

# Descent of the Barhams of Sussex & Middlesex

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The descent of Sir George Barham of Snape, in the Parish of Wadhurst, and County of Sussex, Knight; Justice of the Peace, &c., &c., from the Barhams of Wadhurst, who held lands in the Manor of Bivelham in the 19th. year of King Henry the Sixth, A. D. 1440.

Compiled from Court Rolls of the Manors of Bivelham, Mayfield and Robertsbridge; the Parish Registers of Wadhurst, Ticehurst, Hawkhurst, Echingham, Salehurst, Mountfield and Battle; and other original records, wills, and family papers; by R. G. FitzGerald-Uniacke, F. R. S. A.

## INTRODUCTION.

In the extensive collection of antient Charters, historical documents, and papers relating to the Pelham family and estates, which were presented to the MSS. Department of the British Museum by the Earl of Chichester in 1882, there is a most interesting series of Court Rolls of the Manor of Bivelham in Sussex, extending from the latter end of the 14th., to the middle of the 17th. Century. There are unfortunately several breaks on the continuity of the series, but the Rolls which have been preserved provide sufficient materials for the construction of a fairly complete pedigree of the Barhams of Snape, who held free and copyhold lands in that Manor, from their first appearance at a Court held 10th January 1440, until the admission of William and David Barham to their father's estates in 1644.

Another branch of the Barham family held lands in the adjacent Manor of Mayfield from a very early date, but the only *Records* of this Manor to which I have had access are *a few Court Rolls* at the Public Record Office, covering the period from the purchase of the Manor by Sir. John Gresham in 1546 to a Court held 10 Oct. 5 Edw. VI (1551), *a Rental of the Manor compiled circa 1546-1557, and some Court Books of a rather later date, in the possession of the Marquess Camden, the present Lord of the Manor.*

From these few sources, combined with the information derived from the Title Deeds of the Shoemiths Estate, a Schedule of which is appended to an Exchequer Suit of the Reign of George the First, and the Courthorp MSS. at the College of Arms, the descent of the family for the earlier generations has been mainly compiled.

### I. Thomas Berham.

At a Court of the Manor of Bivelham, held 10 Jan. 19 Henry VI (1440-1) Thomas Bereham and Isabella his Wife were admitted to all the lands and tenements held of the

Lord by Richard atte Melle and Isabella his wife, in the parish of Wadherst, in the Wiste (or Half-hide) of Cumden, and in Edwardes Wiste, who did fealty for same, and paid a fine of 20 sh.

Shortly afterwards Richard atte Melle died, his death being reported at a Court held 16 Oct 1441. At the same Court, Thomas Berham and John Busse were elected to the Office of "Receptor." At a Court held 25 April 1444 Thomas Berham was fined for default of suit, and on the 5 Oct. 1446 Thomas Berham and Isabella his Wife came and surrendered a house and lands in the Wiste of Cumden, and all their lands called Snorehellys, Edwardesfeld, Middilcroft, ,and Marlings, which formerly belonged to Richard atte Melle, to John Busse, who was admitted to same. At the next Court, 23 April 1447, Thomas Berham with William atte Chambre and John Busse, surrendered lands called Aylotteland and Edwardysfeld to John Busse and his heirs.

At the Courts held 18 Oct. 1447, 13 April 1448, and 19 Oct. 1448, Thomas Berham was fined for default of suit. after which his name does not again occur. ~~[It seems probable from the above entries that he had acquired these lands, from Richard atte Melle, with the object of making a settlement upon the marriage of Richard Berham (who was presumably his son) with Anna, the daur and heir of John Busse.]~~

## II. Richard Berham.

The earliest mention we have of Richard Berham is at a Court held 20 Feb. 1452-3, when John Baker and Juliana his wife surrendered certain lands in the Wiste of Cumden, containing 40 acres, which formerly belonged to William Cumden, to Richard Barham & Anna his wife, and the heirs of Richard. From a subsequent entry we learn that Anna was the daug. of John Busse whose name occurs frequently on the Rolls from 1436, when he held the important Office of Steward (Prepositus) of the Manor, until his death In 1472.

The death of William Comden had been reported at a Court, 5 May 1435, and he had previously surrendered, in the presence of Robert Water and John Busse, all the lands and tenements which he held by inheritance through his mother Johanna Comden, and other land which he had purchased from Robert Water and Alice his wife, *John Baker and Alice his wife*, and Richard atte Melle, to the use of Isabella his wife for her life, with remainder to his sons Gilbert and Thomas and their heirs.

Richard Berham was present at a Court 26 June 1453, and the following year he was appointed Steward of the Manor of Bivelham. His "*Compotus*", or *statement of Account*,

*for the twelve months ending Michaelmas, 34 Henry VI. (1455), is among the Pelham MSS. at the British Museum. (Add. Ch. 31.193.)*

Sir John Pelham was at this time Lord of the Manors of Laughton, Crowhurst, Burghershe and Bevyllham, with the hundreds of Shiplake, Hawksbury and Shoyswell, and the forest and Chase of Dallyngton. He was grandson of the Sir John Pelham who took John, King of France, prisoner at the battle of Poitiers. His original will dated 2 Jan 10 Edw IV, Anno 1470, is among the Pelham MSS. at the British Museum, and bears his signature, with a very fine armorial seal attached. The two first witnesses are Henry Berham and John Berham, of whom presently.

*He* was one of the "Essones" at the Court held 9 Dec. 1453, being represented by Thomas Hamond, and on the 20 Jany. 1455-6 by Thomas Norman; at the following Courts, held 29 Jany. 1459-60, 10 Aug. 1462, 1 Mar. 1462-3, 9 Aug. 1463, 28 Feb. 1464-5, and 14 June 1470, he was represented by John Busse, his father-in-law.

From these frequent absences it appears probable that Richard Berham did not reside either at Wadhurst or Mayfield, but had other property elsewhere - he may perhaps have been attached to the household of Sir John Pelham, and have taken part, under his banner, in the great struggle which was then raging between the Houses of York and Lancaster.

At a Court held 18 Sept 1464, Richard Berham & Anna his wife surrendered a tenement with the appurtenancies, formerly William Comden's, situate in the Wiste of Comden, into the Lords hand, who by his Seneschal, John Westburn, granted the same to the said Richard and Anna, to hold to them, their heirs, and assigns. At a Court 9 May, 1472, the death of John Busse was reported, who held certain lands called Snorehyll (which had been surrendered to him by Thomas Berham in 1446), and that Anna the wife of Richard Berham, and daur. of the said John, was his next heir and of full age; and at the next Court, 16 July follg., Johanna, who was the wife of John Busse, and John Skinner, came and surrendered certain other lands in the Wiste of Comden, called Redyng, with the woodland adjacent, also Smythfeld and Little Comden, to the use of Richard Berham and Anna his wife, daur and heir of the said John Busse, and their heirs, and they were accordingly admitted to the same.

The death of John Croteholl was reported 27 April 1474, his feoffees being John Bourneford, Thomas Kengewoode, and Richard Bereham, (by deed dated 2 March 1473-4), who *were* admitted, and did fealty for the said lands.

*Richard and Anna had issue:-* ??????

Richard Berham died before 27 January 1479-80 and was succeeded in the lands above-mentioned by John Berham, his son and heir. He appears to have had two other sons, Nicholas and Thomas, of whom hereafter – (Vide page 20 & 26.)

### **III. John Berham of Bivelham.**

At a Court of the Manor of Bivelham, 17 May 1480, John Westburn the Seneschal reported that, on the 27 January 19 Edw. IV (1479-80) John Berham, son and heir of Richard Berham deceased, came to him at Battle, and surrendered the reversion of a house and 60 acres of land called Upper Comden, with the exception of one field of 4 acres called Water Comden, to which he would be entitled on the death of Anne his mother - Whereupon, at the same Court, the Lord by his Seneschal, at the request of the said John the son, granted to him, and to Agnes his wife, the daughter of Thomas Broun, the reversion of the above premises - To hold to the said John and Agnes his wife, and to the heirs of John - And so they were admitted, and did fealty, and had seisin by the Rod.

The John Berham may probably be identified with the John Berham, who was one of the witnesses to the will of Sir John Pelham, in 1470-1. (see page 3) "John Westburn", the Seneschal., was another witness.

By a deed dated 8 October 1491, "John Berham, Armiger", was appointed one of the feoffees to whom William Pelham Esquire, son and heir of the Sir John Pelham above-mentioned, conveyed "ye Mannors & Dennesnes of Laughton, Colbons, Chittingly, Burghersh, Berylham, & ye fforest of Dallington, And the Hundreds of Shiplake, Hawksborough & Shoyswell, And ye Advowson of the Vicaradge of Burwash". In another deed, in the same collection, dated 10 December 1499, his name again occurs as feoffee of William Pelham Esquire. It is interesting to note that one of the other feoffees was "Thomas Oxenbregge of Brede", the eldest brother of Sir Goddard Oxenbridge, and uncle of Mary Oxenbridge the wife of James Barham, of Barham Court in Teston, co. Kent.

It is also worth noting that Sir John Pelham, who succeeded his father in 1429, married Joan de Courey, one of the ladies in attendance on Queen Catharine, Consort of Henry V; and Philipot, in his pedigree of the Barhams of Barham and Teston, states that John Berham, *son and heir of Richard Berham*, (which Richard was Sheriff of Kent 1390-1, and was living in 1410) married "Constance daughter of Lord Courey". If this statement of

Philipot's could be substantiated, and if Joan the wife of Sir John Pelham were related to Constance the wife of John Berham of Teston & Sissinghurst, it would go far to confirm the traditional descent of the Wadhurst Barhams from those settled at Teston, as it is during the 1st. half of the 15th. Century that we first meet with the name at Wadhurst.

Returning to John Berham of Bivelham, we find his name mentioned several times on the Court Rolls between 1485 and 1490, but from that date until 1555 only two rolls have been preserved, so that our information for the intervening period is somewhat fragmentary. The first of these Rolls (No. 3146 ?? ) consists of three membranes, containing brief entries of six Courts, the first of which was held 23 Mar. 1517/18, and the last 6 June 1521. On the 23 Mar. 9 Henry VIII (1517-18), "William Barham Senr." was fined for default of suit, and there can be but little doubt that he was son and heir of the John Berham of Bivelham who was admitted to his father's lands in 1480, & that he was father of the William Barham who succeeded to the same lands in 1522 (of whom presently).

John Barham, probably another son of the above John Berham, was similarly fined, 1 May 1521. It is most unfortunate that the Roll of the Court held 20 June 1622 has not been preserved, as this would have settled the question without doubt.

The second Roll (No. 31147) consists of a single membrane upon which are entered brief records of seven Courts, the first dated 10 Nov. 1530, and the last, 29 Oct. 1533. The only Barhams mentioned are William Barham, whose name occurs four times, and Thomas Barham, who was fined for default on three occasions.

At a Court held 28 April. 21 Eliz. (1579) "John Barham., son and heir of William Barham" (who died before 26 Sept. 1578) was admitted to the lands of Upper Garden, Great highfield &c., part of Nether Combeden, "to which the said William had been admitted as aforesaid, at a Court held here 20 June *A<sup>o</sup> xiii<sup>o</sup> h.viii<sup>vi</sup>*" (1522). At the same Court John Barham was also admitted to the lands of Upper Combden, a messuage, garden and 60 acres; and to Newland wood and other lands, containing 60 acres, to which the said William had been admitted 10 Oct. 1522; also to a messuage, garden, and 16 acres, in Wadhurst, to which the said William had been admitted 6 July 1541.

