

**THOMAS BILSON, Bishop of Winchester,  
his family, and their Hampshire, Sussex, and other  
connections.**

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PART ONE.

**T**HE pedigree of the BILSON family at the College of Arms, consulted by courtesy of the York Herald, Captain Aubrey J. Toppin, M.V.O., F.S.A. (to whom the contributor gratefully acknowledges indebtedness for much other information and help), starts with :—

**Arnold Belsonn** or **Bilsonn**, born in Germany, who married the daughter of the Duke of Bavaria who granted him arms. These arms were exemplified 10 October 1582 by Sir Gilbert Dethick, Kt., Garter Principal King of Arms. According to Augustin Vincent (died 1626), and John Strype (1643-1737), this man settled in Berkshire and his son of the same name in Hampshire. British Museum Add. MS. 12454 inserts another Arnold Bilson between these two, but this would seem to be wrong.

**Arnold Bylson** (jr.) of St. Mary Ode, Winchester, beer brewer; in his will dated 5 January and proved 28 January 1535 (-6), directed that he was to be buried in the church of St. Swithin, Winchester. He mentioned children but not by name, and made Thomas Beddam, "pottycary" (Mayor of Winchester 1528-9), his overseer, and his wife Clement Bylson, executrix and residuary legatee, the witnesses being Sir Richard Byrchynhede, parson of Ode (inducted there 1532 as rector), Richard Checly, and John Browne.

His widow, whose maiden surname is unknown, re-married Cornelius Cornelison who in 1537 covenanted to pay 6s. 8d. to be admitted a freeman of Winchester, and held a lease from the City Council of a tenement in St. Mary Ode from 1535 to 1541 when he died. His will, dated 21 May 1541, as of Winchester, beer-brewer but now lying in bed sick in the parish of St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, was proved in the Archdeaconry Court at Winchester 17 June 1541 by his widow. His will mentions his daughter "Elizabeth" (under 18), his sons-in-law (stepsons) Herman Bylson, Master of Arts, and Leonard Bylson, priest, his uncle Adrian Gerard, and three nieces, Helen, Reym, and Barbara.

His widow was granted a lease of a tenement in St. George in 1541 and the lease of one in St. Mary Ode in 1543. Her 1545 will, as Clemens Cornelisson of Winchester, left lands and tenements in Jersey and in Trinity parish, Winchester, to her two sons, Harman (her executor) and Leonard, and directed that she was to be buried in the churchyard of Trinity by her first husband. The register of St. Maurice, Winchester records her burial on 9 October 1545.

In the Consistory Court of Canterbury accounts and administrations (now at Maidstone County Hall), there is under date 1 February 1542 a record of the intestacy of a **Harman Bilson** with Richard Hope and Edward March as administrators and sureties, but there is no indication of a parish, and no other details are available. He may have been another son of Arnold Bilson senior.

Dealing here firstly with Arnold Bilson jr.'s younger son, as he apparently did not marry, namely :—

**Leonard Bilson** of Merton College (St. Peter in the East), Oxford. He became in 1546 the "learned" master of the Free School, Reading, Berks, till 1554 ; Prebendary of Winchester Cathedral 1551, and Canon of Sarum 1552 on his appointment to the Prebend of Teynton Regis (Kingsteignton in Devon) in the Cathedral of Salisbury by presentation of H. Bilson (presumably his brother). He was collated to Havant, Hants, 1548, and instituted 1557 Rector of King's Worthy, Hants.

Henry Machyn in his Diary (1550-63) records 23 June 1561 that "one priest Master Belliston of Winchester was set on pillory for conjuring". In 1562, deprived of all his ecclesiastical preferments, he was a prisoner in the Tower of London for "papisty" and still there in 1570 despite two applications to the Lords of the Council, but removed in October 1571 to Marshalsea prison where he still was in 1580.

