sarah, Anne, and Mary Collier, £500 each. My nephew Benjamin Heath, £50. The sons and daughters of my late brother, Caleb Heath, each £50. My niece, Hannah Garnish, £100. The aforesaid Staplehill Heath, Joseph Stennett, and Samuel Waymouth, to be Guardians of my sons Thomas Heath, and Kelland Heath, during minority. To my son, Thomas Heath, my racks, presses, and tools, belonging to my trade, and divers articles of plate. To my son, Kelland Heath, the diamond earrings which were his mother's, and divers articles of plate. To each of the daughters of my said nephew, Staplehill Heath, £10, and his two sons, £25 each. The three children of my aforesaid niece, Hannah Collier, £10 each, at ages of 21. To my niece, Hannah Garnish, £10, and her brother, my nephew, Benjamin Heath, £5. The sons and daughters of my deceased brother, Caleb Heath, £5 each. Residue, in trust to my Executors, viz., my nephew, Staplehill Heath, my son, Benjamin Heath, and the aforesaid Joseph Stennett and Samuel Waymouth. Witnesses, Henry Walrond, John Rowe, John Conant.—*P.C.C.* (212 *Brook*.)

Benjamin Heath,
1725.

RICHARD DUKE, of Otterton, co. Devon, Esq. Will dated 31st March, 1736. Codicil, 1st September, 1739. Proved 21st April, 1741, by Robert Duke, Esq., Executor. To my brother-in-law, Staplehill Heath, of Ottery St. Mary, co. Devon, gent., and William Simons, of Otterton, Clerk, (as Trustees, for the purposes of my Will) my Lordships or Manors of Otterton, Little Otterton, Budleigh Syon al's Lower Budleigh, Budleigh Polelow al's Upper Budleigh, Colaton Abbott al's Duke's Colaton, Colaton Rawleigh, Dotton al's Docton otherwise Dottington, Hayes al's Powers Hayes otherwise Duke's Hayes, the Borough of Ashburton, my Rectory Improprate of Otterton, my advowsons, &c., of Otterton, Budleigh or East Budleigh, Harpford and Ottery, co. Devon, and rents issuing from the Manor of Shillingford, and out of the tithes and Rectories of East Budleigh and Sidmouth, &c. My said Manors &c., to the use of my nephew Robert Duke, son of my deceased brother George Duke, for his life (under the above trusteeship), and after to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, remainder in default to my nephew John Heath son of my deceased sister Anne Heath, remainder in default to my cousin german, Doctor Edmund Walrond, of the city of Exeter, remainder to my right heirs. My brother Robert Duke, £30 per annum, out of the Rectory and tithes of Otterton. My late cousin Richard Duke. Whoever comes into possession of the above Manors, &c., to take the name and Arms of Duke of Otterton. My niece, Dorothy Duke, £400. My four nieces, Sarah, Elizabeth, Anne and Frances Duke, £200 each, at ages of 21. My kinsman, Doctor Walrond, £100. My kinswoman, Mary Stogdon, widow, and Anne, wife of Mr. Richard Coplestone, £10 each. My nieces, Anne and Frances Heath, £100 each. I desire to be buried in the Chancel of Otterton Church. Residue to my nephew Robert Duke, sole Executor. Witnesses: John Stafford, Henry Butson, William Hall, William Williams.

Richard Duke,
1736.

CODICIL, dated 1st September, 1739. My dwelling-house in the parish of St. Paul, City of Exeter, to Doctor Edmund Walrond. Since making my will, my niece, Dorothy Duke, (now Conant) is married, and I now revoke the former legacy, and give her £10, and her former legacy of £400 to be equally divided amongst her four sisters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Anne, and Frances. To my brother Robert, my young horse, called "Comely John." My sister Duke, £400. Witnesses: John Stafford, John Peck, George Taylor.—*P.C.C.* (87 *Spurway*.)

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*John Duke,
1773.*

JOHN DUKE, of Otterton, in the county of Devon, Esq., dated 13th January, 1773, proved 6th December, 1775, by his widow, Susannah Duke, sole Executrix. "My mother-in-law, Mrs. Heath." "My cousin, Mary Collier." Wife Susannah, sole Executrix. *P.C.C. (11 Alexander 1014, p. 464.*

*Susannah Duke,
1783.*

SUSANNAH DUKE, of Sidmouth, widow of John Duke of Otterton, Esquire, deceased, dated 14th November, 1783, proved 17th June, 1785, by Judith Maria Rolle, wife of John Rolle, Esq., sole Executrix, "My cousin Judith Maria Rolle, wife of John Rolle, of Tudwell [Tidwell p'chia East Budleigh], in the county of Devon." Legacy to "Mrs. Sarah Walrond, of Bovey." Legacy to "Mary Collier, daughter of Hannah Collier, "deceased, who was the sister of Staplehill Heath, late of Ottery St. Mary, Esquire, deceased, who was "the father of my late husband." Legacy to "Elizabeth Heath, of Ottery St. Mary, widow of said "Staplehill Heath, deceased." Legacy to "Dr. Benjamin Heath, son of the late Benjamin Heath." "Susannah, daughter of Rev. George Heath, £500, on her attaining 21." An estate in Ottery St. Mary to George Heath. To the said Dr. Benjamin Heath, a water colour miniature picture of Staplehill Heath, set with Pearls, to remain in his family, it having been in the Heath family near 100 years. To Susannah Stokes, an enamelled picture of my late father, set with brilliants. To Susannah, daughter of the Rev. George Heath, an enamelled picture of the said Staplehill Heath, set with brilliants. Also a miniature in water colours set with brilliants, of my late dear husband. Also an enamelled picture of him set in silver gilt. *P.C.C.: (6 Ducarel 1130, p. 302).*

Monumental Inscriptions.

Fahan Church.

