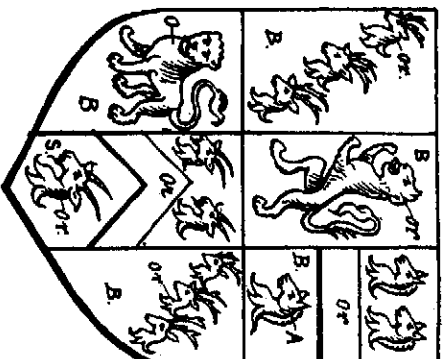


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PART III

ROYDON OF BROMFIELD, CO. DENBIGH



ARMS OF ROYDON OF ISYCOED

- 1 and 6, Roydon.
- 2, Eunydd of Trefalyn.
- 3, Rhys ap Marchan.
- 4, Llewelyn Burdorchog.
- 5, Ithel Felyn.

I

THE RODONS OR ROYDONS OF BROMFIELD

THE lordship of Bromfield and Yale, in the north-east of Denbighshire, belonged to the Fitz-Alans until the death of Thomas earl of Arundel in 1415. It then became divisible between his three sisters and their representatives. These were (1) *Elizabeth* (d. 1425), who married Thomas Mowbray, duke of Norfolk, and whose son John died in 1432; (2) *Joan* (d. 1435), who married William Beauchamp and had a son Richard Beauchamp, created earl of Worcester, who died in 1422; and (3) *Margaret* (d. 1423),¹ who married Sir Roland Lenthal and left a son and heir Edmund.² This Edmund died without issue in 1446 in his father's lifetime,³ so that the Lenthal interest in the lordship of Bromfield came to an end, and the representatives of Elizabeth and Joan had equal shares in it.

The Mowbray moiety descended to Anne, the infant daughter and heir of John duke of Norfolk, who died in 1475. The king designed to marry her to his younger son Richard duke of York, one of the young princes supposed to have been murdered in the Tower in 1483. In anticipation of this marriage Richard was created duke of Norfolk in 1477, and the lordship of Bromfield and Yale appears to have been

purchased for him. There is some record of the purchase of the Norfolk moiety in 1476, and the other moiety seems to have been acquired from Lord Abergavenny a year or two later.⁴ With the death of the young prince the lordship reverted to the crown, and in 1484 Richard III. gave it to Sir William Stanley,⁵ who retained it until his forfeiture and execution for treason in 1495. The crown then resumed possession.

The above-named earl of Worcester, who was also lord of Abergavenny, left a daughter Elizabeth of tender years, who married Edward Nevill, younger son of Ralph Nevill, earl of Westmorland. Edward was later recognised as Lord Abergavenny in his wife's right. By his marriage he also acquired the manor of Birling near Maidstone in Kent.⁶ Elizabeth died in 1448 and Edward in 1476, and it was their son and heir George who sold his Bromfield lordship to the crown.

It is desirable to bear the descent in mind, because the old pedigree of the Roydons of Isycoed, near Holt in Bromfield, begins with the assertion that the family descended from one Richard Roydon, who was born in Kent and came to Bromfield with the commissioners of the lord Abergavenny in the time of Henry VI., and who by his wife Isabel had three sons—Hugh, William and Thomas. The pedigree referred to, which may be taken to represent the family tradition, is extant in three versions, none of them apparently older than Elizabeth's time, that is to say, a century and a half later than the first events recorded in it. The earliest form is the Welsh pedigree contained in the Llyfr Silin, a manuscript once in the Wynn-stay library but now destroyed; the book has (in part at least) been printed in *Archæologia Cambrensis* from a copy, and the Roydon section will be found in the volume for 1889, p. 243.

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From internal evidence it would appear to have been put together first of all in 1588 and then revised and continued in 1658. How much is due to revision cannot be determined. The second form is Vincent's pedigree in the College of Arms (Vincent 135, f. 133) which dates itself as of the year 1617; though later in time it is simpler than that in the Llyfr Silin and may represent the original better. The third form is that in Harl. MS. 1971 (f. 65d), which shows additions made from time to time by the Holme family, apparently not always correctly; this has been printed, but with certain modifications, in J. Y. W. Lloyd's *Powys Fadog* (iii. 111).

Unfortunately this family tradition cannot be verified completely, but it may be observed in its favour that there is nothing vainglorious about it, and that it accords with various facts otherwise known. Thus it has been shown in a former section that there were Roydons in Kent early in the fifteenth century, and that they lived in places not far from Birling, the Nevill manor. Nevill could not have come into possession of the lordship of Bromfield until the heiress, his wife's grandmother, died in 1435; and though nothing is known (apart from the pedigree) of his having sent any "commissioners," it would obviously be desirable that on succeeding he should have a survey made and for that purpose send trustworthy agents from the Kentish estate, where he had probably been living from the time of his marriage. Negatively, no Roydons are found in the surviving records of Bromfield earlier than this time; positively, they do appear immediately afterwards. Similarly, though no direct proof has been found for the statement that Hugh, William and Thomas Roydon were the sons of Richard and Isabel, those names occur in the records at the

time when they might be expected, supposing they were sons. Thus the old pedigree may be treated with respect, and its statements placed on record, in default of contemporary evidence. The family name was usually spelt Rodon, Roden or Rodyn until in the time of Elizabeth the form of Roydon or Royden prevailed.

Richard Rodon, the earliest bearer of the name discovered in the district, was plaintiff in the Wrexham court in 1437, claiming a debt from one Jollyn ap Madoc.⁷ Before 1447 he had at some time been bailiff of Holt.⁸ More important as evidence of his position is the fact that he was "appruator," or valuer for the lord. In a Bromfield rental compiled in 38 Henry VI. (1459-60) * it is recorded under the heading of New Rents (*f. 21d*) that Llewelyn Goz ap Hoell had once held (in Isycoed) half an acre of land now built upon, at a rent of 3s. 4d. Afterwards it escheated to the lord, and Richard Rodon, lately "appruator" of the lordship, sold the timber for £4. Then it remained in the lord's hands a long time, until one Madoc ap Jorwerth took it at only 4d. rent, until it could be let to better advantage. In 1447 Isabel Rodon, possibly Richard's widow, and Alexander Luyreley were farming the pasture of "le Haye" by the Dee at a rent of 2s. 4d.¹⁰

As already stated, the pedigree gives Hugh, William and Thomas as sons, in this order; and though it is not certain that this is the order of seniority, for it may be due to the fact that Hugh's descendants became the leading branch of the family, it will be convenient to adhere to it, and also to denote the several lines as those of Isycoed, Burton and Holt respectively. It will be found that each of them had lands in more than one

part of the lordship, and that Isycoed did not immediately become the seat of Hugh and his offspring. Isycoed lies two miles and a half south of Holt; Burton is some distance to the north-west.

In addition to these three the rental of 1459-60 records Margaret Roden (f. 5) as a minor tenant at Holt, paying 3s. rent; and John Rodon (f. 96*d*) as holding land in Merford and Hoseley at a rent of 5s. (? reduced to 3s. 4*d*). He is probably the John who in 1449 was described as lately the farmer of Merseley Park¹¹ and about 1446 became a tenant in Holt.¹² He seems to have been still there in 1472,¹³ but the Ministers' Accounts from which this and other details are derived are unsatisfactory in that they record the original lessee's name year after year unchanged, whoever may have been the actual tenant at the date of the account cited. The usual term of a lease in the lordship was forty years, but there were numerous exceptions. In 1486-7 land "late of John Rodon and now of William Wodehale" is mentioned;¹⁴ presumably the lease of 1446 had run out, and John being dead a new tenant had taken the land.

NOTES

¹ Inq. p.m. 1 Hen. VI., n. 35 (file 5). Her son is not named in the inquisitions.

² In 1439 the coheirs were John duke of Norfolk, Elizabeth wife of Edward Nevill, lord of Abergavenny, and Edmund Lenthale; Ministers' Accts. (P.R.O.), 1234/13.

³ Inq. p.m. 27 Henry VI., n. 42 (file 136). His heir was John Lenthale, son of Walter, brother of Roger, father of Roland father of Edmund. It thus appears that Edmund was his mother's only child. This cuts out two royal descents in the pedigree of Lenthale as given in Burke's *Royal Families*, i. 122. The father died in 1450 leaving as heir a son Roland by a second wife; Inq. p.m. 29 Hen. VI., n. 27 (file 143). The father, in right of his first wife, retained a share of the lordship till his death.

A feoffment made by Edmund Lenthal in 1444 is recorded in *Cal. Patent Rolls* 1441-46, p. 350.

⁴ See Close Roll 328 (16 Edw. IV.), m. 10d; De Banco Roll 860, m. 611, and

867, m. 333.

⁵ *Cal. Patent Rolls* 1476-85, p. 516. The grant to Stanley proves that both moieties had been acquired by the crown.

⁶ Hasted, *Kent*, ii. 196.

⁷ Court Rolls (P.R.O.), 226/30.

⁸ Ministers' Accts. (P.R.O.), 1303/9.

⁹ Not 23 Henry VII. as in the catalogue and as accepted by Mr. Palmer in his account of Holt. The old cover bears the date Anno xxxvij., and internal evidence shows this to mean 38 Henry VI. An ancient hand has written 23 H. 7 on the cover, and this date is also written on a blank leaf inside. The original rental has been amended by interlineations etc., from time to time. Probably the final revision was about 23 Henry VII. The Record Office reference is Land Revenue Miscellaneous Books, 251.

¹⁰ Ministers' Accts. 1303/9.

¹¹ Ministers' Accts. 1234/14.

¹² Ministers' Accts. 1235/20. The date of the account is 1479, and the demise referred to is stated to have been made 33 years previously.

¹³ Ministers' Accts. 1235/2.

¹⁴ Ministers' Accts. 1865.

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1. ACCORDING to the rental of 1459-60 (f. 80*d*) Hugh Rodon and Katherine his wife then held land in Allington, in conjunction with two others, for a corn rent. The land had formerly belonged to Jevan ap Hoell Ddu, who, if the old pedigree be correct, was an ancestor of Katherine. Another entry (f. 121*d*) shows that he, like Richard, acted as "appruator":

Be it remembered that Griffith ap David ap Jevan ap Madoc of Burton and Alyngton offered himself to Hugh Rodon and John Luter, "appruators" of the lords, as holding certain lands by copy as he affirmed verbally before the steward in court. The said appruators endeavoured to set the land at its value for the lords' profit by proclamation in court before the steward; and because Griffith said that he held it according to the custom of the country by copy [of court roll], the "appruators" appointed the next court day for him to produce his copy, at his peril. At this court Griffith was called upon, on behalf of the lords, to show his copy, but he made no appearance nor did any one come in his stead. Thereupon the appruators, according the custom of the country, prohibited under a penalty of £10 that either Griffith or any one in his name should

interfere in the occupation of the land in any way. In spite of this Griffith occupied the land, and so has incurred the £10 penalty.

In Almer and Hopedale Hugh in 1453 obtained land from Richard son of Thomas Rodon ; ¹ and in 1474 he had a plot in Burton from the lords, at 8d. rent. ² At the lordship court of 24 February 34 Henry VI. (1455-6) he surrendered a piece of meadow in Allington called Rhoddley to the use of John ap David Luyter for 40 years ; and the same Hugh and John took to farm a pasture called Wern dduy in Almour in Allington. ³ In 1467 Hugh Rodon and Katherine his wife had a suit in the court against Jevan Lloit. ⁴ Hugh Rodon and Hoell ap David were in 1477 charged with 46s. 8d., possibly arrears, in Burton ; and the same Hugh and John Jeven, ringlders in Isycoed, were in 1479 liable for 110s. 1½d. arrears. ⁵ Hugh was bailiff of Holt in 1486-7. ⁶ When he died is uncertain ; his name occurs in the Ministers' Accounts of 1505-6, ⁷ but, as was remarked above, that does not prove that he was then living.

Hugh's wife Katherine was, according to the old pedigree, daughter and heir of Griffith ap Madoc ap Jevan Llwyd ap Howell Ddu of Allington, descended from Ednyfed of Dyffryn Clwyd. They had three sons, John, William and Hugh ; also, according to John's will, a daughter Katherine. The story of John and his line is given below. William became rector of Gresford as early as 1476 ⁸ and is named as rector in the corrections to the rental of 1459-60 (ff. 67*d*, 69*d*). He was party in 1498-9 to a recovery of manors of Richard Cholmondeley. ⁹ A full translation of his will ¹⁰ is given at the end of this section. It was dated 24 June 1506 and proved 6 Nov.

ered to be buried in Gresford church and left a stained glass window showing the history of St. Asaph. A window, or a part, can still be seen there. A special interest in the children of Ralph Byrne, was recorded.

It was perhaps the king's attorney named in the will and "prelat" in the Welsh pedigree, which may mean "clerk" or "priest." Nothing more is recorded.

She is an executrix of her brother's will and was married to Griffith ap Iwan. She is stated to have married Griffith ap Iwan.

Rodon may be mentioned here, though their names are not known. Roger Rodon occurs in 1479 in the will of Roger Angharad Rodon had a mortgage on land at Gresford.

Rodon, son of Hugh,¹⁵ had a more prominent position than his father. As early as 1482 Edward IV., into whose service he was shown above, the lordship of Bromfield and St. Asaph, and the castle, made him master forester here and in the castle, also custodian of Broken Wharf in London, and in the service of the king's son Richard, duke of York, and Norfolk.¹⁶ The grants would cease when the king died, but John Rodon found favour with the Tudor king, and within a month of the battle of Bosworth, viz. on 19 August 1485, Henry VII. granted him for life the office of being one of the king's sergeants-at-arms, with wages of 12d. a day and livery.¹⁷ In 1491 he was made keeper of Windsor Great Park,¹⁸ and probably resided there.¹⁹ The escheatorship of Flintshire was given him in 1496,²⁰ and Henry VIII.

continued him in the office.²¹ His close connection with the court is shown by the ending of his will,²² whereby he made "my lord Lile" overseer of the other overseers of the executors, saying "for I trust he be so good lord to me to take it upon him ; for I have loved his blood, his name and kin of all living men under the king ; and that my lord knoweth well." The lord spoken of was no doubt the famous Charles Brandon, afterwards duke of Suffolk, who married Mary the sister of Henry VIII. He held the title of Viscount Lisle from 1513 to 1523, and although his promotion took place two months after the date of Rodon's will, the testator would have time to alter the wording, or possibly to add the clause, before his death.

