

Turrey Abbey -  
S. Matthews Esq. 18. 1880.

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I cannot do better, I suppose, than begin by saying something about the several authorities referred to in the heading of the printed Pedigree: viz.

- (A) the "Family evidence of C. L. Higgin's esq. of Turrey Abbey:
- (B) the "Bills":
- (C) the "Monuments and Parish Registers":

*of the history of the family*

(A) Besides a memorandum in the handwriting of the late John Higgin's esq.:- together with a few notes supplied by the lawyers who were engaged in making out the Bill (or I suppose) of the house in Moorgate, - (notes transcribed into his common-place book many years ago by J. H. Esq. (C. L. H.'s father) and shown me by C. L. H.):- Reference is chiefly made to the entries in an interesting Family Bible (printed in 1608) preserved in the library at Turrey Abbey. Its original possessor was Mr. Thomas Kilpin, the activities of whose five children (1609-1617) are duly therein recorded.

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It is plain that this Bible remained in the possession of the Kilpins till 1720; in which year, Ann<sup>(14)</sup>, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Kilpin, was married to Mr. John Higgin's of Weston Underwood,<sup>(13)</sup> - whose name may be seen written (in a large flourishing hand) on certain of the blank leaves. The activities of their five children (1724-1732) are recorded on one of the fly-leaves, - the youngest of them, Thomas,<sup>(19)</sup> being C. L. H.'s grandfather.

Note, that the above mentioned Mr. Charles Kilpin married Ann, the sister of Bartholomew Clark esq. of Hardingstone. The latter (who had been a merchant of London) died 17 Oct. 1746: leaving (by Mary youngest his wife) Henry, an only daughter and ~~the~~ heiress, - who married Sir Jacob Bouverie, afterwards Lord Folkestone.

Mr. Charles Kilpin died in 1717. Ann Kilpin, being the eldest of his 13 children, and marrying Mr. John Higgin's 3 years after her Father's death, may be presumed to have brought this Bible with her. It has certainly remained in the family of his and her

immediate descendants ever since.

Designated  
as PAPER A.

For further genealogical particulars of the Kilpin family, into which which the family of Wiggin often intermarried, I must refer to a pedigree drawn up by myself with some care and trouble, - & which (together with a detailed pedigree of Wiggin's, in manuscript,) will be found in a large folio volume bound in crimson morocco, and lettered on the side TURVEY ABBEY - belonging to C.L.H. The Kilpin pedigree, I call PAPER B.  
C.L.H.

The armorial bearings of the <sup>Kilpin</sup> family - per fess argent and azure : in chief, an oak leaf between two crescents or - I obtain from the mural monument in Wotton Underwood Church of Bartholomew Wiggin, "the elder". See (43) in the pedigree. I suspect some remote connexion between "Kilpin" and "Mc Alpine": but I have very slender evidence for this.

These in the  
writing of  
Thomas Wiggin  
Esq (19)

It remains to state, that in the family Bible which has led me into the foregoing details, are also found several family memoranda besides those already specified: viz. (besides the reticulation of the 5 children of <sup>John and Ann</sup> Thomas Wiggin (13) & (14) there is a record of the birth of Ann, (21) daughter of Bartholomew and Ann Wiggin: - of the birth of Elizabeth (22) and John (23), the two children of Thomas and Mary Wiggin: - ? the marriage of Wm John Wiggin and Mrs Longuet, and of the birth of their 3 children (Charles Longuet - Mary - and Henry Hugh), in the writing of J. H. Day (23). And finally, a record of Mary's marriage in 1846 (25); ? Theresa (1845) and John Wiggin' (1846) death (24) & (23); ? J. H. Day's marriage (1852); ? C.L.H.'s marriage (1853) (26) & (28); and of the reticulation of Henry's 7 children (1853 - 1863) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36): also all in the handwriting of Deacon C.L.H. whom God preserve!

I proceed to speak of the next source of information: viz. Wills.

(B.) The Will Office has been transferred of late years from Doctors Commons to Somerset House. Hitherto (it has been the result of recent legislation) have been sent many of the Wills proved in local Courts throughout the country. Accordingly the wills of persons dying in the adjoining parts of



Buckinghamshire are now to be found here: and there it is, that I  
can show the two wills to be previously referred to; viz. the original will  
of John Higgins of Weston Underwood ①: and a copy of the will of Hugh  
Higgins the elder, of the same place ③.

(C) Under the head of "Monuments" are comprised - besides the mural me-  
morials on the walls of Weston Underwood Church - the tomb-stones of the family  
in the churchyard. The two lines of the family are buried separately: the  
members of either branch lying side by side together.

It is much to be wished that several copies of these <sup>last</sup> had been made by some  
exact eye & skilful hand, long since, - before they became so nearly illegi-  
ble as - through lack of time - many of them are at present. There  
remains of the evidence they supply are at hand: - Notes made after a visit  
to Weston Underwood by J. H. S. (i.e. sometime before 1846): Notes made by  
E. H. S. - I think in 1872: Notes made by myself during a hurried  
visit, a few years ago.