In his will dated 22 October 1584, with codicil of 16 February 1584(-5) on his death bed, both proved in P.C.C. 5 March 1584(-5), he describes himself as "Leonard Bylson of City of Winchester, Clerk, and now abyding within the Cittie of London". He mentions St. Catherine Creechurch and City of Westminster, and, among others, Mr. Francis Thompson, clerk, Mistris Gage the wife of Mr. Edward Gage, Esq. (the latter of whom was to have all his printed books according to the bargain and agreement made with him), nephew Mr. Thomas Bylson, D.D., and, in his codicil, his brother at Winchester (who would be Harman Bilson), and "cosen" Osmund Bilson, (a witness and presumably his nephew, a son of aforesaid Harman Bilson). Another witness was Ambrose Shorter servant to William Searche, scrivener of London, whom he appointed

overseer, and who is doubtless the William Serche of St. Michael le Quern, London, whose own will was proved 1597. Leonard Bylson appointed as executor and residuary legatee, William Whitinge, a tanner of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, Surrey, who proved the will with the codicil.

The Mistris Gage mentioned was Margaret Gage (buried 1598 Framfield, Sx.) *née* Shelley, daughter of Sir William Shelley, Kt. of Michelgrove in Clapham, Sussex; and her husband, Edward Gage, was the son of James Gage of Bentley in Framfield, Sx. (buried 15 January 1572(-3) Framfield). The Gage pedigree in the Visitation of Sussex as printed in Harleian Society volume 53 is incorrect in many particulars, while that of the De Lisle family in the Visitation of Surrey, as printed in Harleian Society volume 43, has the above James Gage as James Page. This James Gage in his will (1569-73) mentions a "Mr. Bilson" who may be Leonard Bylson, but the Augustine Belson called son-in-law in the will (1613-14) of his son, the said Edward Gage, was of the Belson family of Brill (Bucks) shewn in the Visitation of Bucks (Harleian Society vol. 58), his probate of 7 June 1616 describing him as of "Exhill", Bucks, with his relict, Mildred Belson (a daughter of Edward Gage), renouncing.

The third wife of the said James Gage (who was her third husband) was Urith daughter of Thomas (de) Lisle of Reigate, Surrey, and sister of Mary (de) Lisle who married firstly, Robert Benson of Knaresborough, Yorks, and Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey (died 1552), and secondly, Thomas Ravis, father of Thomas Ravis, Bishop of London (arms in Maldon church, Surrey), who was buried 1609 in St. Paul's Cathedral. The clue to the parentage of the Bishop came from the epitaph on the monument in St. Olave, Southwark church, to his half-brother, William Benson, son of the said Robert Benson, as explained by Mr. J. B. Whitmore, F.S.A., in 1937 *Notes and Queries*, vol. clxxiii, page 384.

Reverting now to Arnold Bilson jr.'s elder son, namely:—

**Harman Bilson** of Merton College (St. Peter in the East), Oxford, in 1537, B.A. 27 March 1538(-9), and of St. Mary Kalendar (united 1682 to St. Maurice), Winchester, in 1552 as Harman Bylston. He was a member of the City Council in 1546, Bailiff 1548-9, Alderman 1551, Chamberlain 1554, Collector of the Poor Relief for St. Maurice 1555, and granted leases in various years from 1546 to 1581. Under date 21 May 24 Eliz. (1582) the Winchester Ordinance Book records that he shall have the plot "Coytberie". He continued in the Assembly lists till 12 January 35 Eliz. (1592-3), but not that of 18 September 35 Eliz. (1593) when there is an entry that "Mr. Edward

Cole shall have the plot of ground called 'Cortburie' near unto the Este gate latelie of Mr. Harman Bilson", which would appear to indicate that he died about 1592.

He married twice :—

- (i) Jone (maiden surname unknown), who was buried 19 July 1557 at St. Maurice, Winchester ;
- (ii) Agnes Stemp, daughter of Henry Stemp (born in the Soke, Winchester). She was sister of Thomas Stemp who was admitted 1536 (age 13) to Winchester College where he became Warden of St. Mary College House from 1556 till his death 9 February 1580(-81), and where he was buried. His inscription is said to have recorded that he was famous for his knowledge of civil and canon laws, theology, and music, and to have been a popular preacher. He was admitted to the College of Civilians (Advocates) 1554, and became Principal of Broadgates Hall (merged 1624 into Pembroke College), Oxford, 1553, Vicar of Hornchurch, Essex, 1554, Canon of Lincoln 1555, Prebendary of St. Swithin 1556, Canon of Winchester 1557, and was instituted 1559 to the Prebend of Itchyn, rector of Ashington, Som., 1562, Cheselborne, Dorset, 1564, and Over-Wallop, Hants, 1563, and at death was Prebend of Marston St. Lawrence (Lincoln).

