

Genealogy
OF THE
FAMILY OF LEE,

Of Chester, Bucks, and Oxon,

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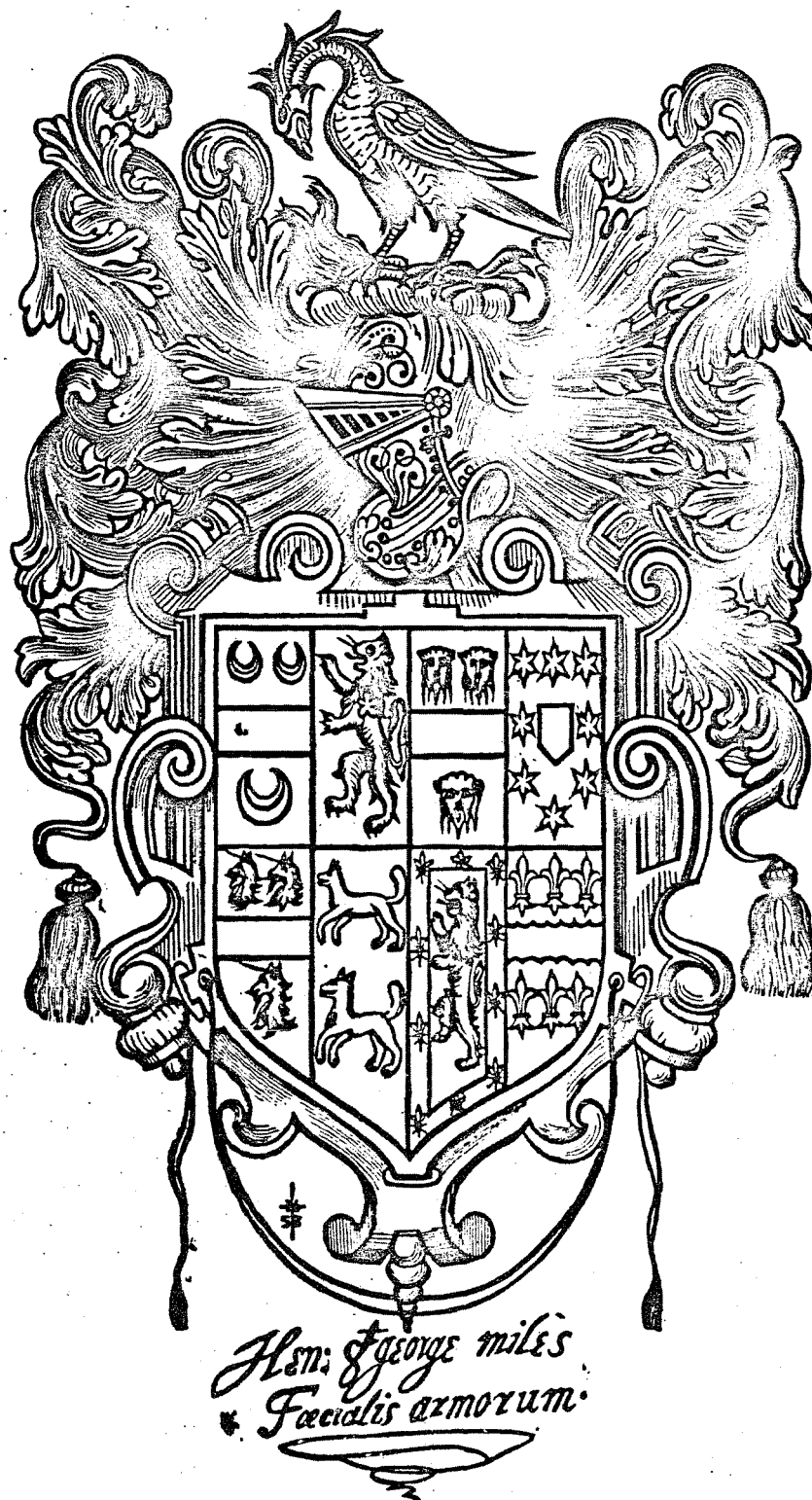
With Arms, Notes, etc.

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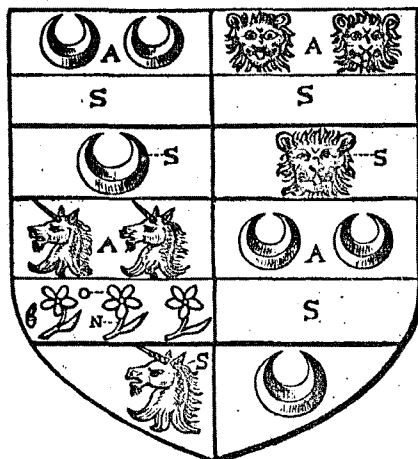


Arms granted to Robert Lee of Quarrendon, gentleman, 1513.



Arms of Lee of Chester, Bucks, and Oron.

(FROM THE ORIGINAL VELLUM ROLL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE REV. DR. F. G. LEE.)



Arms in Caius College Library, Cambridge,
MS. No. 570, folio 118.

Pedigree of the Family of Lee,

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Sir John Lee¹ of Wibunbury, co. Chester, Knt. = Isabella, daughter of Ralph Dutton, Esq.

John Lee, son and heir of his father. = Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Fowlehurst or Fowlechurch of Crewe, co. Stafford, Esq. 2. Richard Lee. 3. William Lee.

Thomas Lee, son and heir of his father. = Alice, daughter of Sir John Aston of Aston Hall, co. Chester, Knt.

John,² Baron de la Lee, or John & Lee, of La Lees, co. Bucks, and of Lee Hall, co. Chester, son and heir of his father. = Margaret, daughter of Sir Ralph Hocknell of Hocknell Hall, co. Chester, Knt. Named in the Court Roll of Quarrendon as Ranger of Bernewood Forest.

Thomas Lee, son and heir, of Lee Hall, co. Chester, Esq.



Winefred Cotton.

John de la Lee, second son, of co. Chester.



Grace Bagot.

William de la Lee, third son, of co. Chester, and subsequently of Quarrendon, co. Bucks.



Mary Harleton.

Robert Lee of Aston, co. Stafford, fourth son.

Benedict Lee, Constable of Quarrendon, co. Bucks, 1441, fifth son. Will made 7 Sept. 1476; proved 20 Sept. of the same year.

Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John at the Wood, or John Wood, of the co. Bucks.

Anthony Lee, sixth son, of the city of Litchfield, gentleman.

Francis Lee, seventh son, of the co. of Stafford.

Richard Lee, eldest son and heir of Benedict = Elizabeth, daughter and one of the coheirresses of William Saunders of co. Oxon, Esq. styled "firmare" in a deed dated 1472. Will made 20 Nov. 1499; proved 12 July 1500.

Edward Lee, second son. Constable of Quarrendon, co. Bucks, from 1485 to 1486. Died in 1486.

Robert Lee, third son. Constable of Quarrendon from 1486 to 1496. Buried at Aylesbury, co. Bucks, 1499.

Roger Lee, fourth son. Will made 1 July 1552; proved 6 June 1553.

Joane, daughter of William Cope of Banbury, co. Oxon, gent., by Joane, one of the daughters of John Spencer of Hodnell, co. Warwick, Esq. First wife.

Robert Lee of Burston,* Quarrendon, and Hardwicke, co. Bucks. Received a grant of arms from Thomas Wriothesley and Thomas Benolt 18 April 1513. Knt. of the Body to Henry VIII., and Sheriff of Bucks. in 1521 and 1533. Knighted at Whitehall in 1529. Died 23 Feb. 1538-9. Will dated 8 Oct. 1537; proved 10 May 1539.