These lands of Upper Combden had been confirmed to John Berham, as son and heir of Richard Berham, exactly *ninety-nine* years before, i.e. 17 May 1480, and they formed part of the Snape estate of which David Barham died seised in 1643. This David was the youngest son of John Barham of Bivelham, by Mary his wife daur. of the first George Courthorp of Whiligh, in Ticehurst, Gent., who appointed as overseers of his will, dated

12 April. 1577, “John Barham the elder of Fayrecrooche, and John Barham of Bevilham my son-in-law”.

Mr William Courthope, Somerset Herald, in his MS. History of Loxfield Halfhundred, compiled about the middle of last century, writes:- “the precise relationship of this gentleman (i.e. John Barham the son-in-law of George Courthope) to other branches of his family, settled at Wadhurst, has not been clearly ascertained; whilst the arms used by one grandson, William Barham of Scrag Oak, were those attributed ... to the Barhams of Barham in Kent, those borne by two other grandsons (William Barham of Mapesden in Ticehurat, 1646, and David Barham of Snape, 1675) were similar to the coat ascribed and registered to the Barhams of Buttes and Shoesmiths, with whom, from the expressions of relationship used in their several wills, we must conclude that he was closely allied”.

If Mr. Courthope had been aware of the existence of the series of Court Rolls of Bivelham Manor now at the British Museum, *and the Rental of Mayfield Manor referred to on page 1*, he would have been able to add very considerably to his voluminous collections relating to the Barhams of Wadhurst.

At a Court held 10 Nov. 1530, we have a further reference to William Barham, the father of John of Bivelham who married Mary Courthope. At this Court “Christopher Maunser (of Hightown in Wadhurst, which lands adjoin those of Snape), William Barham of Wadehurst, Richard Isted (of the Moate, in Mayfield, whose daur. Alice afterwards married John Barham of Wadhurst Town, 2nd. son of John Berham of Woodlands and Buttes), and Thomas a Parke of Maugfeld, came and produced a deed dated 10 May 22 Hen. VIII (1530), whereby Richard Young of Wadehurst conveyed to them as his feoffees ‘le Byrchett Wood’ and other lands at Moseham in Wadehurst” to the use of Alianore his wife. In the Visit<sup>n</sup>. of Sussex, 1634, “Christopher Maunser of Hightowne” is stated to have *been living* in the 18th. year of Henry VIII, 1526, and to have married “Mildred daur of ..... (Thomas?) Barham of Wadehurst”. From his will, dated 26 Sept. 1545, and proved (P.C.C.) 14 Oct. 1546, he appears to have married a second time, his wife, Joane, surviving him; “Wyllyam Barham” was one of the witnesses of his will.

John Barham of Bivelham, Gent., son and heir of William, married (before 1577) Mary, daur of George Courthope of Whiligh, Gent., and died intestate before 1585, siesed of freehold and copyhold lands in Wadhurst and Mayfield; his widow married secondly ..... Burges, and had two sons, Thomas and John Burges, living in 1621 (Chanc. Proc., Jas. I. B9, 38).

John Barham and Mary Courthope had issue:

- i. William Barham, eldest son, inherited all his father's freehold lands, and was joint-owner, with his brother John, of Snape Furnace; he died intestate, and without issue, admn. of his estate being granted to his brothers John and David Barham (P.C.C.) 31 May 1617; he was buried in the South Aisle of Wadhurst Church, under an iron memorial slab, 24 Mar. 1616/17.
- ii. John Barham of Scrag Oak, yeoman; defend<sup>t</sup>. in a Chancery Suit relating to Snape Furnace, 1621; he married Mary, daur of Thomas Saunders, and sister of Nicholas Saunders of Great Pell, in Wadhurst, (her will dated 30 Nov. 1652: pr: (P.C.C.) 22 Oct, 1657, *buried* at Wadhurst 17 Aug. 1657) by whom he had issue:
  1. John Barham, of Scrag Oak, Gent; eldest son; bapt. at Wadhurst 30 July 1620; died unmd, and was buried in the South Aisle of Wadhurst Church, 23 Feb. 1657-8; his will, dated 16 Feb. 1657-8, pr: (P.C.C.) 17 March following.
  2. William Barham, of Scrag Oak, Gent; bapt. at Wadhurst 17 Feb, 1621-2; succ<sup>d</sup>. to Scrag Oak on the death of his brother Thomas in 1684, and purchased Snape from his cousin David Barham in 1680. He died without issue, and was buried in the Chancel of Wadhurst Church, under a large iron armorial slab, bearing the arms of the Barhams of Teston, co. Kent, (Or, three bears sa. muzzled gu.), 10 Nov. 1701, aged 80; his will, dated 20 Nov. 1697, pr: (Deanery of South Malling) 6 Dec. 1701.
  3. Thomas Barham, of Wadhurst, Gent; bapt. 29 Feb. 1623-4; succ<sup>d</sup>. to Scrag Oak on the death of his brother Nicholas in 1677; he died without issue, and was buried at Wadhurst 5 May 1683; his will dated 28 Nov, 1678, pr.: (Lewes) 6 May 1684. His death was presented at a Court of the Manor of Bivelham, 6 Aug. 1683, when it was reported that “William Barham, Gent., was his only brother of the whole blood, and according to the custom of the Manor the next heir to the premises”.
  4. Nicholas Barham, of Scrag Oak, Gent; bapt. at Wadhurst 18 March 1626-7; he also died without issue, and was buried at Wadhurst 22 Nov. 1677; his death being presented at a Court held 27 Feb. 1677-8, when it was found that his elder brother William was heir to his lands of Birchett Wood, and his youngest brother Thomas heir to his copyhold lands of Scrag Oak; he died intestate, admn. (P.C.C.) granted to his brother William Barham, Feb. 1677-8.
1. Mary, only daur. of John and Mary Barham of Scrag Oak, was bapt. 26 Nov. 1637, as “Marie daughter of John Barham of Bevilham” ment<sup>d</sup>. in will of her father, 1639; executrix and residuary to her mother in 1697; she died unmarried,

and was buried in the South Aisle of Wadhurst Church, 11 Sept. 1658, under an iron slab, with the initials M. B. and date 1658.

John Barham's will dated 27 Apr. 1639 was pr. (P.C.C.) 14 June follg. by Mary his widow, and he was buried at Wadhurst, 6 May 1639, as "John Barham de Scrag-Oak, Snape and Tokinghurst".

- iii. David Barham, of Snape, Gent; a minor in 1586, when his Uncle John Courthope of Whiligh, Gent, made a settlement on him; he succeeded, as youngest son, to all his Father's copyhold lands in Mayfield, "as also all other the Coppihold lands of the said John Barham in Wadhurst ..... being of the yearely value of fourscore pounds per annum" (Chanc. proc., 22 June 1621; B/9 38) including Upper and Lower Combden, and Snape. *At a Court of the Manor of Mayfield held 14 Dec. 1597, David Barham chose William Courthope as his guardian, being then aged 16. He was born, therefore, circa 1581 and was abt. 41 when he married Helena Fowle. He was appointed High Collector for the Rape of Hastings in 1622, by Sir Thomas Parker, and Robert Morley Esquire, Commissioners for the Subsidy for that year. He married, at Frant, 30 Dec. 1622, Helena, or Eleanor, daur. of William Fowle, of Lightlands in Frant, Esquire, Son & heir of Nicholas Fowle of Riverhall in Wadhurst, Gent., by Elinor daur of Richard Isted, of the Moate in Mayfield, (whose sister Alice Isted, was the wife of John Barham of Faircrouch, in Wadhurst Towne) by whom he had issue:-*

- 1 William Barham, of Mapeseden, in Ticehurst, Gent; bapt. at Wadhurst October 12th. 1623; admitted to the freehold lands of Mapeseden at a Court of the Manor of Robertsbridge, held 25 April 1644, and to the freehold lands of Maplesden, in Wadhurst, at a Court of the Manor of Bivelham, on the following day, 26 Apl. 1644; he married at Wadhurst, 1 Sep. 1646, Nazareth, eldest daur. of Edward Maplesden, of Cheveney in Marden, co. Kent, Gent. by Elizabeth his wife, daur. of Edward Bathurst, of Finchcocke, in Goudhurst, Esquire. The above Edward Maplesden was son and heir of Edward Maplesden of Cheveney, Gent, by Alice his wife, daur. of John Barham of Faircrouch and Alice Isted, and sister of John Barham of Shoemiths, Esquire. George Maplesden, of the Middle Temple, Esquire, the younger son of Edward and Alice Maplesden, married, 26 Oct. 1626, (Settl. 10 Oct. 1626) Mary daur of Thomas Barham of Maidstone, Gent., by Mary his wife, daur. of William Curteis of Tenderden, Gent., [(and widow of Michael Symons; she mar. thirdly, Richard Duke of Maidstone, Gent, 3rd. son of Thomas

Duke, of Cossington, co. Somerset, Gent. (by Elizabeth, his wife, daur. of John Colepeper of Wakehurst, co. Sussex, Esquire.) and brother of Sir Edward Duke of Aylesford, co. Kent; and was living 10 Oct., 1626.)] The Mar. Settl. of William Barham and Nazareth Maplesden was dated 14 August 1646, (Courthope MBS. ), and they had issue:

- (i) David Barham, of London, bapt. at Ticehurst, 19 Feb. 1649-50, presented as heir to the lands of Maplesden at a Court of the Manor of Bivelham, 12 Dec. 1672, & admitted to same 24 Aug. 1674; he was bound apprentice to a Citizen and Grocer of London, 5 Aug. 1668, and died S.P., his will dated 5 Aug. 1724, being pr., (P.C.C.) by William Richardson of Deptford his kinsman and exor. 2 June 1725, in which he leaves an annuity of £10 per annum to his brother William Barham.
- (ii) John Barham, bapt. at Ticehurst, 10 Apl. 1656, and buried at Wadhurst 8 Oct. 1659.
- (iii) William Barham, bapt. at Ticehurst, 18 June 1658; mentioned in the will of his brother David, 1724.
- (iv) Edward Barham, buried at Wadhurst, 8 Dec. 1670, as “Edward sonne of Mr. William & Nazareth Barham”.
- (i) Elizabeth, eldest daur. bapt. at Wadhurst 21 Aug., 1647; mentioned in will of William Barham of Scrag Oak, 1697, being then the wife of ..... Curteis.
- (ii) Anne, bapt. at Wadhurst, 5 July 1652; she may have been the mother of William Richardson, mentioned as kinsman in will of David Barham, 1724.
- (iii) Nazareth died an infant, buried at Wadhurst, 3 Feb. 1648-99 as “Nazareth, daur. of Mr. William Barham of Ticehurst”

William Barham was buried at Wadhurst, 1 Oct. 1672, as “Old Mr. Wm. Barham, Physician”; his wife Nazareth was buried there 26 July 1659.

- 2 David Barham of Snape, Gent., younger son of David & Helena; bapt. at Wadhurst, 3 June 1629; presented as heir to his father's copyhold lands at Court held 26 April 1644; at a subsequent Court, 19 July 1648, he chose as his guardian his first cousin, David Holland of Wadhurst, Mercer, who was admitted to hold same during his minority. This David Holland was the younger son of John Holland of Lamberhurst ( will 16 Feb. 1609-10, pr., P.C.C., 25 June following), by Mary his wife, daur. of John Barham of *Snape*, and sister to David Barham, who is mentioned in John Holland's will as his brother-in-law. Mary Barham, after

the death of her 1st. husband, John Holland, was married by license, at St. Clement's, Hastings, 24 July 1615, to her cousin Nicholas Barham, of Buttes, who is mentioned in the Chancery suit, already referred to, in 1621, as being entitled to 1/3rd. of William Barham's estate, presumably in right of his wife.