His will (1580-81), proved at Winchester, mentions brothers Ellys Stempe and Walter Stempe, and latter's daughter Alice Stempe, three sisters, the said Agnes, wife of Harman Bilson, Margaret, wife of Andrew Smyth of Sutton (*sic*), husbandman, and Chrysty (Christian), wife of Arthur Buckle of Mylton, Hants, and names Thomas Bilson as his servant. Ellys Stempe is recorded in the Visitation of London, I. 56, and the register of St. Mary-le-Bow, London, has his marriage in 1560 to Ellen (Helen) Campion (a daughter of Christopher Campion, mercer of London, by Agnes *née* Bramstone), and baptism 10 January 1562(-3) of a son Thomas Stempe.

Harman Bilson had the following six children, presumably by his first wife, but their exact order of age is unknown :—

1. **Osmund Bilson**, Chorister of Winchester Cathedral, 1558-65, who in his will dated 30 November 1605 and proved in P.C.C. 6 December 1605 mentions, among others, his wife Jane, son-in-law William Playsted, daughter-in-law Jane Younge ; three sisters, Amye Alexander (with two (unnamed) married daughters), Gillyan Ham, and Faith Washington ; three cousins, Francis Alexander, Francis Brodshill, and Wooldridg's widow. (for her see later under Faith Bilson) ;

also "Rayner" of Bennyngton, and the poor of that parish, which, judging by other names in his will, is probably the one in Hertfordshire. (See also *Sy. A.C.* 12/96.) He was buried 5 December 1605 in the church of St. Saviour, Southwark (now Southwark Cathedral), and his wife Jane (maiden surname unknown) 7 January 1605(-6) at Barnes, Surrey.

2. **Leonard Bilson** who proved his above brother's will, and in his own will, as of New Alresford, Hants, dated 24 April 1626, with codicil 25 April 1628; both proved 10 May 1631 in P.C.C., indicates relationship for only three of his legatees, namely, cousin William Warlidge (with a daughter Johan Warlidge), who receives an annuity out of his lands in Berkshire, cousin John Bacon, who is to have use of his armour for life, and niece Hurst, wife of Mr. Christopher Hurst (of whom hereafter), to latter of whom he bequeaths his "Inventorie of Fraunce". He mentions also Jane Alexander, "now the wife of William Burnell" (and her son John Burnell, under 21), Elizabeth wife of Thomas Hobbes of New Alresford, Francis Alexander, Doctor of Civil Law (whom he makes overseer), Sir Thomas Bilson, Kt., (executor) and last-named's son, Thomas Bilson; and a god-daughter Ann Norton. He bought in 1602 the rectory of Crookham in Thatcham, Berks., (Feet of Fines, Hil. 45 Eliz.), and his 1632 I.P.M. (7 Chas. I) mentions also land at Greenham. New Alresford parish register does not commence till 1698.

3. **Amy Bilson** who married John (son of John) Alexander of Hartley Wespall, Hants, where seven children were baptised 1574-1588. Of these,

(a) **Jayne Alexander** (1581) married the above-named William Burnell. Both were buried 1643 at Brown Candover, Hants.

(b) **Margaret Alexander** (1586) married Christopher Hearst (Hurst), who matriculated at Oxford 1585 age 16 as of Wiltshire, and was probably born at Marlborough, Wilts (see hereafter), the parish register of which starts, however, only in the 17th century. He was incumbent of Rimpton, Som., 1604, Eling, Hants, 1604, Chilbolton, Hants, 1609, Hambleton, Hants, from 1612, Droxford, Hants, from 1613, and installed Prebendary of Winchester in 1614. There is a mural tablet in the south chancel of Broughton (nr. Stockbridge), Hants, church recording that his wife died 8 October 1647 age 60 and extolling her as a pearl of great price and her virtues in an inscription in Latin and Greek which the

late Dr. W. A. Fearon, a former Headmaster of Winchester, translated as follows :—