INSCRIPTION ON MARBLE TABLET IN FAHAN CHURCH:—

"This Tablet was erected in memory of WILLIAM HEATH, Rear Admiral in the Navy, who departed this life the 11th day of June, 1815, in the 67th year of his age. In all the various relations of life, the moral, social, and domestic virtues were in him so aptly blended, as to produce a character unblemished, so far as may be permitted to human infirmity: and human infirmity in him was chastened and controlled by piety. Pure, fervent, unostentatious; in heart as in deportment, open, manly, sincere: as in himself there was no guile, so he suspected none in others. The poor of this place will long deplore the loss of their never failing benefactor. The sole consolation to his surviving relatives is in the blessed hope of his resurrection to eternal life: and in the humble prayer that where he is, they may be also."

*St. Michael's,
Honiton.*

INSCRIPTION ON MONUMENT IN THE SOUTH AISLE OF CHANCEL OF THE OLD CHURCH (ST. MICHAEL'S) HONITON, CO. DEVON.

"In a vault underneath are deposited the remains of JOHN GILL, gent., who was interred Decr. the first, 1736, aged 27 years.

Also WILLIAM GILL, Esqr., Barrister-at-law, who died the second of November, 1744, aged 32 years.

In the same repository sleeps also SUSANNAH, the mother of the said John & William GILL, who departed this life the 2nd April, 1748, aged 68 years.

And likewise WILLIAM GILL, Esqr., father of the aforesaid John and William, and husband of the said Susannah, whose dissolution happened December 4th, 1756, aged 72 years.

This Monument is erected to their Memory by SUSANNAH DUKE, the only surviving child of the said William Gill & Susannah his wife, relict of JOHN DUKE, late of Otterton, Esqr., deced. who was one of the Representatives in Parliament for this Borough 14 years."

Otterton Church.

INSCRIPTION ON BRASS PLATES IN OTTERTON CHURCH.

"John Duke, Esqr., died 3 Novr., 1775, aged 58."

"Susanna Duke, died 18 Sep., 1784. Aged 63."



