

## CHAPTER XII.

## THE WEDNESBURY FAMILY.

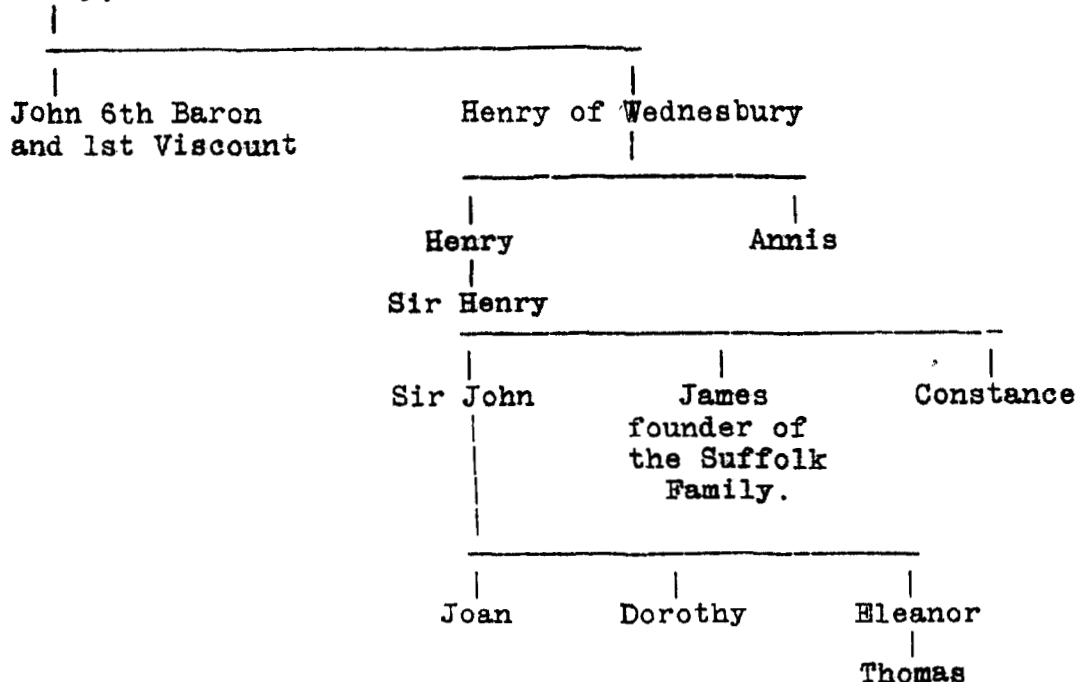
"Our lives are but our marches to the grave."

## THE HUMOROUS LIEUTENANT,

Beaumont and Fletcher, III. 5. 76.

## GENEALOGICAL CHART.

Henry, 5th Baron Beaumont.



**H**ENRY BEAUMONT, second son of Henry 5th Baron Beaumont (see p. 105) born c. 1410. He settled at Thorpe, Yorks. He married Joan, daughter and heiress (?relict) of William Laventhorpe, of Wednesbury. (Hist. Coll. Stafford. Notes and Queries). She subsequently married in or before 1452, Charles Nowel. In that year her son Henry presented a petition to Parliament, stating that "his mother on 27th October 1452 being in the Chapel at Thorpe in Balme hearing

high mass, there came Edward Lancaster of Skipton in Craven, William Lancaster of Burgnam in Westmorland and forty others, and that Edward Lancaster, assisted by the others ravished the said Joan and having set her on horseback behind a man to whom she was bound, conveyed her away to some unknown place and then in order that she might not have any suit against him compelled a priest who was his confidant to marry them. She resisted saying she was the wife of another man." Her daughter Annis was also at this time forceably carried away and she became in consequence benomen (1); and lame, and goods to the value of one hundred shillings belonging to the late Henry Beaumont were stolen; two men servants who were with them at the time were injured in the fray. A writ was issued and the criminals were duly punished (2). Henry and Joan had issue:

I. Henry, heir.

II. Annis.

Henry Beaumont married Joan daughter and heiress of Henry and Joan Heronville. Issue:

I. Henry.

**S**IR HENRY BEAUMONT, his will was proved 30th November 1471, he was buried in the Church at Wednesbury. He left lands at Eginton, Derby to his wife. He was appointed High Sheriff for the county of Stafford, 11th April 1471 (Hist. Coll. Staf. 1912 p. 282) and was knighted on the field of Tewkesbury 3rd May 1471. He married Elynor daughter and heiress of John Sutton fourth Baron Dudley. She married secondly George Stanley of Handsworth, (Staf. Coll. IV). Issue by her first husband.

I. John, heir.

II. James, the founder of the Suffolk family (see p. 207).

III. Constance, married in 1508, John Mytton of Weston under Lyziard, Co. Stafford; the latter died 13th October, 1532, *ibid.* I. 363, there was formerly a brass in the church to his memory. They had issue.

(1) William.

(2) Joyce (*ibid.* N.S. II. 126).

(1) Anglo-Saxon "ravished".

(2) Hunters SOUTH YORKSHIRE, I. 219.

They possibly had a son John who died 1552 and who married Eustance daughter of Sir Richard (?) Beaumont of Wednesbury (ibid. N.S. II. 316).

**S**IR JOHN BEAUMONT, died 21st September, 1503 (Calendar of Inquisitions, Henry VIII. Vol. 2.) (A John Beaumont acted as page at the coronation of Richard III, 1483); Sir John held the Manors of Tyrmore, Co. Stafford and Eggynton, Co. Derby, and Wednesbury. In 1498 he and others to the number of two hundred were charged with riotous conduct at Wednesbury, and for being arrayed in bows, arrows, bills gloves (Lances) and other unlawful weapons with the intent of proceeding to Walsall, in order to obtain the release of a citizen of the Wednesbury and another of Dudley. The Mayor of Walsall petitioned the Star Chamber to cite the leaders before the council, but the matter was dropped. The leaders being bound over to keep the peace and the affair ended, (ibid. N.S. X. 80). He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Mytton, of Weston and had issue:

I. Joan, born circ. A. 1497, died 1545, married William Babington of Tyrmore and Dethick, Derby and of Wednesbury, son of Thomas Babington. The Babington Coat of Arms impaling Beaumont are found in the Church windows at Babington. Issue:

(1) Anthony, died 18th March 1579.

II. Dorothy, born circ. 1499. Married Humphrey Comberford of Comberford, Co. Stafford, issue two sons and three daughters. (ibid. IV. 92.)

III. Eleanor, born circ. 1500 married Humphrey Babington of Rotherby Co. Leicester, a brother of William (see supra); issue:

(1) Thomas and one other son and three daughters.