Letitia, his second wife, second daughter of Sir Thomas Peniston, Lord of Hawridge, co. Bucks, Knt. (by Alice, daughter of Richard Bulstrode of Hedgerley, co. Bucks, Esq.), and widow of Robert Knollys of Nether Winchendon, co. Bucks, Esq. She married, thirdly, Sir Thomas Tresham of Rushton, co. Northampton, Knt., subsequently appointed Lord Prior of the Knights of St. John. Her will, made 28 June 1557, was proved 11 June 1558. Second wife.

Sir John Clerke, Knt. Of the Clerkes of North Weston in Thame, co. Oxon. Died 5 April 1539. Buried in Thame Church. Altar-tomb remaining.*

Jane Lee. Died 19 Oct. 1516. Buried at Quarrendon. M.I. preserved in the MSS. of Nicholas Charles (Lansdowne MSS., No. 874).

Margaret, daughter of Sir Henry Wyatt of Allington Castle, co. Kent, and sister of Sir Thomas Wyatt the poet. First wife.

Anthony Lee of Burston aforesaid. Educated at St. John's College, Oxford. M.P. for Bucks, 1547. Lessee of tithes of Quarrendon from the Dean and Chapter of Rochester, 1542. Knighted. Died 24 Nov. 1549.⁴ Buried in St. Peter's, Quarrendon, co. Bucks.⁵ Post Mortem Inquisition taken at Aylesbury in 1550.

Anne Hassell. Second wife.

Anthony Lee

* For Pedigree see 'History of Thame Church,' by Rev. Dr. LEE, p. 309. London: Mitchell and Hughes; folio, 1883.

Russell Lee. Letters of administration granted to his brother Richard 23 Dec. 1569.

Sir Richard Lee, Knt., M.P. for Woodstock. Died sine prole of a knight named Hall; 22 Dec. 1608. Will dated 4 Oct. 1608; proved 23 Jan. 1608-9. His first wife was the widow of a knight named Hall; his second, Lady Croker of Hook Norton.

Henry Lee, son and heir, Lord of Quarrendon, Fleetmarston, and Burston. Born at Allington Castle, co. Kent, in 1531. M.P. for Bucks 1557, 1558, and 1571, 1572. Page of Honour to King Henry VIII. Knighted in 1553. Master of the Ordnance to Queen Elizabeth. A Privy Councillor. Knight of the Garter 1597. Lieutenant of the Manor and Park of Woodstock. Died at Spelsbury, co. Oxon, in 1610.⁶ Buried in St. Peter's, Quarrendon.

Anne, third daughter of William, first Lord Paget, K.G., of Beaudesert, co. Stafford, and of West Drayton, co. Middlesex, by Anne, daughter and heiress of Henry Preston of Preston Patrick and Lower Nevens, co. Westmoreland. Died in 1584. Buried in the north transept of St. Mary's, Aylesbury, co. Bucks. Altar-tomb remaining.⁷

Thomas Lee, second son. Died in 1573. Letters of administration granted to his brother, Sir Henry, 29 Oct. 1573.

Robert Lee, third son. Keeper of Hatfield Chase, near Doncaster, in Yorkshire.⁸ Will dated 27 Jan. 1597-8; proved 30 June 1598.

Jane, daughter of Edward Restwold of The Vache, Aston Clinton, co. Bucks, and widow of Sir Francis Hastings of Fenwicke, Knt.

John. Henry. Mary.
All died under age.

Edward, eldest son of Hercules Raynsford, of Great Tewe, co. Oxon, Esq.
Dorothy Lee, only daughter and heiress of her father.

Henry Lee Raynsford.

William Raynsford.

Dorothy Raynsford.

Cromwell Lee, fourth son. Of St. John's Coll., Oxon. God-son of Thomas, Earl of Essex. Afterwards of Holywell in Oxford. Died sine prole viv. 21 Dec. 1602. Post Mortem Inquisition 7 July 1603.

Mary, daughter of Sir John Harcourt of Stanton Harcourt, Knt., and widow of Richard Taverner of Wood Eaton, co. Oxon, Esq.

Joyce Lee, second wife of John Cheyne, Esq. Married at Chessham Bois 29 Nov. 1561. She was buried at Drayton Beauchamp 11 July 1579.

Lettice Lee. Married Nicholas Cooke of Linstead, co. Suffolk.

Jane Lee. Married Leonard Spencer.

Catherine Lee. Married Giles, son of John Symonds of Oley, co. Norfolk, Esq., and had at least three children—Lee Symonds, a clerk in the Office of the Armoury and Ordnance; William Symonds; and Elizabeth Symonds, who married Sir Lawrence Tanfield, whose daughter Elizabeth married Sir Henry Carey, first Lord Falkland, from whom came Lucius Carey, Viscount Falkland,⁹ who fell at the battle of Newbury.

John Lee of St. John's Coll., Oxon. M.A. 1591; D.D. 1601. Rector of Fleet Marston, co. Bucks, and of Wootton, co. Oxon. Chaplain to Sir Henry. Died unmarried. Left £70 to the Choir of St. John's College, where he was buried. Will dated 19 Oct. 1609; proved 9 Oct. 1610.

Francis Lee of Fleet Marston, co. Bucks, elder brother of Benedict. Died sine prole.

Benedict Lee of Baggington, co. Bucks, Esq.

Margaret, daughter of Robert Packington of the city of London, Citizen and Mercer, Lord of the Manor of Aylesbury, by Catherine, daughter and coheiress of Chief Justice Sir John Baldwin, of Aylesbury, Knt., and his wife Agnes, daughter of William Dormer of Chepping Wycombe, co. Bucks, and granddaughter of Geoffrey Dormer, Stapler of Calais, and of Baldington's Manor, Thame, co. Oxon, Esq. On the death of Benedict Lee she married Thomas Scott of Yorkshire, and had issue a son William Scott, who penned the inscription for Sir Henry Lee's tomb at Quarrendon.

Roger Lee. John Lee. Died young.

Jane Lee. Married William Symonds of Wendron, co. Cornwall,¹⁰ and is presumed to have died before 1558.

Thomas Lane of Matesdon, co. Gloucester, and of Little Hampden, co. Bucks. Died in 1545, leaving a son Thomas, aged 18 years at that date.

Margaret Lee. Married before 1527.

William, second son of Sir Thomas Tresham, Knt., Lord Prior of the Knights of St. John. First husband.

Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Vachell of Cowley or Colley, near Reading, co. Berks.

Thomas Lee, son and heir of Benedict. Born circa 1550. Of Castle Rebon, in the parish of Narragh and co. of Kildare, in the kingdom of Ireland. A Captain. Executed in 1601.

Elizabeth, daughter of Cuthbert Pepper of Ireland, and widow of William Eustace, of the family of Lord Viscount Baltinglass of the kingdom of Ireland.¹¹

Henry Lee. Born circa 1585. Knighted 19 May 1618. Died unmarried Oct. 9, 1657, aged 72. Buried at Tortworth, co. Gloucester. M.I. remaining.¹²

Sir Charles Manners, Knt., son of Sir Thomas Manners, first Earl of Rutland, K.G., by Theodosia his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Newton, Knt.

Benedict Lee of Hulcott, co. Bucks, Esq. Mentioned in the will of his brother, Sir Robert. His own will made 21 Feb. 1545; proved 1 July 1547. Buried in the south aisle of Hulcott aforesaid. Tomb remaining.

Elizabeth, third daughter of Robert Cheyne of Hulcott and Chesham Bois, co. Bucks, Esq., by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Webb of co. Hertford, Esq., and widow of Fulke Odell, Esq. Second wife.

Roger Lee, a younger son. Mentioned in the will of his brother Sir Robert.

Isabel, fourth daughter of Robert Cheyne of Hulcott and Chesham Bois, co. Bucks, Esq.

Robert Lee, son and heir of Benedict. Born at Helsthorpe in the parish of Drayton Beauchamp, co. Bucks. 15 June 1545 (?1543). Knighted.¹³ Died at Stratford Langton, co. Essex. Buried at Hardwicke, co. Bucks, 20 Aug. 1616. Nuncupative will dated 15 Aug. 1616.¹⁴

Lucy, second daughter of Thomas Pigott of Beauchampton, co. Bucks, Esq., by Isabel, daughter of Richard Tresham of Newton co. Northampton, Esq.