David Barham, the younger, married, previous to 16 July 1656, Anne, daur. of ..... , on which date he settled part of the Snape estate “to the use of Ann Barham, wife of the said David”, who was admitted to same at a Court of the Manor of Bivelham, 12 Aug, 1656. He subsequently mortgaged or sold the greater part of his property, and was buried at Wadhurst 12 Dec. 1695. by Anne his wife., who was buried there 15 Jan 1688/9, he had issue:-

- (i) David Barham, of London; bapt. at Wadhurst, 8 Oct. 1663; mentioned in the wills of his father's 1st. cousins, Thomas Barham, 1678, and William Barham, 1697; he had a son, William, to whom the said William Barham, of Scrag Oak, left lands called Skinners, in Wadhurst. (*Is this William Barham of Etchingham?*)
- (ii) Thomas Barham, of Wadhurst; bapt., there 19 July 1666; he married, by licence, at West Farleigh 5 December 1689, Catherine, daur. of ..... Oliver, of Tonbridge, co. Kent, and had issue:-
  - (1) William Barham, of Wadhurst, Gent; bapt., there, 14 May 1691; succeeded to Snape (then containing 120 Acres) under the will of his godfather, William Barham of Scrag Oak, in 1701, and was admitted to same at a Court held 7 August 1712, being then of age; this estate he mortgaged in 1714, to Robert Baker of Mayfield, and afterwards sold to his kinsman, John Dunmoll of Southwark, Brewer, who was admitted to same, 12 June 1721, subject to *an* annuity of £18, which he subsequently assigned to Thomas Porter of Wadhurst, Gent., 23 Oct. 1723. William Barham appears to have resided for a time at Echingham, and is described as of that place in 1734, when he voted as a freeholder of Wadhurst at the Election of Knights of the Shire. He was buried at Wadhurst, 12 June 1764; his will, dated 17 March 1756, being pr. (Deanery of South Malling) 11 June 1765, by Katharine Waterhouse his sister and executrix.
  - (2) Thomas Barham; bapt., at Wadhurst 13 April 1696; buried there 24 Aug. 1698.

- (3) David Barham, of Wadhurst, butcher; bapt., there 21 Oct. 1698; he married and had issue, mentioned in will of his brother William in 1756, he being then deceased.
- (4) John Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 28 Nov. 1699; buried there, 7 May 1701.
- (5) Thomas Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 26 Dec. 1701; married at Aylesford, co. Kent, 5 Oct. 1719, Anne, daur. of ..... Mohun, of Loose, near Maidstone, by whom he had an only son, Nicholas Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 12 Feb. 1720-1. This Nicholas was a wheelwright by trade, and his descendants have followed the same occupation down to the present day, Henry Barham, now of Stone Gate, nr. Wadhurst, wheelwright, being the great-great-grandson of the last mentioned Nicholas, the son of Thomas Barham, and 14th. in direct male decent from Richard Berham and Anne his wife, who held lands in the Manor of Bivelham when Henry the Sixth was King.
- (1) Catherine, eldest daur. of Thomas and Catherine Barham; bapt. 28 Nov. 1693; married at Wadhurst, 15 January 1720-1, to William Waterhouse of Echingham, yeoman, who died before 1756; she was executrix and residuary legatee of her brother William Barham in 1765.
- (2) Mary, bapt. at Wadhurst, 14 April 1703.
- (3) Elizabeth, bapt. at Wadhurst, 29 Aug. 1705; married there 2 Nov. 1739, to George Jackson of Ticehurst, yeoman; mentioned in her brother William's will in 1756.
- (i) Anne, eldest daur. of David and Anne Barham, of Snape; bapt, at Wadhurst 10 Aug. 1655; she died unmarried, 18 May 1675, and was buried in the South Aisle of Wadhurst Church, under an iron armorial slab, at the base of which are two escutcheons, the dexter shield bearing the arms of the Barhams of Wadhurst and Maidstone, and the sinister a cheveron between three eagles, or crows, heads erased. As these were probably her mother's arms, it affords a clue to the surname of Anne the wife of David Barham; possibly she was a Honeywood, their arms being 'Arg. a chevron between 3 eagles heads erased azure'. John Baker and Edward Honeywood were Lords of the Manor of Frant (in which part of the Shoemiths estate was situated) from 1634-1656.
- (ii) Elizabeth, bapt at Jevington, near Eastbourne, 31 July 1661; and buried at Wadhurst, 20 Jan. 1663-4.

(iii) Catherine, bapt. at Wadhurst, 18 June 16691 and buried there 2 April 1673.

(1) Sibill, eldest daur. of David and Helena Barham; bapt, at Wadhurst, 26 Mar. 1626.

(2) Helen, twin with David, bapt. at Wadhurst 3 June 1629; married to Joseph Dunmoll of Wadhurst, Gent, 5th. son of John Dunmoll of Wadhurst Gent. (which John was brother of Elizabeth Dunmoll, the wife of John Barham of Shoemiths Esquire); she died 6 Feb. 1651, and was buried in the South Aisle of Wadhurst Church, on the 11th, and her infant daur. Anne, on the 19th. of the same month.

David Barham, the elder, of Snape, (whose initials, "D.B.", with the date "1617", were carved on the stone arch of the fireplace in one of the rooms of the old house at Snape, which, in Mr. William Courthope's day, was panelled in oak and contained a very finely carved mantle piece of the same material, since removed); died 18 Feb. 1643. and was buried in the South Aisle of Wadhurst Church, beneath an iron armorial slab of very curious workmanship, the Arms being those of his mother's family, i.e. Courthope of Whiligh. (Courthope M.S.S.) His widow married, secondly, at Battle 1 Jan. 1650-1, Robert Sharpe, and they were both living in 1659, when they were parties to a Fine, with David Barham, the younger, and Anne his wife, of lands at Mayfield.

(i) Mary, daur. of John Barham and Mary Courthope, was married, first, to John Holland of Lamberhurst, by whom she had issue a daur. Mary Holland, bapt. at Lamberhurst 17 May 1607, who was married at St. Clements Hastings, by license dated 25 June 1633. to William Peckham of Salehurst, yeoman; and two sons, John Holland (whose nuncupative will, dated 8 Sept. 1630, pr: at Lewes, mentions his brother John Barham, and his sisters Anne and Elizabeth Barham), and David Holland, bapt (posthumous) at Lamberhurst, 29 Apl. 1610, who married and had issue.

*(Omit Here?)*

Mary Barham was married secondly, as already stated, to Nicholas Barham of Buttes, 24 July 1615, by whom she had issue:

1. John Barham, of Buttes, Gent; born about 1617, married at Wadhurst 29 Sept. 1653, Mary, widow of Thomas Poore, of Sevenoaks, Gent., by whom, who was buried at Wadhurst 30 Sept. 1706, he had issue:-

- (i) Nicholas Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 12 Oct. 1654, buried there 18 Jan. 1655-6.
- (ii) John Barham, of Little Buttes, Gent; bapt., at Wadhurst 23 Oct. 1656; married at Wadhurst 26 June 1685, Ann, daur. of William Stickland of Frant. Gent., (she was bapt. at Frant 23 Feb. 1659/60, and buried at Wadhurst 8 Nov. 1727), and had issue:-
- (1) John Barham, bapt 13 July 1685, mentd. in his grandfather's will. 1696; buried at Wadhurst 1 Dec. 1768.
  - (2) Nicholas a Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 14 May 1701, buried there 7 Mar 1705-6.
    - (1) Anne, bapt. 4 Sept. 1686.
    - (2) Elizabeth, bapt. 23 Nov. 1692.
    - (3) Naomi, bapt. 28 May 1696; married at West Peckham, 18 Feb 1723-4, to Rivers Stidolph of Lamberhurst.
- Mr. John Barham was buried at Wadhurst, 13 June 1732, aged 75.
- (iii) David Barham, of Rye; bapt. at Wadhurst 1 Nov. 1658; he married Sarah, daur. of Edward Wilmhurst, of Cadborough, Rye, by whom he had a posthumous son, David, bapt at Rye 6 Nov. 1692, buried there 27 Dec. foll<sup>g</sup>. David Barham was buried at Rye 23 Sept. 1692; his will, dated 17 Sept. 1692, proved at Lewes 14 Oct following, by Sarah his widow and executrix, mentions his six brothers by name, and his sister Mary, the wife of Thomas Courthope; he appoints as overseer "my loving friend Samuell Jeake of Rye", son of the eminent lawyer of the same name. (See Lower's Hist. of Sussex, II. 139). Sarah Barham, his widow, was married secondly, at Rye, 21 Nov 1693, to Jeremiah Curteis of Tenterden, Gent, by whom. who died 1725, she had with other issue a son, Edward Curteis, of Tenterden, Esquire, whose Grandson, Edward Jermiah Curteis, of Windmill Hill, Esquire, was M.P. for Sussex, 1820-1830.
- (iv) Nicholas Barham, of Scrag Oak, in Wadhurst, Gent; bapt 21 April 1661; inherited Scrag Oak under the will of his kinsman William Barham in 1701, to which he was admitted., 25 June 1702, at Halland, the seat of Sir John Pelham, Baronet, Lord of the Manor of Bivelham. He married at Wadhurst, 1 Jan. 1701-2, his cousin Katharine, daur. of Nicholas Fowle of River Hall, by Elizabeth his wife, daur. of John Barham of Shoemiths, by Elizabeth his wife, daur. of Nicholas Barham of Buttes, by Mary his wife, daur of John Barham of Snape. Nicholas and Katharine Barham had issue:-

(1) Nicholas Barham, of Scrag Oak, Gent; bapt, at Wadhurst 5 Feb 1707; presented as heir to Scrag Oak at a Court held 13 Sept 1711 and admitted to same 10 June 1729, being then of age; he married at Wadhurst, 9 March 1729/30, his cousin Mary, (bapt. 17 April 1707), daur. of Abraham Langham, of River Hall, (jure uxoris), by Mary his wife, daur, of Henry Haslyn Gent, (and widow of Nicholas Fowle of River Hall), by whom he had issue a son, Nicholas, bapt. at Wadhurst 13-May 1731, who died unmarried, and was buried there 11 June 1791; and a daur. Mary, bapt. 14 Jany. 1736-7. Nicholas Barham surrendered Scrag Oak to James Tompsett of Ticehurst, yeoman, 18 April 1741, who was admitted to same at a Court held 19 Aug. foll<sup>g</sup>; he was buried at Wadhurst, 30 Dec. 1788, aged 82.

Nicholas Barham, the elder, of Scrag Oak, died of smallpox, and was buried at Wadhurst 17 July 1710, on the same day as his father-in-law, Nicholas Fowle, who died of the same *malady*; his will, dated 3 Oct. 1708, was pr. at Lewes, 12 June 1711, by Katherine his widow, who was buried at Wadhurst 8 April 1736.

(v) William Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 15 July 1666; ment<sup>d</sup>. in will of his brother Nicholas 1708; he also died of small pox, and was buried at Wadhurst 1 July 1710; admon. granted to his brother Thomas Barham, 12 June 1711.

(vi) Thomas Barham, bapt. 6 June 1669; living 1711.

(vii) Richard Barham, of *Goudhurst*, twin with Thomas, bapt. 6 June 1669; married at Wadhurst. 11 Feb. 1696-79, "Mrs Elizabeth Hepden"; *bur<sup>d</sup> 13 May 1715 (3 children, Mary, John & Thomas)*.

(viii) Henry Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 7 Jan. 1671-2; he appears to have joined his brother David at Rye, as he *is* ment<sup>d</sup> in David's will 17 Sept. 1692, but not in his father's will in 1696, and a Henry Barham was buried at Rye 4 Nov. 1692.

(i) Mary, only daur. of John and Mary Barham, bapt. 1 Oct 1663; married at Wadhurst, 29 Sept. 1685, Thomas Courthope, of Moseham, in Wadhurst, a younger son of George Courthope, Gent. of the Middle Temple and of Moseham, by Anne his wife, daur. of William Bryan of Wadhurst, Gent. George Courthope was great grandson of Thomas Courthope of Southover, next Lewes, Gent., a younger brother of the first George Courthope of Whiligh. Thomas and Mary Courthope had a numerous family, and removed to Heathfield, circa. 1714, where they were both buried. M.I.

John Barham of Buttes was buried at Wadhurst, 16 Nov. 1697, aged 80; his will dated 7 Oct. 1696 was proved at Lewes, 13 May 1698, by Mary his widow and executrix.

- 1 Anne, eldest daughter of Nicholas and Mary Barham; bapt. at Wadhurst 5 Jany. 1618/19; was married at Wadhurst, 30 April 1646, to John Elliott of Rotherfield, and is ment<sup>d</sup>. in the will of her brother John in 1696.
- 2 Elizabeth, bapt. at Wadhurst 6 Jany. 1619/20; was married first, at Frant, 8 June 1639, to her cousin John Barham of Shoemiths, Esquire, by whom she had issue:-
  - (i) John Barham, bapt, at Wadhurst 7 May 1441, buried the 11th of the same month.
  - (ii) John Barham of Shoemiths, Esquire, born circa., 1642; married at Wadhurst, 14 Feb. 1694-5, Lucy, daur, of John Chauntler, of Laughton, co. Sussex. Gent., by whom he had issue, an only son, John, bapt. 14 May 1699, buried 26 Aug. foll<sup>e</sup>., and a daur. Elizabeth, bapt. at Wadhurst 6 March 1695-6, who died in a consumption 20 Sept. 1712, at the age of 16, when about to have been united to Sir Walter Parker of Rattan, co. Sussex, Bart.