John Rodon's career was a prosperous one and he acquired a substantial estate in Holt and the neighbourhood. The rental of 1459-60 contains numerous references to him in the interlineations and marginal additions, and he is distinguished from a contemporary namesake by the addition of "serjeant." The Ministers' Accounts and other records also have references to him.²³ One of these has a bearing on the pedigree, for it states that lands in Burton which came to the king by escheat after the death of Kenwric ap Jevan Gam were in October 1510 delivered to John Roydon [so spel], serjeant-at-arms to the king, as being the right heir of the said Kenwrick.²⁴ As serjeant-at-arms he attended the funeral of Henry VII.²⁵ and the coronation of Henry VIII.,²⁶ and obtained general pardons from Henry VII. in 1506 and Henry VIII. in 1510, in the latter of which he is described as John Rodon *alias* Roodon *alias* Rowdon *alias* Roydon of Windsor, gentleman, serjeant-at-arms, and Keeper of Windsor Great Park, and son of Hugh

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Rector of Holt in Denbighshire.²⁷ It is not surprising that he is called *dominus* in rector William's will. He probably died about the end of October 1513, for his successor was appointed on 4 November.²⁸

According to the old pedigree he married Gwenhwyfar, daughter of Richard ap David ap Tegin, and they had issue born before marriage and daughters born afterwards. One of which an abstract is added to this chapter, shows that the widow was Rose and that he had at least three daughters by her. Rose may have been a second wife, or the name may have been used instead of the Welsh one. She seems to have been a young woman, for she refused to bind herself to perpetual widowhood, a vow which her husband demanded if she were to be one of the executors and have charge of the children. The statement that John was born before marriage is another difficulty, for in that case he would not have been his father's heir, and would not have been his father's another Maud Puleston without elaborate provisions for his father's ment, of which there is no trace. On the contrary for "John son of John Rodon" he appears to have succeeded his father as a matter of course. His career is described below.

The other children were:
Lancelot, who as son of *dominus* John Rodon is named in

the rector of Gresford's will. He does not occur again.
Elizabeth, Sibyl and Katherine, the daughters named in their father's will; of whom Sibyl married William Woodhall

of Holt and Katherine married David Sutton. Elizabeth is not mentioned in the old pedigrees.

Jane wife of Hugh Eytton and Margaret wife of Gilbert

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Molynaux are also named as daughters in the pedigrees. Instead of Margaret (Vincent), Holme reads Gwen, and gives the husband's name as Malevery. This statement is confirmed by Foster's *Yorkshire Visitations* (Maleverer). A Henry Molynaux *alias* Lyvyour had land at Gwerfynnon in Yale in 1562, according to the survey made in that year.

In the Harleian MS. 473, which Sir Symonds D'Ewes believed to have been written by the antiquary Sampson Erdeswicke, there is a rude drawing (f. 23) of a coat of arms seen at Gresford church in 1574. It bears three bucks' heads in bend, with the sun in splendour in the dexter chief point, and is entitled :

John Rodon esquier sergiant at armes.
The feld azure, the sonn gold, and three roo buckes heds
gold.

*At Gwerfynnon
John Rodon Esquire, Sergeant
at Arms*



*The feld azure
the sonn gold
and three roo
bucks heds gold*

3. John Rodon, son of John, was under age at his father's death. According to depositions taken in a local suit in 1551 "John Rodon of Isycoed, esq.," gave his age as 53,²⁹ so that he was probably born in 1497 or 1498. He does not seem to have tried to follow his father's career at court, but he is

"Captain" in the London Visitation of 1633-35.³⁰ In 1521 burgages in Holt formerly held by John Roydon occupied by George Warner (or Waryner) and John son of the said John;³¹ and in 1530 he had a grant in the waste of Gresford.³² As "John Rodon the elder" he is named as reeve of Hewlington by Holt in 1542. "John Rodon the elder" at that time was the son of John Rodon of Holt; the John Rodon of Burton who was executor of the will of rector William and was executor of that of the rector-at-arms belonged to the previous generation.

The estates of John Roydon, for so the name was then usually spelt, are fully described in the surveys made at the end of Henry VIII's reign (Tidderley's Survey³⁴) and at the beginning of Elizabeth's (1562).³⁵ He held burgages and lands in Holt, Wrexham, Hewlington, Isycoed, Burton, and Cobham. In 1562 he had land in Ruabon "as of the right of Robert Griffith ap Jenkin, purparty of lands in Iscoide late of Griffith ap Jenkin." He was assessed in 1557-9 at £9 on lands in Isycoed as John Rodon, esq.,³⁶ and as John Roden (or Royden) the younger he was in Sept. 1564 one of the executors of Richard Jones of Isycoed, gent.³⁷ He was dead in February 1567-8, when his widow Maud was a plaintiff.³⁸

His wife was Maud, daughter of Sir Roger Puleston of Emral and sister to Edward Puleston, to whom he had been married in youth (before 15) as appears by his father's will. From the reference given above it appears that she survived him, but no more is known of her. She bore him three sons—Roger, John and Thomas; and six daughters—Jane, Sibyl, Dorothy, Alice, Joan and Elizabeth.

Roger, the eldest son, was in 1549 engaged to marry

Margaret daughter of Sir John Puleston of Wrexham. The marriage took place soon afterwards, but Roger died without issue before 1558, when his father was suing Sir John's bondsmen for 500 marks, alleging that the marriage covenants had not been fulfilled. The bondsmen denied this, and alleged that Sir John had offered £40 in discharge of all further obligations, but Rodon had refused it. John and Thomas Rodon, the brothers of Roger, are named in the pleading; also Maud the mother.³⁹

For John the son, see below. Thomas is said to have died without issue.

According to the pedigrees Jane married (1) Richard Jones of Dirltwich in Maelor Saesneg and (2) John Davies of Oswestry. The latter marriage is recorded in the London Visitation of 1633-35, above referred to, where Jane is stated to have died 29 June 1592, and the husband is described as "of Middleton, co. Salop, esq."

Sibyl married John Langford of Allington.

Dorothy married (1) Roger Edow and (2) Bartholomew Fitton of Carden.

Alice married John Meredith of Allington. The late Mr. Palmer wrote: "At Trevalyn farm there lived the (Allington) Merediths. The following letters and figures are above the mantel-piece in three panels:

A.D. 1588	I.M. A.M.	I.N.R.I.
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The initials in the centre are those of John and Alice Meredith. Joan married John ap William ap Madoc Goch.⁴⁰

Elizabeth married John Davies of Erlisham, as recorded in the London Visitation referred to, which adds that their second son Richard Davies was a London merchant in 1634.⁴¹ Holme adds that she also married Thomas Trence of Holt in 36 Henry VIII.; if so, this must have been a first marriage. In *Powys Fadog* is recorded the marriage of Elizabeth daughter of this John Roydon to Edward Brereton of Borras (his first wife), but from the dates given the marriage must refer to a much earlier Elizabeth, possibly the Elizabeth daughter of John the serjeant-at-arms or of John son of William the Red Receiver.⁴²

It should be added that Holme erroneously gave John Roydon a second wife—a daughter of Richard Hanner of Bettisfield; in this he is followed by *Powys Fadog*, where the order of the marriages is reversed.

4. John Roydon, son of John, was aged 73 in 1606,⁴³ and was therefore born about 1533. In 1568 he was called to warrant Ellis Trevor and Margaret his wife in the possession of certain lands from which his father's widow was claiming dower; and he did so.⁴⁴ As John Rodon of Isycoed, gent., he, in 1571, acknowledged a debt under his bond dated at Wrexham, 4 July 1569.⁴⁵ In performance of a covenant made in London on 17 May 1575 between himself on one side and Richard Smythe, John Puleston and Anne his wife etc. on the other he in September surrendered to the queen certain messages in Wrexham which had been granted to his late father John Rodon.⁴⁶ He joined in the sale of a message in Allington in 1578,⁴⁷ and ten years later acquired four messages etc. in Sutton from Henry Tyffyn and Maud his wife, Thomas Kirbie and Alice his wife.⁴⁸ In respect of this purchase he

had in 1595 to complain of trespass on the part of one Griffith ap John Philipp.⁴⁹ In 1592 he was one of the bondsmen for John Salisbury and in the following year was sued on the bond.⁵⁰ A few years later (1596-7) he complained that Hugh Jones and another were interfering with his possession of certain lands in Wrexham granted by the queen in December 1564 to his father John Rodon⁵¹—perhaps the same which he himself had surrendered in 1575. The Survey of 1564 has a marginal note that John Rodon and Roger his son in November 1595 assigned a tenement in Holt to John Hare; it had belonged to John Rodon the father (*f. 11*). In 1597 Thomas Yardley brought an action against John Roydon in respect of the Fourteen Acres in Hewlington.⁵² He was living in 1606 as stated above. He died intestate before 1613, in which year (27 July) administration of his goods was granted to his daughter Rose as recorded below.

He married, according to the pedigrees, Anne daughter of Richard Chambres of Sussex. John Roydon gent. and Anne his wife occur in 1580.⁵³ By her he had three sons and four daughters: Roger (of whom below), Thomas, John, Joan, Rose, Elizabeth and Dorothy.

Thomas entered Brasenose College, Oxford, in 1589 as son of an esquire; he was 18 years of age.⁵⁴ He did not proceed to a degree. He may be the Thomas Roydon gent. who in 1597 was plaintiff concerning lands in Sutton recently demised to him by John Roydon esq.⁵⁵

John was killed at Holt on 6 March 1592-3 by George Bostock. There had probably been some quarrel; what Roydon did is not stated, but Bostock pierced his thigh with a rapier and he died the same day. A brother Roger Roydon

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ARMS: Azure 3 roebucks' heads erased ;

RICHARD RODON, = ISABELL
said to have come from Kent ; ? widow
appurtenant of the lordship of
Bromfield, c. 1440

HUGH RODON,
of Isycoed, 1460 ;
appurtenant of Bromfield ;
living 1486

= KATHARINE, dau. and hr.
of Gruffydd ap Madoc
ap Ieuan Llwyd ap Howell
dau of Allington

JOHN RODON,
Serjeant-at-Arms to Henry VII. and VIII. ;
eschear of Flint, etc. ;
d. 1513

= ROSE (? same as
Gwenhwyfar, dau.
Richard ap David
ap Tegan)

William Rodon,
rector of Greston
will dated 1506 ; prob

JOHN ROYDON, = MAUD, dau. of Sir
a. 53 in 1531 ;
dead 1568

Roger Puleston
of Ebnral

Lancelot Rodon,
1506

Elizabeth,
1513

Silyl, = William Woodhall
1513

Roger Roydon, = Margaret, dau.
dead 1538,
s.p.

Anne, (2) = JOHN ROYDON, = (1) ANNE, dau.
wid. of Edward a. 73 in 1606 ;
Hughes dead 1613

Richard Chambers
of Sussex

Thomas Roydon,
s.p.

John Davies (2) = Jane = (1) Ric.
Silyl = John Lai

ROGER ROYDON, = JANE, dau. Thos.
styled " Captain," Powell of Horsley
a. 40 in 1606 ;
d. 1629

Thomas Roydon, B.N.C., 1589
John Roydon, killed 1593

Joan, = Edward Crew
living
1630

Re

JOHN ROYDON, = ELINOR, dau. and hr.
of Edward Morris of
Lloran, wid. of
David Morris
a. 35 in 1629 ;
d. 1667

THOMAS ROYDON, = KATHARINE, dau. Robert ap
of Bedwall, living 1648
Roger Wynn, d. 1658

Ellen Urnston (2) = John Roydon, = (1) Jane Hall
d. 1693

Samuel Roydon
(Emmanuel)
Paulin Roydon

James Ro

JOHN ROYDON, = MARY, dau.
of Jerome
Hanmer ;
d. 1672

Maurice Roydon
of
Wolverhampton

CHARLES ROYDON, = MARGARET, dau. John
of Weston Cotton,
Shropshire ; d. 1687

John
Charles

Richard
Eleanor

Katherine
Margaret

Richard Roydon,
d. 1666
Arthur Roydon

Anne = John Lloyd
Eleanor = Ric. Frecklingh

MARY BALL, (2) = JOHN ROYDON, = (1) ELIZABETH, dau. and co-hr.
of Penley d. 1677 ;
Sheriff
of Flint

of Rowland Whitehall, of
Yeldersley ; d. 1675

Elizabeth
= William
Higginson
of Warrington

JOHN ROYDON, = JANE, dau. Col. John
b. 1673 ;
d. 1699

Robinson, of Gwersyllt ;
d. 1712

Jane, dau. and hr. ; = Robert Hughes, of Trostre, Mon.
b. 1698 ; d. 1759

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CHARLES ROYDON, = ELIZABETH, dau.
d. 1686
of William Speed

Charles, 1675
Mary, 1677

John, 1679
Roger, 1680

El

Katherine = Richard
Lloyd

ISYCOED, HOLT, Co. DENBIGH.

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D RODON = ISABEL,
come from Kent; ? widow 1447
the lordship of
d. c. 1440

William Rodon, =
of Burton
(p. 209) ↑

Thomas Rodon, =
alias de Kingsley ↑
of Holt
(p. 217)

William Rodon,
rector of Gresford;
will dated 1506; proved 1510

Hugh Rodon,
"prelat"

Katherine Rodon, = Gruffydd ap Madoc
living 1538 ap John Deeka

Sibly, = William Woodhall
1513

Katherine, = David Sutton
1513

Jane = Hugh Eyton

Margaret = Gilbert Malveyer
(Molynaux)

Davies (2) = Jane = (1) Ric. Jones
Sibly = John Langford

Barth. Filton (2) = Dorothy = (1) Roger Edow
Alice = John Meredith

Joan = John ap William
Elizabeth = John Davies

Jan, = Edward Crew Rose, = (1) W. Nevill
living 1621 (2) — Wood Elizabeth, = (1) Richard Bankworth
636 living 1636 (2) Edward Blount living 1636 ↑
Dorothy, = Thomas Foster of Allington
(will 1636)

amuel Roydon James Roydon
mmanuel William Roydon = Jane
Paulin Roydon Lancelot

ROGER ROYDON, = MARGERY WARE Elizabeth
of Bristol Anne = Rich. Deane Dorothy = Edward
Astle

Mary
William
John
Jane
Anne
ROGER ROYDON, = SUSANNA STUART, who m.
of Bristol; d. 1682 (2) Thomas Foster Robert
Hugh

Anne = John Lloyd Jane
Eleanor = Ric. Freckingham Dorothy

John
Roger,
d. an infant
Roger,
d. 1699
Anne = Thomas Borne

H, dau. Katherine = Richard Frances,
Speed Lloyd unm. Dorothy = Thomas
Davies

John, 1679 Elizabeth, 1682
Roger, 1680 Dorothy, 1687

prosecuted.⁵⁶ A pardon was granted in the following year, but no reason for the royal clemency is assigned.⁵⁷

Joan married Edward Crew of Holt.