Sir Edward Tyrrell of Beauchampton and of Thornton, co. Bucks, Knt., son and heir of George Tyrrell.¹⁵

Mary Lee. First wife.

Peter=Jane Reade Lee. of Norfolk.¹⁶

Benedict Lee. Died young in 1542. Memorial brass remaining, representing him as a chrysome-child.

Edward Tyrrell. Created a Baronet 31 May 1627. Received by bequest a ring from his cousin, Rev. Edward Lee, in 1641.

William Trye of Hardwicke, co. Gloucester, Esq.

Henry Lee, son and heir of Sir Robert. Born in 1571. Of Ditchley, co. Oxon, and of Quarrendon, Hulcott, Hardwicke, and Weedon, co. Bucks. Knighted by King James I. Created a Baronet 22 May 1611. High Sheriff of Oxfordshire in 1613, and of Bucks in 1621. Will made 30 March 1631. Died 6 April 1631, aged 60. Buried on the 8th in the north chapel of Spelsbury Church, co. Oxon. Monument remaining.¹⁷

Eleanor, fourth daughter of Sir Richard Wortley of Wortley, co. York, Knt. She married secondly Edward Ratcliffe, sixth and last Earl of Sussex; thirdly Robert Rich, second Earl of Warwick; and fourthly Edward Montagu, second Earl of Manchester. Died, and was buried at Kimbolton 31 Jan. 1666.

Edward Lee, second son. Educated at Merton College, Oxon, where he graduated M.A., and was elected Fellow. Clerk in Orders. Some time Curate of Thame, co. Oxon. Rector of Hardwicke, co. Bucks, to which he was presented by his brother, Sir Henry. Instituted 2 March 1610.¹⁸ Bequeathed various legacies to his niece Ann, Lady Lee, to Sir Nathaniel Brent, to Merton College, etc. Died unmarried Nov. 1641. Will proved in the same year.

Benedict Lee, third son. Probably died young, before 1631.

Henry Lee

Anthony Lee. —

Francis Lee. —

Henry Anthony Lee. Knighted at Woodstock 16 Aug. 1614.

Died young. Buried at Spelsbury.

Francis Henry Lee, son and subsequently heir. Born 28 Feb. 1615. Baptized at Spelsbury 13 March 1615. Succeeded his father as second Baronet in 1631. Lived at Chelsea, co. Middlesex. Buried at Spelsbury 23 July 1639, aged 24.

Anne, daughter of Sir John St. John of Lydiard Tregooze, co. Wilts, Knt., by Lucia his wife, daughter and heiress of Sir Walter Hungerford of Farley Castle, co. Wilts, Knt. Marriage settlement dated 30 June 1637. She married secondly Henry Wilmot, second Earl of Rochester, and became the mother of John Wilmot, third Earl, the wit and poet. Will made 23 March 1692; proved in 1696. Buried at Spelsbury 18 March 1695-6.

Sir Samuel Tryon of Boys Hall and of Layer Marney, co. Essex, Knt. and Baronet.

Bridget Lee. Received by bequest a ring from her uncle Edward in 1641.

Sir Maurice Berkeley, Knt. Created a Baronet 2 July 1660, and subsequently second Viscount Fitzhardinge.

Anne Lee. Baptized at Spelsbury 8 July 1623. Received by bequest a ring from her uncle Edward in 1641. Died without issue.

Louisa Lee. Died young in 1624.

Elizabeth Lee. Baptized at Spelsbury 21 Oct. 1624. Died in March 1625. Buried at Spelsbury.

Henry Lee, son and heir. Born 21 Nov., baptized 18 Dec. 1637. Succeeded his father as third Baronet in 1639.¹⁹ M.P. for Malmesbury, co. Wilts, in the Parliament that met 27 Jan. 1658. Will made 18 March 1658; proved 16 April 1659. Died 20 March, buried at Spelsbury 30 March 1659.

Anne, eldest daughter and coheir of Sir John Danvers of Cornbury, co. Oxon, of Dauntsey, co. Wilts, and of Battersea, co. Surrey, Knt., M.P. for the University of Oxford. Married at Ditchley 4 June 1655, by John Hoffman, Minister of Wootton, co. Oxon. Died in childbirth 30 July 1659, four months after her husband. Buried at Spelsbury 11 Aug. 1659.

Eleanor Lee. Died, and was buried at Spelsbury 27 Aug. 1640.

Francis Henry Lee, younger son. Born in 1638-9. Baptized at Ditchley 17 Jan. of that year. Succeeded his brother as fourth Baronet in 1659. Represented Malmesbury in Parliament. Created M.A. Oxon, by command of the Earl of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellor of that University, 28 Sept. 1663. Died of small-pox 4 Dec., buried 14 Dec. 1667, aged 29.

Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Pope, second Earl of Downe in the kingdom of Ireland, by Lucy, daughter of John Dutton of Sherborne, co. Dorset, Esq. Lady Elizabeth Lee married secondly Robert, third Earl of Lindsey, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, and had issue. Died 1 July 1719.

James, son of Montagu Bertie, second Earl of Lindsey, by his wife Bridget Wray. Created Earl of Abingdon 30 Nov. 1682. Died 22 May 1699, aged 46. Buried at Rycott, co. Oxon. M.I. remaining.

Eleanor Lee. Born 20 May, baptized at Ditchley 3 June 1658. Coheir of her father. Married at Adderbury, co. Oxon, 1 Feb. 1671. Died 31 May 1691. Buried at Rycott, co. Oxon.

Thomas, eldest son and heir of Philip, fourth Baron Wharton, afterwards fifth Lord Wharton, of Winchendon, co. Bucks, and subsequently created Earl of Wharton and Marquis Wharton, by Jane, daughter and heir of Arthur Goodwin of Upper Winchendon, co. Bucks, Esq., Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Died 12 April 1715.

Anne Lee. Born 20 July, baptized at Ditchley 24 July 1659. Coheir of her father. Married at Adderbury aforesaid 16 Sept. 1673. Died without issue. Buried at Waddesdon, co. Bucks, 10 Nov. 1685.

Edward Henry Lee. Born 4 Feb. 1662-3. Succeeded his father as fifth Baronet in 1667. Created Earl of Litchfield, Viscount Quarrendon, and Baron of Spelsbury 5 June 1674, Married the same year. Colonel of the First Life Guards. Died intestate at Blackheath, co. Kent, aged 54, 14 July 1716. Buried at Spelsbury 24 July 1716.

Charlotte, natural daughter of King Charles II. by Barbara Villiers, subsequently created Duchess of Cleveland. Born 5 Sept. 1664. Married 2 Feb. 1676-7. Will dated 1 Feb. 1717-18; proved 5 March 1717-18. Died 17 Feb. 1717-18, aged 55. Buried at Spelsbury 22nd of the same month.²⁰

Francis Henry Lee. Born 23 April and baptized at Spelsbury 12 May 1665. Of the Middle Temple. Married circa 1686 Abigail, daughter of Edmund Williamson of the city of Westminster, Esq., and had issue six children. Both husband and wife were buried at Spelsbury. He died 24 June 1698. Letters of Adm'on to his relict 31 July 1699. She was buried 13 Aug. 1703.

(For issue see 'History of Thame Church,' pp. 443-4.)

Thomas Lee, fourth son, living in 1616, to whom his father bequeathed certain woods at Hardum in Sussex. Probably died before 1631.

George Lee, fifth son, of Highgate, co. Middlesex, Esq. Died 13 June 1637.

Judith, daughter of Basil [? Bailie] Nicholls of London, and widow of Saxby of London, merchant.

