

CHAPTER XIII.

THE BARROW ON SOAR FAMILY.

"Nothing is thought rare which is not new."

Prologue, THE NOBLE GENTLEMAN, 4.

Beaumont and Fletcher.

Barrow on Soar is close to Charnwood Forest and about ten miles from Leicester.

ELIZABETH, wife of Henry, 5th Baron Beaumont (see p. 105) received the manor of Barrow on Soar as a part of her marriage dowry. She died in 1428.

In the churchyard at Barrow is a tomb surrounded by iron railings to the memory of John Beaumont. The inscription reads:

"This tomb was erected to the
memory of Mr. John Beaumont and Elizabeth
his wife; she died July 29, 1744,
He died October 21, 1779 aged 81."

An upright stone there reads:

"Thomas Beaumont died Apl. 15 1759
in the 41st year of his age.
Rose Beaumont 12 June 1793 aged 61."

There are various other memorials to the Beaumonts most of them cannot now be read.

At a Vestry Meeting held at Barrow, 29th September, 1795, it was agreed "That the thanks of this parish be given to the Leicester Cavalry and to the Revd Philip Story and the Revd Thomas Burnaby; his Majestie's Justices of the Peace, for their successful exertions in quelling the late riot and dispersing the lawless mob, in a manner they deserved, on account of their very insulting and violent behaviour."

Signed by fourteen persons among them being, S. Beaumont, Thomas Beaumont, William Beaumont and Henry Beaumont.

This was the time when the forest was enclosed, up to that period it had been free common land for the inhabitants

of the twenty-six neighbouring towns, villages and hamlets, the act aroused the ire of the commoners and they pulled down the fences and assisted by the colliers from Cole Orton, raised such a riot, that it took two troops of Dragoons to quell it. One of the rioters was killed in the fray.

We have not been able to trace the Beaumonts who passed and signed the vote of thanks at the Vestry Meeting, as all the neighbouring landowners got a portion of the enclosed forest, no doubt they also received their share.

HENRY BEAUMONT, a baker of Barrow, died 22nd April 1802 aet. 68. This is possibly the Henry mentioned above.

THOMAS BEAUMONT; probably also the one mentioned above, had a daughter who married 30th November 1798, Thomas Bradshaw. He also had a second daughter who married - Skill of Holt, 8th November, 1797. Thomas Beaumont of Barrow, a farmer married 18th August, 1800, a Miss Palmer, of Loughborough. A Thomas Beaumont died 13th June, 1824.

W. BEAUMONT, probably the one mentioned above, a grocer died 28th April, 1805, aet. 70; his wife died 1st October, 1805.

S. BEAUMONT, probably the one above mentioned died at Barrow, 27th April, 1810.

JOHN BEAUMONT, died 17th September, 1797.