Rose married William Nevell of London. On 27 July 1613 as Rose Nevel *alias* Roydon, widow of William Nevell of St. James's by Garlick Hihe, she took out letters of administration of her late husband's goods.⁵⁸ On the same day she also took out letters of administration to her father's estate, as Rose Nevill *alias* Roydon, daughter of John Roydon.⁵⁹ From the will of Richard Bankworth (cited below) it appears that Rose married a second husband, — Wood.

Elizabeth was married on 23 April 1595 at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, to Richard Banckworth of London.⁶⁰ He was a stationer. On 11 April 1614 letters of administration of his estate were granted to her as his widow, living in St. Faith's parish.⁶¹ Richard Banckworthe, son of Mr. Richard Bankworth deceased, aged seventeen years and a quarter, made his will 31 March 1621 (proved 13 Dec.), appointing as executors and residuary legatees his loving father-in-law Edward Blount and his loving mother Elizabeth Blount. Elizabeth therefore had married again. The will left £250 each to his brothers Robert and John Banckworth, and other legacies to the four children of his uncle Robert Banckworth deceased; and "unto my cosin Roger Royden fortie shillings to make him a seale ryng, with the letters R and B engraven in the inner side, to kepe in remembrance of my love to hym, and a mourning cloake and suite." His residuary estate included his share of a debt of £1000 in Wales due from his uncle Roger Royden, when it should be recovered. The will also mentions Richard's aunt Wood and her children by Mr.

Nevill.⁶² Edward Blount, Elizabeth's second husband, was a leading "stationer" in London, and published in conjunction with Isaac Jaggard in 1623 the famous "First Folio" of Shakespeare. There is a notice of him in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. He died about 1632, and Elizabeth survived him.

Dorothy married Thomas Foster the elder of Allington, described as son of Hugh Foster of Hambledon in Hampshire and 60 years of age in 1631.⁶³ His will was proved at Chester in 1636.

John Roydon the father married as his second wife Anne the widow and executrix of Edward Hughes of Holt Castle, who died in October 1592, when she was sixty-six years of age.⁶⁴

According to Holme he had another (intermediate) wife, Margaret, daughter of Morgan Broughton, by whom he had four daughters—the above-named Dorothy, Margaret, Alice and Ann. This, however, is a confusion of John of Isycod with Roger of Burton.

5. Roger Roydon, son of John, was said to be 40 years old in 1606,⁶⁵ and was therefore born about 1566. He has been mentioned above in regard to the death of his brother John and a demise by his father. He attested local charters in 1593 and 1598⁶⁶ and his signature may be seen in the record of a fine in August 1596 respecting the manor of Buglawton.⁶⁷ In the Holme pedigree he is styled "Captain." In 1601 he gave a lease of coal mines near Pentrebychan, Esclusham Above.⁶⁸ As "Roger Royden, esq.," he is named in a subsidy roll of 1606 or a little later;⁶⁹ from the "esq." it might be inferred that his father, living in 1606, had died. With the same style

Roger was assessed to the subsidy of 1620 for his lands in Holt.⁷⁰ He probably supplied the information for Vincent's pedigree in 1617, which records seven of his children. He appears to have been a good deal in debt, and having borrowed £40 from John Ames, under a bond of double the sum as usual, and being disappointed of moneys and failing to pay, his creditor at once in 1620 brought an action to recover the £80.⁷¹ He also (1618) borrowed £80 from Margaret ap John on a mortgage of some of his land.⁷² The debt of £1000 to the Bankworths has been mentioned above; and in 1624 Edward Blount and others appear to have been suing him for payment.⁷³ He died at Sutton (Isycoed) on 1 December 1629, and was buried at Holt.⁷⁴ An inquisition was taken in 1635, when it was found that he had demised his capital messuage in Sutton to Robert lord Cholmondeley for life; this was held of the king as of his manor of Bromfield and Yale by a rent of 30s. Another capital messuage and lands in Sutton and in Holt were held of the king by various rents in socage; one small parcel was held by knight's service. His heir was his son John Royden, aged 35 years at his father's death.⁷⁵

Roger married Jane daughter of Sir Thomas Powell of Horsley and Birkenhead, and by her had the above-named John (for whom see below); Thomas of Bedwall, Samuel (or Emmanuel),⁷⁶ Paulin, Roger of Bristol, James, William, Anne, Dorothy and Elizabeth. The marriage covenants between the parents, dated 1592, are enrolled on the Denbighshire Plea Roll 90, m. 21.

The son Thomas, described as of Bedwall, Pickhill, etc., comes into view in a somewhat romantic fashion. Katherine daughter of Robert Wynne the elder—Robert Wynne the

younger was his brother—was early left an orphan, and being badly treated by her guardians, according to Thomas's father, Thomas appears to have sympathised with her and they married, both being still under age,⁷⁷ under a licence dated 28 Feb. 1616-7.⁷⁸ This led to disputes between her kin and the Roydons, and in 1618 Thomas Roydon of Isycoed, gent., and Katherine his wife, sued Robert Wynne the younger, Edward Vawdrie, esq., and John Puleston for her lands in Pickhill and Sesswick. These had belonged to one Edward ap Eignus about 1560 and descended to his only daughter and heir Elizabeth, who married Roger Wynne ap John ap Richard, which Roger had lands of his own in Cobham Iscoed and Bedwall. In 1562 the tenants of the lordship made an agreement with queen Elizabeth, then seised of the lordship, for a tenure by lease renewable every 40 years, at a fixed fine. Roger Wynne took such a lease in 1573 for his own and his wife's lands. They had issue the two Roberts, and Robert the elder was affianced to Mary Vawdrey. Robert died (about 1596) when his only child, the plaintiff Katherine, was six months old; his father Roger and her mother Mary died a few months later, and Katherine fell under the guardianship of her uncle Edward Vawdrey. It was alleged that he, in confederation with Robert Wynne the younger, was endeavouring to deprive Katherine of her inheritance.⁷⁹ The plaintiffs appear to have established their claim, and in 1638 Thomas Roydon was described as of Pickhill.⁸⁰ He died before 6 May 1652, when his wife took out letters of administration to his estate.⁸¹ She died in 1658, her will being dated 16 April 1658 and proved 5 July following.⁸²

In this will she mentions her son John Roydon, presumably

her only child, and a large number of kinsfolk, including her nephew John Roydon of Isycoed the younger, her brother-in-law William Roydon of the Holt, gent., her cousins Anne wife of John Lloyd of Isycoed and Elinor Roydon the sister of Anne; also a number of Powell cousins. She wished her funeral expenses to be kept within £6, yet so that the funeral might be ordered according to decency and occasion. Her friend John Shone of Allington was made sole executor.

The Denbighshire lands seem to have been sold,⁸⁵ and the son John settled at Pulford in Cheshire, where he had a house with one hearth assessed to the tax. He became surety for one of his Powell kinsmen and in 1691 was imprisoned in Chester Castle on account of his bond. He died there in 1693.⁸⁶ He made his kinswoman Dorothy Davies (see below) his executrix but she did not prove the will till 1711.⁸⁵ He married Jane Hall of Worthenbury before 1648;⁸⁶ and on 27 April 1666 he (as John Roydon of Allington) obtained licence to marry Ellen (Elinor) Urnston of Poulton, widow. She is named as his widow.⁸⁷ No children are named in his will or otherwise recorded.

Of Thomas Roydon's brothers Emmanuel (Samuel) and Paulin, nothing is stated except that they died without issue. James is stated to have been "in the Low Countries."^{87a}

Roger, mentioned very affectionately in his cousin Richard Bankworth's will cited above, settled in Bristol and began business as a stationer.⁸⁸ He married Margerie Ware at St. Ewen's Church on 31 Dec. 1626, and by her had a numerous family—Mary, William, John, Jane (who married Robert Sloper in 1663), Anne, Roger (bapt. 1633), Robert and Hugh. The nuncupative will of William Royden of Bristol,

mariner, made in March 1673 (? 1674) while on a voyage to Virginia, gave all his goods to his brother Roger Roydon. Probably the parents were dead. The will was proved in July 1675.⁸⁹ Roger, William's father, was unfortunate in business and to some extent involved his brothers in his losses.⁹⁰ Roger the third son of Roger became a soapmaker.⁹¹ This son married Susanna Steart at St. Thomas's, Bristol, 13 May 1666, and had children—John, Roger (d. inf.), Roger, and Anne (who married Thomas Borne in 1694).⁹² Roger Roydon was buried at St. Thomas's on 4 Nov. 1682. He made no will and administration of his estate was granted to his widow Susanna,⁹³ who in 1685 married Thomas Foster. Their son Roger Roydon, described as of the city of Bristol, mariner, made his will 19 Sept. 1699; it mentions his mother as living, his brother John and his sister Anne wife of Thomas Borne. The will (proved 10 Sept. 1700) was made on the ship *Charles and Richard*, while on a voyage to Jamaica.⁹⁴

William Roydon, son of Roger of Isycoed, has been mentioned above, as of Holt in 1641 and 1658. He married Jane daughter of John Lancelot of Wrexham, by licence dated 14 Feb. 1628–9.⁹⁵ The Holme pedigree asserts that they had two children—Samuel and Margaret.

Anne Roydon of Isycoed married Richard Deane "of Wirral," who was organist at Wrexham church.⁹⁶ A John Deane was living at Bidston in 1620.⁹⁷

Dorothy Roydon married Edward Astle of Golborne Bellow. She was dead in 1638, when her husband claimed 200 marks and £100 against her brothers John and Thomas Roydon, as the portion which her father and they had promised to give her. They replied that the father's estate was insufficient to

pay legacies, and that the marriage had taken place before any agreement had been made.⁹⁸

Elizabeth Roydon, the youngest daughter, is said to have died young.

6. John Roydon of Isycoed, son of Roger, is known as the Royalist. He was born about 1593, being aged 35 at his father's death, according to the inquisition cited above; and he gave his age as 40 in a deposition made in 1633.⁹⁹ He married about 1625 Elinor daughter and heir of Edward Morris or Maurice of Lloran by Blanche his wife, and widow of her cousin Daniel, son of Hugh Morris.¹⁰⁰ In her right he had the Lloran estates and appears to have resided on them. There were many disputes, for Elinor had had issue by her first husband. She died about 1642, but a final settlement does not seem to have been reached until 1670, when Edward Maurice (son of Daniel and Elinor) secured from John Roydon [son of John and Elinor], John Hugh and Jane his wife, Robert John Reingold and Katherine his wife, messuages and lands in Lloran, etc.¹⁰¹ The various suits appear to have necessitated mortgages, and John Roydon was defendant to claims (for money due) by Elizabeth widow of Thomas Higgons, D.D. (d. 1636), among others.¹⁰²

In addition to these troubles his estates were during the Civil War sequestered by the Parliament on the ground that he had been in arms against the Parliament. He petitioned for leave to compound on 26 April 1646, subscribed the Covenant and took the Negative Oath in September, and on 15 Oct. was allowed to compound by a fine of £165 18s. He described his estate as consisting of lands in Sutton in Denbighshire worth £32 6s. a year "before these troubles,"

lands in Lloran and elsewhere held in right of his late wife of the old value of £46 ; personal estate in corn and goods, £100. His debts amounted to £700—to the heirs of Dr. Higgons £400, Mr. Whitaker £200, Sir Thomas Myddleton £50 and Mr. Jones £50. He acknowledged that "his livelihood being in Wales in the king's quarters he did assist his Majesty and was in arms in this war against the Parliament." He was also a joint lessee of lands in Resarth and Kevencoth in Montgomeryshire, but as the rent (£10) was equal to the full value he did not compound for those. Edward Morris, gent., put in his claim to the Lloran estate.¹⁰⁸

John Roydon lived to see the king's restoration, dying on 20 March 1666-7 and being buried at Holt three days later. By his wife Elinor he had nine children—John (see below), Morris, Charles, Richard and Arthur, sons ; Anne, Jane, Dorothy and Eleanor, daughters.

Morris (or Maurice) Roydon, the second son, is said to have settled in Wolverhampton.

Charles Roydon became a lieutenant in the Navy. He had been a sailor, and in 1663, enticed "by the fair promises of John Jenkyns of St. Giles's, Cripplegate in London, buttonmaker, and Martha his wife," he married their daughter Margaret, and took a house in Blackfriars, where his wife traded as a button-seller. In November 1664 Captain Thomas Penrose of the *Monk* persuaded him to give up his house and go to sea again as his lieutenant, Jenkyns promising to take care of his wife and child, and dispose of the household goods. This he did, but kept the money and afterwards importuned his son-in-law for money, alleging the slackness of trade resulting from the great Plague of 1665. He advanced Jenkyns several sums,

but in 1667 complained that he could not obtain repayment.¹⁰⁴ Jenkyns had promised £110 as his daughter's marriage portion.¹⁰⁵ Children of Charles and Margaret Roydon were baptized, etc., at Christ Church, Newgate Street, between 1673 and 1679. Afterwards Charles settled down at Weston Cotton, Shropshire, where his wife died in 1681 (in childbed) and where in 1684-5 he was sued by Jane and Alice Maurice, daughters of Theodore Maurice, gent., of Kevernhire in Denbighshire, in respect to some land called Forest, which they had sold to William earl of Powys and he to Charles Roydon.¹⁰⁶ This land Charles mentions in his will (1687), which shows that he had five children living—John, Charles, Richard, Eleanor and Margaret. A Katherine daughter of Charles Roydon was baptized at Holt 26 Dec. 1669; buried 5 April 1673. Charles the son was a minor in August 1687, when he was in the guardianship of Martha Jenkins, widow, his grandmother.¹⁰⁷ In this will Charles speaks of his "well beloved friends" John Roydon of Poulton and Charles Roydon of Holt; John's career has been noticed above, and Charles was probably the testator's nephew (see below).

Richard also went to sea and died while serving in the *Monk*, unmarried; administration of his goods was granted to his brother Charles on 11 Dec. 1666.¹⁰⁸ Of Arthur nothing is known, nor of the daughters Jane and Dorothy. The second daughter, Anne, married John Lloyd of Isycoed; and the third daughter, Eleanor, is said to have married Richard Freckingham of London.