“ Stay thou that passest by, lest thou fail to learn who it is that lies here—(in truth duty will not suffer thee not to learn)—For there lies here The Venerable Matron Margaret (as her name shews, a Pearl of great price),— In this life wedded, in the life to come united,—to Christopher Hearst, Bachelor of Divinity, Canon of Winchester Cathedral, a man of great worth. She was a most obedient daughter of the orthodox Episcopal Apostolical Anglican Church, In time past and now and in the time to come ; Pious, holy, blessed, whom her friends always found faithful, Her relations kindhearted, Her husband loving, Her children indulgent, And everyone supremely good, In whom all the divine and moral virtues and graces, Happily blended together,—indeed most happily. Who at length full of years, weary of this wicked world, Ripe for eternity, To our sorrow, left this lower earth on the 8th of October A.D. 1647 In the 60th year of her age. Her mortal remains rest for a time near this spot, while she waits for a joyful Resurrection. This, friend, is that remarkable woman, who died, yet could never die. Thus we sorrow,—we rejoice.”

Christopher Hearst in his P.C.C. 1627-30 will described himself as of Hambledon, Hants, (where buried 26 April 1628), and named his three daughters by her as follows :—

- (i) Anne, “ now the wife of Francis Uvedale, Esq.”. He was baptised 1593 Wickham, Hants, and buried 13 September 1660 Bishops Waltham, Hants. His 1660-61 will is to be found among the Peculiars, Winchester. His sister, Susan Uvedale, married Thomas Bilson (1591-1661), for whom see hereafter. (See also *Sy. A.C.* iii, pp. 184-9.)
- (ii) Sara, who was baptised 1616 Winchester Cathedral and is doubtless the lady of that name who married there in 1634 Giles Dowse, son of Sir Francis Dowse of Broughton, Hants, and Berrey Court in Nether Wallop, Hants (P.C.C. will 1649), by Elizabeth daughter of Hampden Paulett who married at Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hants, 1580 (as his second wife) Ann daughter of Stephen Hadnoll of Lancelevy in that parish to whom reference will be made again later (under Faith Bilson).
- (iii) Elizabeth, who was baptised 1618 Winchester Cathedral ; and appointed his brother (in-law) Francis Alexander, LL.D., and William Browne of Hoo in Hambledon, Hants, overseers. He refers to his lands, etc., in St. Sepulchre without Newgate,

London, or elsewhere, devised to him by the will of his late uncle, William Hearst alias Hurst. The last-named, a taylor of St. Sepulchre, London, by his 1607 will proved 1608 in P.C.C. bequeathed his lands to his wife Anne for life, and afterwards to Christopher Hearst, and in default of heirs to John Hurst, one of the sons of Thomas Hurst of Marlborough, Wilts, apothecary, with remainder to Thomas Hurst, another son, and appointed, as one of his overseers, his cousin Mr. Richard Ridgedall of Tottenham High Cross, Middlesex, gentleman.

Christopher Hearst added to his will on his deathbed, by word of mouth, bequests to his two brothers-in-law, Mr. Thomas Bennett and John Smith, and to John Dalley and Elizabeth Dalley his sister.

The burials and wills of John and Amy Alexander (sr.) have not been traced ; she was alive 1605, and her husband may be the John Alexander buried in 1617 at Chilton Candover, Hants. Their only surviving son, namely :—

(c) **Francis Alexander, LL.D.**, baptised 13 April 1578, was admitted to Winchester College 1591 (age 11), became incumbent of Birdham, Sussex, 1606, Crawley, Hants, 1609, Overton, Hants, 1610, and Houghton, Hants, 1613. In 1639 he was appointed "official" of the jurisdiction of Littleton and Hursley with the chapel of Otterburne, Hants. In 1613 he was made Prebendary of Winchester Cathedral where he was buried 1657. He married twice :—

- (1) Dorothy, daughter of Richard Joyner alias Junor, M.D. ; she was buried Winchester Cathedral 2 September 1618 ;
- (2) Anne, daughter of Tristram Dillington, of Knighton in Newchurch (I. of W.), and sister of Sir Robert Dillington, 1st Bart. ; she died 1663 age 75 and was also buried in Winchester Cathedral ; her will was proved 4 February 1663(-4) in Winchester Archdeaconry Court ;

and had issue by both wives, as recorded in the registers of Winchester Cathedral, St. Swithin, Winchester, Abbotts Ann, and Bishop's Waltham (Hants).