John Barham served the office of Sheriff for the County *of Sussex*, 14th. William III, (1701-2), and died without surviving issue; *he was* buried at Wadhurst 16 March 1723-4. A handsome monument to his memory was placed in the Chancel of Wadhurst Church by George Egles, his wife's nephew, who succeeded her will to the Shoemiths estate.

- (i) Elizabeth, only daur., bapt. (posthumous) 3 April 1649; married at Westham, co. Sussex, 2 Aug. 1666, to her cousin Nicholas Fowle of River Hall, Gent.; she was buried at Wadhurst, 7 June, 1684.

John Barham of Shoemiths died 5 Dec. 1648, and was buried in the Chancel of Wadhurst Church, beneath an iron armorial slab of very elaborate workmanship. His widow married secondly, at Frant, 20 Jan. 1652-3, Gregory Dyne of Wadhurst, Gent, who resided at Shoemiths, and had a son Nicholas Dyne, bapt. at Wadhurst 3 Aug. 1654, mentioned in the will of his grandmother, Mary Barham, in 1699. Elizabeth Dyne was buried at Wadhurst 14 May 1673; and Gregory Dyne, her second husband was buried there 31 Oct. 1678.

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Having thus traced the descent of the various branches of the family derived from John Berham of Bivelham, the son and heir of Richard and Anna Berham (see page 4), we now return to,

(III) Nicholas Berham, of Wadhurst,

who was presumably *the* elder son of the same Richard *and* Anne, the copyhold lands descending to the youngest son, by custom of the Manor. This Nicholas was feoffee of lands in Wadhurst called Stumblett, East Bynne, Mottesfield, Takks (? Turke's) croft, and Ramgates, by charter from Richard Goding, and others, dated 1 Sept. Henry VII (1491). William Berham was witness to this deed. The original charter is mentioned by Mr William Courthope, as being then (i.e. circa 1840) in the possession of George Campion Courthope Esquire.

At the Public Record Office there is an interesting *account* of a Chancery Suit between “William Turke and Nicholas Berham, Wardens of the parisshe Chirche of Wadehurst, and one Sir John Brown, preest, vicar of the said Chirch”, relating to the appointment of “one William Broun, cousyn to the said Vicar, to the office and service of parisshe clerk”. John Brown, chaplain, was collated to Wadhurst 24 Jan 1463-4, and died before 16 Nov. 1487, so that Nicholas Berham the Church Warden was probably identical with Nicholas Berham, the feoffee of lands in Wadhurst, in 1491.

We have another reference to the same individual at a Court of the Manor of Mayfield, held there 28 Nov. 15 Henry VII (1499), when William Kingwoode, Nicholas Berham, and others, were appointed to hold an Inquest concerning payments for the right of pannage in the Lord's woods. At the same Court “Nicholas Berham and Thomas Baker surrendered certain lands called Cookeham in the Ward of Corocle to the use of (a portion of the roll has been torn off) who paid a fine .... and did fealty.”

It may be only a coincidence, but it is worth noting, that “Thomas May, Nicholas Barham, and Thomas Baker” were parties to a Fine, of lands at Ealding (Yalding) co. Kent, in Easter term 1494, in view of the traditional descent of the Wadhurst Barhams from those of Teston. *In the Rental of the Manor of Mayfield, referred to on page 1, we have several references to this Nicholas Berham, & to the lands he held in this Manor. Some of these lands were inherited by William Berham (of Stalerege) under his will in 1545, and other lands were purchased from his grandson, Nicholas Berham Jun<sup>r</sup> (who*

*afterwards became Queen's Serjeant) by John Berham of Woodlande and Buttes, and by William Berham Jun<sup>r</sup> the eldest son of William of Stalerege.*

Nicholas Barham had three sons:-

- i Richard Berham, of Wadhurst, who is shewn in the visit<sup>n</sup> Pedigree recorded by Nicholas his son in 1574, as elder brother of John Berham (of Woodlande and Buttes, in Wadhurst) the father of Thomas Barham of Boughton Monchelsea, (whose son Robert Barham of the same place recorded his pedigree at the Visitation of Kent in 1619), married "Alice daur. of ..... Cradock, of Sussex". James Cradock of Gowdhurst co. Kent. in his will dated 12 Aug 1533, pr. in Consistory Court, Cant<sup>y</sup> (date of probate not mentioned in Register), refers to "the feoffees and Executors of Alyce Berham late of Wadeherst deceased, for the purchase of my said lands and tenements in the parishes of Saleherst and Bryghtlyng." *From the Rental above ment<sup>d</sup> we learn that a house in Wadhurst in which Richard Berham formerly dwelt, with 30 acres of land called Brownes, formerly held by Nicholas Berham [his father] and recently by Nicholas Berham Jun<sup>r</sup> [his son], was then in the possession of John Berham. ... .. (illegible) ... .. father of Richard & uncle of Nicholas Jun<sup>r</sup>]. Other lands in the same Manor, formerly held by the said Nicholas & Richard Berham, were at the same date in the possession of William Berham Jun<sup>r</sup> [son & heir of William of Stalerege].* Richard Berham, by Alice Cradock his wife, had issue a son,

Nicholas Barham, of Chillington Manor, in Maidstone, co. Kent, Esquire; born circa. 1525; admitted of Gray's Inn 1540, called to the Bar 1542, Serjeant-at-Law 1567, Queen's Serjeant 1573; Recorder of Maidstone 1562, and elected, with Henry Fisher, Esquire, as the first *two* Members of Parliament for Maidstone, under the Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth in December 1559; they took their seats in the House in 1563. He had previously purchased the Manor of Chillington, with the Mansion house, and three score acres of land, from Robert Maplesden, John Maplesden and George Maplesden, sons of Peter Maplesden of Maidstone deceased, by deed dated 25 Sept. 4 Eliz. (1561), beeing there described as "Nicholas Barham of Greys Inn, in the County of Middlesex, Esquier". Nicholas Barham recorded his Pedigree at the Visitation of Kent in 1574, and entered the Arms:- Arg. on a Fess between three bears sa. muzzled gu. a fleur de lys between 2 martlets or. (Courthope M.S.S., Stemm. Misc. II.296). By Mary his wife, daur. of John Holte of Cheshire, who survived him and died 1 Aug. 1597, he

had, with a daur. Margaret, who was married to Peter Nott of Heming, co. Kent, an only son and heir,

Arthur Barham, of Chillington Manor, Esquire, born circa.1549, (he was aged 28 in 1577, Inq. p.m. at Deptford); admitted of Grays Inn 1570; he married, at Maidstone, 17 Feb. 1573-4, Jane, daur. and co-heir of Richard Chamber of Charing co. Kent. by Elizabeth his wife, and sister of Mary Chamber, the wife of George Franklyn, 2nd son of John Franklyn of Charte, (whose 1st. Cousin, Mildred Franklyn, was the wife of Thomas Barham of Boughton Monchelsey), by whom he had, with other children who died in infancy:-

- (1) Nicholas Barham, eldest son, bapt. at Maidstone 27 Feb. 1574-5; married at Boughton Aluph, 28 March 1597, Rebeeca Bromfield and had issue two sons, Thomas and Arthur Barham, and several daurs. Nicholas Barham was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cork, Ireland, as appears by his Funeral Certificate in U1ster's Office, and is described as of Cloghnekelty in that County; he had previously been Deputy Vice Admiral of Kinsale, in 1626; he died at Cloghnekelty in February 1639.
- (2) Richard Barham., bapt. at Maidstone, 25 March 1576, married the daur. and heir of ..... Scudder, and had issue two sons, Nicholas Barham, who married Eleanor Love, and John, who died S.P., and two daurs.
  - (1) Jane, bapt. 9 April 1592; married to Thomas Osborne Esq.; she died 26 November 1654, and was buried at Chartham.
  - (2) Anna, married to Stephen Bunce of Throwley, one of the Ancients of New Inn; he died 10 Feb. 1634/5, (will proved 11 Apr. foll<sup>g</sup>); they had, with other issue, a daur. Jane, married to Sir John Roberts of Cranbrook and Canterbury, Kent, whose daur. Martha was the first wife of Edward Gibbon, an elder brother of Matthew Gibbon, the great-grandfather of Edward Gibbon the Historian.
- (3) Mary, bapt. 4 Jany. 1578-9, married, by licence dated 10 April 1602, to William Cobbs of Chilham, Gent, son and heir of Thomas Cobbs, of Old Wives Leas in Chilham, co. Kent, descended from John Cobbs, of Cobbs Place, in Romney Marsh, Esq.,
- (4) Susan, bapt. 25 Apl. 1590, living in 1601.

Nicholas Barham, the Queen's Serjeant., died 25July 1577 (Inq. P.M.) at Worcester, of fever caught at the Black Assize, while on the Oxford Circuit; his

will dated 24 July 1577, was proved 29 Nov. foll; (P.C.C.) by Thomas Wheler, Notary Public. on behalf of Mary Barham his widow & Thomas Barham, son and heir of James Barham of Barham Court in Teston, his Executors. Mary Barham died 1 Aug. 1597 (Inq. pm, 11 Oct. 1609.)

- ii John Barham, 2nd. son of Nicholas, and younger brother of Richard Berham of Wadhurst, was ancestor of the Barhams of Buttes & Shoemiths in Wadhurst, and of Boughton Monchelsea and Lamberhurst co, Kent. By a deed of feoffment dated 10 Feb. 12 Henry VIII (1520-1), Humphrey Lewknor, Esq, (son of Walter Lewknor of Leigh co, Kent, Esq., and Joyce his wife) conveyed to John Barham, Thomas Luck, and William Barham, certain lands called Brooklands, in Frant; and in a subsequent deed, dated 31 July 1528, John Luck of Faircrouch (in Wadhurst), and William Barham of Wadhurst, released all their rights in the said lands to John Barham & his heirs. On 21 Dec. 1536. Robert Lewknor (son of Humphrey) undertook to make a title of Barkley Mill, with other lands in Frant and Wadhurst, to the aforesaid John Barham and his heirs. Both these properties formed part of the Shoemiths Estate, and continued in the possession of that branch of the family until the death, without surviving issue, of the last John Barham of Shoemiths, in 1724. (*Subsidy Rolls 1523 & 33*)

At a Hundred Court, held at Mayfield, 30 Sept. 1546, the name of John Barham occurs first on the list of Jurors for the King, while Henry\*\* and William Barham were fined for default of suit. This is a very interesting entry, as, in "Mr. Barham's Pedigree", referred to in a pencil note in Mr. William Courthope's hand-writing, Henry and William Barham are/is shewn as the (*two?*) younger brother(s) of John Barham of Woodlande and Buttes - (Courthope Mss., Stemm. Misc. II, 311 & 314) [*or 321 & 324*]. [ \*\* *From the Camden estate papers, however, it appears that this Henry was the son of Thomas Berham, which Thomas was probably another son of Richard Berham, and brother of Nicholas Berham Sen<sup>r</sup> of Wadhurst, and of John Berham of Bivelham.*]

*See letter from Lady Bond, the daur. of Rev. R. Harris Barham, dated 3 May 1903, in which she alludes to this Pedigree.*

At a Court of the Manor of Mayfield, 20 Feb. 1547-8, Nicholas Barham with Robert Wemborne and Thomas Baker of Wyke, surrendered lands called Bengrede and Bengrede Croft (which formed part of the Shoemiths Estate), "to John Barham senior for life, & after his death to the use of John Barham, son of the said John, and his

heirs". This John Barham senr. has been identified by Mr. William Courthope with John Berham of Woodlande and Buttes, whose will dated 1 May 1551 was pr. (P.C.C.) 19 June 1555, by Nicholas Berham his eldest son and executor. *See abstract of his will – "Evidences", p.20.* It is however somewhat strange that he does not mention a son John in his will, by which he bequeaths considerable property to his four other sons, Nicholas, Thomas, Richard [*of Wateringbury*] and Robert Barham. [*Thomas Barham, his 3rd son, was of Boughton Monchelsea, co. Kent. See his will dated 28 Aug. 1595 – "Evidences", p.20.*] But the probable explanation of this omission is that John Barham his second son was already sufficiently provided for, and as this John Barham (the younger) in his will, dated 4 April 1583, proved (P.C.C.) 7 Aug. foll<sup>g</sup>, mentions his brothers Nicholas, Thomas, and Richard Barham, their seems no reason to question his identity. Moreover, one of the Jurors on an Inq. p.m., held at Lamberhurst, 22 Jan. 7 Eliz. (1564-5), was "John Barham son of John Barham of Buttes", which seems conclusive. *and the Rental above ment<sup>d</sup> affords additional evidence in support of Mr. Couthope's statement.*

John Barham (the younger) was a noted Ironmaster, and on his death in 1583 he left what was in those days a large fortune, in money and lands, to his six sons, besides providing for his three daurs. He married, after 1541 and before (*June 1558*) 1557, Alice, daur. of Richard Isted, of the Moate, in Mayfield, and his eldest son, Nicholas was bapt. at Frant, 21 Sept. 1559, the witnesses being "Nicholas Barrham" (his eldest brother) "Thomas Isted" (his brother-in-law,) and "Annis Porter, sister to Thomas Isted" (his sister-in-law, the wife of John Porter of Beyham Abbey).