No. in July  
1866  
H. H. S.

The parish registers of Weston Underwood have been, on the whole, carefully  
kept. That is more unfortunate, they are defective; those anterior to  
1681<sup>r</sup> having been lost. So are the entries for 1744: and there are no  
entries for the years 1765, 1769, 1770. - We inspected them with care  
on two several occasions, - viz. in Sept. 1873, on Michaelmas B. 1875.

x Sep. 22<sup>3</sup>  
1875

- The result was to be found carefully transcribed in a paper called PAPER C,  
in the folio volume of church records of - (viz. at the top of p. 191.)

There are besides in a chest in Weston Underwood Church certain parchment  
deeds signed by, or referring to, members of the family. (transcribed in PAPER C.  
They will be found)

I proceed, in pursuance of the intention announced above (on page 185), to furnish some details concerning the several persons enumerated in the printed pedigree inserted between pages 186 and 187, - and there distinguished by numerals - ① to ⑧.

gent. of Westonsunderwood.  
① John Higgin's, - his wife, dated 27 September 1656, was proved in 1661. The names therein his wife, Ellen ②; his son Hugh ③, & his (Hugh's) 2 children: his son Bartholomew ⑤, and his (Bartholomew's) 3 children: besides his daughters Mary ⑥ and Ann ⑦.  
Edith and Harry think they found on a tomb-stone in the Ch. yard "John H. d. 1656."

② see above for Ellen Higgin's. - Edith and Harry think they found in the Ch. yard a tomb-stone inscribed ".... wife of John H., d. 16...." I should be glad to know her maiden name.

gent. of Westonsunderwood.  
③ Hugh Higgin's the elder, - his wife, dated 20 January 170 $\frac{2}{3}$ , was proved 10<sup>th</sup> May 1704. The names therein his wife Elizabeth ④; his son Hugh ⑧ and his (Hugh's) 4 children, of whom John ⑬ was the eldest. The names besides Mary ④⑩, Ellenor ④⑪, Mary ④⑫, Elizabeth ④⑬, and his son Thomas ④⑰, whom he appoints his executor. Matthew is made of George King, his son in law (see ④⑩ ④⑪). Lastly, he names his "loving kinsman Thomas Higgin's of peel Heaton, and John Higgin's of Preston in Northamptonshire," who the overseers of his will.

His name is subscribed in a beautiful hand to one of the parchment in the Chancel chest mentioned at foot of p. 193.

The register says that H. H. sur. was bur. 25 Jan. 1703 (i.e. 1704). This must be right - & it makes me suspect that Edith & Harry were mistaken in reading on a tomb-stone that "H. H. sur. died Dec. 1703."



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(4) Elizabeth Higgin's. - See the preceding name. On her tombstone, she is said  
to have died (Eliza's wife of Hugh the son) 22 April 1716. aged 78. - The register  
of her burial is 24 April. - I do not know Elizabeth's maiden name.

(5) Bartholomew Higgin's, gent. son of John Higgin's (1), or (I presume) the person of that  
name I find described as "of Preston Deanery, Northampton". I know nothing about  
him and his three children (living in 1656) but when I find in his father's will, dated  
1656 at p. 195. - It is worth observing however that this is the earliest mention  
of "Bartholomew" as a <sup>Christian</sup> family name in the family.

(6) "Mary Sharp", sister of the preceding, was the mother of 3 children in 1656. As before,  
I know nothing beyond the mention of the name of her daughter in her father's will,  
not referred to in p. 195.

(7) "Ann Lewis", another of the children of John & Ellen Higgin's, - wife of "John Lewis",  
I only know in the way, & from the same, already specified more than once. See  
p. 195.

Before mentioning these three last names, we were speaking of Hugh and Elizabeth Higgin's,  
which are numbered (3) and (4) in the printed pedigree.

From this pair (viz. Hugh Higgin's 'the elder' of Weston Underwood, and  
Elizabeth his wife) - the two families, now respectively settled  
at Turvey Abbey and Turvey House, are descended: the Turvey  
Abbey family deriving their descent from "Hugh Higgin's, the younger,"  
the (eldest son of Hugh and Elizabeth); the Turvey House family de-  
rive their descent from "Thomas Higgin, the younger," - the youngest of the six children  
of the same ancestral pair. Indeed it happens, singularly  
enough, that the very first baptismal entry in the Register of  
Weston Underwood (i.e., the record of the baptism of

<sup>3</sup> Sep. 223.

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"Thomas, son of Hugh and Elizabeth Higgin's, baptized 13 June 1681." <sup>more</sup> ~~also~~ I have to say about Thomas Higgin's, the younger, will be found below, under (37), in p. 223.