7. John Roydon, son of the royalist, had a very brief tenure of the estate, being buried at Holt 4 Sept. 1670, three and a half years after his father. He was put in possession of part of the Lloran estates before 1651,¹⁰⁹ when Edward Morris was

claiming ; as stated above he finally surrendered them in 1670, not long before his death. He is mentioned in 1658 in the will of Katherine Roydon of Bedwall (above), and in 1668 transferred some land to Jerome Hanner, gent.¹¹⁰ In his will of 31 August 1670 he described himself as of Isycoed, esq., and gave lands to his eldest son John, reserving one portion called Y Ddol-issa for a son Charles, but these lands were charged with the payment of £1200 for portions for younger children—Katherine, Frances, Dorothy and Charles. Bequests were also made to nieces Ellinor and Katherine Roydon,¹¹¹ and to others. The executors were his friend John Mathews, esq., his wife Mary and his son John ; and the will was duly proved by Mathews 1 December 1671.¹¹² The wife was a daughter of Jerome Hanner of Kenwick in Shropshire ; she died in 1672.

For the son John see below. His brother Charles married Elizabeth daughter of William Speed of Holt at Tarvin on 8 Oct. 1674 ;¹¹³ he was buried at Holt 2 Oct. 1686, leaving six children, whose baptisms are thus recorded in the registers of Holt : Charles, 14 Sept. 1675 ; Mary, 26 Feb. 1676-7 ; John, 3 March 1678-9 (buried 12 July 1679) ; Roger, 3 Aug. 1680 ; Elizabeth, 28 July 1682 ; and Dorothy, 2 Jan. 1686-7.

Katherine married Richard Lloyd of Llwyn-y-Maen at Holt, 9 Sept. 1671. She died 4 August 1675, and was buried at Oswestry next day.

Frances remained unmarried.

Dorothy married Thomas Davies of Ifon in Shropshire, and died 15 March 1736-7, aged 77, according to the inscription on a brass in Wrexham church, where she was buried. She has been mentioned above as executrix of the will of the John Roydon who died in Chester Castle in 1693.

Some years after Katherine's death, namely in 1680, the other children brought an action against the executor, claiming their legacies. Charles acted for himself and his sisters Frances and Dorothy, who were still under age. Mathews replied by giving particulars of his management of the estate.¹¹⁴

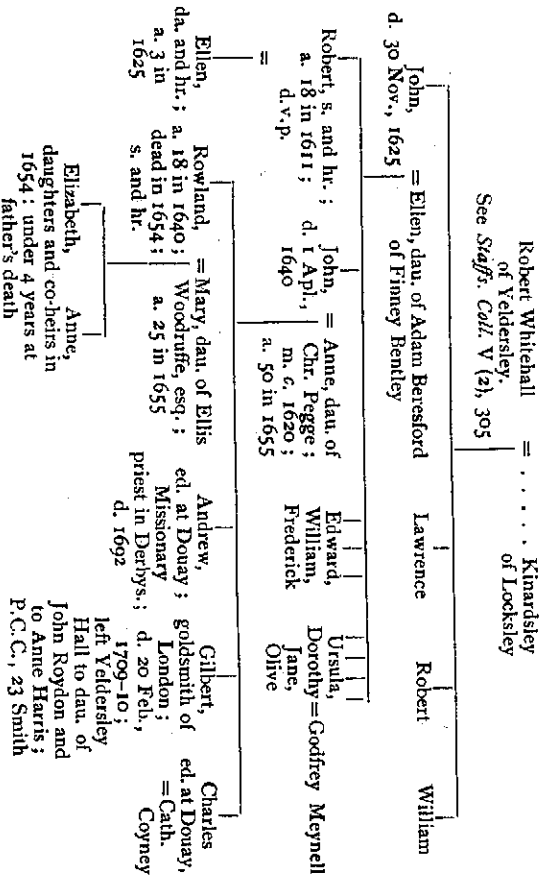
Dorothy, while still unmarried, in 1699 brought a complaint against her nephew John Roydon, regarding the payment of a mortgage.¹¹⁵

WHITEHALL OF YELDERSLEY

Arms.—Arg. a fesse chequy gu. and sa. between 3 helmets az.

From Derbyshire Visit. of 1611 (Harl. 1537, f. 1046), Ings. p.m.,

Proceed. Com. of Compounding, Wills, etc.



8. John Roydon was still under age when his father died, and died himself in June or July, 1677, intestate. He was

sheriff of Flintshire for part of the year 1676-7, the only member of his family to fill that position. He was twice married: (1) to Elizabeth, daughter of Rowland Whitehall, who was buried at Holt 15 Feb. 1674-5; and (2) to Mary Ball, daughter of — Ball of Penley, at Holt on 27 March 1676. The former wife was of Yeldersley in Derbyshire and had a sister Anne married to Richard Harris, and it was to Harris that administration of the estate was granted, 18 August 1677. The Harris also had the guardianship of the infant son, as appeared natural in the circumstances.

By the second marriage there was a daughter Elizabeth, who married William Higginson of Warrington at Holy Trinity, Chester, on 5 Feb. 1696-7, and left issue.

9. John Roydon, the son and heir, was born 20 August 1673, and therefore barely four years old at his father's death. Disputes soon arose. On 24 May 1678 a petition was presented in Chancery by Robert Edwards and Jane Webb, widow, acting in the name of John Roydon of Isycoed, aged 4 years, which stated that the father John Roydon three years previously held an estate of £300 a year and settled the same for the benefit of his wife (the infant's mother), who had brought with her a portion of £2000. The mother died soon afterwards and her child was sent to the care of the Harris at Aston in Shropshire. The father afterwards married again and then wanted his son back again, but there was some delay, and the father dying suddenly, the child remained in their care, Richard Harris acting as guardian and mismanaging the estate (so it was alleged). The petitioner Jane Webb had had the charge of the infant's mother, had preserved her fortune and "converted her from Popery to the Protestant religion." Harris

had declared that he would marry the heir to his own daughter as soon as he should be of age to consent. The petitioners requested that Harris might be required to give an account of his dealings with the estate and provide security for the future.¹¹⁶ The Harrises in their reply alleged that they had made arrangements with a substantial Cheshire farmer for the letting of the house and lands. They believed the petitioners were relatives of the mother of the child, "Mr. Edwards being a clergyman having many children and but a small temporal estate, and Mrs. Webb keeping an apothecary's shop."¹¹⁷

John Roydon matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, on 18 July 1691, aged 17, but did not take a degree. In January 1695-6 he married at Gresford Jane Robinson (born 1673), one of the daughters of Col. John Robinson of Gwersyllt. She bore him a daughter Jane, who was baptized at Holt 14 June 1698. John Roydon made his will 21 December 1699, and died at Shrewsbury soon afterwards, being buried at St. Alkmund's there on 27 December. His widow was buried at Gresford 27 Sept. 1712. By the will he made his brother-in-law William Robinson of Gwersyllt executor, left £20 to his sister [half-sister] Elizabeth Higginson and £10 to the poor of Holt. He also left money for rings to his uncle and aunt Harris and their six children and to Thomas Lyster the elder of Shrewsbury.¹¹⁸

10. Jane Roydon, the daughter and heir of John, succeeded to a much encumbered estate, worth about £160 a year, and also inherited Yeldersley Hall in Derbyshire from a kinsman Gilbert Whitehall. She married Robert Hughes of Trostreynear Usk, son of Charles and grandson of a Charles Hughes, who had been an active Royalist in the Civil Wars, his elder

brother Thomas being equally zealous for the Parliament. These two were the sons of Thomas Hughes of Matherne near Chepstow, which was the ancient seat of the family. Trostreigh was the inheritance of Jane Jones, wife of Charles. Robert Hughes, who was a minor at his father's death, became a gentleman commoner of Christ Church, Oxford, in 1717 and entered the Middle Temple in 1716, but settled early on the paternal estate. He "was particularly beloved in the county [of Monmouth], and was therefore fixed on as a candidate for its representation [in Parliament] in opposition to the powerful interest of the Morgan family. He was unsuccessful, though by a small majority. The estate having been somewhat injured by this contest, and still more by the imprudences of the eldest son, was sold to Valentine Morris, esq., of Piercefield."¹¹⁹ The Morgans were Whigs.

Robert Hughes married Jane Roydon at Gresford on 9 Sept. 1721. He died at Bath in 1739, aged only 38, and was buried at Trostreigh. His widow afterwards resided in London, where she died 31 March 1759, aged 59, and was buried at St. Marylebone. There were seven children of the marriage :

- (1) Charles, the eldest son, proved idle and extravagant, and the estate, heavily mortgaged, was sold as above stated. He entered the army and died of a fever at the siege of Pondicherry in the East Indies in 1762, aged 37.
- (2) John Roydon went into the army and rose rapidly. He fought at Le Val and Fontenoy and also at Culloden, but died of the smallpox at Dundee in 1750, aged 25.
- (3) Robert died in childhood and was buried at Trostreigh.
- (4) Thomas, born at Trostreigh 21 Oct. 1732, became a

lawyer and settled in Cheltenham where he was partner with Mr. Delabere. He married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Henry Bridges of Keynsham Abbey, Somerset; and his descendants are the present representatives of the family.

Jane, Elizabeth and Charlotte, the three daughters, died unmarried at Bath and were buried at Weston.¹²⁰

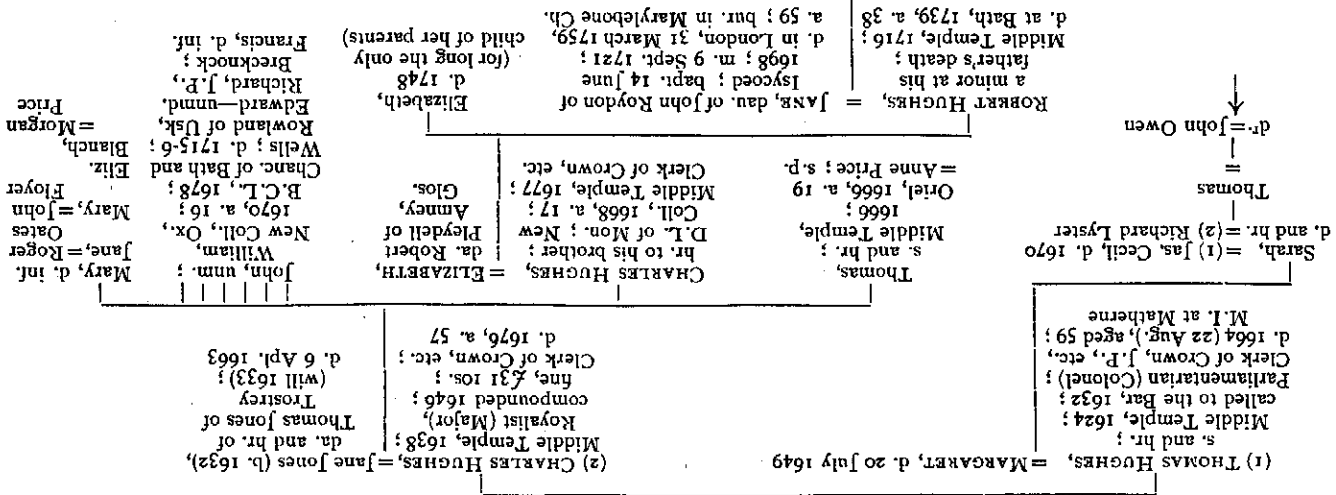
The arms used by the Roydons of Isycoed were: *Azure*, three roebucks' heads erased in bend *or*. These are shown in Vincent's pedigree dated 1617 (see p. 164) and appear on the house formerly known as Roydon Hall in Isycoed, but now called locally Roden's Hall. It should be noted that in the Llyfr Silin pedigree and in *Powys Fadog* the field is given as *Vert* not azure; also that the posture of the heads is varied, apparently at the will of the artist. In Vincent's shield they are shown bendwise in bend, but on the shield on the house, in *Powys Fadog*, and in the "Erdswick" drawing (p. 176 above) palewise in bend. The house shield adds a mullet, as if for difference, and *Powys Fadog* a cinquefoil, following Llyfr Silin. The arms suggest a forestership or such an office as John the serjeant-at-arms had held at Windsor; but they may be "arms of affection" suggested by those of Stanley, and adopted while the lordship of Bromfield was in the possession of Sir William Stanley (1484-1495). The arms were seen in a window in the "Roydon Aisle" of Holt church in 1807.¹²¹

Mr. A. N. Palmer wrote: "The only time I ever passed Roydon Hall an old labourer accosted me and asked whether I knew why the house was called 'Rideon.' I asked him to tell me; whereupon he said that when Cromwell took Holt Castle (which he never did) he ordered some of his men to *ride on* and take that house, which ever after was called 'Ride-on Hall.'"

PEDIGREE OF HUGHES OF MATHERNE AND TROSTREY

Arms.—Sable, a chevron between 3 fleurs de lis argent.

THOMAS HUGHES * of Moynes' Court = ELIZABETH, d. 1629
in Matherne, near Chepstow; d. 1624



NOTES

- ¹ Burton Court Rolls (at Eaton Hall), 10 Sept. 1453.
- ² Ministers' Accts. 5001, 5009.
- ³ Court Rolls (P.R.O.), 226/34.
- ⁴ Court Rolls 226/37.
- ⁵ Ministers' Accts. 1235/20.
- ⁶ Ministers' Accts. 1865.
- ⁷ Ministers' Accts. 1656.
- ⁸ *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1476-85, p. 19.
- ⁹ Chester Plea R. 199, m. 19.
- ¹⁰ P.C.C., 33 Bennett.
- ¹¹ Rentals and Surveys (P.R.O.), port. 17/90. He had a fee of £10 a year.
- ¹² Chester Plea R. 239, under Essoins (Lent).
- ¹³ Ministers' Accts. 1235/20.
- ¹⁴ Rental of 1459-60; an early interlineation, f. 18.
- ¹⁵ This is stated in the pardon of Henry VIII, cited in text below.
- ¹⁶ *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1476-85, pp. 249, 253. Broken Wharf, near Paul's Wharf, denoted a London mansion of the Mowbrays.
- ¹⁷ *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1485-94, p. 21.
- ¹⁸ *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1485-94, p. 335. This office he resigned in June 1511.
- ¹⁹ He is described as "of Windsor" in the pardons.
- ²⁰ Dep. Keeper's *Report* xxvi, app. 2, p. 28; Chester Recognisance Rolls (in *Rep.* xxxvii, p. 630). A new grant appears to have been made in 1502; Ministers' Accts. 1587. In this Randle Breton was appointed his deputy.
- ²¹ Chester Recog. Rolls in Dep. Keeper's *Report*, xxxix.
- ²² P.C.C. 27 Felplace.
- ²³ Ministers' Accts. 4997, 4998.
- ²⁴ Ministers' Accts. 5001, 5005, under Burton.
- ²⁵ *Letters and Papers Henry VIII*, i, (1), 12.
- ²⁶ *Ibid.* p. 42.
- ²⁷ *Cal. Patent Rolls* 1494-1509, p. 516; *Letters and Papers Henry VIII*, i, (1), 236.
- ²⁸ *Letters and Papers*, i, (2), 1100.
- ²⁹ Court of Requests, bdle. 17, n. 60; *Alford v. Alford*.
- ³⁰ Harleian Soc.
- ³¹ Ministers' Accts. 5000, 5001, 5005. A writ of 9 April 1518 is referred to, at which time the younger John would probably be 21 years of age.
- ³² Ministers' Accts. 5009.
- ³³ Ministers' Accts. 5020.
- ³⁴ Land Revenue Misc. Books, 249. Notes of these surveys are printed in the late A. N. Palmer's account of Holt in *Arch. Cambrensis*, 1906-10.
- ³⁵ Land Revenue Misc. Books, 234. In Holt John Rodon held a messuage,

2 burgages and land, paying 52s. 7d. a year to the lord ; and in Gresford 12 messuages at a rent of 22s. 3d.