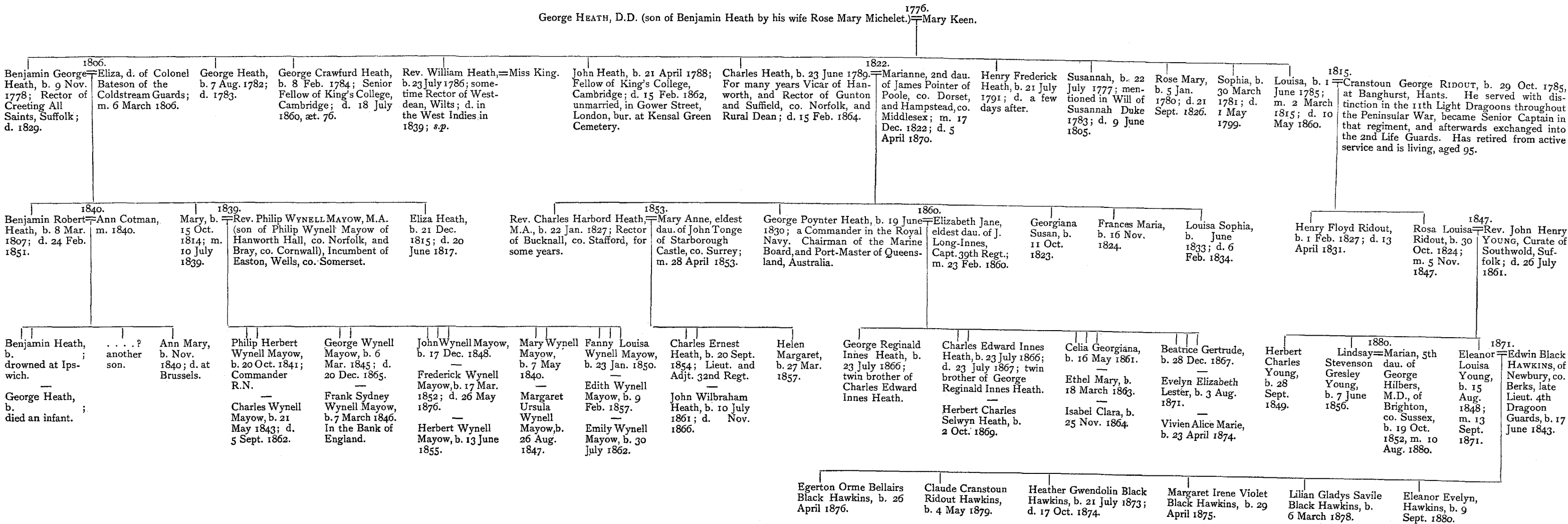
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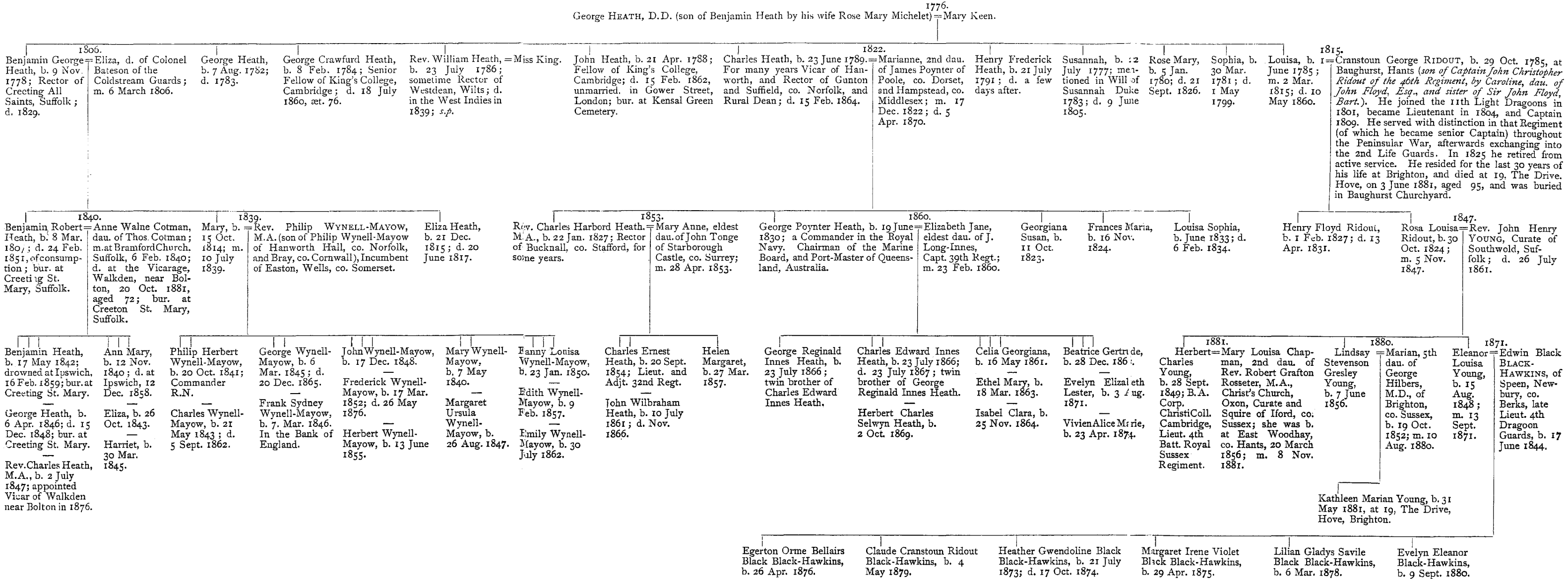
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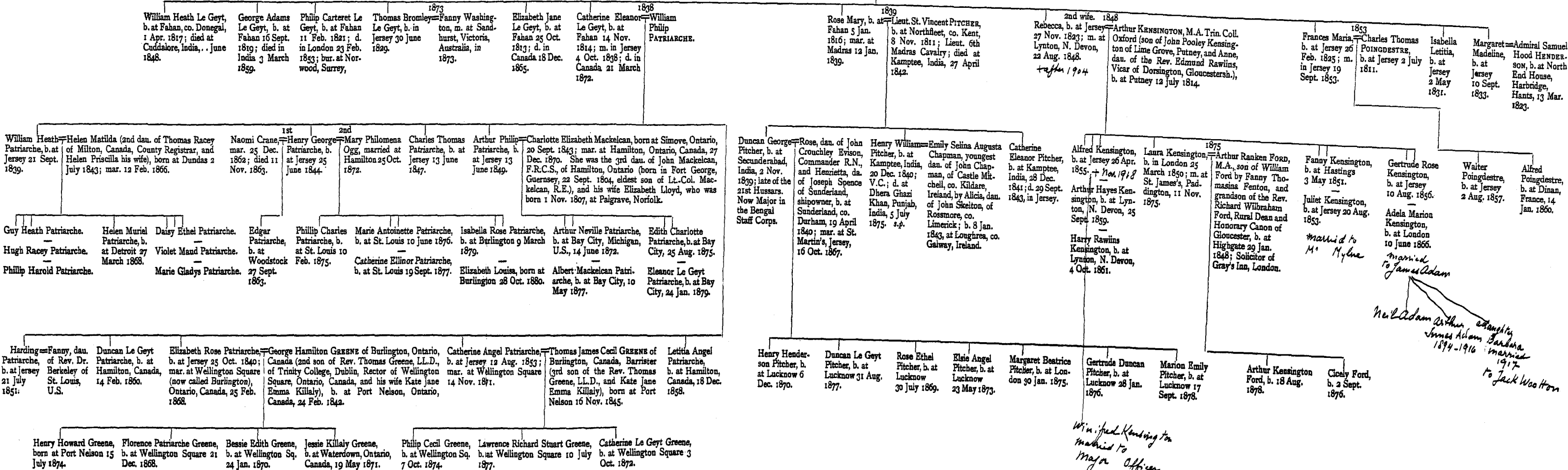
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Rose Marie (dan. of Admiral William Heath by his 1st wife—Admiral George Le Geyt, C.B., b. at Canterbury 20 March 1777; died at co. Donegal, 21 Dec. 1812; d. at Jersey 26 Feb. 1851; bur. there.)