In his 1657 will, as of St. Michael, Winchester, proved 1658 in P.C.C., Francis Alexander, LL.D., gives his wife (Anne), by conditions of marriage, use for life of £1,000 in the hands of John Worsley of Gatcombe (I. of W.). Of his children specifically named by him, there were his sons Edward and Leonard (by his first wife), and his following children by his second wife (his executrix), his sons Gerrard, George, William, James, Francis, and (son-in-law) Preston;

and his daughters Preston and Susan. (He had had other children by both wives). Of those named, the following call for special mention.

The daughter and son(-in-law) Preston were Frances Alexander who married Nicholas Preston whose will dated and proved 1664 in P.C.C. reveals that he was born in St. Michael in St. Albans, Herts. According to Robert Clutterbeck's "History of Herts.", I, 99, he was a son of William Preston of Childwick-Bury manor in that parish. He matriculated at Cambridge in 1625 and was collated in 1640 to Bishop Stoke, Hants, which he resigned to become in 1642 collated to the Rectory of Droxford, Hants, vacant by death of Richard Neile who had in 1628 succeeded the aforementioned Christopher Hearst. He was installed Prebendary of Winchester 1645. According to his tombstone on the floor of Droxford church, he died 13 September 1664; his widow was buried 1689 in Winchester Cathedral.

Susan Alexander married Arthur Taylor, M.D. (1657), F.R.C.P. (1664), who was buried 1674 Winchester Cathedral as also, in 1676, his widow who was residuary legatee of her mother, Anne Alexander *née* Dillington.

Leonard Alexander (born Brown Candover, Hants) was admitted to Winchester College 1619 (age 13), and became incumbent of Barton Stacey, Hants, in 1632, Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts, 1642 (resigning 1661), Iping cum Chithurst, Sussex, 1660-63, and King's Worthy, Hants, 1662, and Prebendary of Exceit (Chichester diocese) in 1662. He was buried 1663 Winchester Cathedral, and administration granted 24 April 1663 in the Consistory Court of Chichester to his widow Catherine Alexander, the Account there 7 October 1663 having her then as Katherine Oldfeild alias Alexander, relict of Leonard Alexander. Her 1671 will, as widow of Midhurst, Sx., was proved at Chichester in July 1676. Her second husband was Jeffrey Oldfeild, rector of Selham, Sx., 1640-66, and vicar of Sidlesham, Sx., 1663-66. He matriculated at Oxford in 1626, age 18, son of Sir Philipp Oldfeild, Kt. (1627) of Somerford, Cheshire, and was buried 1666 at Selham, Sx. His previous wife, whom he married in 1642 at Tillington, Sx., was Jeane Bellingham who was buried 1644 at Petworth.

Katherine Oldfeild, formerly Alexander, was *née* Blaxton, being daughter, baptised 1606 at Subdeanery, Chichester, of Henry Blaxton (son of Henry Blaxton, Chancellor of Chichester, D.D.; buried Chichester Cathedral 1 Sept. 1606). Her mother, who was Phillip (Philippa) Michell, baptised 18 Jan. 1568(-9) at Slinfold, Sx., daughter of Thomas

Michell who married at Poynings, Sx., 1565 Walsingham Colbrand, married three times :—

(i) as his second wife, John Cooper, yeoman of Sompting, Sx. (whose married 10 July 1593, baptised 20 Jan. 1557(-8), and buried 10 Jan. 1593(-4) ; will dated 25 Dec. 1593, proved Chichester 25 June 1597) ; by whom one posthumous daughter, Dorothy, born, baptised and buried April 1594 ;

(ii) by Archdeaconry of Chichester licence dated 23 July 1597, Henry Blaxton who was buried Subdeanery, Chichester 1609, letters of administration being granted there 7 Oct. 1609 to his relict ;

(iii) before 1614, Roger Andrew(e)s, D.D. (died 1635), brother of Lancelot Andrew(e)s, Bishop of Chichester, Ely, and Winchester (buried 1626 St. Saviour's, Southwark, now Southwark Cathedral). Administration of the estate of Phillip Blaxton alias Andrews, as of Barton Stacey, Hants, widow (died St. Andrew, Holborn), was granted in P.C.C. in 1647 to her son, Edward Blaxton.