John Barham, his 2nd. son, to whom he left Barkley Mill and all his other forges and iron works, purchased the estate of Shoesmiths from his 1st. cousin, William Fowle, of Lightlands, in Frant, Esquire (son and heir of Nicholas Fowle of Riverhall in Wadhurst, by Elinor Isted his wife) by deed dated 20 Dec. 1611, for £1000, and either he, or his son of the same name, built the present mansion of Shoesmiths about 10 years later. Previously he resided at Faircrouch in Wadhurst, and is so described in a deed for the purchase of Sewers Bridge Wood, dated 1 Oct. 1619, in other records.

Henry Berham, *who is incorrectly* shewn as younger brother of Richard & John Berham in the Barham pedigree referred to on page 24, *was the son & heir of Thomas Berham, who* is mentioned at a Court of the Manor of

Mayfield, 2 March 1546-7, when George Norton, feoffee of Thomas Barham and his heirs, at the request of Nicholas Barham, a kinsman and next heir of said Thomas, surrendered lands called Twysdenffeld in Wadhurst, to Henry Barham, Nicholas releasing all his rights to same. [*Henry Barham was possessed of considerable property, held of the Manor of Mayfield, part of which he inherited from Thomas Berham his father and purchased the remainder from Nicholas Berham and others. Thomas Berham his father was probably a son of Richard and Anna Berham, and brother of Nicholas Berham Senr, as already stated.*] The death of Henry Berham was reported at a Court held 10 Sept. 1547. His will, dated 31 May 1547, was pr; (P.C.C.) 21 Nov. foll<sup>g</sup>., by William, Penkherst, on behalf of Joane his widow & executrix. He left issue, an only son, John Berham, aged 11 at his father's death, and two daurs. Agnes and Denys, both minors, under the age of 20 years, & unmarried.

iii William Barham, of Stalorage, whose line we follow.

#### IV. William Barham, of Stalerege, in Wadhurst,

was son of Nicholas Berham Senr and brother of Richard and John Berham. He was feoffee of Brookland with John Berham and Thomas Luck, 10 Feb. 1520-1, which lands he released to John Barham, as already stated, 31 July 1528. At a Court of the Manor of Mayfield, 9 Aug. 1546, it was reported that Thomas Baker, feoffee of the will of Nicholas Barham, had surrendered, 1 Dec. 1545, certain lands in the Virgates of Wyke and Stalerege, in Wadhurst, to William Barham, John Bromley, and John Dorant, who were admitted to hold same for the use of the said William and his heirs, *and these lands are ment<sup>d</sup> in the Rental as being then in the possession of William Berham Junr, (the eld. son & heir of William of Stalerege)*. This John Dorant *was the eldest son of William Dorant of Mayfield*, whose will, dated 10 Apl. 1522, was pr. (P.C.C.) 16 Apl. 1523. Nicholas Durante, his 4th son, was of Wadhurst; he was Overseer of the will of John Berham of Woodlande in 1551, and he appointed "JohnBerham of Wadherste towne" one of the Overseers of his own will in 1566. Nicholas Durrant, son and heir of the above Nicholas, was witness to the will of William Barham the elder of Wadhurst in 1589, (which William was son and heir of William Barham of Stalerege), and he appointed "Thoman Barham the soone of John Barham of Buttes" one of the executors of his will in 1591. Lastly, "Nicholas Barham sonne of John Barham" (the eldest son of John Barham of

Wadhurst town, 1583) was witness to the will of Nicholas Barham, the elder son of William Barham the elder, in 1594. I think therefore there can be no reason to doubt that the Barhams of Stalerege were of the same branch of the family as those of Buttes and Shoemiths, and they were also closely allied to those of Snape & Scrag Oak.

Another point of considerable importance is the recurrence of the Christian names, John, Nicholas, William, and Thomas, generation after generation; for instance, William Barham of Stalerege was the son of Nicholas, and the *brother* of John Berham, of Woodlande. This John called his eldest son Nicholas, and his second son John, (if we accept Mr. Couthope's pedigree as correct). John of Wadhurst town (will 1583) called his eldest son Nicholas, and his second son John, two of his younger sons being Thomas and William. Richard, the elder brother of John of Woodlande, called his son Nicholas (the Queen's Serjeant); and William, son and heir of William, of Stalerege, named his three sons, Nicholas, William, and John. As time went on, the various branches of the family adopted one or other of these names in preference to any other, e.g., the son and heir of the Barhams of Shoemiths was invariably named John; the eldest son of the Barhams of Buttes was called either Nicholas or John; while the Barhams of Stalerege, and their descendants at Ticehurst, Echingham and Battle, retained the names of William, John, and Thomas, with the additional names of Robert and Arthur, throughout all their successive migrations. The two last mentioned names were also associated with the Wadhurst Barhams, for John of Woodlande called one of his sons Robert, and Nicholas, the Queens Serjeant, called his son Arthur, which was also the name of one of the sons of John Barham of Wadhurst town. Robert was a very favourite name with the Barhams of Lamberhurst, who were descended from Richard the 4th. son of John of Woodlande and it occurs in 6 of the eight generations connecting the Barhams of Battle with their Wadhurst Ancestors.

Turning again to the Court Rolls of the Manor of Mayfield, we find that William Barham was fined for default of Suit at the Hundred Court held. at Mayfield 30 Sept. 1546, and at the Court held 2 March 1546-7, Nicholas Barham (probably the Queen's Serjeant) surrendered certain lands called Barne Field and Barne Haw, in the Virgate of Stalerege, to William and John Barham, who were admitted to hold same, to the use of the said William and his heirs. *These lands, as we learn from the Rental, had previously belonged to Richard Berham (his father) and before that to Nicholas Berham Sen<sup>r</sup> (his grandfather).*

Shortly afterwards William Barham died, his death being reported at a Court held 20 Feb. 1547-8, and William Barham “as eldest son and next heir of the said William”, was admitted to Barn-Haw, in the Virgate of Stalerege, to hold the same, to himself, his heirs and assigns,

#### V. William Barham, of Wadhurst.

the eldest son and heir of William of Stalerege, succeeded his father, as above stated, in February 1547-8, *A list of the lands he held in the Manor of Mayfield is given in the Rental, and includes, inter alia, Barnefeld, Mayston Dodds, Little Dodds, a messuage & garden in the Ward of Stalerege, Bernerede & Brodrede, with Upper & Nether Speynes. The last-named, cont<sup>g</sup> 25 acres, had recently been purchased from Nicholas Berham Jun<sup>r</sup>, (who afterwards became Queen’s Serjeant), his first cousin. A portion of this estate remained in the possession of his descendants until 1638.* At a Court held 10 April 1548, William Barham came and released to John a (*and?*) James certain lands which the said John and Marian his wife had previously surrendered to him; and on the 3rd December 1549 Thomas Baker, Robert Whitfield, and William Barham, were admitted to hold certain lands in the same Manor of Mayfield, as security for a loan. In Michaelmas term 1549, Thomas Jefferey and Alice his wife recognised the right of William Barham to a house and 92 Acres of land in Wadhurst. (*Sussex Fines*) At a Hundred Court, held at Mayfield 3 June 1550, William Barham was fined for default of suit. At the Manor Court, held 1 Oct, 1551, John Barham Jnr. was admitted to lands called Frontes Ferdynge, and other lands in Wadhurst (which lands he left *by will* to his son Arthur *Barham who was living at Wadhurst in 1600*) but the name of William Barham does not occur *again, and this is the last Court recorded on the Rolls now at the Public Record Office.*

In his will, dated 10 Sept. 1589, pr, 16 Oct. foll<sup>g</sup>. (Deanery of South Malling) he is styled “William Barham the elder, of Wadhurst in the Countie of Sussex, yeoman”, *See Abstract of his will – “evidences” – p.13.* He directs that he is “to be buried in the Church yerrd of Wadherst”, and mentions Anne his wife (called Agnes in the will of Nicholas, his eldest son, in 1594); he bequeaths the greater part of his free and copyhold lands to his son John, who is to pay certain legacies to his two other sons, Nicholas and William, secured upon these lands.

He appoints Nicholas his son executor, and leaves him “all the residue of my goods and chattells Moveables and Unmoveables”.

William Barham married Anne (or Agnes) a sister of William Lorkyn of Hawkwell in Pepinbury, and the Aunt of John Lorkyn of Brenchley, afterwards of Ticehurst, whose only daur. Elizabeth Lorkyn was married in 1583 to John Courthope of Whiligh, Gent, the brother-in-law of John Barham of Bivelham. (see page 9). John Lorkyn, in his will dated 3 June 36 Eliz. (1594), pr. at Rochester 10 April 1595, leaves an annuity “to my Aunt Agnes Barrham, widowe, of Wadherst”. John Lorkyn was one of the witnesses to the will of William Barham the elder in 1589, and Robert Lorkyn is mentioned in the will of Henry Berham in 1547.

William and Anne Barham had issue 3 sons and 1 daur:-

i Nicholas Barham, of Wadhurst, who died unmarried in 1594. In his will, dated 21 July 1594. pr. (P.C.C.) 19 Sept. foll<sup>g</sup>, he leaves legacies to his brother John Barham, and to his two children, Margaret and William; to his godson Robert Moone, son of his sister Elizabeth the wife of John Moone; and “to everyone of my brother William’s children tenne poundes”.

The residue he leaves to his brother William, whom he appoints executor.

ii William Barham, of Skynes; of whom presently.

iii John Barham, of Lamkines corner in Wadhurst, yeoman, to whom his father left all his copyhold lands in the Manor of Mayfield; also freehold lands called Spenyys and other lands called Fornereed (*Bernerede?*) and Spenyys Grove, subject to the payment of legacies to his brothers Nicholas and William. He married, before 1591, Margaret, daur. of Richard Lucke, of Dorgates, in Wadhurst, and had issue, three sons and one daur. :-

1 William Barham of Lamkins, his son and heir, a minor in 1597, to whom his father left “all my lands and tenements wherein I now dwell, .... and all my lands at Mare Cross”, subject to the payment of certain legacies to his brothers, Richard and Nicholas, and to his sister Margaret. William Barham was assessed in the Subsidy Roll of 22. Jas. 1. (1624) for his lands of Lamkines, and also in 1628. He died in 1648, and was buried at Wadhurst 4 Nov. as “William Barham of Ye Gate”; he had previously settled lands called Great and Little Dodds and Little Spenyys, *which had been purchased by his grandfather William Berham from Nicholas Berham Jun<sup>r</sup>, circa. 1550-1555*, upon his only son John, in 1639. His will dated 28 Oct. 1648, was proved (P.C.C.) 26 Dec. foll<sup>g</sup>, by Mary Barham his Widow. Her will, dated 24 Feb. 1668-9, was proved 25 Feb. 1670-1, and she was

buried at Wadhurst. William and Mary Barham had issue an only son and three daurs:-

(i) John Barham, of Wadhurst, bapt. there 27 Aug. 1620; appointed executor of his father's will, but died before it was proved; he was buried at Wadhurst 13 Nov. 1648, as "John, son of William Barham of Ye Gate". His will dated 8 Nov. 1648, was not proved until 27 July 1654 (P.C.C.), when admon. was granted to Anne Barham his widow. John and Anne Barham had issue an only son, and one daur:-

(1) John Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst 10 Oct. 1648; he is mentioned in the wills of his Father and grandfather, although only a infant at the time of their decease. He died unmarried and intestate in 1668, being described as "John Barham of Hawkhurst" in the admon. granted to his sister Anne Barham 21 Sept. 1668, and was buried at Wadhurst 7 Aug. 1668.