Robert Lee, sixth son. Living in 1616. Received a legacy from his father. Died Nov. 1616.

Robert Lee of Wendover, co. Bucks, Esq., eldest son and heir. Died 1655.

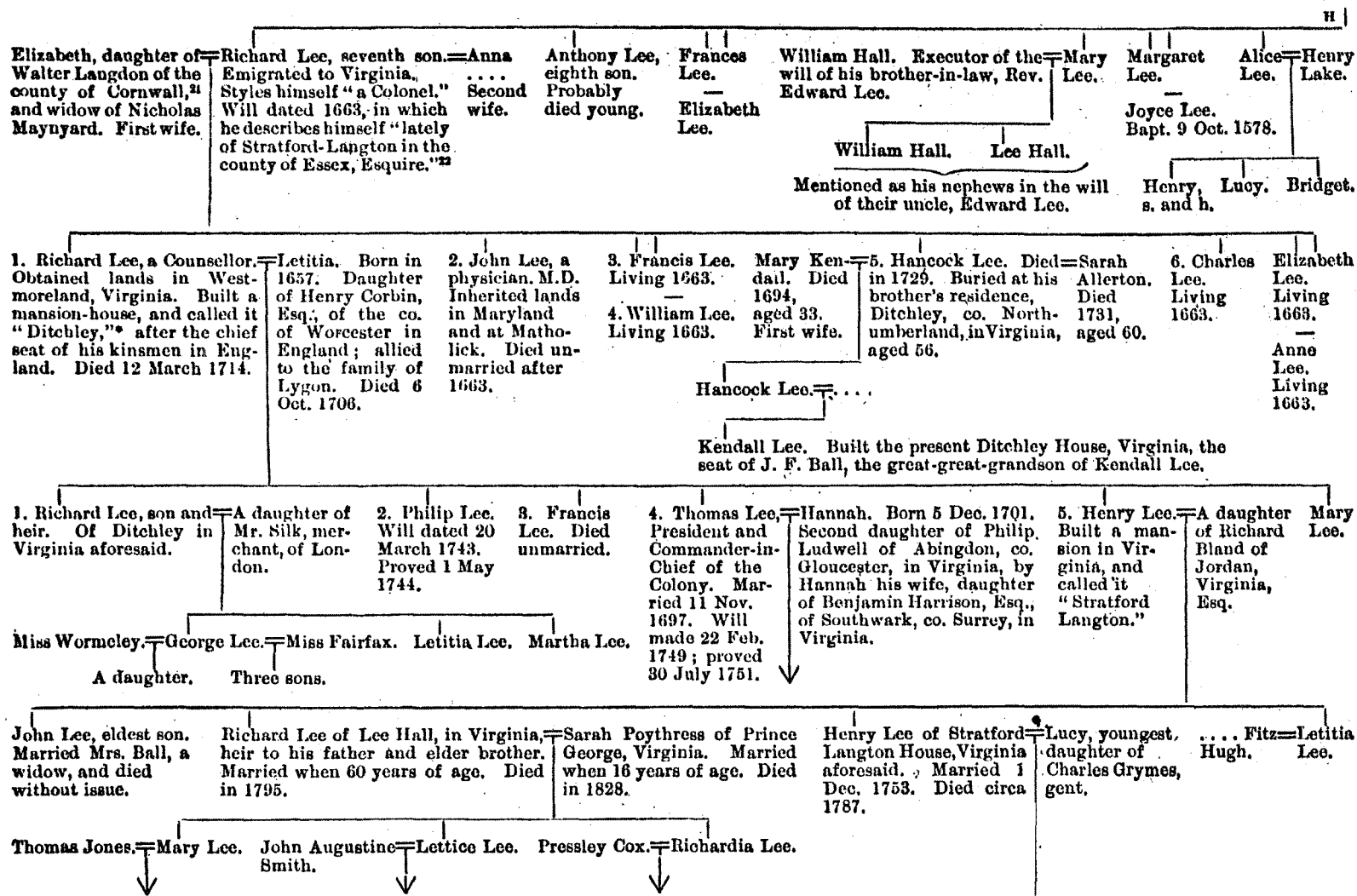
George Lee, second son.

Henry Lee, third son.

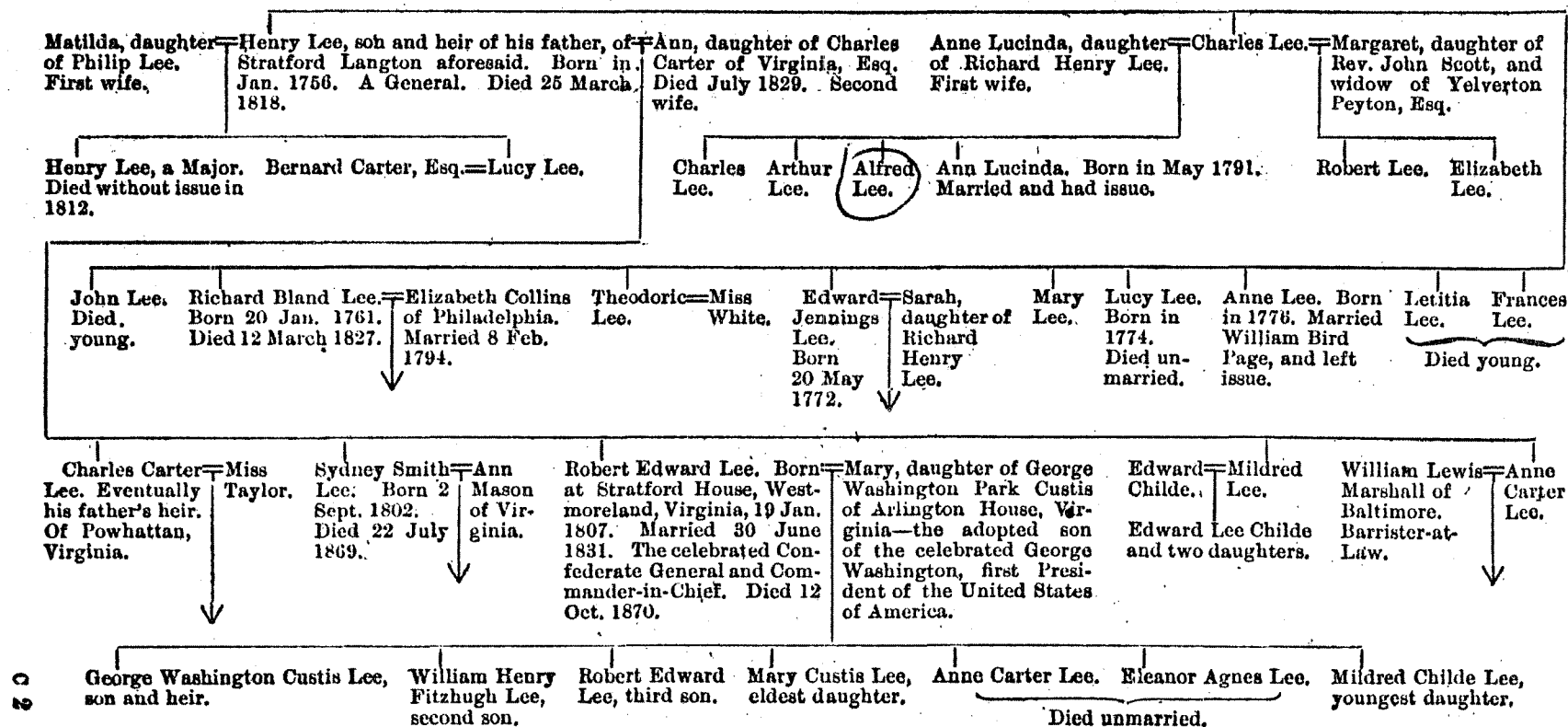
Judith Lee, eldest daughter.

Lucy Lee.

Humfrey Ellen Lee. Vernon.