³⁶ Lay Subsidies, 220/183.

³⁷ Chester Plea Roll 280, m. 12*d*.

³⁸ Denbigh Plea Rolls, 39, 40.

³⁹ Denbigh Plea Roll 21. The roll is much decayed, and the case cannot be made out fully. There is a fine initial P at the head of this roll.

⁴⁰ She is called Maud in *Pewys Fadog*, iii. 19.

⁴¹ John Roydon (brother of Elizabeth) was in 1583 a feoffee of John Davies, gent., in Eritisham ; Denbigh Plea R. 66.

⁴² *Pewys Fadog*, iii. 93. This Edward is described as son of a man living in 1450 and as having a great-grandson who died in 1598. See also *Shropshire Visitation* (Harl. Soc.), 67.

⁴³ Note by A. N. Palmer, who refers to depositions seen by him.

⁴⁴ Denbigh Plea R. 40.

⁴⁵ Denbigh Plea R. 44.

⁴⁶ Denbigh Plea R. 52, m. 15*d*.

⁴⁷ Denbigh Plea R. 57.

⁴⁸ Denbigh Plea R. 76.

⁴⁹ Chancery Deps. Eliz. to Charles, R. 3/7.

⁵⁰ Denbigh Plea R. 84, m. 5*d*.

⁵¹ Exchequer Bills and Answers, Eliz., Denbigh, n. 81.

⁵² Note by A. N. Palmer.

⁵³ Denbigh Plea Roll 61.

⁵⁴ *Reg. Univ. Oxon.* (Oxford Hist. Soc.), ii. 170.

⁵⁵ Denbigh Plea R. 90, m. 13.

⁵⁶ Denbigh Plea Roll 84, m. 10*d*. Roger Roydon prosecuted as "brother and heir," though the father was living and one of the pledges to prosecute.

⁵⁷ Patent Roll 1423 (36 Eliz., pt. 19), m. 24.

⁵⁸ Commissary Court of London, Act Book 1604-18, f. 172*d*.

⁵⁹ P.C.C. Admon. Book, 1613.

⁶⁰ Parish register.

⁶¹ P.C.C. Admon. Book, 1614.

⁶² P.C.C., 104 Dale.

⁶³ Harl. MS. 2146, f. 11.

⁶⁴ Exchequer Bills and Answers, Eliz., Denbigh, n. 85 ; a complaint made in 1598 by Christopher Hughes, son and heir of Edward. *Ibid.* n. 96 ; a complaint by John Royden of Holt, esq., and Anne his wife in 1601, about money owing by Hughes to Thomas Crewe of Holt.

⁶⁵ Note by A. N. Palmer.

⁶⁶ Ant. Deeds (P.R.O.), A. 12606 ; Harl. MS. 2020, f. 61*d*.

⁶⁷ Cheshire Fines, bdle. 98.

- ⁶⁸ Note by A. N. Palmer.
- ⁶⁹ Lay Subsidies 221/201.
- ⁷⁰ Lay Subsidies 220/194.
- ⁷¹ Chancery Proc., Chas. I., R. 49/25.
- ⁷² Chancery Proc., Chas. I., R. 61/59, R. 55/8.
- ⁷³ Chancery Proc., Ser. II., 333/25. Roger's wife Jane, and their sons John and Thomas are named.
- ⁷⁴ In the Holt transcripts at Chester the burial date is given as 12 Oct.
- ⁷⁵ Chanc. Inq. p.m., Ser. II., 526, n. 36.
- ⁷⁶ Emmanuel is the name in Vincent. It was so at first in the Holme pedigree, but is altered to Samuel.
- ⁷⁷ Chanc. Proc., Charles I., Fragments : — v. Roydon.
- ⁷⁸ *Chester Marriage Lic.* (Rec. Soc. Lancs. and Ches.), ii. 27.
- ⁷⁹ Exchequer Bills and Answers, James I., Denbigh, n. 195.
- ⁸⁰ Chanc. Proc., Charles I., A. 13/59.
- ⁸¹ P.C.C. Admon. Bk. 1652, f. 83.
- ⁸² P.C.C. 390 Wotton.
- ⁸³ See Fines in Denb. Plea Rolls 182 and 185.
- ⁸⁴ Chanc. Proc. 1714-58, 2634/9.
- ⁸⁵ P.C.C. 266 Young. The legacies are chiefly to the Powells. The Roydons mentioned are : my cousin Margaret Roydon, £5 ; my loving cousin Dorothy Roydon (the executrix), £100 ; and the children of my cousin Charles Roydon of Holt, deceased, 40s. each.
- ⁸⁶ Chanc. Proc., Chas. I., R. 49/42.
- ⁸⁷ Chanc. Proc., 1714-58, 2634/9.
- ^{87a} In the Easter roll of Hope, Derbs. (under Wardlow) for 1638 occurs James Roydon, soldier. Samuel son of Roger Roydon was baptized at Holt 20 June, 1600 ; Transcripts.
- ⁸⁸ Chanc. Proc., Chas. I., R. 24/61. A trade complaint relating to " many years before 1632." Also Chanc. Proc. before 1714, Hamilton 293/111.
- ⁸⁹ Will in the Probate Registry at Bristol.
- ⁹⁰ Close R. 18 Chas. I., pt. 1, n. 24. Roger (bankrupt in 1641) had lands in Holt parish occupied by William Royden, gent., and Thomas Royden.
- ⁹¹ Chanc. Proc. before 1714, Hamilton 95/18.
- ⁹² *Powys Fodog*, and Harl. MS. 1971, f. 65d.
- ⁹³ P.C.C. Admon. Bk. 1682, 22 Nov.
- ⁹⁴ P.C.C., 44 Noel. Also at Jamaica.
- ⁹⁵ *Chester Marriage Lic.* (Rec. Soc. Lancs. and Ches.), iii. 149.
- ⁹⁶ A. N. Palmer, *Wyrexham Church*, 222.
- ⁹⁷ Lay Subsidies 85/112.
- ⁹⁸ Chanc. Proceedings Chas. I., A. 13/59. Edward Astle was described as " esquire " in the subsidy roll of 1641 ; Lay Subsidies 85/131.

- ⁹⁹ Chanc. Depositions, Eliz.-Chas. I, E. 18/12.
¹⁰⁰ Chanc. Proc., Bills and Answers, before 1714; Collins 103, Mitford 122/148, and Hamilton 294/9; Roydon *v.* Maurice. This gives most of the details in the text. Edward Morris, father of Elinor, died about 1597. See also Chanc. Proc., Series II., 459/71.
¹⁰¹ Denbigh Fines.
¹⁰² Chanc. Proc., before 1714; Bridges 499/29.
¹⁰³ Committee of Compounding, C. 189, pp. 430-440.
¹⁰⁴ Chanc. Proc., before 1714; Bridges 628/13; Royden *v.* Jenkyns, 1667.
¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.* Bridges 425/66A: Jenkins *v.* Roydon (1666-7).
¹⁰⁶ Exchequer Bills and Answers, 2 James II., Denbigh n. 4.
¹⁰⁷ P.C.C., 108 Foot.
¹⁰⁸ P.C.C., Admon. Book, 1666, f. 230d.
¹⁰⁹ Chanc. Proc., Series II., 459/71.
¹¹⁰ Recovery, Chester, Sept. 20 Chas. II.
¹¹¹ Daughters of his brother Charles; Katherine may have died before her father.
¹¹² P.C.C., 147 Duke.
¹¹³ By licence of 6 Oct.
¹¹⁴ Chanc. Proc., before 1714; Collins 247; Bridges 451.
¹¹⁵ Chanc. Proc., before 1714; Collins 551/34.
¹¹⁶ Chanc. Proc., before 1714; Collins 605/127.
¹¹⁷ *Ibid.* Bridges 92/63.
¹¹⁸ Will in St. Asaph Registry.
¹¹⁹ David Williams, *Hist. of Monmouthshire* (1796), appx. 162.
¹²⁰ Information supplied by Mr. Thomas Bridges Hughes of Lelant.
¹²¹ *Ibid.* (a note by his grandfather, who visited the church at that date).

APPENDIX

WILL OF WILLIAM RODON, CLERK

P.C.C., 33 Bennett

(Original in Latin.)

In the name of God, Amen. 24 June 1506. I William Rodon, clerk, rector of Gresford, being of sound mind and memory, ordain my last will as follows. In the first place I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, Blessed Mary and all the Saints, and my body to be buried in Gresford church, bequeathing to this church £10 for making a window in which shall be

painted the story of St. Anthony. I leave to Anthony Byrne, son of Ralph Byrne, a breviary, an amice and a surplice, which are to remain in the custody of Nicholas Manley of Pulton, gentleman, and to be given to Anthony as soon as he shall have received holy orders. But if he does not enter holy orders the breviary, amice etc., are to remain to Lancelot Rodon son of *dominus* John Rodon under like condition, that if he does not receive holy orders the things aforesaid shall be divided equally between the sons and daughters of Ralph Byrne. I give to William Yollyn my godson, son of Thomas Yollyn, two cows. I give to Margaret Coryer my servant a silver salt-cellar, twelve silver spoons, a silver cup, a feather bed, a quilt and bed-covering, three coverlets and all my linen sheets. I also give her a silver cup with silver cover and a silver salt-cellar which are in Nicholas Manley's keeping, so that she pay him £8. I give her also a grey horse, two weaned calves, a hundred sheep and four oxen ; also five cows and four calves which are in John Aldford's keeping. I also give her all my brass pans and plates, my glass (? *electrea*) vessels, and my wooden dishes with the little lead one. Also I give her a tenement near the rectory house now occupied by her, which I bought from Matthew Says, with all appurtenances, to be held by her for life. After her death this tenement shall remain to the parish church of Gresford on these conditions : that on some Friday each year a Mass of the Name of Jesus shall be celebrated there for the souls of me and my kinsfolk. I also give to the said Margaret all ornaments belonging to her body. The rest of my goods, after my debts have been paid, I leave to the said Margaret Coryere my servant, Richard Chomley, esquire, and the said Nicholas Manley of Pulton, whom I make my executors, to dispose of the same for the good of my soul as they may deem fitting and pleasing to God. In witness whereof I have affixed my seal on the day and year named. These being witnesses : John Rodon, gentleman, son of William Rodon,

John ap Madoc Vichan, Richard Monyng, rector of Pulford, William Lauton, chaplain, Thomas Prestlond, Ranulph Batha and Ralph Ducworth, chaplain, and many others.

Proved 6 November 1510 by Margaret the executrix named.

WILL OF JOHN RODON, SERJEANT-AT-ARMS TO
HENRY VIII.

P.C.C., 27 Fetiplace

Dated 6 March 1512-3; proved 8 Nov. 1513. All his copy lands and tenements of fee simple in Bromfield, except copy lands in Wrexham, in trust to his wife Rose, his sister Katherine Rodon, John ap Iolyn goch, and Thomas Prestlond, for the behoof of his son John Rodon and Maud his wife, and testator's daughters unmarried, finding them in meat, drink, clothing and all other necessary things, till the said John Rodon should be 20 years of age, and so long as the said daughters should remain in the keeping of Rose their mother and Katherine testator's sister, "yf so be the seid Rose their mother lyve continent in her widohode"; otherwise the lands to be controlled by the said Katherine, John and Thomas to the use "of the seid John Rodon and his wiff and other ther children not married duryng the yeris aforesaid." The copy lands and tenements of which testator's son John and his feoffees John ap Iolyn goch and Thomas ap Iolyn goch were in possession should remain to the use of his son John, under the supervision of his guardians, till he should be 20 years old. All testator's other lands, rights and claims to remain to his son John and heirs for ever, saving those above excepted. To Maud Rodon, wedded wife to his son John, all his lands and tenements in Wrexham for life, and after her death to his own heirs, if the son should die before coming into possession. Testator's daughters, Elizabeth, Sibyl and Katherine Rodon, to have 40 marks apiece, to be levied out of the farm of the parsonage of

Gresford from the first profits accruing after his decease from the tithes of Isycoed and the Holt; the residue to be paid out of the benefice of Gresford, when due. To Margaret Sutton, Elenor Sutton and Anne Bruen £10 each from the benefice of Gresford; should any of them die before marriage, her £10 to be divided between the other two. To Katherine, testator's sister, £4 a year out of the farm of Gresford parsonage during the term held by testator or his executors. To John ap Iolyn goch and Thomas Prestlond 6s. 8d. a year for six years for their trouble concerning this will.

All obligations and writings that the testator had upon Sir Antony Bruyn, parson of Gresford, to remain in the disposition of his son John Rodon, his sister Katherine Rodon and his wife Rose, "yf she take the mantell and ryng" [*i.e.* bind herself by a vow of perpetual widowhood] for the performance of the testament. And if the said parson suffer the will to be performed without let or vexation, then all writings and obligations in which Sir Antony was bound to testator, except those in respect of the free chapel of Holt Castle, to be void; otherwise, to remain in full strength. And if his wife Rose take the mantle and ring immediately after testator's decease, she should have a third part of his land for life and 10 marks a year from the profits of Gresford parsonage while the lease endured, or else 10 marks a year for life from the free chapel of the Holt; and afterwards to remain to his son John.