4. **Gillyan Bilson** who is called Gillyan Ham in her brother Osmund Bilson's 1605 will, was buried at Eling, Hants, 1607 as Julian wife of Ruben Ham, gent. Her husband (in 1597 of Hamble-le-ricce, Hants) was christened 1569 St. Swithin, Winchester, son of Mr. Ham—perhaps Mr. John Ham who married Agnis Spenser in 1568 at St. Maurice, Winchester, where other children of Mr. Ham and Mr. John Ham were baptised. Among these were Tobby Ham (1575), Symond Ham (1578), and Alice Ham (1581). The 1614 Sentence to the 1613 will in P.C.C. of Simon Hame, merchant of London (late of parts beyond the seas ; died at Exeter), mentions, among others, his brothers Ruben Ham and Toby Ham, and a sister Alice Williamson, but his mother is called Ann Smith alias Ham therein and in his will which names (among others) a cousin Lucy (wife of Arthur) Bromfield, daughter to his uncle Edward Quynbie (P.C.C. will 1612-13 of Allington, Hants), who, as of Farneham, co: Southampton, (*sic*) in Chichester Deanery marriage licence, married at St. Olave, Chichester, 7 July 1586 Jane Porter (P.C.C. will 1618-24 of Titchfield, Hants, widow of Edward Quinby late of Titchfield), formerly widow of Richard Porter of Bayham in Frant, Sx. (P.C.C. 1584 will ; buried 1584 Frant), whom she married 1573 at Worth Sx., being a daughter of Robert Whitfeld of Worth (P.C.C. will 1591-97).

Henry Quinbye, citizen & grocer of London, in his P.C.C. 1596 will states he was born in Farneham in Surrey, and mentions his kinsman, Symon Ham, servant to John Stockley

of London, and made his brother, Edward Quinbye, residuary legatee.

5. **Faith Bilson** who married twice. Her first husband was Symon Smith by whom she had a daughter Elizabeth Smith, baptised 1574 Hartley Wespall, who married 13 September 1589, as her first husband, James Wolrege (Woolrich, Wooldridge), at Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hants, where their following children were baptised (except the son, Francis) :—
- (i) Francis Wulridge (baptism unknown); buried 14-February 1611(-12) Winchester Cathedral.
  - (ii) Faith Wollerege (1594), who married John Harward 1615 at Winchester Cathedral. Both were living 1634.
  - (iii) Dorothy Wolridge (1595), who became (before 1613) the first wife of Ralph Barlow, D.D., Dean of Wells (as to whom see below) and was buried 1620 Winchester Cathedral.
  - (iv) Simon Woolriche (1596); buried 1597 Sherfield-on-Loddon.
  - (v) Elizabeth Woolriche (1598) who married Edward Moore (More) of Wichford and Hartley Wespall, gentleman, 1620, at Winchester Cathedral.
  - (vi) Anne Wolriche (1599); buried 1602 Sherfield-on-Loddon.
  - (vii) Anne Wolriche (1602), who married Tobias Hame before 21 May 1617.
  - (viii) Marie Wolriche (1603) who died before 6 February 1606(-7).
  - (ix) Elinor Wolriche (1604) who was alive 1613.

The afore-mentioned Ralph Barlow, shortly after the death of his first wife, married Christian Marsh, widow, with children, of William Marsh, who disputed his will (proved 1631 in P.C.C.) which mentions; among others, his cousins Henry Barlow and George Hide of Chilbolton (who married at Winchester Cathedral 1620 Margaret Barlow). He had children (christened Winchester) by his first wife, and a son, Henry Barlow, by his second wife.

He was son of Henry Barlow whose brother, Randoll Barlow of St. Peter the Less, Chichester, married at Edburton, Sx., 1577 Julian Duffield who, as widow of East Grinstead, Sx., re-married by Deanery of Chichester licence 1596 Mathew Vaux of London, and directed in her 1637 will, proved 2 May 1639 in Deanery of Chichester, to be buried in St. Peter, North Street, Chichester.

Ralph Barlow was elected Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, in 1593 as from Cheshire (where he is said to have been born), matriculated 1594 age 20, and became incumbent of Radnage, Berks, 1606, Farthingstone, Northants, 1609, Yaverland (I. of W.), 1609, Fawley, Hants, 1610, and was made Archdeacon of Winchester 1609, Prebendary of Winchester 1610, and Dean of Bath and Wells 1621, as whom he held the manor of Wedmore, Som. He died 1631, Rector (from 1613) of Chilbolton, Hants, and desired to be buried in Wells Cathedral near the tomb of Arthur Lake (died 1626), Bishop of Bath and Wells.