(1) Anne Barham, only daur, and heir to her brother John; mentioned in the wills of her father and grandfather, and also in her grandmothers will, in 1669. She was married, first, to Richard Hope, of Cranbrook, by licence dated 13 Apl. 1675 her age being stated as 28, by whom she had a son, Richard Hope, living in 1698. She was married, secondly, to Thomas Morten of Cranbrook, Clothier, previous to 7 June 1698, on which date she sold the Wadhurst property (which had been settled by her grandfather, William Barham of Lankines, in 1639) to John Barham of Shoemiths, for £440 (Title Deeds of Shoemiths Estate, P.R.O.)

(i) Mary, eldest daur. of William and Mary Barham; bapt. at Wadhurst, 2 Feb. 1616/17; married. to John Baker of Ticehurst yeoman, by licence dated 10 Sept. 1638; he was one of the Overssers of the will of John Barham, his brother-in-law, in 1648.

(ii) Elizabeth, bapt. at Wadhurst, 20 April 1623; married to Richard Mercer, and had issue three sons and two daurs. living in 1669; Richard Mercer was executor of the will of Mary Barham in 1671.

(iii) Anne, bapt. at Wadhurst, 8 Dec. 1625; married to William Baker, of Walland, and had issue.

2. Richard Barham, of Wadhurst, son of John and Margaret Barham, was a minor in 1597; his will, dated 24 May 1651, pr. (P.C.C.) 12 May 1653 mentions his kinsmen John and Thomas Longley, and leaves legacies to his three nieces,

Elizabeth, Anne, and Mary the wife of John Baker, “daurs. of William Barham my brother” and to “Thomas Barham, sonne of William Barham my Uncle”. He was buried at Wadhurst, 29 May 1651, as “Richard Barham of Durgates”.

3. Nicholas Barham, was born circa. 1598, his name having, apparently, been inserted after his father’s will was signed 29 Nov. 1597; his father left him £40 secured on lands at Mare Cross and Spenyes Grove.

1 Margaret, mentioned in the will of her uncle Nicholas in 1594, and to whom her father left £40 in 1579.

i Elizabeth, only daur. of William and Anne Barham; married, before 1594, to John Moone, and had issue a son Robert Moone, mentioned in the will of his uncle Nicholas Barham in 1594.

#### VI. William Barham, of Skynes, in Ticehurst.

the second son of William Barham the elder of Wadhurst, was executor to his brother Nicholas in 1594, and Overseer of his brother John’s will in 1597; At(la Court of---the Manor of Robertsbridge, 17 Nov. I Jas. I. (1603), Thomas Busse surrendered the lands of Skinyes or Skynes in Ticehurst, in the borough of Hoathley, to the use of William Barham and his heirs. In 1621 he filled the Office of Headborough (capitalis decennae) to Robert, Viscount Lisle, Lord Sydney of Penshurst, Lord of the Manor of Robertsbridge; this was an important position, the lands comprised in the borough of Hoathley extending into the parishes of Ticehurst, Brightling, Burwash, Mayfield, Dallington and Wadhurst.

William Barham married, before 1594, Barbara, sister of Anthony Gouldsmith of Framfield, a noted Iron Master; he was Churchwarden of Maresfield in 1601, and was buried at Framfield 26 Sept. 1611; in his will dated 21 Sept. 1611, pr. (P.C.C.) 8 Nov. foll<sup>g</sup> he leaves 20sh. apiece “to my sister Barbara Barham's children, and “to Anthony Barham my godson fyve poundes”. At a Court of the Manor of Robertbridge, 30 Sept. 1617, Henry Goldsmith, Gent. was admitted to a house and 35 acres of land, called Courtlands, in the same Manor, which he had recently purchased from Thomas Hepden; he was probably related to Barbara Gouldsmith, being the son of Richard, and nephew and heir of William Goldsmythe of Burwash, whose will dated 27 March 1600, was pr. at Lewes; his descendants continued to reside in Burwash for several generations.

At a Court of the same Manor, 6 Oct. 1614, it was reported that “Wittus Barham de Tyceherst extra Cur<sup>l</sup> scitt quinte die Aprilis Anno dni 1611 per accept<sup>l</sup> Thome Cogger

deputat<sup>o</sup> bedeli item sursu<sup>o</sup> redd<sup>o</sup> in mar<sup>o</sup> dni vn<sup>o</sup> Tent<sup>o</sup> voc<sup>o</sup> Skynes et oia terr<sup>e</sup> Tent<sup>o</sup> eidem Tentytin<sup>o</sup> ... ad vs<sup>o</sup> test<sup>o</sup> et vlt<sup>o</sup> voy predl Wittm Barham, et postea pred Wittm Barham per test<sup>o</sup> suu<sup>o</sup> vot<sup>o</sup> et legavit tenta pd<sup>o</sup> Barbare vxor<sup>o</sup> eius pro decem annis proxime post mortem pdct Wittm et postea Johi Barham fity suo ... sub condicon<sup>o</sup> quod pred<sup>o</sup> Johes Barham hered<sup>o</sup> vel assign<sup>o</sup> sui solvant .... quinque aliis filiis pred<sup>o</sup> Wittm Barham, viz:- Thome, Wittmo, Richardo, Antonio et Roberto Barham, ac duabus filiabz pd<sup>o</sup> Wittmi Patris, viz. Johanne et Marie Barham, Centu<sup>o</sup> et sexaginta libras ..... inter ecs equaliter (sons at the age of 25 years, and daurs at 23) .... Et postea pd<sup>o</sup> Wittus Barham pater et post vlt<sup>o</sup> Cur<sup>o</sup> obiit” (The previous Court was held 28 April 1614)

At the foll<sup>g</sup> Court, held 13 April 13 Jas. (1615) “ven<sup>o</sup> Barbara Barham vid<sup>o</sup> et petit se admit<sup>o</sup> ad .... Skynes et omina .... ptin<sup>o</sup>”, who was admitted to hold the same for ten years, in accordance with her husband's will; John Barham was also presented as being “seit<sup>o</sup> in remaner<sup>o</sup>”, and heir to the property at the end of that period.

Barbara Barham was married secondly, at Ticehurst, 21 July 1618, by licence dated 18th. of same month, to John Waker of Heathfield, yeoman. William Barham was buried at Wadhurst, 1 June 1614, admon. being granted to Barbara his widow 8 June foll<sup>g</sup>.

William and Barbara Barham had issue:-

- i John Barham, son and heir, to whom his father left Skynes, as above stated; this however he appears to have forfeited shortly after his father's death, as, at a Court of the Manor held 2 Oct. 1615, these lands were granted to one Willim Emott, gent, to be held by him subject to the conditions contained in William Barham's surrender.
- ii Thomas Barham, who is mentioned in the will of his first cousin, Richard Barham of Wadhurst, in 1651 (see page 33); he is probably that Thomas Barham who married Jane Winder, at Wadhurst, 30 Sept. 1623, and had a daur. Anne, bapt. there 1 Aug. 1624.
- iii William Barham., of Wadhurst, surety for his brother Richarl in 1623; he may probably be identified with a William Barham who married Constance Bryant, at Brightling, 15 Sept 1623, and had a daur. Mary, bapt. at Wadhurst 21 Nov. 1624, and buried there 8 Feb. foll<sup>g</sup>.
- iv Richard Barham, of Ticehurst, yeoman; to whom his father left the reversion of Skynes in the event of his elder brother John failing to comply with the conditions expressed in his will. He married at Ticehurst, 15 Dec. 1623, by licence dated 12 of same month, Mary Skuller of Frant, his brother William being one of the sureties. He was Churchwarden at Ticehurst in 1635, and died in 1638, being buried at Wadhurst,

28 Sept., as "Richard Barham de Ticehurst"; admon. granted to Mary Barham his widow 8 Oct. foll<sup>e</sup>; she continued to reside at Ticehurst, and was buried there 28 Sept. 1657. Richard and Mary Barham had issue:-

- 1 John Barham, bapt. at Ticehurst. 10 April 1625, and buried there 21 June 1669; by Margery his wife, (whose will dated 1 Dec. 1676 was proved at Lewes) he left issue a son John, bapt. 5 Oct. 1656, and 5 daurs, Mary, Margery, Elizabeth, Frances, and Anne.
  - 2 Anthony Barham, bapt. 1 April 1627.
  - 3 Thomas Barham, bapt. (posthumous) 24 March 1638-9.
- 1 Mary, bapt, 13 Sept. 1629, married at Ticehurst, 3 Nov. 1656, to Edward Hyland, of Goudhurst, co. Kent.
  - 2 Martha, bapt. 1 Jan. 1631-2.
  - 3 Anne, bapt. 10 July 1636.
- v Anthony Barham of Ticehurst; mentioned in the will of his uncle and godfather Anthony Gouldsmith of Framfield, gent. He married, at Burwash, 14 Aug. 1626, Joane Jarvis, by whom he had issue:-
- 1 Annis, bapt, at Ticehurst, 11 Jan. 1626-7, buried there 4 Nov. 1629.
  - 2 Mary, bapt. there 27 Sept. 1629.
- vi Robert Barham, of whom presently.
- vii James Barham, bapt. at Wadhurst, 6 May 1608, as "James sonne of Wittm Barham de Ticehurst"; he evidently died before 1614, as he is not mentioned either in his father's will, or in the Court Roll in 1614.
- i Johane, bapt. at Wadhurst, 8 Nov. 1605, as "Joan daughter of Wittm Barham".
  - ii Mary, living in 1614.

The earlier Registers of Wadhurst are unfortunately missing, the first entry in the existing Register being dated 25 March 1604, which has greatly increased the difficulty in working out the descent of the various branches of the Wadhurst Barhams previous to this date.

William Barham acquired Skynes in Nov. 1603, but he appears to have continued to reside at Wadhurst until after the birth of his two younger children, Joan and James, who were bapt. there, and, as none of his children were bapt. at Ticehurst, it is probable that the elder children were all born at Wadhurst, and their baptisms entered in the missing Register.