(8) Hugh Higgin's, the younger, <sup>of Boston landward, son - in</sup> so named to distinguish him from his father: otherwise, such a designation of a man who attained the patriarchal age of 92 years, is singularly inappropriate. - He is first introduced to our notice in his father's will. (See above (B) and (3) - pp. 198 & 195.)

His date of death & his age are derived from his tomb-stone. He seems to have been buried the day after his death, - for the register fixes it to 3 Feb. 1750-1. The year I assign to his birth (1659) is an inference only.

(9) Susanna Higgin's, wife of the preceding. - Her age and date of death are from her tomb-stone: her burial is fixed by the register to 24 Dec. 1727. Her maiden name is unknown to me.



(10) William Higgin. - Record of his baptism from the Register. - <sup>the way the</sup> eldest child of Hugh & Susanna

(11) Susanna Higgin :- a before, second child of the same pair.

(12) Daniel Higgin :- a before; <sup>the fourth son of the same pair -</sup> he the Register also record his birth. - I find in the register the marriage of Daniel Higgin and Elizabeth Osborn 29 Oct. 1727. This may have been the same Daniel. She died 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct buried 25 August 1728.

(13) John Higgin <sup>gent. of Weston Underwood :- second son of Hugh and Susanna :- record of baptism</sup> was a before. His marriage <sup>(1)</sup> to Ann Kilpin is discussed at some length at p. 109. Mem. Her Father Charles Kilpin, was married in 1680 to Ann Clarke at Holesell in Northamptonshire. See more in the pedigree. [See this from Mr S. H. M. M. Book 2, 916.]

I find from the Register that he married <sup>(2)</sup> Sarah Higgin 15 July 1756. (See now about her under No. (48)). His tomb-stone states that "Mr J. H. exchanged this life for a blessed immortality, 6 March 1764, aged 74." He was buried on the 11<sup>th</sup> March.

His grandson (J. H. Esq. (23)) - writing <sup>carefully</sup> of lineage from family tradition - says that this John H. "had 2 brothers, Daniel and Hugh; from whom descended the Higgin's <sup>in</sup> Northamptonshire - Cogenhoe, Whickton, &c."

wife of the preceding John :-

(14) Ann Higgin - Concerning this lady, see the preceding. She died 10<sup>th</sup> and was buried 14 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1745-6, aged 54 yrs; as I learn from her tomb-stone & the Register. Her place in the Kilpin pedigree will be seen by reference to PAPER B ... concerning it. see back, pp. 109-191.

(elder son of John and Ann.)

- (15) John Higgins: The record of his birth is in the family Bible: - His baptism (19 April 1724) <sup>in the Register.</sup> his death and age (10 years) are collected from his tombstone. His burial (13 Sept. 1734) is from the Register.

- second son of John & Ann, - was born at Viola underwood 18 April 1727.

of Runnymede

- (16) Charles Higgins Esq. Sheriff of London 1786-7, <sup>who</sup> purchased the manor of Runny in the same year, <sup>of his shrewdly, and</sup> may be described as the founder of two families. It is regretted <sup>all</sup> that there remains no portrait of him. He was a man of high probity, <sup>long study, simple life, & strong</sup> attachment to the place of his birth. His claims of kindred were paramount with him: and he is found to have cherished, throughout <sup>his</sup> long and honourable commercial career, the design of ending his days amid the friends of his youth, and in the scenes of his boyhood. Thither he used often to repair for refreshment and for solace: and ~~it was at~~ those familiar scenes he eventually retired, after amassing a considerable fortune, - dying unmind 29 Dec. 1792. in his 66<sup>th</sup> year.

Lep, comb [Book iv. 606] records that his epitaph is traditionally related to have been written by the poet Cowper. It will be found further on in this volume, - viz. at page 249.



Charles Higgin's

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The date of his birth is supplied by the family Bible: his baptism (25 April 1727) by the parish Register. He died unmarried 29 Decr 1792, aged 66 years: and was buried Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1793. His monument is to be seen in Western Ch.: - but his charities are his better monument.

See an interesting notice of him in the life of John the Commissioner, - p. 126.

But the most proper, & perhaps serious notice of his life is to be found in M. J. H.'s vol.

vol. - p. 176-7.

second & fourth sons of John & Ann,

- (17) The family Bible shows that, between Charles and Witham, came Barkston Higgin's - born 18 April 1729. His baptism is recorded: but his burial is entered, ~~July 19<sup>th</sup> 1717~~ 21 March 1755 - and his tombstone states that he died the day before. He was 26 years of age, his wife (Alice Jeffcott) "M<sup>rs</sup> Alice Higgin's", as she calls on her tombstone, died 28 March, and was buried 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1782. She is described in the register as "of Northampton".

- (18) Witham Higgin's - fourth son of John & Ann - is stated in the family Bible to have been born 9 Decr. 1730, & is found to have been baptised 21 Decr. - buried 4 Novr. 1743, - aged 13 years. - His tombstone has been made into one of the steps into the church yard from the road.