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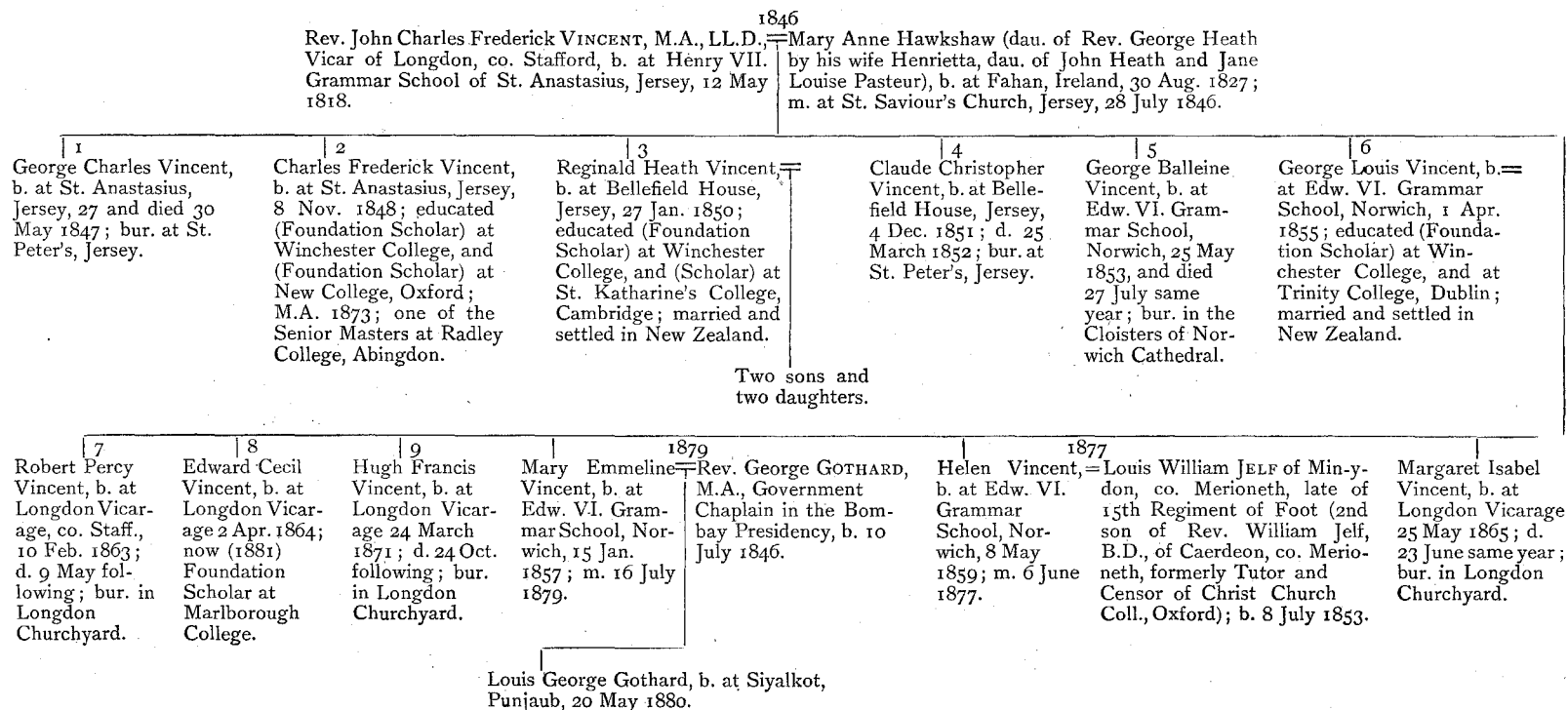
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1812.
Rose Marie (dau. of Admiral William Heath by his 1st wife=Admiral George Le GEYT, C.B., b. at
Rebecca Marshall), b. at Harrow 24 Jan. 1787; m. at Fahan, Canterbury 20 Mar. 1777; d. at Jersey
co. Donegal, 21 Dec. 1812; d. at Jersey 26 Feb. 1851; bur. there. 23 Sept. 1861; bur. there.

1812. William Heath Le Geyt, b. at Fahan, co. Donegal, 1 Apr. 1817; d. at Cuddalore, India, June 1848.		1813. George Adams Le Geyt, b. at Fahan 16 Sept. 1819; d. in India 3 Mar. 1859.		1813. Philip Carteret Le Geyt, b. at Fahan 11 Feb. 1821; d. in London 23 Feb. 1827.		1813. Thomas Bromley Le Geyt, b. in Jersey 30 June 1827.		1813. Fanny Washing- ton, m. at Sand- hurst, Victoria, Australia, in 1873.		1813. Elizabeth Jane Le Geyt, b. at Fahan 25 Oct. 1813; d. in Canada 18 Dec. 1865; bur. at Burlington, Canada.		1813. Catherine Eleanor Le Geyt, b. at Fahan 14 Nov. 1814; m. in Jersey 4 Oct. 1838; d. in Canada 21 Mar. 1872; bur. at Bur- lington, Canada.		1813. William Philip PATRIARCHE.		1813. Rose Mary Le- Geyt, b. at Fahan 5 Jan. 1816; m. at Madras 12 Jan. 1839.		1813. Lient. St. Vincent PITCHER, b. at Northfleet, co. Kent, 8 Nov. 1811; Lieut. 6th Madras Cavalry; d. at Kamptee, India, 27 Apr. 1842.		1813. 2nd wife. 1848. Rebecca Le Geyt, b. at Jersey 27 Nov. 1823; m. at Lynton, N. Devon, 22 Aug. 1848.		1813. Arthur KENSINGTON, M.A., Fellow of Trin. Coll. Oxford (son of John Pooley Kensington of Lime Grove, Putney, and Anne, d. of the Rev. Edmund Rawlins, Vicar of Dorsington, Glou- cestershire), b. at Putney 12 July 1814.		1813. Frances Maria Le Geyt, b. at Jersey 26 Feb. 1825; m. in Jersey 19 Sept. 1853.		1813. Charles Thomas POINGDESTRE, b. at Jersey 2 July 1811.		1813. Isabella Le Geyt, b. at Jersey 2 May 1831.		1813. Margaret Made- line Le Geyt, b. at Jersey 10 Sept. 1833; m. at St. Martin's Church, Jersey, 27 Apr. 1864.		1813. Admiral Samuel Hood HEN- DERSON, b. at North End House, Harbridge, Hants, 13 Mar. 1823; 3rd son of Admiral George Henderson of Deal, by Frances Walcott, eldest dau. of Edmond Walcott Simpson of Winton, Ringwood, Hants.													
1866. William Heath = Helen Matilda (2nd dau. of Patriarche, b. Thomas Racey of Milton, Can- at Jersey 21 ada, County Registrar, and Sept. 1839. Helen Priscilla his wife), b. Feb. 1866. at Dundas 2 July 1843; m. 12 Feb. 1866.		1866. Helen Muriel Patriarche, b. at Detroit 27 Mar. 1868.		1866. Daisy Ethel Patriarche, b. at Woodstock 27 Sept. 1863.		1866. Edgar Patriarche, b. at St. Louis 10 Feb. 1875.		1866. Philip Charles Patriarche, b. at St. Louis 10 June 1876.		1866. Marie Antoinette Patriarche, b. at St. Louis 10 June 1876.		1866. Isabella Rose Patriarche, b. at Burlington 9 Mar. 1879.		1866. Arthur Neville Patriarche, b. at Bay City, Michigan, U.S., 14 June 1872.		1866. Edith Charlotte Patriarche, b. at Bay City, 25 Aug. 1875.		1866. Eleanor Le Geyt Patriarche, b. at Bay City, 24 Jan. 1879.		1866. Herbert Kensington Patri- arche, b. at Bay City 1881.		1866. Henry Henderson Pitcher, b. at Lucknow 6 Dec. 1870.		1866. Duncan Le Geyt Pitcher, b. at Luck- now 31 Aug. 1877.		1866. Rose Ethel Pitcher, b. at Lucknow 30 July 1869.		1866. Elsie Angel Heath Pitcher, b. at Lucknow 23 May 1873.		1866. Margaret Beatrice Pitcher, b. at London 30 Jan. 1875.		1866. Gertrude Duncan Pitcher, b. at Lucknow 28 Jan. 1876.		1866. Marion Emily Pitcher, b. at Lucknow 18 Sept. 1876.		1866. Grace Carle- ton Crouchley Pitcher, b. 19 Nov. 1881, at Cricklewood near London.		1866. Arthur Kensington Ford, b. 18 Aug. 1878, at Highgate.		1866. Cicely Ford, b. 2 Sept. 1876, at Highgate.		1866. Honoria Ford, b. 21 Mar. 1881, at Highgate.		1866. W. in 1864 M. M. married to Major officer of Regiment Kensington by Alice Heath, b. 1864.	
1866. Harding = Fanny, dau. of Rev. Dr. Berkely of St. Louis, U.S.		1866. Duncan Le Geyt Patri- arche, b. at Hamil- ton, Canada, 14 Feb. 1860.		1866. Elizabeth Rose Patriarche, b. at Jersey 25 Oct. 1840; m. at Wellington Square (now called Burlington), Ontario, Canada, 25 Feb. 1868.		1866. George Hamilton GREENE of Burlington, Ontario, Canada (2nd son of Rev. Thomas Greene, LL.D., of Trinity College, Dub- lin, Rector of Wellington Square, Ontario, Canada, and his wife Kate Jane Emma Killaly), b. at Port Nelson, Ontario, Canada, 24 Feb. 1842.		1866. Catherine Angel Patriarche, b. at Jersey 12 Aug. 1853; m. at Wellington Square 14 Nov. 1871.		1866. Thomas James Cecil GREENE of Burlington, Canada, Bar- rister (3rd son of the Rev. Thomas Greene, LL.D., and Kate Jane Emma Killaly), b. at Port Nelson 16 Nov. 1845.		1866. Letitia Angel Patriarche, b. at Hamilton, Canada, 18 Dec. 1858.		1866. Lawrence Richard Stuart Greene, b. at Wellington Square 10 July 1877.		1866. Catherine Le Geyt Greene, b. at Well- ington Square 3 Oct. 1872.		1866. Henry Howard Greene, b. at Port Nelson 15 July 1874.		1866. Florence Greene, b. at Wel- lington Square 21 Dec. 1868.		1866. Bessie Edith Greene, b. at Wellington Square 24 Jan. 1870.		1866. Jessie Killaly Greene, b. at Waterdown, Ontario, Canada, 19 May 1871.		1866. Philip Cecil Greene, b. at Wellington Sq. 7 Oct. 1874.		1866. Lawrence Richard Stuart Greene, b. at Wellington Square 10 July 1877.		1866. Catherine Le Geyt Greene, b. at Well- ington Square 3 Oct. 1872.															