A virtuous priest to sing for testator's soul in the church of Gresford or of Holt, according to the place where his body should lie, for two years after his decease; and three trentals of St. Gregory to be said for his soul so soon as so many priests might be got, in Chester or elsewhere. The priest that should sing for his soul to have 8 marks a year during the said term of two years.

All testator's goods and raiment to his son John Rodon should he live to the age aforesaid; otherwise to testator's

daughters. To Leonard Bruyn 4 nobles a year for four years. To John Sutton "a gestron, a salet, a paire of splyntes, a standart fowle and flangkard and xjs of money." And "I woll that my executours shal by a yerde and a quarter of velvet to make All Hallowes a coote, and paie for the making." All residue to son John, but to remain in the executors' hands until John be 20 years old; meantime the son is "to have all necessarie thynges for him towards his scole and other fynding necessary for him," otherwise to testator's daughters. Testator's house in Gresford to be built upon the hill there as the executors should think best.

The executors were to see that his wife received 20 marks a year from all sources, his lands and the benefice of Gresford, and a deed was to be executed securing to her £10 a year from his lands held in fee simple. But should she refuse to take the mantle and ring, "she shall have no maner of favour doone to hir in landes nor in goodes but that moost nedes be hadde and the lawe shall gyve"; and then the sister Katherine should have the guiding and rule of all the children till the daughters be married and the son attain 20 years of age.

The testator also bequeathed £10 when the steeple should be made at Gresford to have prayers for the souls of his brother Sir William Rodon, his father and mother and himself. The son John was to have all his complete harness, and all other harness, mail, swords, bills and crossbows, to be delivered when John should reach 20.

Executors: John Rodon the son, Rose the wife "yf she take the mantell and ryng and elles not," John ap Iolyn goch and Thomas Prestland. Overseers: Jenkyn Aldford, Thomas ap Iolyn goch, Lancelot Lowther, John Rodon of Burton and John ap Madoc vychan. Chief overseer: my lord Lile. Witnesses: Sir John Holtford, vicar of Gresford, Sir Richard Vaughan chaplain there, David ap Madoc ap Iolyn, David ap Madoc ap Ievan ap David and Thomas ap Iolyn goch.

III

RODON OR ROYDON OF BURTON, NR. GRESFORD

1. WILLIAM RODON was, according to the Llyfr Silin, known as "the Red Receiver." He was the lord's receiver of rents etc., for the lordship of Bromfield and Yale from 1447¹ at latest, and about 1472 had John Luter associated with him.² He was also the escheator of the county of Flint from 29 September 1445³ down to 1460, when Henry VI. was deposed;⁴ from 1450 onwards he had John Massy as his assistant.⁵ The two offices must have made him a prominent personage in the district, so that he may be identified with the "Sir Rodon of Kent" who married Agnes daughter of Madoc Llwyd of Maelor Saesneg by his second wife.⁶ The offices were probably lucrative also, and he certainly acquired a considerable estate in Burton, Holt, Isycoed and Wrexham, as may be seen in the rental of 1459-60.⁷ In this record his name is in many cases written over the name of the tenant at that time, but apparently by the same clerk, so that he must have acquired these properties rather later than the date of the book. In 1454 he became tenant of land in Burton for 61 years at a rent of £6 13s. 4d.⁸ His tenements in Holt in 1459-60 were held by a rent of 25s. 6d. (f. 5); at Isycoed he succeeded, after that

year, to the lands then held by the heirs of Griffith ap Jevan ap Eden ap David (ff. 9-37). He was still living in 1473 when he was plaintiff in the Chester court,⁹ and in 1479 when with two others he entered into a recognizance of debt there.¹⁰

He was perhaps married twice, as instead of the above Agnes, the Llyfr Silin says he married Alice sister of "old Sir Peter Dutton of Hatton." This Peter (d. 1503) was not a knight and was the son of John Dutton of Hatton,¹¹ with whom William certainly had some connection; for in June 1457 William Rodon surrendered lands in the manor of Burton to J. Dutton and others,¹² and in 1458 and later John Stevyn is found claiming a debt against William Rodon of Holt in Bromfield, gent., and John Dutton of Hatton, esq., under a bond dated 12 August 1456.¹³ According to the Llyfr Silin he had by Alice a son John and some daughters.

2. John Rodon, gent., son of William Rodon, was one of the witnesses to the will of the rector of Gresford in 1506.¹⁴ He was bailiff of Wrexham in 1498¹⁵ and collector of Holt in 1501,¹⁶ but does not seem to have held any prominent office. In the Holme pedigree he is styled "of Talwyn" or "The Talwrn in Burton. He frequently occurs in the interlineations and later marginal corrections of the rental of 1459-60, showing that he added to his estates; and in a considerable number of these alterations Sir Edward Hanmer is joined with him. John is stated to have married Margaret daughter of Richard Hanmer of Bettisfield, which may explain the association. As "John Rodon of Burton" he was nominated as an overseer of the will of his namesake the serjeant-at-arms in 1513.¹⁷ According to the Llyfr Silin he left a son William and a daughter. It has

been suggested above that this daughter was the Elizabeth who married Edward Brereton of Borrass.¹⁸

3. William Rodon was born about 1490, for he gave his age as 40 in making a deposition in 1531.¹⁹ He was a juror in 1541 and 1544.²⁰ His possessions are recorded in Tiddlerley's Survey made about 1546.²¹ In Burton he held freehold land by a rent of 43s. 6½d., leasehold by rents amounting to 43s. 7d. and land at will by 9s. rent (ff. 171, 177, 184*d*). Nothing is entered for him in Holt, but in Ruabon and in Wrexham he had lands paying 3s. 10½d. and 19s. 5d. respectively (ff. 37, 73*d*); in Isycoed his land paid 40s. 1½d. rent, while he held another parcel for a term at 7d. rent (ff. 154, 160). He had small parcels also at Eglwsegle and Esclusham. He married Katherine daughter of John Almour (or Almer), a king's serjeant, and by her had three sons and four daughters: Roger (see below), John (s.p.), and Ralph (s.p.); Alice, who married Thomas Bellot; Ellen, who married (1) Roger Wynn and (2) Randle Trevor; Jane, who married Thomas Trafford of Bridge Trafford;²² and Margaret, who married Humphrey David.

4. Roger Roydon has left little trace of himself on the records. In October 1543 Thomas Barrow of Chester claimed a debt against Roger Roydon of Gresford, yeoman, and John Roydon of Holt; these are probably the sons of William.²³ Roger Roydon of Burton, gent., became bound in 1552 for the performance of certain duties.²⁴ He married 26 June 1547 at Shocklach Margaret Broughton. His tenure was not of long duration, for he died at Burton 27 Sept. 1561, leaving four daughters as heirs: Margaret (aged 13), Dorothy (11), Alice (9), and Anne (7). His lands lay in Burton, Acton,

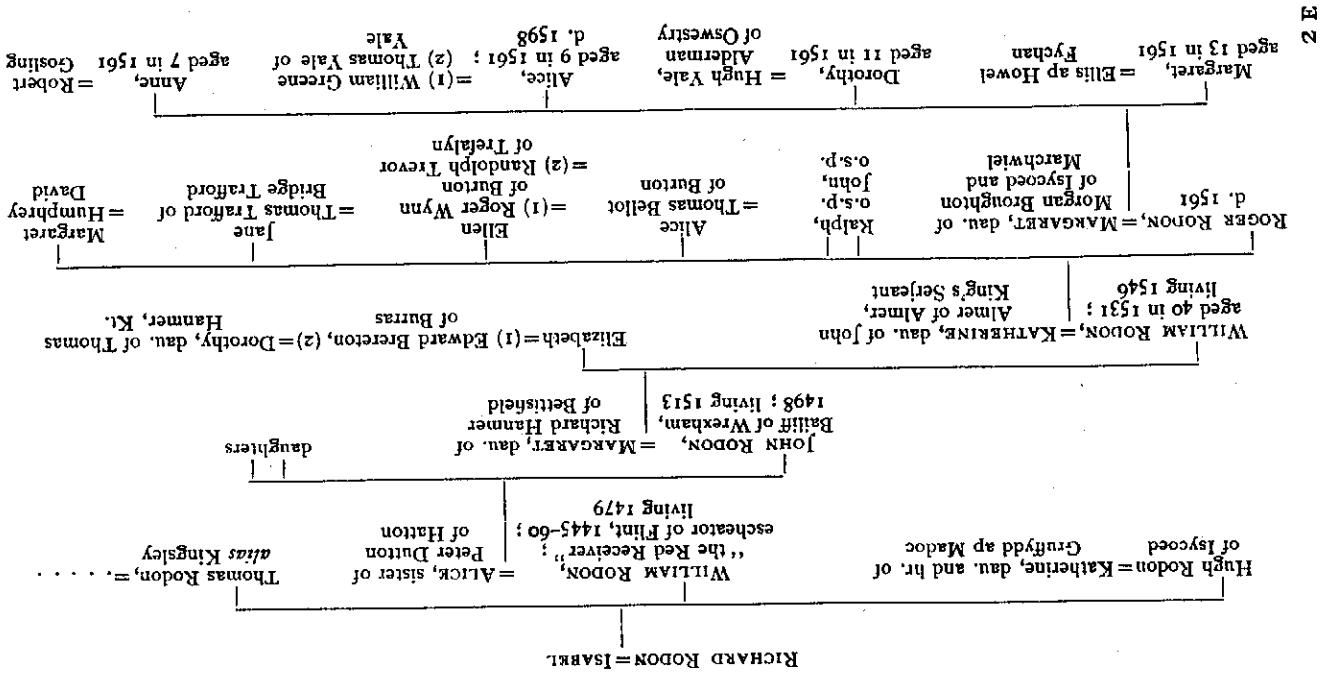
Sutton, Caca Dutton, Abymbury, Dutton Diffaeth, Dutton Ybrain and Boras Hova. A small part of the land in Burton was held of the queen by knight's service, viz. by the fifth part of a fee.²⁵

Roger's will, dated 11 Aug. 1561, and proved 16 Feb. 1563-4, gave his wife Margaret the use of his lands in Burton etc., so that she might save harmless his cousin Owen Breton, esq.,²⁶ and his brother-in-law Roger Wynne, gent.; she was to remain unmarried and "bring up his daughters in learning." The daughters were also provided for. The widow was made sole executrix; the overseers were kinsmen and friends—John Trevor, Owen Breton, esquires, William Almer (who owed £50), John Marberye, William Dymocke, and Roger Wynne (brother-in-law), gentlemen.²⁷

The widow and daughters (except Alice) are mentioned as holding lands in the Survey of 1562.²⁸ Margaret married Ellis ap Howel Fychan. Dorothy married Hugh Yale, alderman of Oswestry, and on giving evidence in 1577 said her age was about 24. She and her husband were buried at Oswestry, where there is a monument for them in the church; they gave £100 to the poor.

Alice Roydon was about 1563 married to William Greene, son of the sisters' guardian John Greene. Both parties were very young and they never lived together. As a result there was in 1577 a suit at Chester for declaration of nullity. At the time of the suit Alice was described as of the parish of Shocklach. The marriage had taken place at Holt and William was then sent to London to school. Alice sometime afterwards (about 1567) went to London to consult with her sister Dorothy, who was living in Carter Lane, London, in the house of one Metcalfe

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the queen's trumpeter. She protested that she utterly abhorred William and wished to keep away from him, and Dorothy accordingly moved her about from place to place, so that William could not know where she was. William defended the suit "because he would be glad to have her and her lands if it might be," but no more is heard of him,²⁹ and Alice married Thomas Yale, gent., at Shocklach on 24 Feb. 1578-9. She was buried at Oswestry 15 Jan. 1597-8.

Anne the youngest sister married Robert Gosling.³⁰

NOTES

¹ Ministers' Accts. (P.R.O.) 1303/9, for Holt, on behalf of the third part owned by John duke of Norfolk. The series of these accounts is imperfect, and those for the Nevill and Lenthal shares do not seem to have come into the king's hands. Rodon probably acted for all the lords.

² Ministers' Accts. 1235/16, 20, etc.

³ Chester Recognisance Rolls in Dep. Keeper's *Report* xxxvii. 626.

⁴ The Ministers' Accts. of Flintshire show that Rodon ceased to act when Edward IV. succeeded. Edward ap Howell Vaughan and others filled the office for short periods.

⁵ Ministers' Accts. 1197/5.

⁶ *Pewys Fadoz*, iii. 371.

⁷ Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 251; Burton, f. 64, 72d, etc.; Holt, f. 5; Isycoed, f. 9; Wrexham, f. 105Ad.

⁸ Ministers' Accts. 1235/3.

⁹ Chester Plea Roll 177, m. 18d.

¹⁰ Chester Recog. Roll in Dep. Keeper's *Report* xxxvii. 626.

¹¹ Ormerod, *Cheshire* (ed. Helsby), ii. 796. Agnes is not mentioned.

¹² Burton Court Rolls at Eaton Hall.

¹³ Chester Plea Roll 163, m. 33d; 164, m. 47.

¹⁴ P.C.C., 33 Bennett. See above (p. 201).

¹⁵ Rentals and Surveys (P.R.O.), portf. 17, n. 90. John Rodon was a tenant in Holt as early as 1472; Ministers' Accts. 1235/2.

¹⁶ Ministers' Accts. 1654; John Alford was his deputy.

¹⁷ P.C.C. 27 Feiplace. See above (p. 204).

¹⁸ Ormerod, *Ches.* ii. 686.

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¹⁹ Star Chamber Proc., l. f. 49.

²⁰ Denbigh Plea R. 1.

²¹ Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 249. The surname varies: Roydon, a Rodon,

^{ap} Roydon.

²² *Cheshire Wts. of 1613* (Hart. Soc.), 239, where she is called dau. of *John Rodon*.

²³ Chester Plea R. 248, m. 6, 20.

²⁴ Close R. 483 (6 Edw. VI., pt. 6), m. 44.

²⁵ Inq. p.m., Wards and Liveries, x. 72, 21.

²⁶ Descendant of Edward Breton, named above (p. 207).

²⁷ P.C.C., 5 Stevenson.

²⁸ Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 234.

²⁹ Chester Consistory Court: William Greene *v.* Alice Greene (Roidon), 1577.

³⁰ Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 234; marginal note on f. 30.