- (19) These successive deaths caused the succession <sup>to devolve to</sup> Thomas Higgin's - the 5<sup>th</sup> youngest son of John and Ann. - His baptism list is obtained from the family Bible. He was baptised 31 Oct. 1732. The date of his marriage is unknown: but he is stated on his mural monument where he died

Dear C. L. G. informs me that he has  
some misgiving as to the authorship of the  
epitaph on Thomas Higgin's. He remarks  
with great truth that his father would prob-  
ably have mentioned the circumstance, had  
he known that Colver wrote the epitaph on  
his father.

Be the author of those 10 graceful lines  
who it may, their testimony remains.

(20)

(21)



26 May 1794, aged 62 years: and his burial is entered under <sup>5207</sup>  
May 30. - The epitaphs <sup>to</sup> of the poor Cooper, - (a friend of the family, & a  
resident at Weston Underwood), - on Thomas and Mary Higgins, will be found  
at page 251, of the present volume. [They may be seen in Lifoult's "Notes"  
iv. 406.] It is impossible to read them without a strong conviction that it  
must have been no ordinary pair who could elicit such a tribute from  
such an one as William Gougeon. Their piety - and that to their piety, the sweet  
charities of daily domestic life, - come unmistakably to view in the poet's joyful lines.

(20) Mary Higgins, wife of the preceding, may truly be said to have been  
immortalized by the poet Cooper in the well known lines, traced off from the  
original in C.L.G.'s possession. [See below, page 251.]  
Her maiden name was Parrott, but her parentage does not appear.

She died to (and was buried on) June 1791 - aged 30 years.

I ~~had~~ <sup>cannot come to</sup> regret that I never indeed my dear old friend J.W. Gougeon (son of the  
pair mentioned above) to tell me something about his parents. There must have been  
some details recoverable 40 years ago which would have well merited insertion in  
this place, concerning their "respected pair" whom the poet so feelingly eulogizes.

(21) Anne Higgins - (daughter of Bartholomew and Maria) - is stated in the family Bible  
to have been born 4<sup>th</sup> June (and in the register, to have been baptized on the 5<sup>th</sup>)  
1754. She married John Peaves gent. of Mark Lane, London, and  
the large family whose names will be found set down in the MS. pe-  
digree of the Higgins' family which I call PAPER A, as explained already  
at page 191, (top of the page.)

+ One there is an interesting sketch of him, 5  
Leam from - (made in 1831) - at p. 201  
of the companion vol. of the former. Facing  
the title of the book the name of whom is  
also a pencil sketch of him etc. I met  
in the year 1846.

(In Henry Atley, in the work of the same name:  
master of Wesley School (at which I had my  
school) - in acknowledgment of his services  
in doing of his former pupil.

In connection  
with this excellent  
manuscript  
I have been  
able to find  
the following  
particulars:  
of the  
of the  
lovely, pure  
name

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(23) And the



and only daughter of Thomas & Mary -

(22) Sarah Higgins - elder sister of J. H. Esq. of Tunny Abbey, <sup>as Conbelle in</sup> born 25 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1727 and baptized 1 March 1763. She died unmarried, aged 39 years, <sup>in</sup> Surrey, 3<sup>rd</sup> December (and is buried on the 5<sup>th</sup>) 1802. Her mural monument is in Weston Underwood Ch. [See Life combi "Index" - iv. 407.] It <sup>will</sup> be found transcribed below, at page 253 of this volume.

(23) And this brings me to John Higgins Esq. of Tunny Abbey: my dear and renowned friend, - who ~~was~~ had also been the friend of the poet.

His birth is recorded in the family Bible, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1768: but the absence of any entry in the register of that year prevents me from inserting the date of his baptism. He married (at Queen Square Chapel, Bath) 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1804, Theresa eldest daughter & heiress of Benjamin Longuet Esq. See

more under (24). A crayon sketch, when he was a boy, - & a bust by Turnerelli, - are the only portraits of him which exist. <sup>the crayon portrait (etc. hangs in the drawing-room at T. of him when he was a boy)</sup>

He died 14 Nov. 1846, aged 78 years: see, buried (19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1846) in the family vault in Tunny Ch. yard, - erected by himself in his lifetime, viz. in the year 1825. Round the parapet is written the first half of the 48<sup>th</sup> verse of Ps. LXXXIX. His wife was the first who laid there, - he having, the said.

an acquaintance with this excellent painter: the must I perhaps enlarge considerably on the name before me. It recalls, in my mind, of peaceful hospitality - great personal kindness - elegant accomplishment and refined taste - genuine piety and a humble "walking with God." <sup>Mr. Higgins</sup> He was an excellent specimen of the best kind of "country gentlemen" of his day: devotedly attached to whatever things are lovely, pure, and good; yet nearly alive to every social & local claim; & never happier than in the bosom of his family & in the contemplation of the calm sweet scenery which surrounded his home.