* This house does not exist now. The present house was built some 119 years ago, and is situate near Harvey's Landing in the county of Northumberland, Virginia. It is a large wooden house close to the water's edge.—Communicated by Hon. H. A. DILLON, F.S.A.



SOME NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING PEDIGREE.

¹ FIRST FIVE DESCENTS.—For the first five descents of the above pedigree see Harl. MS. liv. I, folio 202. They are also set forth in a MS. Roll of the Family of Lee, in the possession of the Family of Thornton of Brockhall, co. Northampton, and in another in my own possession, dated 1629, signed and attested by Sir Henry St. George.

² The name of "John at Lee" or "John de La Lee" is found in the List of Gentry of the county of Oxford in the 12th year of Henry VI., *i.e.* 1434, wherein he is said to have been Ranger of the Forest of Bernewood. The same name occurs in the Court Roll of the Manor of Quarrendon, co. Bucks, for the same year. "La Lees," now called "Lilies," is a mansion-house sometime inhabited by Lord Nugent, now by Mr. Henry Cazenove.

³ Burston, Birdsthorpe, Bursthorpe, or Birdstone, a hamlet and reputed manor in Aston Abbots, co. Bucks. After the Conquest it was in the hands of Walter Giffard and Milo Crispin. Burston Manor House was one of the seats of the Lees, first as tenants, subsequently as holders of the manor. John Leland in his 'Itinerary' mentions "Mr Leigh's goodly house with orchards & a park." This, which was of timber work and pargetting, was pulled down in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Here both Sir Robert Lee and his son Sir Anthony Lee resided. It was rebuilt by Sir Henry Lee, K.G., but subsequently altered and partly taken down. Its remains are now used as a farm-house.

⁴ SIR ANTHONY LEE'S TOMB, SOMETIME IN QUARRENDON CHAPEL.—"It is," as a writer in the 'Gentleman's Magazine' for 1817 and 1818 states, "a large altar-tomb with pillars of Sussex marble (which appear to have been broken, and repaired with white stone) supporting a canopy or entablature, under which are recumbent figures as large as life of an armed knight and his lady. The feet towards the altar, the hands pressed together in a devotional attitude, but the fingers and part of the feet broken off. These figures, as well as the rest of the tomb, are of alabaster and well sculptured, but the features, as well as the more delicate work of the ornaments, defaced. On a blue stone, at the back of the recess in which the effigies repose, on rolls of well-imitated mats" was the following inscription (preserved, let me add, with more or less accuracy by Nicholas Charles, Lancaster Herald, in Lansdowne MSS. No. 874):

"Sir Anthony Lee, Knight of worthy name,
 Syre to S^r Henry Lee of noble fame,
 Sonne to S^r Robert Lee here tombed lies
 Whereas his fame and memory never dies;
 Great in y^e fountain whence himself did runne
 But greater in the greatnesse of his sonne.
 His body's here, his soule in heaven doth rest.
 What scornde the earth cannot with earth be prest."

"On each side are trophies and fretwork ornaments richly carved. The front of the tomb is divided into compartments, with tablets corresponding with those on the opposite monument of Sir Henry, and inscribed with about an equal number of lines, probably in metre, but so much injured, that the word 'Margery' and some few letters here and there are all that can be read. Under the canopy, but above the inscription, is a stone shield with the paternal coat of Lee, in a field Argent, a Bar and three Crescents Sable; impaled with another coat, probably that of the Wyats. And above the monument the same Arms repeated as on Sir Henry Lee's Coat, but without the Garter."

⁵ According to the Lansdowne MSS. No. 874, a MS. account by Nicholas Charles, the following Coats of Arms tricked by him existed in Quarrendon Chapel, A.D. 1611:

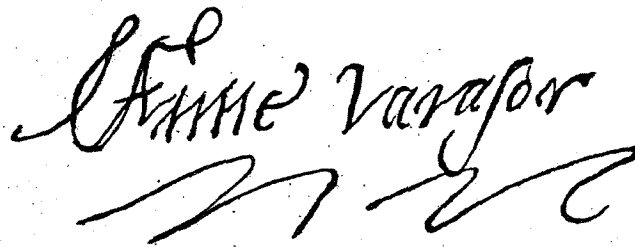
Lee (undifferenced).	Saunders impaling Spencer.
Sir Anthony Lee.	Vavasour of co. York on a lozenge with crest above.
Sir Henry Lee, K.G.	Greenaway of Leckhampstead, co. Bucks.
Cooke impaling Saunders.	Ingoldsby of Dinton, co. Bucks.
Cope of Banbury, co. Oxon, impaling Saunders.	

Lee impaling Wyatt of co. Kent.
 Cheyne impaling Lee.
 Reade of Norfolk impaling Lee.
 Lee with eight quarterings.
 Symonds of Norfolk impaling Lee.
 Lord Russell of Chenies.

Lord Paget of Beaudesert.
 Clerke of Thame, Oxon, impaling Lee.
 Poynings.
 Wyatt of Allington Castle, co. Kent.
 Sir Francis Knollys, and several others not identified.

* **SIR HENRY LEE, K.G.**—"The manner of proceeding to the installation of Thomas Lord Howard, Geo. Lord Hunsdon, Charles Lord Mountjoy, and Sir Henry Lea, 23 April 1597." (Ashmole's MSS. No. 1112, ii. 4.) 'Catalogue of the Ashmolean MSS.,' by W. H. Black, pp. 771-2.

SIR HENRY LEE, K.G., OF QUARRENDON AND DITCHLEY.—The following is an extract from his Will: "Item I will that my bodie shall be buried in the Chancell of the Church of Quarendon aforesaid in the North side of the same chancel in a toombe there already p'pared by me, & that my last named executors shall within convenient time after my decease cause to be made in the chancel aforesaid one toombe for the bodies of my father and my mother, mentioning thereupon all their children bestowing upon the same toombe l' and one other toombe for the bodie of my uncle Thomas Wyat and shall bestow thereupon xl' & shall also within three year next after my deceas bestow l' upon a tomb in the said chancell to lay in the bodie of M^{rs} Ann Vavasor al' Finch and also shall within convenient time next after my deceas erect four

Anne Vavasor


other tombes within the said chancell for the bodies of my brothers Robert Lee, Thomas Lee, and Cromwell Lee & of my sister Joice Cheney and shall bestow upon the same tombs x^{li} but if any of the said tombes shalbe made in my life time then my executors not to be chargeable for the making of the same My will & minde is that my Executors shall expend the sum of £400 upon my burriall, blackes and funeral charge above the charge of the tombe aforesaid."

Will dated 6 Oct. 1609. Overseers of the Will, "Sir Edward Cooke, Knt., Lord Chief of His Majesties Court of Common Please, and S^r Davy Williams, Knt., one of the Justices of his Maj^{ty} Court of King's Bench."

Will witnessed by "Ed. Vere (Earl of Oxford), Will^m Scott, Thomas Johnes, Richard Nashe, Richard Lee, Richard Gosnold."

TOMB, NOW DESTROYED, OF SIR HENRY LEE, K.G., AT QUARRENDON.—"The most perfect of the three monuments consists of a magnificent sarcophagus, on which is the recumbent effigy of a personage in a coat of mail, and over it the mantle and collar of the Order of the Garter: the whole of alabaster, painted and gilded in a very superb style. The head is towards the altar, resting on a helmet of beautifully polished alabaster; the left arm broken off at the elbow, as also part of the right hand, which, from the position of the arm, seems to have grasped (perhaps) a sword, and the point of the beard and nose of the statue are gone. The mantle is thrown back to display the armour; and the collar, as well as the garter, are delicately finished. The azure of the latter, and the gold letters upon it, are still quite fresh; but the colour of the mantle is much faded. The feet of the statue have been broken off, and a beautiful cornice which ornamented the canopy or awning over the figure lies in the fragments around. This canopy, which is exteriorly carved and painted to resemble small tiles of Delft, is, on the outside, divided into numerous compartments, ornamented with flowers richly gilt, and rests upon two pilasters with Corinthian capitals, next the wall, and in front upon Termini, of alabaster, highly finished, with the figures of warriors having on rich crested helmets. On slips of jasper, inserted along the front of the pediment, is the motto *Fide et Constantia*: and on a dark stone behind the effigy, the following inscription:

Fide et Constantia	Vixit Deo, Patriæ
	et Amicis, an-
	nos —.
Fide et Constantia	Christo sp'v'm, car-
	nem sepulcro
	commendavi.
Fide et Constantia	Scio, credo, expecto
	mortuorum
	resurrectionem.