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1815
 Maria Louisa Heath (d. of John Heath by his wife Jane Louise Pasteur), b. at Genoa 20 Nov. 1794; m. at Genoa 6 June 1815; survived her husband, and died at Paris 30 Aug. 1868; bur. in the Cimetière Montmartre.

1815
 André DE LA RÜE (son of Antoine de la Rüe by Anne, d. of David Maystre, and grandson of André de la Rüe and Mary Rebecca Perrochon), b. at Genoa 20 Dec. 1788; d. at Paris 17 Oct. 1854; bur. in the Cimetière Montmartre.

1834
 Louisa Elizabeth de la Rüe, b. at Walkern Parsonage, co. Herts, 29 June 1816; m. 6 June 1834 at Paris. + Paris 1890

1834
 ADOLPHE d'EICHTHAL (son of Louis d'Eichthal), a Baron of the Kingdom of Bavaria, sometime a Banker at Paris, Greek Consul-General there from 1834 to 1845; a Member of the Chamber of Deputies from 1845 till February, 1848, when the Orleans Dynasty was displaced. He is an Officer of the Greek Order of the Redeemer, and in 1879 was created Knight Commander of the Legion of Honour. + Paris 1895

1866
 Louis d'Eichthal, b. at Paris 28 July 1837; Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. +

1866
 Maria Amy Freeman, b. 6 Jan. 1844; m. at Paris 21 June 1866. +

1872
 Adolphe d'Eichthal, b. at Versailles 6 Oct. 1841. +

1872
 Mdlle. Tissier, m. Feb. 1872.

Louisa Rose d'Eichthal, b. at Paris 21 Apr. 1835. + a Paris 19

John Adolphe William d'Eichthal, b. at Les Bézards, Dept. Loiret, 21 March 1867.

Marguerite Aloise d'Eichthal, b. at Les Bézards 30 June 1868.

Aline Louise Charlotte d'Eichthal, b. at Les Bézards 28 Jan. 1874.

André d'Eichthal, b. at Château le Plans, Dept. de la Loire, 30 March 1873.