This is not the place for biographical notices of the living, or of the recently deceased: the must I perhaps enlarge considerably on the name before me. It recalls, in my mind, of peaceful hospitality - great personal kindness - elegant accomplishment and refined taste - genuine piety and a humble "walking with God." <sup>Mr. Higgins</sup> He was an excellent specimen of the best kind of "country gentlemen" of his day: devotedly attached to whatever things are lovely, pure, and good; yet nearly alive to every social & local claim; & never happier than in the bosom of his family & in the contemplation of the calm sweet scenery which surrounded his home.

His thankful spirit shines out conspicuously in the pages of that earlier volume to which the present is meant to be a companion. He was a peaceful poet & painter; and one of the best letter-writers I ever knew. His water colour sketches of Tunny Abbey and its surroundings fill (p. 210)

Tunny Abbey, was the work of the day master at Aspley School (at which he resided) - in acknowledgment of the part in drawing of his favourite pupil.

a volume.

\* In J. H. M. L. L. L.  
L. 53



† In J. H. M. L. L. L.

(2A) Re...

(25) Re...



(24) <sup>wife of the preceding -</sup>  
Theresa Higgin's - born 20 May 1779, - died 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1845, aged 66 years,  
 and was buried in the same vault with her husband, 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1845.  
 Her portrait by Samuel Woodhouse RA., painted in 1809<sup>+</sup>, hangs in the  
 drawing room at Unyngthby.

See J. H. M. S. Book  
 p. 33

For more family details concerning this dear lady, - see the  
 "Orlebar pedigree, p. 392-3 of Mr. Harvey's "History of Wiltshire & environs".  
 Concerning her ancestors, see Gen. Sir J. H. Leproff's "History of the family  
 of Leproff", p. 22: also pp. 69, 194. There will also be found a gene-  
 logical table (which I call number 83) in the volume <sup>described above</sup> ~~above~~ <sup>at p. 243.</sup>  
 which illustrates the descent and connection of Theresa Longuet & her three  
fair sisters: to which I think the family will find it convenient to refer.

Her Father (Benjamin Longuet Esq. of South and Bate) & Mother (Mary, daughter  
 of Thomas Lilly Esq. of Dane Court - Kent.) lived in Trilcom Street, Bath: a  
 city which, at the time referred to, was <sup>the</sup> place of <sup>the</sup> fashionable resort, - enjoyed the highest  
 social reputation. - An exquisite miniature of Benj<sup>n</sup> Longuet, (which had  
 belonged to his daughter Mary Caroline, who married W<sup>m</sup>. Augustus Orlebar Esq. of Strimick  
 Hall.) was given, after his wife's death in 1873, to C. L. H. - & is now in a pendant  
 by Deane's work. It represents a young man, of almost feminine beauty - wearing his na-  
 tural brown hair, - & dressed in a coffee colored coat, & scarlet waistcoat lined with gold.  
 Behind his locked jawed are ~~4~~ <sup>2</sup> locks of hair ~~doublet by an old wife~~ & the portrait  
 may well have been taken at the time of Benj<sup>n</sup> Longuet's marriage - viz. in  
 \* The hair of Benjamin Longuet's four daughters, Theresa, Mary Caroline, Elizabeth & Marie.

(25) Mary Higgin's - born at Unyngthby, 26 Feb. 1808 - married the Rev.

Edwin Horatio Stevenson MA of A.C.C.C. 13 Oct. 1846. Her portrait  
 by James Bees, <sup>paints in 1831, (at 23,)</sup> is in the drawing room at Unyngthby: - The academical  
 reputation of her husband as an accomplished mathematician sufficiently appears  
 from the frequent recurrence of his name as public examiner. Personally, I  
 know him to be an amiable & agreeable man, of excellent understanding; & a  
 very sound Divini.  
 She died 7<sup>th</sup> March 1899, having survived her husband, who died 14<sup>th</sup> May 1890.

See J. H. M. S. Book p. 35.

37 Thomas Higgin

the very first  
Baptism of  
the ~~son~~ <sup>son</sup> called  
at Wiston  
Lancashire, in  
of the parish  
Wigton, -  
The date of his  
his tombstone  
the register

begin at Christ's Ch., Cambridge,  
dated 1849 - and

38 Sarah Higgin.

in the churchyard  
Wiston



See note in margin  
of page 209

(37) Thomas Higgin, <sup>gent.</sup> "the younger" of Weston Underwood. - As already stated (at p. 197-9) the very first entry in the Register of Weston Underwood (i.e. the record of the baptism of "Thomas, son of Hugh and Elizabeth Higgin, 13<sup>th</sup> June 1681." & <sup>seems to have been</sup> ~~the son~~ called "Thomas Higgin 'the younger'", because there was at that time living at Weston an elder Thomas Higgin, of the parish of Preston, Northamp-  
tenshire, who married at Weston Underwood, (29 July 1686) Fanny Forby of the parish of Hanslope. - See back, (p. 195), for the will of his father, Hugh, - where he is mentioned lord of the children.