"The rendering of this inscription is as follows: 'By faith and constancy he lived to God, to his Country and friends — years. By faith and constancy I have commended my flesh, buried in Christ, to the tomb. By faith and constancy I know, I believe in, I wait for the resurrection of the dead.' On each side are trophies in well executed relief, and on the body of the sarcophagus, below, on two tablets, these lines:

'If Fortune's stoore or Nature's wealth commende,
They both unto his Virtue praise did lende.
The warres abroad with honour he did passe;
In courtly justs his Sovereigne's knight he was.
Six princes he did serve, and in the fright
And change of state, still kept himself upright.
With Faith untought, spottless and deere his fame,
So pure that envy could not wrong the same:
All but his virtue now (so vaine is breath)
Tourn'd dust lye here in the cold armes of Death.
Thus Fortune's gifts and yearthly favours flye
When Virtue conquers Death and Destinie.'

"Above the monument, against the north wall, is the shield of arms, enclosed by a garter and motto. Dexter side: quarterly. In the first quarter, *Argent*, a bar and three crescents *Sable*; 2nd quarter, *Gules*, a lion rampant *Or*; 3rd quarter, *Gules*, two wolves (or foxes) passant *Or*; 4th quarter, *Argent*, a bar and unicorn's head *Sable*. Sinister side: in the first and fourth quarter, *Argent*, a bar and three roses *Sable*; 2nd quarter, in a field, *Azure*, powdered with eight stars *Or*, an escutcheon of pretence *Ermine*; 3rd quarter, within a border *Azure*, with ten stars *Or*, a lion rampant *Azure*, in a field *Argent*."

As this is the third and last of the three monuments so carefully described above, and which unhappily are now entirely destroyed, it may be well to state here, that in the church of the parish of Spelsbury, in which the mansion of Ditchley now is, there is a monument to the Sir Henry Lee, Knight, who was the successor and executor to Sir Henry Lee, K.G., and was one of the first Baronets created, which monument was erected upon his decease in 1631, and answers in all respects to the character and style of those that have perished; so that though those originals are no longer preserved and to be seen, yet this their model or copy will help to give us an idea of what the former were.

To return, however, to Quarendon Chapel. Besides the monument erected in honour of Sir Henry Lee, K.G., there also existed in the wall of the chancel "a tablet within a frame of alabaster, bearing the date 1611, and the letters, 'Sustine do pergo,' with the following inscription in capital letters:

"Sir Henry Lee, knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, sonne of Sir Anthony Lee, and Dame Margaret, his wife, daughter to Sir Henry Wiat, that faithful and constant servant and councillor to the two Kings of famous memory, Henries the VII. and VIII. Hee owed his birth and childhood to Kent, and his highly honourable uncle Sir Thomas Wiat, at Alington Castle; his youth to the Courte and King Henry the VIII. to whose service he was sworne at xliiii yeares olde: his prime of manhood, after the calme of that best prince Edward the Sixt, to the wars of Scotland in Queen Maries days, till called home by her whose soddeine death gave beginninge to the glorious reigne of Queen Elizabeth. He gave himself to voyage and travaile into the flourishing States of France, Italy, and Germany, when soon putting on all those abillities

that became the backe of honour, especially skill and proof in armes, he lived in grace and gracing the Courtes of the most renowned Princes of that warlike age, returned home charged with the reputation of a well formed travellour, and adorned with those flowers of knighthood, courtesy, bounty, valour, which quickly gave forth their fruite as well in the felde to the advantage (at once) of the two divided parties of this happily united State, and to both those Princes his Sovereignes successively in that expedition into Scotland in the year 1573; when in goodly equipage he repayred to the siege of Edinburgh, then quartering before the Castle, and commanding one of the batteries, he shared largely in the honor of ravishing that maiden forte; as also in Courte, when he shone in all those fayer partes w^{ch} became his profession and voves, honouring his highly gracious M^rtris with reysing those later Olympiads of her Courte justs and tournaments (thereby trying and treyninge the courtier in those exercises of armes that keepe the person bright and steeled to hardinesse, that by soft case rusts and weares) wherein still himself lead and triumphed carying away great spoyles of grace from the Sovereigne, and renowned from the worlde, for the fairest men at armes and complete courtier of his times, till singled out by the choice hand of his Royall M^rtris, for meed of his worth (after the Lieutenancy of the Royall Manour of Woodstocke, and the office of the Royall Armory) he was called up an Assessour on the Bench of Honour among Princes and Peers, receivinge at her Majesties hands the noblest order of Garter, whilst the worrne of time gnawinge the roote of this plant, yelding to the burden, age, and the industrie of an active youth imposed on him, full of the glorie of the Court he abated of his sence to pay his better part, resigned his dignity of her Maj^{ties} Knighte to the adventurous Compt George Earle of Cumberlande, changing pleasure for ease, for tranquillity honour, makinge rest his sollace, and contemplation his employment, so as absenting from the world, present with himself, he chose to loose the fruit of publique use and action for that of devotion and piety, in which time (besides the building of four goodly mansions) he revived the ruines of this Chappell, added these monuments to the honour of his blood and frends, raised the foundation of the adjoining hospitall, and lastly, as full of years as of honour, having served five succeeding Princes, and kept himself reight and steady in many dangerous shockes, and three utter turnes of state, with a body bent to earth, and a mind erected to Heaven, aged 80, knighted 60 years, he met his long attended ende, and now rests with his Redeemer, leaving much patrimony with his name, honour with the world, and plentiful teares with his friends. Of which sacrifice he offers his part, that, beinge a sharer in his blood as well as in many of his honourable favors, and an honourer of his virtues, thus narrowly registreth his spread worth to ensuinge times.

"WILLIAM SCOTT."

7 ANNE, LADY LEE'S MONUMENT IN AYLESBURY CHURCH.—"In the north transept is an alabaster monument to Lady Lee, wife of Sir Henry Lee of Quarrendon, and third daughter of William, Lord Paget, and her three children. Two female figures (mother and daughter), gorgeously habited, with large ruffs, are kneeling, and two infants are in swaddling clothes. The monument is emblazoned with Coats of Arms, and was formerly profusely ornamented with gold and colouring. It is of the time of Queen Elizabeth, Lady Lee having died in 1584. It bears this inscription :

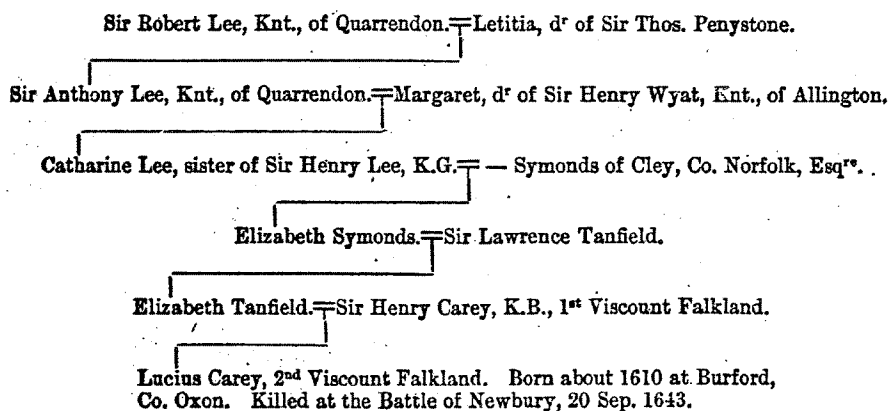
"If passing by this place thou doe desire
 To know what corpse here shry'd in marble lie
 The some of that whiche now thou dost requyre
 This scle'der verse shall sone to the descrie.
 Entombed here dothe rest a worthie Dame
 Extract and born of noble hovse and bloud,
 Her sire Lord Paget hight of worthie fame
 Whose virtves cannot sinke into le floyd :
 Two brethern had she Baro's of this realme
 A Knight heer frere Sir Harry Lee he hight
 To whom she bare thre impes which had to names
 Ihon Henry Mary slayne by fortvnes spight :
 First two bei'g yong which caved ther pare'ts mo'e
 The third in flower a'd prime of all her yeares
 All thre do rest within this marble stone
 By whiche the fickle'es of worldly ioyes appears.