## VII. Robert Barham, of Hawkhurst, co. Kent,

the sixth son of William and Barbara Barham, was a minor at the time of his father's death in 1614 and, as the youngest surviving son of a large family, it is not surprising that he decided to seek his fortunes further afield. Hawkhurst is the adjoining parish to Ticehurst, and Robert Barham may have found employment in the Southfrith Ironworks at Hawkhurst which belonged to the Culpepers of Bedgebury, and were leased in the reign of Elizabeth to David Willard, who was one of the Overseers of the will of John Berham of Woodlande in Wadhurst, the ancestor of the Barhams of Buttes and Shoemiths. I think it more probable, however, that he was engaged in the Cloth-weaving trade, as were many of the younger sons of the gentry in the 16th, and 17th. centuries, and this opinion is strengthened by his marriage with Anne Gibbon, as the Gibbons of Rolvenden and Hawkhurst were celebrated "Clothiers", Hawkhurst was at this period one of the centres of the woollen manufactures, which had been brought over from Flanders by Edward III., and which was so lucrative that, according to Hasted, "almost all the ancient families of these parts, now of large Estates and genteel rank in life ... are sprung from, and owe their fortunes to ancestors who have used this great staple manufacture. Among others, the Bathursts, Courthopes, Maplesdens, Gibbons, Austens etc. etc. They were usually called, from their dress, the grey coates of Kent". (Hasted, Vol. VII 92.) Robert Barham was one of the witnesses to the will of George Gibbon of Hawkhurst in 1651, whose son Anthony Gibbon of Hawkhurst, gent. entered his pedigree at the Visitn. of Kent in 1663. George Gibbon was the son of Robert Gibbon, and grandson of William Gibbon of Hawkhurst who died in 1583, and he was first cousin to Edward Gibbon, Robert Barham's father-in-law. The Roberts family, of Hawkhurst and Brenchley, were also engaged in the same industry; George Roberts of Brenchley Gent, who died 25 Dec. 1562, appointed Edmond Robert of Hawkhurst one of his executors, and as Mildred second wife of this George Roberts, afterwards married Thomas Barham, the third son of John of Woodlande, and was living in 1597, it is not improbable that, when Barbara Barham married a second time, a place may have been found for young Robert Barham with one of his kinsmen at Hawkhurst. He had also other relatives residing in this parish, for Elizabeth Courthope, the sister-in-law of John Barham of Bivelhamt and aunt of David Barham, of Snape in Wadhurst and Mapesden in Ticehurst, was married by licence dated 22 Sept. 1597, to Robert Everenden of Hawkhurst woollen draper, while her brother, John Courthope, of Whiligh in Ticehurst, Gent., married Elizabeth the only daur and heir of

John Lorkyin of *Brenchley and Ticehurst*, whose aunt, *Agnes Lorkyn* was the wife of William Barham the elder, of Wadhurst, Robert Barham's grandfather. The Everendens were also connected by marriage with the Gibbons and Maplesdens.

Another interesting connection between the Barhams and Gibbons may be mentioned here, although not bearing directly upon the descent of this branch of the family - viz. the marriage of Sir John Roberts of Canterbury, Kent great-grandson of the Edmond Roberts of Hawkhurst above mentioned with Jane, daur, of Stephen Bunce of Throwley, Gent, by Anne his wife, daur. of Arthur Barham of Chillington Manor in Maidstone, son of Nicholas the Queen's Serjeant. Martha Roberts, the granddaughter of Anne Barham, married Edward Gibbon of Westcliffe. co. Kent, Esquire, (descended from the Rolvenden branch of that ancient family), whose younger brother Mathew, was the great-grandfather of Edward Gibbon, the Historian. (see page 23)

After this somewhat lengthy digression, we return to Robert Barham of Hawkhurst, who married there, 11 July 1639, Anne, younger daur. of Edward Gibbon of the same parish, Clothier, by Deborah his wife.

Edward Gibbon was one of the sons of John Gibbon of Hawkhurst (will pr. Cant. A. .57, 23 18 June 1613) and was surety for him in the Suit between the said John Gibbon and Sir John Wildegos, concerning Tithes at Hawkhurst, in the Curia Regis, Trinity term, 4 Jas. I. This John Gibbon was son of William Gibbon (will pr. 1583), and grand-son of Geffery Gibbon, both of Hawkhurst, which Geffery was son of John Gebon of Bydenden (will pr, 1505), and grand-son of William Gebon of the same place (will proved 1479). Anne Gibon was bapt. at Hawkhurst 23 July 1615, and her father, who died shortly afterwards, was buried there 11 June 1617; Admon. granted to Deborah Gibbon his widow 11 July foll<sup>e</sup>. Deborah Gibbon married secondly, by licence dated 11 Sept. 1623, John Holden of Hawkhurst, Clothier, who was probably related to the Holdens of Hockridge in Cranbrook, an adjoining parish. Thomas Barham, of Barham Court in Teston, in his will (undated), pr. (P.C.C.) 6 March 1616/17, mentions his "niece Mrs Mary Holden, the wife of John Holden". The will of John Holden of Hawkhurst, Broadweaver, in which he mentions his son John, was proved by John Osborne, Gent, his son-in-law, in 1632.

In the Hearth Tax Returns, 14 Chas. II (1662), for the hundred of Great Barnfield, in which the parish of Hawkhurst is situated, the name of Robert Barham occurs as a householder, his wife's cousin Anthony Gibbon being assessed in the same return. Anthony Gibbon was Churchwarden of Hawkhurst in 1645 and 1660, and his brother George in 1649. In the Churchwardens accounts of Hawkhurst there is a list of the

parishioners who subscribed to a collection made “for the Ransoming of our poore Christian Bretheren that have been lately taken by Turkish Pirates and kept in Cruell slavery”, to which Robert Barham, Anthony Gibbon and Arthur Gibbon Senr. contributed 6d a-piece; John Barham, the eldest son of Robert, gave 4d., and his sister, Mary Barham, the same amount. Henry Courthope Gent, gave 2 sh. and Richard Wood gent. 1 sh. This entry is not dated, but the collection appears to have been made in 1671, as the next entry is dated 24 Aug. 1671. A second collection was made for the same object 2 Aug. 1680, in which the name of Robert Barham again appears, but neither John nor Mary Barham contributed on this occasion, as John Barham died in 1673, and Mary was married before this date. Robert Barham, by Anne Gibbon his wife, had issue:-

- i. John Barham, bapt. at Hawkhurst, 29 June 1645; buried there 24 July 1673.
- ii Robert Barham, bapt. there 24 May 1649; living 1683.
- iii Arthur Barham, bapt. there 26 Jan. 1650-1.
- iv Richard Barham, bapt. 17 July 1653, bur. there 28 June 1664, as “Richard the son of Robert Barham”. In the Dallington Registers there is an entry of the marriage of “Richard Barrham of Hawkhurst” to Elizabeth Wimble, 17 Dec. 1673, just four years before Francis, the youngest son of Robert Barham was married in the same Church to Martha Russell, and, in view of the very careless manner in which parish Registers were kept at this period, I think it possible that there may have been a mistake in this entry.
- v Francis Barham. of whom presently.
  - i Anne, eldest daur. of Robert and Anne Barham; bapt. at Hawkhurst 18 July 1641.
  - ii Mary, bapt. 26 March 1643; mar. at Hawkhurst 21 Dec. 1671, to Briant Ley of Hawkhurst, Cordwainer. He was probably son of Brian Ley of Salehurst, who married Elizabeth Beecher of the same parish, by licence dated 5 July 1630, as there is an entry of the baptism, at Hawkhurst of “John sonne of Briant Lee & Elizabeth his wife”, in 1636, Bryan Ley of Halden Gent., in his will dated 26 July 1617, mentione his son Bryan. (C. C. Cant<sup>y</sup> 44 f.267)
  - iii Sarah, bapt. 28 June 1646.
 

“Anne, wife of Robert Barham”, died 26 April, and was buried at Hawkhurst 2 May 1678. Robert Barham survived her five years, and was buried there 25 May 1683, admon. being granted to “Robert Barham Jnr.”, his second but eldest surviving son, 19 June foll<sup>e</sup>, .his son-in-law, “Bryan Ley de Hawkhurst, Cordwinder, et Herious Philpott de Citate Cant, Butcher”, standing sureties in £500.

### VIII. Francis Barham, of Echingham, Co. Sussex,

fifth and youngest son of Robert and Anne Barham, was born at Hawkhurst 5 Aug. 1656, and bapt. there on the 26th. of the same month. He married, first, at Dallington, 29 Sept. 1677, by licence, Martha. daur. of Thomas Russell of Echingham; she was bapt. there 20 July 1656, and buried 7 Dec. 1699. The issue of this marriage was five sons and one daur:-

- i Francis, bapt, at Echingham 5 June, buried there 22 Jun 1681.
- ii Francis Barham, of Whatlington; bapt. at Echingham 9 May 1686, married at Ticehurst 12 June 1720, Mary Hack of that parish; he was Churchwarden of Whatlington in 1722 and 1723. By his will, dated 11 March 1725-6 pr, at Lewes 17 Oct. 1733, he bequeathed all his personal estate to Mary his wife, whom he appointed executrix; the witnesses were Francis Barham (his father), Richard Hack (probably his father-in-law), and Edward Smith. He died in 1733, apparently without issue, as no children are mentioned in his will, and no child of his was bapt. at Whatlington, where he was, buried 13 Sept. 1733.
- iii William Barham. of Salehurst; bapt at Echingham 23 Aug. 1690, married at Dallington, by licence, 11 Nov 1720, Mary, widow of James Stace of Salehurst. He is described in the marriage licence as “William Barham, Miller”, and as Bugsell Farm and Mill are situated on the borders of Echingham and Salehurst, and there appears to be no other mill in that locality, it seems probable that he resided there. In view of the Barhams' former connection with the iron industry, it is interesting to note that there was an Iron mill at Bugsell in the 16th. Century, which was still working in 1653, but had probably been converted to other uses before this date: Mr. M. A. Lower, the Sussex Historian, in a most interesting article on the Ironworks of Sussex, (S.A.S. Cou<sup>ns</sup> II, ~203) states that “The sites of many of the 'hammers' are now occupied by corn mills”.

The Robertsbridge Furnace was also situated in Salehurst.

William and Mary Barham had issue a son, William Barham of Echingham; bapt. at Salehurst 21 Oct. 1721. He married at Echingham, 28 April 1747, Mary Wendon of that parish, and was buried there 9 Jan. 1793, aged 74. They had issue:-

- (i) William., bapt, at Echingham, 13 March 1747/8.
- (ii) Robert, bapt. there 26 Nov. 1749.

- (iii) John, bapt. 2 Nov 1759, buried 16 March foll<sup>g</sup>.
  - (iv) Francis, bapt. 16 June 1761.
  - (i) Mary, bapt. 11 Dec 1751.
  - (ii) Susanna, 4 bapt. 7 Feb. 1756.
  - (iii) Sarah, bapt. 29 May 1757.
- iv Arthur Barham, of whom presently.
- v John Barham, bapt. at Echingham 27 June 1697. *married Mary Holland at Salehurst, 29 Apr. 1731. John Barham bur<sup>d</sup> at Whatlington 17 Nov. 1762<sup>5</sup>. Mary poss bur<sup>d</sup> there 12 Apr. 1764.*
- i. Anne, bapt. at Echingham. 28 Nov. 1689, buried there, 26 June 1692.
- Francis Barham, married secondly, at Echingham. 26 Nov. 1700, Sarah Austen, who was buried there 3 Oct. 1730, by whom he had further issue:-
- (vi) Richard Barham, bapt. at Echingham 24 Oct. 1703.
  - (ii) Sarah, bapt. there 12 Oct. 1701, *buried there 26 Aug. 1756.*
  - (iii) Anne, bapt, there 16 June 1706, *buried 13 Jan foll<sup>g</sup>.*
- Francis Barham married thirdly, at Burwash, 25 May 1732, when in his 76th. year, Mary widow of ..... Motte of Burwash, but died shortly afterwards, being buried at Echingham 1 April 1733. In the Probate Registry at Lewes there is an entry of “the Administration of the goods of Francis Barham late of Etchingham deceased ..... to William Barham his son-the sixth day of April 1733”.