The date of his death (16 June 1748) and his age (68 years) are obtained from his tombstone: his burial ("Mr Thomas Higgin buried 17 June 1748") from the register.

(38) Sarah Higgin - wife of the preceding - whose maiden name is not known - was buried in the churchyard 16 Sept. 1729 - but the date of her death ~~seems~~ on her tombstone seems to be illegible.

youngest daughter of Thos Higgin the elder &  
Elizabeth his wife, -

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- (39) Elizabeth Higgin, <sup>existing</sup> must have been born in 1677 - i.e. 4 years before the <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> pilot's comm. She died 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1711 - on her tomb stone attests - <sup>was buried</sup> June 9<sup>th</sup> - unmarried, aged 34 years.

(40) Margaret -

(41) Eleanor -

(42) Mary -

I have nothing whatever to add concerning the three preceding daughters of <sup>(Mellor)</sup> Thos and Elizabeth Higgin, beyond what will be found in the printed pedi-  
ree; and which is derived from their father's will, described at p. 195. He  
mentions his children in the following order, - Thos, Margaret, Olivia, Mary Nestler  
(for so I read it), Elizabeth, Thomas: as he speaks of Mary Nestler as his son  
in law. This was in (Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>) 170<sup>th</sup>  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

- (43) Bartholomew Higgin's 'Mellor', Com. of Weston Underwood, <sup>third</sup> son of  
Thomas and Sarah, - is mentioned in the register as baptiz'd 17 Sept. 1712:  
being evidently ~~so~~ named after his great uncle.

He married (1) Elizabeth, ninth child of Charles Kilpin Esq. - 25 Sept. 1739.  
[There were therefore living at Weston Underwood <sup>at the time</sup> two first cousins (John &  
Bartholomew Higgin) who had married sisters, Anne & Elizabeth Kilpin.]  
She died 16 Sept. (buried 18<sup>th</sup>) 1748, aged 42 years.



He married (2) Susanna Kelfin, 10 Aug. 1756, at Water Underwood. She was  
evidently the widow of <sup>his former in-law</sup> Joseph Kelfin (8<sup>th</sup> child of Charles & Ann Kelfin & bro =  
bro of Ann (1A),) - about whom a few words will be added below, on (45).

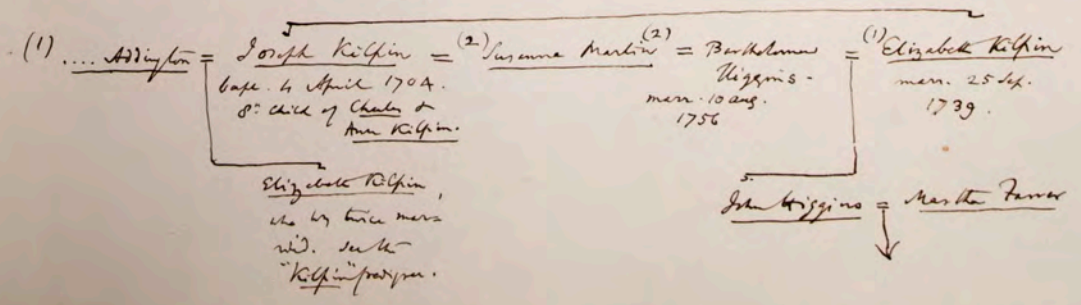
He died 29 Nov. (bur. 6 Dec) 1778 - aged 66 years: as appears from his mural  
monument in Water Underwood Ch. [See Duffycombe's "Hist. of Struck", IV. 436.] It  
is surmounted by his arms impaling Kelfin: but the inscription records the names  
of neither of his two wives.

In his will, he calls his wife Susannah - & mentioning the three children indicates  
in the pedigree of the numerals - (57), (53) & (55).

Of his father's name, see identity with in the Life of Scott the Lunatic (ed. 1822) - p. 119. Scott  
begins his ed - & surely that he wrote the inscription for Mr H's monument (p. 120). (See the  
Long Mts. of Peisins - p. 18.) See 1<sup>st</sup> ed. of name also in the Genealogy, - p. 85-6.

(44) Elizabeth <sup>first</sup> wife of Bartholomew Higginis. I have nothing to add concerning her other  
than has been specified above under (43), her husband: except that she was baptiz'd  
2<sup>d</sup> July 1706 - and therefore must have been 42 yrs of age at the time of  
her death, - not "40", as stated on her tombstone, in the churchyard.

(45) Susanna, second wife of Bartholomew Higginis. Concerning her, see top of this page.  
A sketch will <sup>best</sup> make this relationship more intelligible: -



It is evident that she was called "Susan" by members of the family: for not only do Bartholomew and Susan Kilpin witness the marriage of John and Sarah Higgin (1756 - (13) and (48)) - but she is described as "Susan" wife of Bartholomew Higgin in the register of burials, - 22 Feb. 1797.

The same marriage (Bartholomew) was witnessed by John Higgin (13) and Sarah Clark, 10 Aug. 1756.