James Wolrich (the first husband of Elizabeth Smith) was buried 21 September 1605 at Sherfield-on-Loddon. His nun-cupative will, as of that parish, gentleman, was dated 15 September 1605 and proved 11 October 1605 at Winchester. He left all to his wife "as most part of the wealth I have received by my wife and her friends". His inventory taken 23 September 1605 and exhibited 11 October 1605 showed he owed his mother-in-law £20, and rented Bowbrigs-house from Sir Francis Palmes. An account dated 5 February 1606, prepared by Faith Washington, Leonard Bilson, and Julian, wife of Ruben Ham, gentleman, during the minority of his surviving seven children, is signed by Thomas Ridley, Bishop of Chichester, Lawrence Washington, Francis Alexander, Richard Johnson, and Ruben Ham.

His widow re-married between September 1605 and May 1606 Richard Johnson (junior), rector of Sherfield-on-Loddon (instituted 23 October 1595), but died after about 15 weeks, and was buried at Sherfield-on-Loddon 12 May 1606, administration being granted 5 January 1606(-7) to her husband. He was also buried there, 20 February 1612(-13), administration being granted in P.C.C. 16 April 1613 to his brother, Richard Johnson, senior, who, in 1614, was appointed vicar of Newton Valence cum Hawkley, Hants.

She may have been the Elizabeth Smith called "my kinswoman now waiting upon my wife" in the 1589-90 will of Stephen Hadnall, Esquire, of Sherfield-upon-Loddon (where buried), but as the tablet to him in that parish's church states he hailed from Shropshire, it seems more probable that his said kinswoman was connected with his own mother's first husband who was Richard Smith of Morville (Salop), *vide* Add. MS. 14314, folio 7, at the British Museum, or alternatively with the first husband of the mother of his own son-in-law, Hampden Paulett.

Stephen Hadnall was Groom of the Privy Chamber to Queen Mary, and acquired land in Sherfield-on-Loddon in 1578 from Richard More (*V.C.H.*, Hants, IV, 104). He

married Margaret, widow and second wife of the Royal Physician, Dr. Thomas Huys (died 1558), of St. Alban, Wood Street, London, and daughter of Thomas Atkyns (died 1551), Under-Sheriff of London, and Governor of Lincoln's Inn, by Margaret (*née* Porter) who re-married in 1552 the Royal Physician, Dr. Thomas Wendy (died 1560), as his second wife.

Faith Smith *née* Bilson married secondly, between 1592 and 1605, as his third wife, Lawrence Washington, parson 1565-1605 of Colmer, Hants, who was collated 12 September 1575 to Fawley, Hants, wherein she states in her will she did "sometime inhabit". He died 1610 and an account of him is in the Reverend Thomas Hervey's printed parish register of Prior's Dean and Colmer (page 122).

Faith Washington (formerly Smith *née* Bilson) was buried 1615 Winchester Cathedral, but her will, indexed in the Calendar of the Bishop's Court, Winchester, was not to be found in the Probate Registry there. However, by courtesy again of the York Herald, the following details were taken from the Washington Collection of J. L. Chester at the College of Arms which contains an abstract thereof made for him in July 1864 by the Reverend J. M. Simpkinson. Her will, as of the Close of Winchester Cathedral, widow, dated 20 May 1613, left sundry furniture and £80 each to her (then unmarried) grand-daughters, Faith, Ann and Ellen Woulridge. She bequeathed £4 each to these three and to Mrs. Dorothy Barlow and Elizabeth Woulridge, "these five being my daughter's daughters", conditional upon a full discharge being given of all claims upon a house or tenement in Sherfield-on-Loddon. Further bequests were to her godson and great-grandchild, Thomas Barlow, her brother the Bishop and his wife, and Dr. Ralph Barlow, Archdeacon of Winchester. She made her brother Leonard Bilson sole executor and residuary legatee; he proved the will 26 June 1615 and exhibited 10 May 1617 an inventory dated 26 July 1615 of goods, monies, etc., in the house or due, totalling £438. 3s. 4d.

*(To be continued.)*

*(Part Two will deal with the Bishop, his descendants and their connexions.)*