Ep. 1895
 Marguerite Misabon
 fille d'Albert Misabon

June 1st de L^e de Normandie
 sans profession
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Ep.
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 fille de Albin Martin
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d'Eichthal

Fils d'Eichthal
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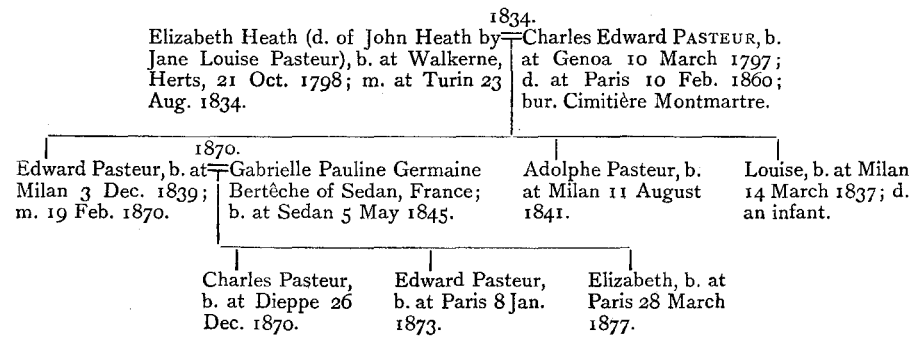
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 de Serges de Berlin

d'Eichthal

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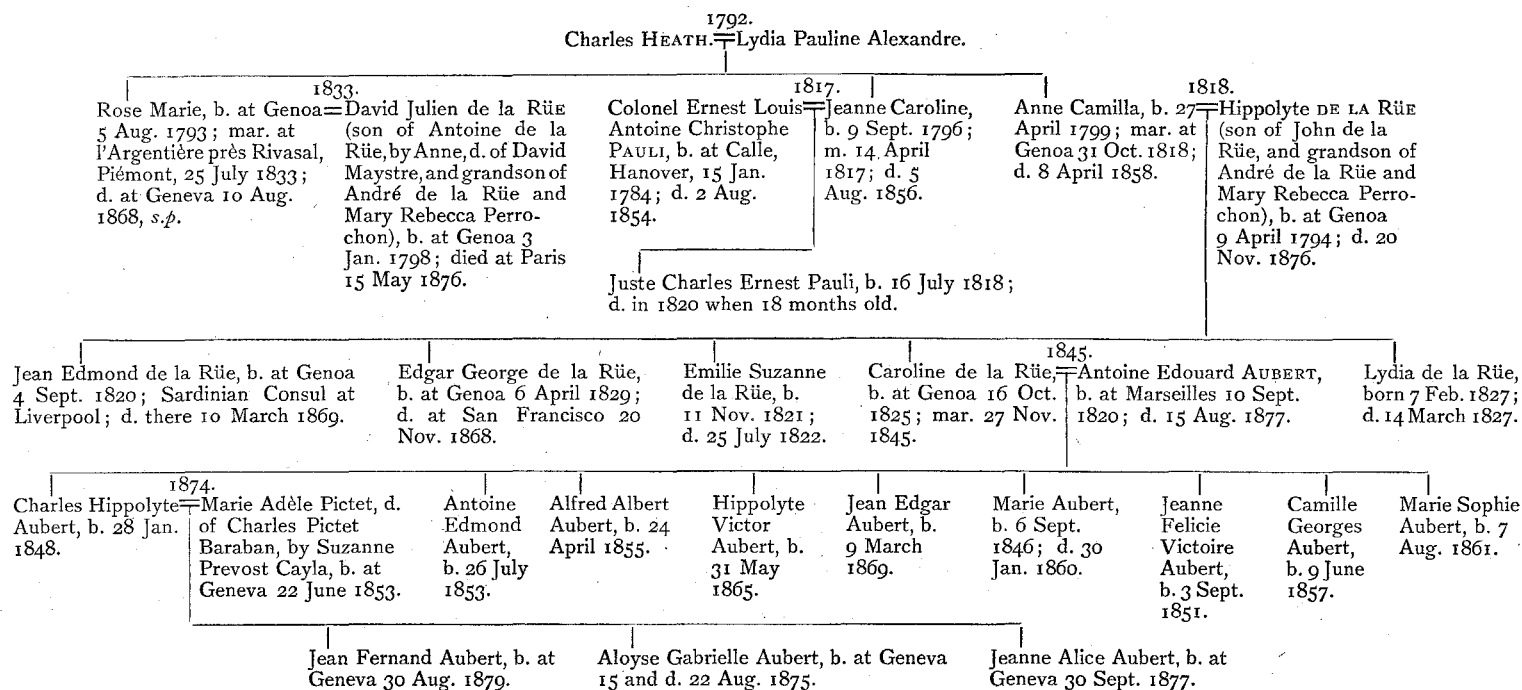
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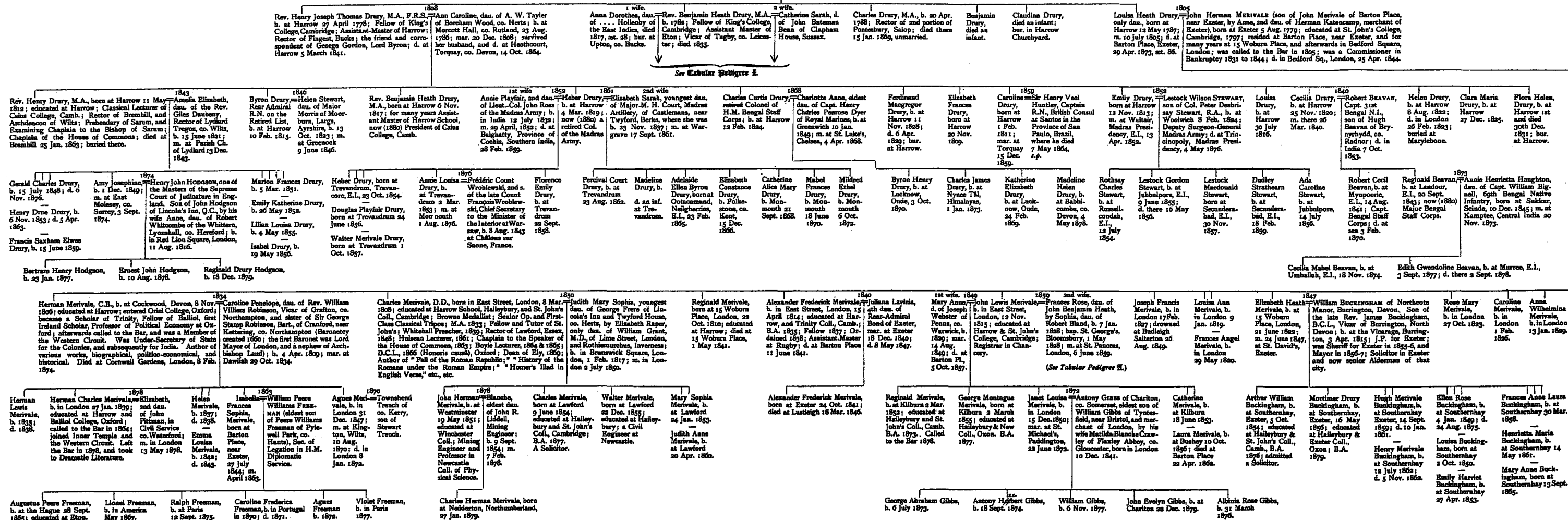