(46) Hugh Higgin - eldest son of Thomas and Sarah :- born 9 Nov. 1708: died, as appears from his tombstone in the Ch. yard 12 (buried 14<sup>th</sup>) July, 1720 - aged 12 yrs.

(47) William H. second son of the above :- born 25 July 1710: bur 19 Oct. 1711 - aged 1 year and 3 months.

(48) Sarah Higgin's, elder daughter (4<sup>th</sup> child) of the above, born 22 Feb. 1714 - is recorded to have been married to John Higgin, a Boston undertaker, 15 July 1756, - by license. [he recognized his signature, or that of C. L. H.'s father]. As above stated (top of this page), Bartholomew Higgin and Susan Kilpin were witnesses of this marriage.

Sarah H. had lived with Ann Kilpin - who died in 1750. She herself died, as widow, <sup>was buried</sup> 24 Dec. 1778.



(49) Thomas, 5<sup>th</sup> child of Thomas and Sarah Higgin's, was baptized 30 March 1720, and buried 1 April 1721 - being just 1 year old.

(50) Ellen Higgin's - 6<sup>th</sup> and youngest child of the same pair, was baptized 25 Aug. 1724. She was buried 10 April 1757 - being (on her tombstone note) attained the age of 26 years. She is there called "Miss Eleanor": as well as in the Register of burials. I always struck an image of feminine grace and beauty with the mention of this young girl.

(51) John Higgin's son of Dorsey House, eldest son of Mathew and Elizabeth was baptized 19 Nov. 1740: marr. 1 Oct. 1793: died 5<sup>th</sup> (buried 13<sup>th</sup>) July 1813, aged 73. The registers of and his tomb monument in Wootton (found in my only sources of information, - the family of Dorsey House having preserved no records of youngest of their ancestors or nearest cousins. (See under (66).) His monument, besides recording his own name, commemorates that of his wife, and of his only surviving brother Mathew (55). [Lifescomb's Arch., iv. 406.] He was high Sheriff of Bed. 1797. He built Dorsey House in 1792. (See Henry's Hist. of Wiltshire, p. 238\*.)

(52) Masha Higgin's - wife of the preceding. She was the <sup>illegitimate</sup> ~~natural~~ daughter (as I learn from W. F. H. of Dorsey House, 1800), of W. Farrer son of Wright (field house). Her baptism is not recorded with the rest of the Farrer children in the Register, which I have very carefully examined. On her husband's monument, she is said to have died 14 March 1819. In the register she is stated to have been buried 23 March, - aged 49 years. The date of her death is probably inaccurate: but the age assigned to her in the Register is even impossible. William





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(55) Bartholomew, third son of Bartholomew and Elizabeth Higgin's - was baptiz'd  
19 Jan. 174 $\frac{2}{3}$ . He died 5 July, (and is buried on the 13<sup>th</sup>) 1817. But I  
suspect that the inscription on the monument is incorrect; and I am sure  
the statement in the register (viz. that he was 76 years of age) is untrue.  
It is clear that his age at the time of his death must have been 74 $\frac{1}{2}$  years.  
[The Turney House family are found to have been unduly inquisitive in  
such matters.] We find a record on his father's Ann's mural monument  
in Worship Wadsworth Ch. [Lipcomb's Tracts, iv. 406.]

(56) Joseph Higgin's.

(57) William Higgin's

(58) Ann Higgin's.

Concerning these 3 infant children of Bartholomew & Elizabeth Higgin's, I  
have nothing to add where it is stated in the printed pedigree & the Register  
supplies.

(59) Thomas Charles Higgin's son of Turney House: was born at Turney 26 Dec. 1797:  
bapt. was married at

July 1838: and died at Leamington, 4 Feb. 1865, aged 68 years. He  
is buried in the North <sup>West</sup> corner of Turney Ch. yard in an enclosed space,  
with his wife. The account given of him in Lipcomb's "Tracts" is a pure  
romance. The achievements recorded in m. iv. 115 are mythical - being in re-



ality those of

But W. F. Higgins, his son, informed me (in the Spring of the present year) of an omission in the pedigree which I eagerly rectify with my pen: 13.

(60) Charlotte, wife of the preceding, was born 16 May 1806 - and died at Lausanne 25 Oct. 1868, aged 62 years and 3 months. She <sup>was</sup> buried beside her husband (see p. 235) 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. A mural slab in Hurvy Ch. (SE corner) commemorating her husband, wrongly gives her only 58 years of life. [See below, on (66).] It is placed near that of Ann Maria, - see below, on (63).

(61) William Baskdowns Higgins esq. of Pict Hill, - born 11 Dec. 1798, - died unmarried in 1870 (15 Oct.). He was buried in Hurvy Cemetery, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - being followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbours. The marble memorial cross<sup>+</sup> was erected over his grave by his elder nephew & heir, in 1880. The base of it is inscribed as follows: -

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was designed  
by J. W. Burgon  
Dean of Chichester.  
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There is never a true record. Colonel Wiggins is indeed present in

(62) Harriet, (eldest of John & Martha's 4 children) was born in 1794 <sup>Wiggins 5 Dec.</sup> She married Major General George Scott - (a widower, who had even she named George), 22 May 1821. She died 4 Nov. 1872, having had no children. She was a very agreeable woman.