IV

ROYDON OF HOLT

1. THOMAS RODON, the third son of Richard, appears to be the Thomas who is mentioned several times in the Rental of 1459-60, Ministers' Accounts etc. In 1447 he was farmer of the tolls of Holt¹ and had recently been bailiff of the borough,² of which he was a burgess.³ About the same time (1449) he had land at Wrexham,⁴ where he was chosen as their bailiff by the English part of the inhabitants in 1467,⁵ and where he was farmer of the tolls in 1472.⁶ An indistinct memorandum in the Rental cited states that an official at Isycoed in 1457-8 misconducted himself, beating the servants of Thomas Rodon.⁷ This Rental (f. 5) records that Thomas held in Holt two burgages (rent 12d.) and various lands (rent 57s.); also lands in Burton (f. 63) and Dutton Diffaeth (f. 37). In two of his holdings he was succeeded, perhaps through a fresh lease, by John Rodon the serjeant-at-arms. His lands at Wrexham are also named (ff. 103, 105, 107*d*).

The date of his death is not known, but was probably earlier than 1487.⁸ According to Randle Holme he married Anne daughter of Thomas Crew of Holt;⁹ a Welsh pedigree gives him for wife Margaret daughter of Madoc Llwyd, sister of

Agnes named above (in Roydon of Burton).¹⁰ The succession from him is very dubious. It has already been noticed that in 1453 Richard Rodon son of Thomas Rodon surrendered to Hugh Rodon land in Almer or Hopedale.¹¹ If this Richard was *father* of Hugh it would provide a step in the pedigree, but Hugh's father was probably dead in 1448, when Isabel Rodon is mentioned by herself.¹² On the other hand if he were the *nephew* of Hugh, he must have been of age and in possession of lands of which he had power to dispose. This would prove that he could not well have been the Richard next recorded at Holt (see below), who was living in 1525. The pedigree in the Llyfr Silin is silent as to any descendants of Thomas, and so the way is left open for the discussion of the alleged Kingsley descent, which appears to have been brought forward by the Bostocks who ultimately inherited the lands of Roydon of Holt.

According to this pedigree,¹³ for which practically no corroborative or rebutting evidence has been found, a certain [? Richard] Kingsley (of the Kingsley in Cheshire family) married the daughter and heir of — Wetenhall and had two sons, one of them (Thomas) taking the name of Wetenhall and settling at Nantwich, and the other (Richard) leaving a son Thomas who took the name of Roydon and married the daughter and heir of — Lee of Lea by Backford, and whose son Richard married Anne Powell and left a daughter and heir Jane, through whom the property came to the Bostocks as will be shown below. In another version ¹⁴ of the pedigree two generations more are inserted, making the descent to be: Richard—son Richard de Kingsley of Roydon—son Thomas—son Richard—son Thomas, who married Lee. It is possible

that the Bostocks intended to make not only their own branch but all the Roydons of this district to be scions of Kingsley.

The surname Kingsley does not appear to occur at all in the Holt district, so that if there is any truth in the descent alleged the Richard Roydon now to be noticed must have abandoned the use of his family name on settling here. The supposition that he married the heiress of the above Thomas Rodon and then adopted her surname is possible ; but he may have been the male heir himself. There is no evidence.

2. Richard Rodon was collector at Holt in 1486,¹⁵ bailiff at Isycoed several times between 1515 and 1525¹⁶ and coroner of Holt in 1525.¹⁷ In this last year Richard Rodyn was fined for an unjust complaint against Thomas Cruw and Elizabeth Cruw, executrix of the will of John Cruw.¹⁸ He acquired land by Bulmede in Hewington in 1501,¹⁹ and other land in 1533.²⁰ His wife's name is not recorded, but he had two sons—Thomas and John, whose lines must be traced separately (A, B).

3 (A). Thomas Rodon, elder son, was born about 1488, for in 1551 he stated his age to be 63.²¹ In 1539 he was tenant of the land by Bulmede just mentioned,²² and he occurs in the records at various times from 1525 to 1558,²³ when he is named as living in his son Thomas's will. He was a burgess of Holt,²⁴ and his estate there is described in "Tidderley's Survey" c. 1546:²⁵ his freehold land was held by rents amounting to 20s., and his leasehold, by 77s. (ff. 14*d*, 19*d*). He is said to have married the daughter and heir of — Lee of Lea, and this very vague statement is probably true, for it will be seen that his son Richard had an estate in Lea. Three or four children are known : Richard (see below), Thomas, and Elizabeth and Jane.

Thomas the younger son tried his fortune at court. Practically all that is known of him is derived from his will, dated 4 Aug. 1558 and proved 18 April 1559.²⁶ The following is an abstract :

I Thomas Roydon of Westminster, sick in body, make my will, leaving to my ghostly father 12d., to pray for my soul, 12d. to the high altar for tithes forgotten and 12d. for the repairs of St. Margaret's, Westminster. To my sister Jane Bikerstaf 40 marks, bedding, etc., in the custody of her father John Bikerstaf, to whom I leave my gelding, with saddle and bridle; to my brother John Bikerstaf "towards the fynding hym to scole," £6 13s. 4d. Small gifts to "my oste" and "ostes" and my friend Owen. The residue of my goods to Alice Roydon my wife, executrix. "In case my said wife be with child, then the said child shall have my whole lands and tenements and his heirs for ever, and in case my wife be not with child then the lands which I have of my father Thomas Rodon shall remain to my said brother John Bikerstaf." Other legatees were "my father Thomas Roydon," "my fellow John Roberts," a yeoman of the guard, "my godson Thomas Pres(t)land," John Pate, "my cousin Jane Fowntaine's two youngest daughters." To twenty poor people of Howlt 20s. at the oversight of Lancelot Pres(t)land. "Where I have bargained with my sister-in-law Katherine Wooddall for her moiety or one part [of] all and singular the landes to them descended for the sum of £20; which said sum I will that my said wife shall be contented and paid unto the said Katherine at the day of her marriage." Among sums due to him was £4 from the queen for two months' pay—June and July.

It is a little difficult to make out the relationships. His

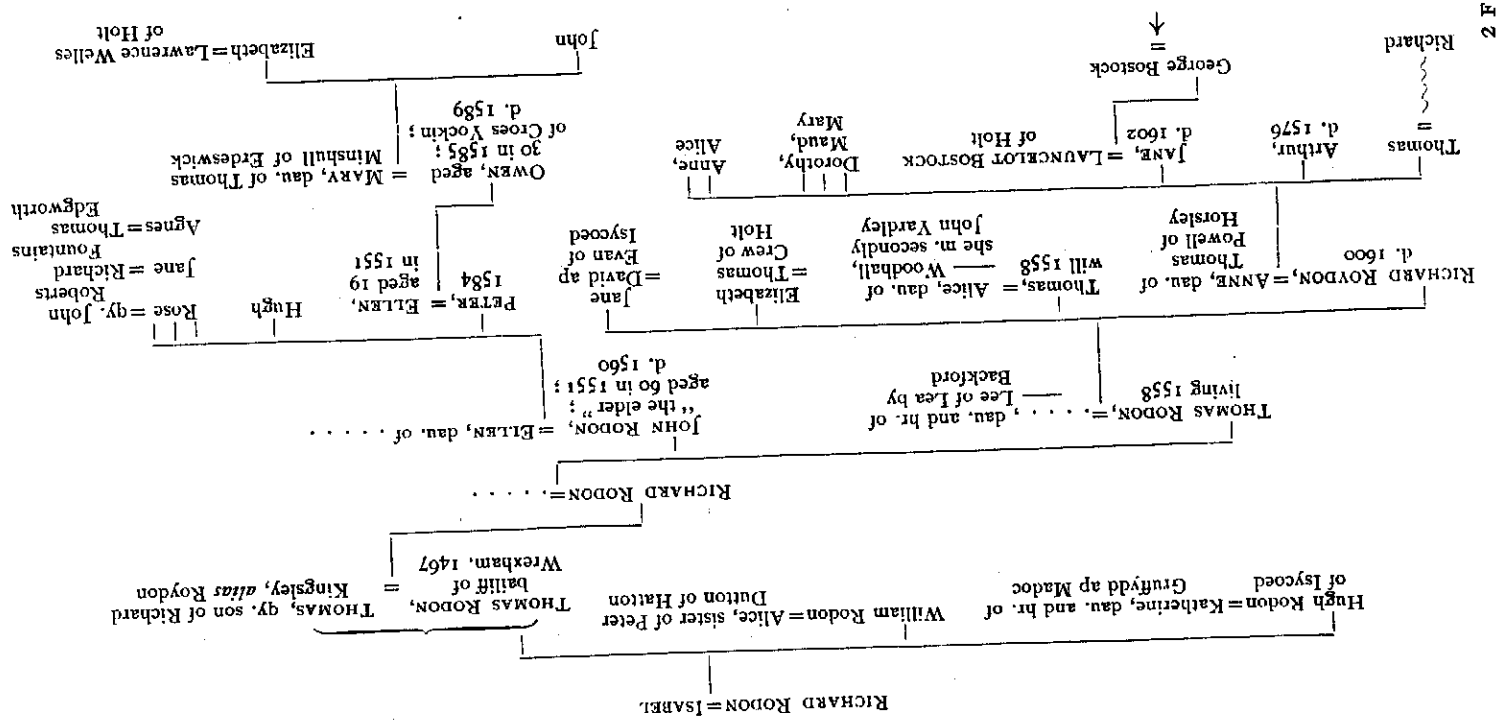
wife Alice and Katherine Wooddall were obviously sisters and coheirs; testator had agreed to buy Katherine's share, and desired his wife to complete the bargain. The sister and brother Bikerstaf, with a father living, may have been his wife's half-sister and brother. In 1562 John Bykerstafe had land in Eglwsegle which had been bought from John Rodon the elder.²⁷

Alice the widow afterwards married John Yardley²⁸ and had a son Thomas, who in 1595 claimed land in Hewllington against John Roydon [of Isycoed] his uncle and former guardian.²⁹ That he should call this John his uncle suggests that his mother was descended from the Sibyl of 1513 who married William Woodhall. Whether or not she bore a child to her first husband is not clear, but land "which lately belonged to John Rodon son and heir of Thomas Rodon" is mentioned in 1562.³⁰ If this was the son of the younger Thomas, who could not, if living, have been four years old, the "lately" implies his death. John may have been "son and heir" of the elder Thomas, but if so no more is recorded of him.

Elizabeth, sister of Richard and Thomas, is stated to have married Thomas Crew of Holt in the time of Henry VIII.³¹ Jane daughter of Thomas Roydon of Holt is named as the wife of David ap Evan of Isycoed.³²

4 (A). Richard Rodon or Roydon was born about 1515, for he was 60 years old in 1575.³³ He is called son of Thomas Roydon in the survey of 1562,³⁴ which also mentions his grandfather Richard,³⁵ thus incidentally giving Thomas's parentage. In his father's lifetime he probably resided at Lea, where he had an estate (according to the pedigree quoted above) inherited from his mother. He was described as "of Lea" 1554 to 1561,

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in various Cheshire documents,³⁶ and in 1576 Arthur son of Richard Rodon was buried at Backford.

Lea by Backford was part of the endowments of St. Werburgh's Abbey, Chester. A rental of 1439-40 shows that the principal tenants were Hamo del Lee and Roger del Both (who held what had formerly been held by John de Ewlowe); the other names were Barker (previously Widnes, and later Davidson), Bruyn (later Davidson), Crabwell (later Barker), Roger and Hamo del Lee, and Molynton (later Davidson).³⁷ A much later rental (1524) omits the successors of Lee and Both, and records Kyrke, Denwall, Wilson, Robinson, Barlow, Bryne and Low as tenants.³⁸ The Ewlowe-Booth descent is ascertained by that of the manor of Little Neston, in which the Roydons had no part; ³⁹ but that Richard Roydon succeeded to the Lee estate is suggested by a Chester plea of 1561, when he had to defend his right in Coghull and Tattenhall against Humphrey Parker, gent., and Alice his wife, which Alice was widow of John Lee.⁴⁰ In 1576 Richard Roden, gent., gave his estate in Lea and Lea Green to William Almer and other trustees,⁴¹ who appear to have passed it over to the Bostocks.⁴² In 1590 Richard Rodon, in conjunction with Jane Bostock, then a widow, sold it to John Glaseor, esq.⁴³

There is little to record of Richard's history. In 1550 he was accused of having joined with others in destroying a house at Hewlington.⁴⁴ He occurs in the Plea Rolls as defendant or plaintiff.⁴⁵ In 1581 he was on the jury of Holt,⁴⁶ and in 1589 was fined for not making his appearance at the local court.⁴⁷ As above mentioned the Survey of 1562 refers to him and gives an account of his holding in Holt (ff. 1, 9), Hewlington (f. 59), and Cobham (f. 63). This survey also shows the descent of

his lands to Lancelot Bostock and his son George Bostock. He married Anne, daughter of Thomas Powell of Horsley and had six daughters: Jane, who became his heir, and Dorothy, Maud, Mary, Anne and Alice, of whom nothing is known, so that probably they died early.⁴⁸

5 (A). Jane Roydon married Lancelot Bostock, son of Robert Bostock of Churton.⁴⁹ Lancelot was constable of Holt Castle and one of the Gentleman Pensioners of queen Elizabeth.⁵⁰ He was living in 1576⁵¹ and 1581,⁵² but was dead in 1590 when Jane is described as "widow." Yet her father appears to have been alive at the time, though the Survey of 1562 has marginal notes stating that Lancelot Bostock succeeded on Richard's death. She made her will 9 Feb. 1601-2, and was buried at Holt.⁵³ She had a son and heir George Bostock, whose killing of John Roydon has been told above (p. 180). He is probably the author of the story that the Roydons, or at least his mother's line, were really Kingsleys, for he it is who would give instructions to the heralds as to his mother's coat of arms at her funeral. Holme draws her impalement, adding the remark: "This impaled with Bostock was made at her funeral but mist."⁵⁴ It shows Kingsley (two coats), Wertenhall, and Lee, which brings in Millington (or Mollington), Ewloe and Crew; but there is no Roydon coat. In other Bostock pedigrees it will be noticed that Lancelot Bostock impales Kingsley, not Roydon. Perhaps it may be gathered from all this that there was a feud between the families, probably very bitter at one time, and that the Bostocks refused to acknowledge any Roydon alliance. George Bostock was still in possession in 1620,⁵⁵ and died in 1627 leaving issue.