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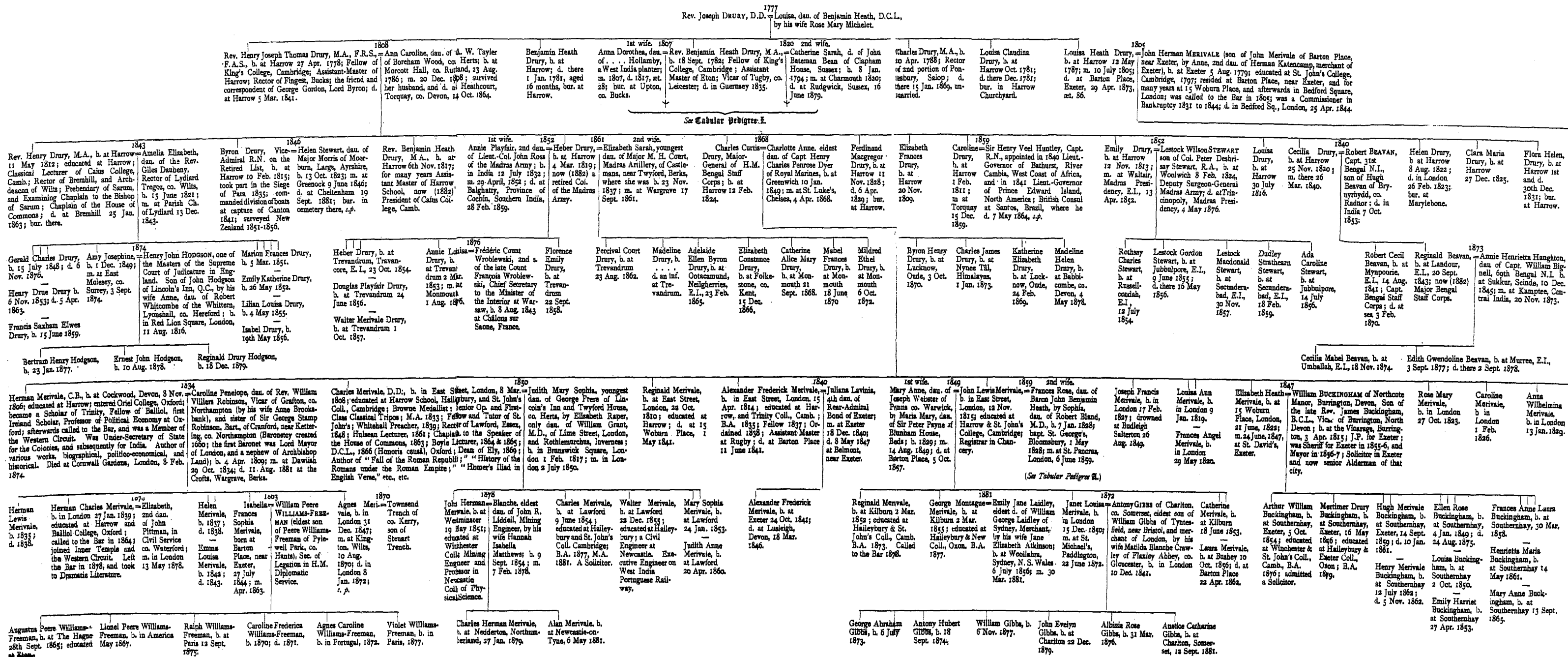
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Rev. Joseph Drury, D.D.,¹⁷⁷⁷
by his wife Rose Mary Michelet.



Tabular Pedigree B. (Revised to 1st January, 1882.)

Referred to in Tabular Pedigree A.