#### IX. Arthur Barham of Salehurst & Mountfield,

the fourth son of Francis and Martha Barham., was bapt. at Echingham 26 March 1693, He married at Echingham. 4 April 1722 Elizabeth, daur. of ..... Cruttenden, of the same parish; she was buried at Mountfield 21 Aug. 1765. After the birth of his son Francis, in 1729, he removed to the neighbouring parish of Mountfield, where he occupied a farm of 90 acres, on the borders of Mountfield and Battle, belonging to Mr. Thomas Snepp, of Salehurst and Sedlescomb . This Thomas Snepp was the son of Thomas Snepp of Battle, yeoman, and was one of the last of the Sussex Ironmasters. In 1707 he took a lease of the famous Robertsbridge Ironworks, from the Earl of Leicester and married at Echingham 2 June 1716 Anna, daur. of ..... Busbridge of Haremare, by whom he had issue an only surviving son, John Snepp, bapt. at Echingham 29 Dec. 1721. By a deed dated 20 Jan. 16 Geo. 11. (1742-3), now in the possession of Sir George Barham, “John Snepp of

Bodyham, co, Sussex, gent, only child of Thomas Snepp late of Seddlescombe gent. by Anna his wife, both deceased”, sold to William Cranston of London, (brother-in-law and partner of the celebrated John Collier, Mayor of Hastings), “All that Messuage with the Barns, Oast House, Stables, Buildings, Gardens, Orchards, etc, containing 90 acres .... scituate... in the parishes of Battell and Mountfield .... now in the Tenure or occupation of Arthur Barham, his under-tenants or assigns”. The name of the farm is not mentioned in this deed, but from a passage in the will of Thomas Snepp dated 18 Feb. 1729/30, pr. at Lewes 14 Nov. 1733, it appears to have been “that farm called Darvill Beech Farm in Mountfield”. Darvill Forest. was, according to Mr. M. A. Lower “another important seat of the ancient Iron Manufacture”, and I think it probable that, even at this comparatively recent date, the Barhams of Salehurst and Mountfield may have been engaged in the same industry, though most of the Sussex Ironworks were closed before the end of the 17th. Century. I have not been able to ascertain the exact date at which Arthur Barham came to Mountfield, but his son Thomas was probably married from Darvill Beech Farm (if my supposition as to the name is correct). and he may have succeeded his father as tenant there in 1767. Arthur and Elizabeth Barham had issue:-

- i Arthur Barham bapt. at Salehurst 23 May 1725, as “Arthur, the son of Arthur and Elizabeth Barham;” he does not appear to have married, and was buried at Mountfield 27 Sept. 1754.
- ii Thomas Barham, of whom presently.
- iii Francis Barham, bapt. at Salehurst 30 March 1729; he probably died an infant, as there is an entry of the burial of “Francis Barham” at Salehurst, 22 March foll<sup>g</sup>. though his parents name is not mentioned, which was usually done in the case of a child.

Arthur Barham was buried at Mountfield 1767.

#### X. Thomas Barham of Mountfield and Battle

the second son of Arthur and Elizabeth Barham, was bapt at Salehurst 12 Feb. 1726-7. He married at Mountfield 22 Jan. 1749/50, Elizabeth daur. of ..... Cutbart of Battle, by whom he had issue six sons and five daurs, all of whom were bapt. at Mountfield:-

- i Thomas Barham, bapt. 7 July 1751.
- ii John Barham bapt. 3 Dec. 1752; buried at Mountfield 3 March 1755.

- iii Francis Barham, bapt. 12 May 1754. He may probably be identified with a Francis Barham who married at Brede 6 Oct. 1777, Silvester. daur. of John Ditch of the same parish, by whom he had issue, a daur. Ann, bapt. there 22 March 1778.
  - iv William Barham, bapt. 30 Oct. 1757; buried at Mountfield 4 March 1763.
  - v John Barham, bapt. 4 Oct. 1761.
  - vi Robert Barham, of whom presently.
    - i Elizabeth, eldest daur. died an infant.
    - ii Sarah, bapt. 15 June 1760.
    - iii Hannah, bapt. 27 Feb. 1763.
    - iv Elizabeth, bapt. 28 April 1765.
    - v Martha, bapt. 12 Jan. 1770; married at Battle 10 March 1789, to Edward Saxby of Battle, Thomas Barham her father being present, and signing the Register.
- Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Barham was buried at Battle 2 Sept. 1786, and Thomas Barham was buried there 17 Jan. 1795.

#### XI. Robert Barham of Battle.

the sixth son of Thomas and Elizabeth Barham, was bapt at Mountfield 12 April 1767; he married at Battle, 28 May 1787 Mary, the daur. of Richard and Elizabeth Mephram of Battle (*she was* bapt. there 21 March 1768) by whom he had issue 5 sons and. 4 daurs, all of whom were bapt at Battle:-

- i Thomas Barham, of Sedlescombe near Battle; bapt.10 March 1790; by Francis his wife he had issue:-
    - 1 Thomas Barham; died unmarried.
    - 2 John bapt. at Sedlescombe 16 July 1822; buried 21 July foll<sup>g</sup>.
    - 3 James, bapt. at Sedlescomb, 28 Dec 1823.
    - 4 William, bapt. at Sedlescomb 22 Sept. 1828; buried there 28 Sept. foll<sup>g</sup>.
    - 5 Alfred, bapt. at Sedlescomb 24 June 1832; buried there 28 April 1833.
    - 1 Mary, eldest daur.,
    - 2 Elizabeth, bapt. at Sedlescomb 30 July 1826.
  - ii Robert Barham, bapt. at Battle 6 May 1795, buried there 7 April 1797.
  - iii James Barham of Battle; bapt. 12 July 1799; married at Battle 17 July 1837, Hannah Russell who was buried there 21 Jan. 1892, aged 85.
- James and Anna Barham had issue:-

- 1 Robert James Barham; bapt. at Battle 29 Jan. 1840; died unmarried.
- 1 Henrietta, bapt. at Battle 13 July 1838; died unmarried.
- iv John Barham, of Gloucester, currier; bapt. at Battle 20 Jan. 1801; married, and had issue.
- v Robert Barham, of whom presently.
  - i Elizabeth, eldest daur., of Robert and Mary Barham, married at Battle, 19 July 1809, to George Mills of Battle, Currier. The register is signed by "John Cuthbart", presumably a relative of her Mother.
  - ii Sarah, bapt. at Battle 30 Jan. 1793; married to William Duke Esq. of Hastings, and of Hemingfold, nr Battle, Surgeon; he died 8 Jan. 1845, aged 68, and was buried at Battle, leaving issue:- Roger Duke; Robert Duke, in Holy Orders; and Emily.
  - iii Mary, bapt. at Battle, 13 Octq 1797.
  - iv Harriet, bapt. there 6 Feb. 1805.

Robert Barham died 29 April 1842, aged 75, and was buried at Battle 5 May; Mary Barham his widow died 4 July 1842, aged 75, and was buried there 9 July. (Tombstone in Battle Churchyard)

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## XII. Robert Barham, of London,

fifth and youngest son of Robert and Mary Barham, was bapt at Battle 26 Aug. 1807. He was engaged in business in London, and in 1832 was admitted a Freeman of the Innholders Company, at a Court held 21 April of that year. In 1842 he became the Proprietor of an important dairy business, at 272 Strand, reputed to be the oldest in the Metropolis, which was subsequently taken over by his son, *now Sir* George Barham. He married, at St. *Edmund the King*, Lombard St., 22 March 1830, Altazeera Henrietta, daur of George Davey, of Bletchley, co. Bucks., (by Elizabeth his wife, widow of ..... Slow), by whom he had issue:-

- i Robert Barham, born 14 Sept. 1850; an officer in the Merchantile Marine; married at St. Kilda, in Australia 1860, Janet, daur. of Allan Ferguson of Perth, by whom he had issue:-
  - 1 Robert Allan Barham, born 29 Sept. 1861; married, 13 July 1886, Sarah daur. of Robert Morley, of Enfield, Middlesex, (descended from the Morleys of Repton, in Derbyshire), and had an only son, Allan Robert Barham, born 12 April 1888, *bapt.*

at St. Andrews, Well St., 28th of same month, now acting as Secretary to Colonel Arthur S. Barham, at 28, Museum Street, London.

- 1 Altazeera, married to ..... Fowle, of Brighton, descended from the Fowles of Riverhall in Wadhurst; she died in New Zealand, leaving no surviving issue.
  - 2 Janet, married to Arthur Hunter Burton, of Louth, co.; Lincoln, and has issue.  
Douglas and Rupert.
- ii George, died an infant.
  - iii George, of whom presently.
  - i Eliza, died an infant.

Mrs. Robert Barham died 5 April 18869 and was buried at Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley; Mr. Robert Barham died 10 Dec. 1888, and was also buried at Finchley.

### XIII. Sir George Barham, of Snape, co. Sussex,)

youngest-son of Robert and Altazeera Barham, was born 22 Nov. 1836, and bapt. at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, E. C.

He entered into business as a dairy farmer in 1853, and was instrumental in bringing rail-borne milk into the Metropolis at a time of threatened milk famine in London, consequent upon the cattle plague. The expansion of his business necessitated the opening of extensive premises at Museum Street, Bloomsbury, and in 1864 the Express Milk Co. Ltd. was founded by him, *from which was subsequently evolved the Dairy Supply Co. Ltd.* and the Express Dairy Co. Ltd., both of which have been honoured by holding the Royal Warrant. Sir George Barham is at present Chairman of both Companies. He is a Justice of the Peace for Middlesex and Sussex, and served the Office of High Sheriff of Middlesex in 1907-8; he is also a Member of the County Council for East Sussex. He was President of the International Dairy Conference in Sweden, in 1897; President of the British Dairy Farmers Association for 1907, founder of the Metropolitan Dairymen's Benevolent Institution in ; Mayor of Hampstead, 1905-6; and contested West Islington as Unionist Candidate in 1895. He was Knighted at Buckingham Palace, on July 5, 1904. He married at the parish Church of Spilsby, in Lincolnshire, 22 June 1859, *Margaret* daur. of Jarvis Rainey of that place, by whom (who died 14 April 1906, and was buried in Marylebone Cemetery) he *has* had issue:-

- i George Titus Barham, born 22 March 1860, bapt, at St. Andrew's, Holborn; of Sudbury Park, Middlesex; Managing Director of The Express Dairy Co. Ltd.; a

Member of the Council of the British Dairy Farmers Association; President of the Dairy Trade Protection Society; and Past President of the Metropolitan Dairy-men's Benevolent Institution. He married, at St. Mary's Church, Plympton, 29 April 1897, Florence Elizabeth. daur. of William Peter Vosper Esq, of Merafield, co. Devon. (They have no issue).

- ii Herbert Rainey Barham, born 31 Dec. 1862, bapt. at St. Andrew's. Holborn; died at Rome 24 April 1878, buried in Marylebone Cemetery.
- iii Ernest Edward Barham, born 13 Aug, 1864, bapt. at St. Andrew's Holborn; died in London 15 April 1867, buried .in Marylebone Cemetery.
- iv Frank Handbury Barham, born 22 Dec. 1866, bapt, at St. Andrew's Holborn; died at Bexley Heath 26 April 1868, buried in Marylebone Cemetery.
- v Arthur Saxby Barham, born 17 July 1869, bapt. at St, Andrew's Holborn; of 33, Daleham Gardens, Hampstead; Managing Director of the Dairy Supply Co. Ltd, and holds the Warrant of appointment to His Majesty the King. He has been actively associated with the Volunteer Movement for more than 20 years and from 1901 to 1907 was Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the 19th. (Bloomsbury) Rifles. He married, at Haverstock Congregational Church, 5 July 1893, Annie Gertrude, daur. of Edward H. Edwards Esq., of Hampstead, and has issue:-

1. Wilfred Saxby Barham) born 14 Nov. 1894, bapt. at Christ Church Hampstead; educated at Malvern *College*.

2 Harold Saxby Barham born 2 May 1898, bapt. at Christ Church, Hampstead.

Sir George Barham is the owner of landed property at Sudbury and Hendon, co. Middlesex, and in 1885 he purchased the Estate *of Snape*, near Wadhurst, co. Sussex, from the representatives of the late John Joseph Newington of Towngate in Wadhurst. This Estate had previously been in the possession of the Barham family for nearly 300 years, until William Barham of Snape sold it to his kinsman, John Dunmoll, in 1721. From him it passed to Thomas North in 1747, whose son, Thomas Cox North sold it in 1769 to William Connop, whose brother Joseph Connop conveyed it in 1788 to John Newington, of Hightown near Wadhurst, from whom it descended to its late possessor. The above details, with much additional information about the Wadhurst Barhams are derived from a MS History of Loxfield Half-hundred, compiled by Mr. William Courthope, Somerset Herald, about the middle of last Century, to which I have been allowed access by the courtesy of H. Farnham Burke Esq., C.V.O., who now holds the same Office of Somerset Herald at the College of Arms. The

information obtained from this source has been of very great assistance in preparing this account of the Barhams of Wadhurst, and in tracing out the connection of the various branches with the parent stem.

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