3 (B). John Rodon of Holt, son of Richard,⁵⁶ was aged 60

in 1551,⁵⁷ and therefore born about 1491. He seems to be distinguished as "king's valet" in 1546,⁵⁸ but is usually denoted as "the elder," John Roydon of Isycoed, son of the serjeant-at-arms, being "the younger." A description of his estates will be found in Tiddlerley's Survey, *c.* 1546; in some parcels he seems to have been succeeded by Thomas and Richard Roydon (see ff. 140, 145); possibly these were his life estate out of the family inheritance. Like Richard and Thomas Rodyn (or Roudyn), his father and brother, he occurs in the Holt court rolls of 1525 in various pleas; in one case he was fined for not prosecuting a suit and in another for assault.⁵⁹ He also joined in the complaint of Holt people addressed to the Star Chamber in 1531 against the closing of Maddock's Meadow in Hewlington by Edward Byrd.⁶⁰

By his will, dated 20 May and proved 16 June 1560,⁶¹ he left his lands (with a few exceptions) to his son Peter, who was to allow the younger son Hugh £4 a year out of them. To his son-in-law Thomas Edgeworth he left the Rough Croft, with remainder to his son James Edgeworth; and to Dorothy Edgeworth (? daughter of Thomas) 20 nobles. He left another parcel of land to his son-in-law John Roberts, who was also to receive 40s. for the mending of the highway between the Holt and Isycoed. His daughters Rose, Jane and Joan were to have 20 nobles apiece. To his wife Ellen he left £60 and a life interest in certain land, which would afterwards go to the son Peter. He gave 20s. to the repairs of Holt Church, 20s. to the poor of Wrexham and 6d. each to the poor of Holt. The executors were his wife Ellen, son Peter, Thomas Edgeworth and John Roberts; overseers, Lancelot Pres(t)land and Randle Young. There seems to have been some dispute about the

will, for Ellen Roodon, the widow, was examined at Chester concerning it.⁶²

The children are indicated in the will; Joan may be a duplication of Jane. For Peter see below. Hugh Rodon was fined in 1589 for not appearing to do suit at Holt court.⁶³ Of Rose no more is known. Jane had married Richard Fountains long before the date of the will, as may be seen by referring to the will of Thomas Roydon of Westminster, 1558. In 1563 Richard and Jane Fountains complained that they could not obtain payment of the legacy which her father had left to Jane. Edgeworth replied that Richard was "a very busy and troublesome person and dwelling here in London," whereas he himself was a poor man living far away; and that Lawrence Prestland had actually paid the £6 13s. 4d. and received a discharge from Fountains. This was, however, denied.⁶⁴ Edgeworth's wife was named Agnes; ⁶⁵ the name of John Robert's wife is not known.

4 (b). Peter Rodon occurs down to 1584, about which time probably he died. The lands which descended to him from his father are described in the Survey of 1562.⁶⁶ In an inquiry at Chester in 1575 as to the will of one Lancelot Bate, Richard Rodon, gent., of the Holt repeated a story he had been told by "Peter Rodon of the Holt, gent.," to the effect that the curate of Holt (one Hugh Webster), who had made the will, had told him (Peter) to go to the defendants in the case and tell them that if they did not give him (the curate) £6 he would tell the truth about the forging of the will. The curate was examined and said when he made the will testator was dying, but he seemed to be of good memory.⁶⁷ Peter Rodon does not seem to have been called. In 1583 he is described as "of Esclusham,

gent." ⁶⁸ His wife Ellen was aged 19 in 1551 when she gave evidence. ⁶⁹

5 (B). Owen Rodon seems to be the only child of Peter's recorded. He was 30 years of age in 1585, ⁷⁰ and therefore born about 1555. His father made over to him most of his lands in 1583. ⁷¹ He was defendant to a claim for debt in 1586, ⁷² but died before 1589, when his son and heir John was under age. ⁷³ Alice Rodon, widow, mentioned at the same court under Isycoed, may have been Owen's second wife. ⁷⁴

6 (B). John Rodon probably died early. His sister Elizabeth is said to have been the heir. She married Lawrence Welles of Holt, and in 1620 Lawrence Welles held lands in Holt, Morton and Isycoed, formerly belonging to Peter Royden. ⁷⁵

It thus appears that the Roydons of Burton and Holt had died out in the male line before 1600, unless the above-named Hugh, brother of Peter, left issue. There were, however, other Roydons in Holt and district, who were probably offshoots of earlier generations, but as their parentage is not given it is impossible to place them in the pedigrees, or even to decide whether Roydon was an inherited or an adopted surname. The following names have been noticed.

Henry Rodyn's pinfold at Gresford was broken by William ap Roger in 1525. ⁷⁶

The Holt tenants of 1535 who had right of pasturage on Rough Moor and Maddock's Moor included Ellen Roydon, widow (? of Richard), and Edward Roydon, ⁷⁷ in addition to John Roydon the elder, who has been mentioned above as a complainant in the matter. George Roydon is named as formerly tenant of land in Hewlington which passed to Francis and Alice Pickering and then was acquired by David Speed,

who owned it in 1620.⁷⁸ In 1650 another George Roydon was occupying a cottage on the waste at Holt.⁷⁹ He may be the George mentioned in the following will.

Thomas Royden of Holt, husbandman, made his will 22 Feb. 1655-6, and it was proved on the following 3rd of July. He left small legacies to Thomas, Roger and Anne, children of George Royden deceased; to his own brother Owen Royden; to Elizabeth widow of Richard Royden; and to friends. He made his wife Ellen executrix and residuary legatee.⁸⁰

Richard Royden of Castle Street, Holt, occurs in 1663; and in the Holt borough books in 1732 is the record of a plea of debt: Roger Royden and John Royden v. George Royden. A George Roydon was tenant at Bieston in 1731. Mary daughter of William Roydon was baptized at Holt on 1 Feb. 1739-40, and John son of Thomas Roydon and Anne his wife on 13 July 1762.⁸¹

Richard Roydon, servant to George Bostock, occurs in the district in 1630.⁸² He may be the Richard named in the will just quoted; so also the brother Owen may be Owen father of the Thomas Roydon baptized at Wrexham on 24 Nov. 1635.⁸³ William Roydon was buried at Wrexham 12 July 1670; Jane Roydon of the Abbot Land (Wrexham Abbot) on 7 January 1682-3; Mrs. Elizabeth Roydon, spinster, 10 Jan. 1752. "Mrs. Roydon" about 1719 gave £1 1s. to the school at Berse, near Wrexham.⁸⁴

At Isycoed the name recurs from time to time. Robert Roydon of "Escoyd" was buried at Holt 19 Aug. 1721. John Roydon and Mary Pritchard were married at Holt on 2 July 1762, and are no doubt the John and Mary Roydon

whose children Anne and John were baptized at Isycoed on 4 July 1763, and 9 Feb. 1766 respectively. A Jane Roydon was buried there in December 1767. John Roydon of Isycoed was buried at Holt on 12 July 1818, aged 77, and Mary Roydon of Isycoed on 25 Dec. 1819, aged 25.

NOTES

- ¹ Ministers' Accts. 1303/9.
- ² *Ibid.*
- ³ Ministers' Accts. 1234/14.
- ⁴ Ministers' Accts. 1234/14; also 1235/20 (of date 1479).
- ⁵ J. Y. W. Lloyd, *Powys Fadog*, ii. 81, 84. William Rodon was one of his sureties.
- ⁶ Ministers' Accts. 1235/16.
- ⁷ Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 251, on the old cover at the end.
- ⁸ Ministers' Accts. 1865: "lands late of Thomas Rodon" and "lands late of Richard Rodon," at Holt. Probably both Thomas and Richard his son were dead. Richard the father of Thomas would scarcely be mentioned so late as 1487.
- ⁹ Harl. MS. 1971, f. 65d. No children are entered.
- ¹⁰ *Powys Fadog*, iii. 371.
- ¹¹ Burton Court Rolls at Eaton Hall.
- ¹² See the account of Roydon of Isycoed.
- ¹³ Harl. MS. 2040, f. 28 (185). Also Ormerod, *Ches.* ii. 90.
- ¹⁴ Harl. MS. 1535, f. 241.
- ¹⁵ Ministers' Accts. 1865. As "land late of Richard Rodon" occurs lower down in the account, it would appear there were two Richards, one living and one dead, as above.
- ¹⁶ Ministers' Accts. 4998, 4999, 5005.
- ¹⁷ Court Rolls (P.R.O.), 226/42.
- ¹⁸ *Ibid.*
- ¹⁹ Ministers' Accts. 1656.
- ²⁰ Land Revenue Misc. Books 234, f. 59.
- ²¹ Court of Requests, bdle. 17, n. 60. He is distinguished as "of the Holt."
- ²² Ministers' Accts. 5017.
- ²³ Court Rolls 226/42, for Holt. The name is spelt Rodyn or Roundyn. With John Roydon and other tenants of Holt he joined in 1531 in a complaint about the closing of Maddock's Pasture; Star Chamber Proc. I. 56.

- ²⁴ Chester Plea Roll 255, m. 15, 17; plaintiff in 1547.
- ²⁵ Land Revenue Misc. Books, 249.
- ²⁶ P.C.C., 9 Chayney.
- ²⁷ Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 234, f. 80.
- ²⁸ Denbigh Plea R. 29 (1563): John Verdeley and Alice his wife, executrix of the will of Thomas Roydon of Westminster *v.* John Carden of Acton, concerning a bond by Carden to Roydon dated 27 May 1558.
- ²⁹ Exchequer Bills and Answers, Eliz., Chester, n. 88; Exchequer Depositions, Denbigh, 39 Eliz., m. 7, 18. John Verdeley died about 1575.
- ³⁰ Rentals and Surveys (P.R.O.), 93.
- ³¹ Harl. MS. 2040, f. 28 (185).
- ³² Harl. MS. 1972, f. 39 (231).
- ³³ Chancery Depos., Eliz.-Chas. I., B. 56/9.
- ³⁴ Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 234, f. 1, etc.
- ³⁵ *Ibid.* f. 59.
- ³⁶ Chester Writs, Gaol Fines, etc. (P.R.O.), 196/1, 196/4; Chester Plea Rolls 269, m. 13; 278, m. 2.
- ³⁷ Rentals (P.R.O.), 892.
- ³⁸ Harl. MS. 1994, f. 15*d* (270*d*).
- ³⁹ Ormerod, *Cheshire*, ii. 540.
- ⁴⁰ Chester Plea R. 274, m. 3. In another reference to the case on m. 24 the name appears as Ryden in place of Roden.
- ⁴¹ Cheshire Fines, file 69, m. 100 (Feb. 1575-6).
- ⁴² Chester Plea R. 302 (July 1576), m. 5: Edmund Gamull *v.* Lancelot Bostock of Holt and Jane his wife, and Richard Rodon of Holt, gent. The Bostocks are thus the principal defendants to an action for trespass.
- ⁴³ Cheshire Fines, file 85, m. 32: between John Glaseor esq. and Richard Roden, gent., and Jane Bostocke, widow, concerning 7 messuages, 200 acres land, etc. etc., in Lea, Backford, Mollington, Moston and Capenhurst. Here Roden takes precedence of Bostocke, and it can scarcely be doubted, in spite of the notes in the Survey of 1562, that Richard was the father of Jane, still living. He signed with the letters R R in a very shaky hand.
- ⁴⁴ Star Chamber Proc., Edward VI., bdle. 6, n. 59.
- ⁴⁵ Denbigh Plea Rolls 51, 61.
- ⁴⁶ Denbigh Plea R. 62.
- ⁴⁷ Court Rolls (P.R.O.), 226/44.
- ⁴⁸ Harl. MS. 1971, f. 65*d*.
- ⁴⁹ *Visit of Cheshire*, 1580 (Harl. Soc.), 31. Here there is no assertion of a Kingsley descent.
- ⁵⁰ Harl. MS. 2040, f. 28.
- ⁵¹ Case cited above.
- ⁵² The same case continued; Chester Plea R. 313, m. 8.

⁶³ Harl. MS. 2040, f. 28; the date of death is wrongly given as 6 April 1601. Her will is at Chester.

⁶⁴ Harl. MS. 2040, f. 28.

⁶⁵ Norden's Survey, Harl. MS. 3696, f. 51d. His will is at Chester.

⁶⁶ Tiddelerley's Survey, Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 249, f. 25 (in Ridley).

⁶⁷ Court of Requests, bdl. 17, n. 60.

⁶⁸ Tiddelerley's Survey, f. 14d: "John Roydon the elder, valet of the king."

⁶⁹ Court Rolls (P.R.O.), 226/42.

⁷⁰ Star Chamber Proc., I, f. 48 on.

⁷¹ P.C.C., 37 Mellershe.

⁷² Chester Consistory Court.

⁷³ Court Rolls, 226/44.

⁷⁴ Chanc. Proc., Series II., 64/71, and 469/64.

⁷⁵ Survey of 1562, Land Revenue Misc. Bks. 234, f. 9.

⁷⁶ *Ibid.* f. 6, etc.

⁷⁷ Chancery Depos., Eliz.-Chas. I., B. 56/9.

⁷⁸ Denbigh Plea R. 66. Peter appears on other rolls also, *e.g.* 49, 51, 57.

⁷⁹ Court of Requests, bdl. 17, n. 60.

⁸⁰ Chancery Depos., Eliz.-Chas. I., B. 50/13. Owen Roydon is described as of Cross-Yockyn (in Holt), gent.

⁸¹ This is stated in the marginal notes to the Survey of 1562.

⁸² Denbigh Plea R. 75.

⁸³ Court Rolls 226/44. A relief of 10s. was due to the queen.

⁸⁴ *Ibid.* 7 July 1589. She was fined for not appearing. The *Cheshire Visitation* of 1580 (p. 180) says that Mary daughter of Thomas Minshull of Erdeswick married Owen Roidon of Cros Yockin. Ormerod gives the name as Oliver Roydon.

⁸⁵ Norden's Survey, Harl. MS. 3696, ff. 39d, 128d, 268d, 286. An abstract of this Survey has been printed by Mr. Palmer, who gives the late H. R. Hughes of Kinnel as his authority for the Welles-Roydon marriage.

⁸⁶ Court Rolls (P.R.O.), 226/42.

⁸⁷ Rentals and Surveys (P.R.O.), portf. 17/94.

⁸⁸ Norden's Survey (Harl. MS. 3696), f. 52.

⁸⁹ Commonwealth Surveys (P.R.O.), Denbighshire, 1 B.

⁹⁰ P.C.C. 188 Berkeley.

⁹¹ Notes by Mr. Palmer.

⁹² Exchequer Bills and Answers, Chas. I., Denbigh, n. 24.

⁹³ The remainder of these notes are derived from the late A. N. Palmer of Wrexham, except where otherwise stated.

⁹⁴ A. N. Palmer, *Wrexham*, v. 92.

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