Good fre'd sticke not to strew with crims'o flowers
 This marble stone wherin her cindres rest,
 For svre her ghost lyes with the heave'ly powers
 And gverdon hathe of virtvovs life possest."

'History of Aylesbury,' by Robert Gibbs, A.D. 1883.

⁸ ROBERT LEE, SON OF SIR ANTHONY LEE.—"Lea of Hatefield, beares arg^t, on a fesse azure three leaves of pancye flower vert, between three unicorns' heads erased sable." Lansdowne MSS. No. 865, lxxix. D. [These arms were specially granted to his grandfather, Robert Lee, and appear on the tomb of Lady Lee in Aylesbury Church.]

⁹ PEDIGREE from the back of a miniature in oils of LUCIUS CAREY, 2nd Viscount Falkland, in the Editor's possession :



¹⁰ SYMONDES OF CLAY, CO. NORFOLK, AND LEE OF CO. BUCKS.—See Arms displayed in Harl. MSS., Pluto iv. F.

¹¹ LEE AND PEPPER.—Harl. MSS. 1533, folio 77a.

EXECUTION OF THOMAS LEE, 12 FEB. 1600.

"The preceeding evening Thomas Lee, a soldier of fortune, had offered his services to Sir Robert Cecil ; four days later he was heard to say that if the friends of Essex meant to save him from the block they should petition for his pardon in a body, and refuse to depart till it had been granted. Sir Robert Cross communicated this remark to the Secretary : orders were issued for the apprehension of Lee, and the pursuivants discovered him the same evening in the crowd at the door of the Presence Chamber, during the Queen's supper. In the morning he was arraigned on a charge of intending to murder the Sovereign ; and the next day suffered the death of a traitor. No man who will read the report of his trial can entertain a doubt of his innocence. But his conviction produced this effect—it persuaded the Queen that her safety was incompatible with the life of Essex." Dr. Lingard's 'History of England,' 6th ed., vol. vi., chap. 9, p. 299 ; see also Howell's 'State Trials,' i., 1403, and Camden's 'Britannia,' p. 847.

¹² SIR HENRY LEE, OF TORTWORTH, CO. GLOUCESTER.—The following inscription remains in this church :

Hic jacet Henricus Lee Eques auratus, Henrici Lea Garteris Ordinis de Ditchley in com. Oxon. Consanguineus et Hæres designatus, qui mortem Obiit die nono Octobris, Anno Domini 1657. Ætatis suæ 72.

Gulielmus Duci Baronet' et Eques Balnei tegumentum hoc marmoreum amico optime merito P.P.

[This Sir William Ducie was subsequently raised to the Peerage of Ireland as Viscount Downe. He married Frances, daughter of Francis Seymour of Trowbridge, but died without issue 9 Sep. 1679.]

¹³ SIR ROBERT LEE AND LUCY PIGOT.—See Visitation of Bucks, Harl. MSS. No. 5181 and 1391, Pluto lvi. D.

SIR ROBERT LEE, KNT. MONUMENT AT HARDWICKE, BUCKS.

The following is the personal inscription :

"Here lyeth interr'd the Body of S^r Robert Lee, K^{nt}, Sonne & heire of Benedict Lee of Huccott, in the county of Bucks Esq. who was second brother to Sir Robert Lee of Birdsthorpe. He was born at Helstrap in the P^{ar}ish of Drayton Beauchamp, A^o Dⁿⁱ 1545, June 15th and married Dame Luce Piggott, Daughter to Tho^s Pygot, of Beachampton in y^e county of Buck^m Esq. by whom he had issue viii Sonnes, viz :—Sir Henry Lee, Knt. and Baronett, Edward, Bennett, Thomas, George, Robert, Richard, and Anthonie ; and vi daughters, Frances, Elizab., Mary, Margaret, Joyce, and Alice ; when he had lived married 55 years he dep'ted this life in the faith of Jesus Christ at Stratford Langton in y^e county of Essex, and was buried at Hardwicke A^o Dⁿⁱ 1616, Aug. 20. *Ætatis* 73."

And the following Latin verses are inscribed thereon :

Nobilis Hic miles genere et virtutibus annos
Cum decies septem et tres numerasset cbit :
Cui vitam ut renovet posuit castissima conjux
Hoc quicquid tumuli est sumptibus omne suis.
Sic vivit moriens : justorum vita perennis :
Non moritur quisquis vixerat ante Deo.
Mors ho'em ubique expectat, ubiq. etia' expectat ea' homo.
Ad vocem tubæ resurgent mortui.
Anima moritur per culpam, resurget per gratiam,
Corpus moritur per poenam, resurget per gloriam.

¹⁴ NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF SIR ROBERT LEE, KNT.—"Memorandum that S^r Robert Lee knight of Stratford Langton in y^e countie of Essex in the monethe of August, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and sixteen being of perfect mynde and memorye spake these wordes or the like in effect : viz^t I wish my Wife should have all my goodes. I would have my sonne Thomas Lee to have my woodes at Hardum in Sussex. I wish that my sonne George Lee should have fiftie poundes w^h ys to be payed uppon a Bond of Mr. John Hall of Micheldevon and Anthony Hall his son and other fiftie pounds out of the Storke. I wishe my sonne Robert Lee should have fiftie poundes payed hym by my wife uppon the first of November to be put into the handes of my sonne Edward Lee for his use. All my debts I wishe to be payed out of the Storke. I would have my sonne Robert Lee haue all my apparrell. I would have Stokes Alice and Isaake gave one yere wages of free gifte. Owing unto Mr. Joseph Lake for my daughter Lake her portion fiftie poundes. Owing to John Colson fortie twoe poundes uppon a Bill. Owing to Raffe Kynge twentie poundes. Owing ffogge Stokes tenne poundes. Owyng in the towne of Stratford Langton to the Brewer the Baker the Butcher and the Chaudler fortie poundes. Owing to Sharples the Taylor fourteen poundes. I wish my Servants should be payed all their wages. Owing to Eaton the Taylor for a Dublett and a payer of hose. I desire to be buried at Hardwicke and to bestowe twentie markes. Being present and hearing the premises divers credible witnesses." Proved 30 Aug. 1617 by Lucy Lee, relict.

GEORGE LEE, SON OF SIR ROBERT OF HULCOTT AND STRATFORD LANGTON.—See Harl. MSS. No. 1553, folio 78, for a Pedigree with the names of his children.

¹⁵ EDWARD TYRRELL AND MARY LEE.—"Edward Tyrrell of Thornton in the County of Buckingham Esq. son & heire to George Tyrrell marryed Mary daughter of Benedict Lee [of] Halcott in the County of Buckingham Esq. second brother to S^r Robart Lee Knt. & by her hath yssue Heniry Tyrrel his eldist sonn sans yssue, Edward seconde sonn hear apparrent." On the same page stands a coat of Tyrrell, with nine quarterings impaling Lee of Halcott (two coats quarterly). Arms of Sundry Counties, Harl. MSS., Pluto lv. F.