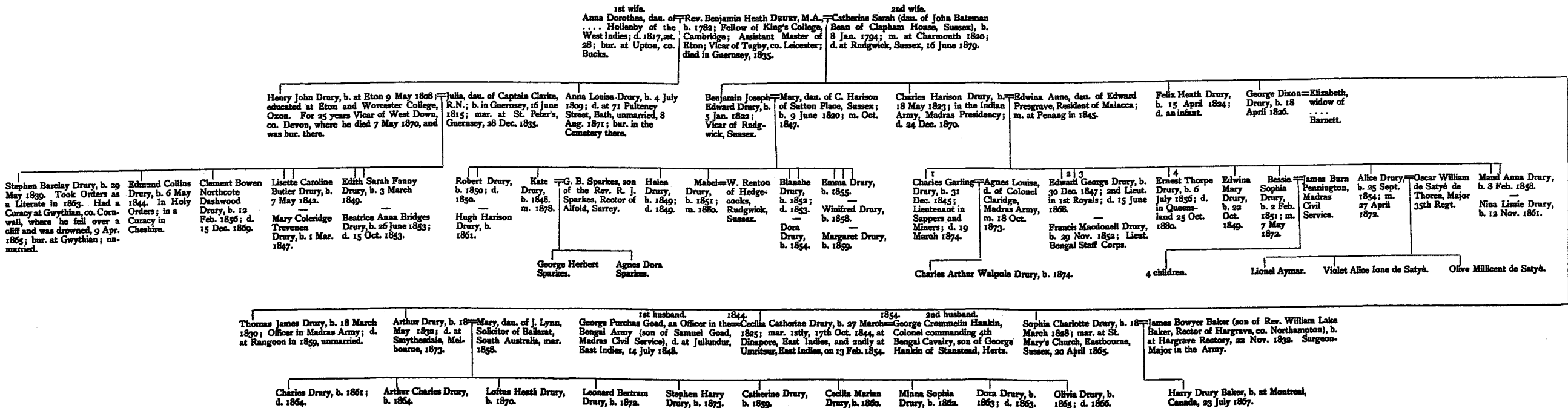


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APPENDIX.

Tabular Pedigree I.

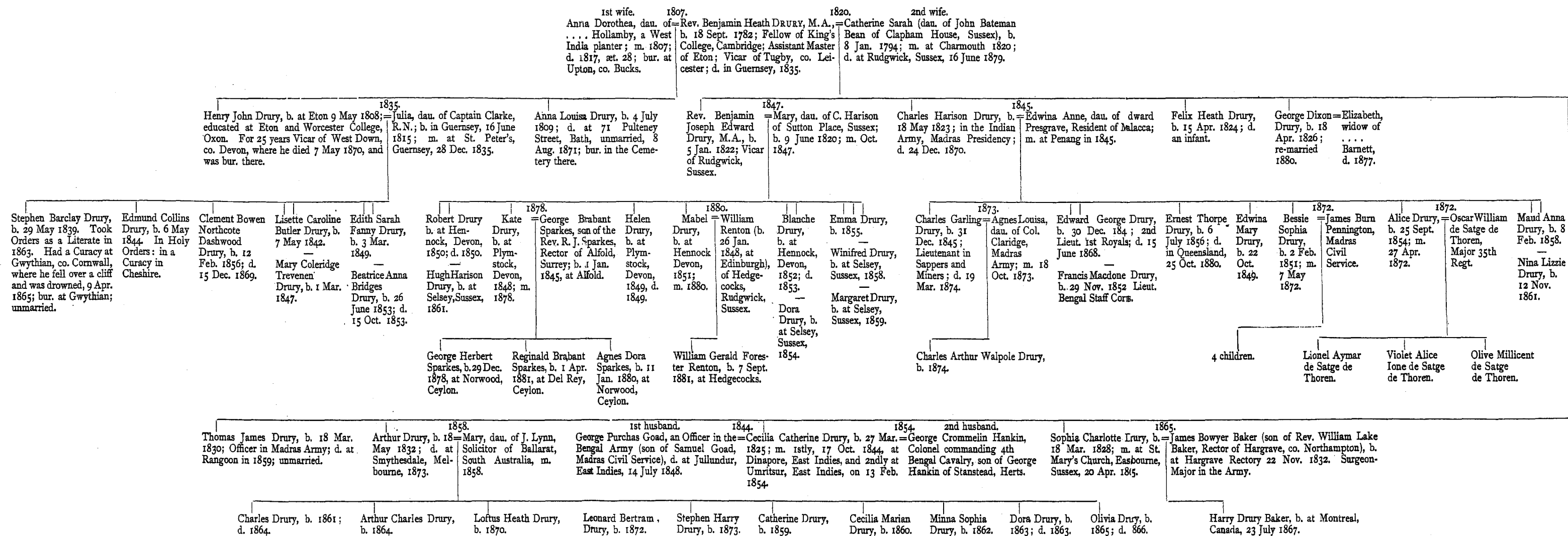
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APPENDIX.

Tabular Pedigree F. (Revised to 1st January 1882.)

Referred to in Tabular Pedigree 10.





SINCE the following pages were printed, Baron Heath has received from various members of his family information which enables him to correct, and make considerable additions to, some of the statements therein made. These corrections and additions apply mainly to the Tabular Pedigrees which have accordingly been revised and reprinted under date 1st January, 1882. Miss Anna W. Merivale has also furnished particulars derived from an original memorandum, in her possession, in the handwriting of Miss Elizabeth Heath, of the precise dates of the birth of Benjamin Heath, Town Clerk of Exeter, and of the birth and death of his wife, and date of their marriage, as also of the births of two of the children of Admiral William Heath, as follows :—

“ BENJAMIN HEATH, born April 20th, 1704 ; died September 13th, 1766.

“ ROSE MARIE MICHELET, born July 5th, 1718 ; married 12th August, 1732 ; died November 19th, 1808.

“ ANGEL HEATH (daughter of Admiral William Heath), born 15th February, 1787.

“ JOSIAH MARSHALL HEATH (son of Admiral William Heath), born 6th November, 1790.”

The following additional autotype reproductions of Portraits have also been inserted, viz. :—

The Rev. GEORGE HEATH, D.D., from a mezzotint, by J. Wright, after the original painting by John Hoppner, R.A.

Rear-Admiral WILLIAM HEATH, from a miniature in the possession of his grand-daughter, Mrs. St. Vincent Pitcher.

JOHN HERMAN MERIVALE, from an engraving, by J. Posselwhite, after an original drawing by E. U. Eddis.

The Rev. HENRY JOSEPH THOMAS DRURY, M.A., F.R.S., F.A.S., from a mezzotint, by Charles Hodgetts, after the original painting by Mrs. William Carpenter.

AMÉDÉE JOHN HEATH (son of Baron Robert Amadeus Heath), ætat. 31, taken from life in 1880.

1st January, 1882.



JOHN HERMAN MERIVALE.
From an Engraving, by J. POSSELWHITE, after an original Drawing
by E. U. EDDIS.