(63) Ann Maria, (second daughter of John and Martha), - born 20 Nov. 1795, and baptised 20 Dec. - She died 20 Nov. 1838 - is commemorated by a marble slab, in the SE corner of Parry Ch.: a locality known as "P. King's Chapel". She was an excellent domestic woman & a benefactor to the poor. See Henry's "History of Wilkes County", p. 238\* for some particulars of her benefactions. In the Spring of 1838 (the year of her death) Miss A. M. Wiggins presented a small list of names to the Church, - a list recorded in J. G.'s, vol. book, p. 381.



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(64) William Francis Higgins <sup>esq.</sup> of Manvy House - was born 5 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1845 - educated at Harrow, and at Pembroke (at Oxford) - married 28 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1873 at Wyrlingham, as stated in the printed pedigree. He was the third child (eldest son) of Thomas Charles & Charlotte Higgins. Died 7<sup>th</sup> March 1899.

(65) Fanny Abela, wife of the preceding. All I know is stated in the printed pedigree. She was first married to W<sup>m</sup>. Backwell Wyrlingham <sup>esq.</sup> of Wyrlingham, Bucks, at a Church in Oxford Square, 25 March 1865. He died 29 Nov. 1870, aged 41 yrs.

(66) Harriet Anne, eldest child of Thomas Charles & Charlotte Higgins, - born 21 Dec 1840 - and baptised 14 Feb. 1841 - was married (3 April 1872) to Richard Mow Brocklebank <sup>esq.</sup> - In a letter from this Lady, (dated Villa Lambert, No 1 - San Remo - Jan<sup>r</sup> 1880), I am indebted for the knowledge of the births of Thomas Charles and Charlotte Higgins, - her parents. She alone, of the family, was able to give me the information! [Her letter will be found <sup>at p. 9</sup> in the volume described above at foot of p. 213.] See above a remark under (57): also under (60).

(67) Emily Kettlewell, second child of the same - born 18 May, (baptised 25 June), 1843.

(68) Dennis Lambert, - fourth son of Thomas Charles and Charlotte Higgins: was born 26 August (baptized 26 Sep.) 1847. of the name of "Dennis" was bestowed in token of connexion with the Farrer family, (of which Dennis Farrer was a conspicuous member, 1698-1747,) it is an inexplicable circumstance that the spelling of the name was not attended to. Dennis Farrer was so named because his father William married Elizabeth, eldest daughter & heiress of Matthew Dennis Esq. of Kempston. Members of the "Dennis" family were residing at Kempston in the first quarter of the present century.

(69) I owe to the preceding Gentleman the information contained in the printed pedigree respecting his marriage and his children. [See the volume already cited at p. 213.]

(70) Louisa Blanche, - youngest of the five children of Thomas Charles & Charlotte Higgins, - was born 5 April 1846.



This brings me to the rising generation - a race <sup>near</sup> of little children: -

(71) Sustens Francis, eldest son of W<sup>m</sup> Francis and Fanny Adela Higgins: - born at Pytingham, 18 Nov. 1873.

(72) Adela Kathleen, second child of the same: - born at Dunwoody <sup>House,</sup> 28 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1876.

(73) Mary Louisa Dorothy, <sup>m. Cozons</sup> third child of the same: - born at Dunwoody <sup>House,</sup> 16 April 1878.

[ To which must be added the name of another little gentleman, who was baptized on the 4<sup>th</sup> September last: viz. Thomas Charles Reginald, fourth child of the same, - born at Dunwoody, 21 July 1880. ]

(74) Mary Isabel Pytingham, <sup>m. Costson</sup> daughter of Fanny Adela by her former husband, was born at Pytingham 18 Aug - & baptized 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1867.

(75) Roger William Clifford Pytingham, son of the same pair, was born at Pytingham 5 August 1870.

(76) Charles Francis - 1<sup>st</sup> eldest son of Dennis Lambert and Theodosia Isabella Higgins, was born 6 Nov. 1872.

(77) Theodosia Kathleen, - second child of the same, - was born 15 July 1874.

(78) Alexander George, - third child of the same, - was born 6 April 1876.

(79) Margery Blanche, - fourth child of the same, - was born 10<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1878.

(80) Harold Dennis, - fifth child of the same, - was born 6 Aug. 1879.

(81) Eva Charlotte, - sixth child, - b. 7 Feb. 1881.

(82) Ralph Lambert H., - seventh - b. 23 Nov. 1882

(83) Henry Ustick Maximilian H., - eighth - b. 4 March 1884.

(84) Bertha Harriet H., - ninth - b. 19 June 1885.