¹⁶ READE OF CO. NORFOLK AND LEE OF CO. BUCKS.—See Arms of Reade and Lee displayed in Harl. MSS. No. 1177, folio 175a, with this note :—"Peter Reade had given unto him this Canton in his Armes (being the Armes of the Order of Barbaria) by way of increase for his worthy & valiante service done to the Emperor Charles 5 as well at the seige of Tunis & the conquest of Barbaria as also at other sundry places in 1535."

¹⁷ ARMS OF SIR HENRY LEE, 1ST BARONET.—See Add. MSS. 14281.

¹⁸ EDWARD LEE, RECTOR OF HARDWICKE, BUCKS.—Abstract of the Will of Edward Lee of Merton Coll., Oxford, M.A., sometime Curate of Thame, Oxon, and subsequently Rector of Hardwicke, Bucks, proved in the Archdeacon's Court of Buckingham in 1641. He leaves to the Poor of Hardwick & Weedon £6 13s. 4d. To the Poor of Aylesbury 40s. To Mr. Barton, Minister of Aylesbury, to preach a Funeral Sermon at his burial 20s. He leaves St. Augustine's Works to Merton College, Oxford. To Sir Nathanael Brent a mourning ring. "To Lady Lee [Anne, daughter of Sir John St. John, afterwards wife of Henry, Earl of Rochester], late wife to Sir Francis Henry Lee, baronett my nephew deceased my gilded bible in octavo." "I give unto her my seale ring of our ancestors' arms, humbly intreating her to keep it for the use of the heire of our house & to deliver it to him at the age of one & twenty years." To sister Lake, now wife of Mr. Henry Lake of Buckland, bedstead, bedding, and furniture. To Lucy Lake, god-daughter, 20s. To nephews George & Harry Lee, sons of brother George, deceased, and to their two sisters, my nieces, 10s. each for ring. To my sister, Mrs. Mary Hall, a bedstead. To Mr. George Pickering, to Mr. John Carey 10s. each for ring. To wife of William Theod of Whitechurch 20s. for a ring. Residue to William Hall & Lee Hall, nephews. Sole Executor William Hall.

Codicil. To Sir Edward Tirrell, Knt., To Lady Trion & to M^{rs} Anne Lee, d^{ch} of my brother Sir Henry Lee, 10s. each to buy a ring.—Buckingham Wills, A.D. 1641. Somerset House, London.

¹⁹ SIR HENRY LEE, 3RD BARONET.—"For default of issue male of my brother Francis Henry Lee, then upon trust of all that my mannor lands tenements and hereditaments in Burston in the county of Bucks for my cousin George Lee & the heires males of his bodie. And for default of such issue then upon trust for my cousin Henry Lee younger brother of my cousin George Lee & the heires males of his bodie. And for default of such issue then upon trust for my [half] brother the Earl of Rochester, and the heires males of his bodie, provided that my brother Rochester doe take upon him my name. And for default of such issue then upon trust for the right heires of me the said Sir Henry Lee." Will of Sir Henry Lee, 3rd Baronet of Ditchley, made 18 March 1658, proved 16 April 1659.

²⁰ CHARLOTTE, COUNTESS OF LITCHFIELD.—"Feb. 23 (1717-18). Last night was buried at Spelsbury near Woodstock the right honorable Charlot Countess Dowager of Litchfield & natural daughter of King Charles the II^d by Barbara then Countess of Castlemaine, afterwards Dutchess of Cleveland. She was a lady of very great sence & virtue. She died at London on Monday last, Feb. 17." 'Reliquiæ Hernianæ,' vol. i., p. 383.

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The Will of Charlotte, Countess of Litchfield, dated 1 Feb. 1717-18, was proved 5 March 1717-18. She leaves her three younger sons £100 each; £2000 to Lady Barbara Lee if she married with the consent and approbation of her brother; and £200 to "M^r Boniventer Giffard" [a R.C. bishop]. It is witnessed by Walter Baynes.

²¹ LANGDON OF CORNWALL.—"Sir William Godolphin, Knt., of Cornwall, married Blanche, daughter of John Langdon, whose daughter, Grace Godolphin, married Sir John Sydenham." Visitation of Cornwall, pedigree attested by Francis Godolphin, 1620.

"Nicholas Maynard (son and heir of Constantine Maynard), living 1620, married as his second wife Eliza, daughter of Walter Langdon of Keverell." Visitation of Cornwall, pedigree attested by Nicholas Maynard and Henry Maynard, 1620.

Arms of Langdon of Keverell: Argent, a chevron between three lizards' heads sable.

22 WILL OF COLONEL RICHARD LEE OF VIRGINIA.—"I, Colonel Richard Lee of Virginia, and lately of Strafford-Langton in the county of Essex, Esq., being bound out upon a voyage to Virginia aforesaid, and not knowing how it may please God to dispose me in so long a voyage,—First, I give and bequeath my soul to that good and gracious God that gave it me, and to my blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ, assuredly trusting in and by his meritorious death and passion to receive salvation, and my body to be disposed of, whether by sea or land, according to the opportunity of the place, not doubting but at the last day both body and soul shall be united and glorified. Also my will and earnest desire is, that my good friends (Thomas Griffin and John Locky, merchants in England) will, with all convenient speed, cause my wife and children—all except Francis, if he be pleased—to be transported to Virginia, and to provide all necessary for the voyage . . . To my wife, during her life, I give the plantation (Stratford) whereon I now reside, ten English servants, five negroes, three men and two women, twenty sows, and corn proportionable to the servants. The said negroes I give to her during her widowhood, and no longer, and then presently to return to those of the five youngest children: also the plantation Mock-Neck. Item,—my will and my earnest desire is, that my household stuff at Stratford be divided into three parts, two of which I give to my son John, and bind him to give to every one of his brothers a bed, and the other third I give to my wife, Anna Lee. Item,—I give all my plate to my three eldest sons or the survivor or survivors of them, each to have his part delivered to him when he comes to the age of eighteen years. Item,—I give to my son John and his heirs forever, when he comes to the age of eighteen years, all my land and plantation at Matholick, all the stock of cattle and hogs thereupon, also ten negroes; viz., five men and five women, and ten English servants for their times," etc. He likewise bequeaths his plantation Paradise, and the servants there, &c., to Richard. The Papermakers'-Neck and War-Captain's-Neck, with five negroes and ten English servants, to Francis. To his five younger children, William, Hancock, Betsy, Ann, and Charles, the testator bequeaths a plantation including Bishop's-Neck, four thousand acres of land on the Potomac, and the remainder of two plantations, after the death of his wife, together with the residue of his estate, real and personal. To his eldest son, John, he bequeaths "three islands lying in the Bay of Chesapeake, the great bed that I brought over the last year in the 'The Duke of York,' and the furniture thereto belonging." To William he bequeaths his lands on the Maryland side: "also my will is, that goods sufficient be set apart for the maintenance of the gangs of each plantation for the space of two years, and all the rest of the goods to be sold to the best advantage, and the tobacco shipped home to Mr. Locky and Mr. Griffith," etc. To Francis he gives his interest, "being one-eighth part, in the ship 'Elizabeth and Mary,' and the ship 'Susan.'" The will provides for the fund "for the better education of John and Richard equally, to assist, the one in his travel for the attainment of a reasonable perfection in the knowledge of physick; the other at the University or the Inns of Court, which he shall be most fit for."—*Genealogical History of the Lee Family of Virginia and Maryland*, etc., by E. C. Mead, pp. 53, 54; New York, 1868. [This book, I regret to point out, is exceedingly untrustworthy. The confusion as to dates, facts, and families is great, while the evidence concerning the parentage of the first settler in Virginia is altogether wanting in authenticity. —F. G. L.]