

NOTES.

IRONWORKS, BURSLEDON.

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In a field adjoining the Old Rectory, locally called "The Mounds," is situate a huge grass-covered mound traditionally said to be a burial mound, but its very site rules out such and in addition the O.S. map ignores it (*v.* Fox, Tumuli, Netley Hill, Bursledon. *H.F.C. Proceedings*, Vol. XII, Part 1). Another local tradition is that ironworks existed here in the 18th century which supplied the wood-shipbuilding industry then at its zenith during the French war.

On my finding in a copse near by, a large piece of ironstone which I attributed to the Hengistbury beds, which supplied the Sowley Ironworks in the New Forest, and being told that an ironfounder's token had been found in a garden, unfortunately lost and his name forgotten, led me to investigate the mysterious mound, which lies some hundred yards above the tidal reach to Hungerford Bottom, up which barges reached, prior to the extension of the Netley-Fareham railway across Badnam Creek, now silted up, dense overgrowth making access now impossible; the bargee's cottage, recently, pulled down, alone remains of the traffic of sixty or fifty years since.

Being unable to investigate the mound myself I enlisted the help of a young enthusiast, Miss Lucy Fisher, whose brother rents the field, instructing her to delve deeply into the mound beneath the accumulated humus and overgrowth, from which she brought me specimens of the identical ironstone I had found nearby. Here, then, was undoubtedly the ironstone dump for the ironmaster's blast furnace. No vestige of any of the buildings remain, possibly the bricks incorporated in the many cottages now since built. Further proof of the industry was the finding of a large block of pig-iron, its origin long forgotten.

No place names exist such as Hammerponds, etc.; as found in Sussex; the upper reaches of the creek being so silted up no evidence exists of the ponderous foundations to support and work the tilt-hammers, so it may be assumed that the ore extracted in the nature of the "pigs" was sent to the shipbuilding yards adjacent to be wrought in their own smithies.

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Since the above was submitted to our Editor, I am indebted to him, as Curator of the Tudor House Museum, Southampton, for informing me that in possession of the museum is a map by

John Doswell, 1802, showing the site of an "Iron Furnace" clearly marked, which may or may not be the iron-stone dump recorded by me.

I am also indebted to Dr. R. A. Pelham, PH.D., Lecturer, etc., University College and South Stoneham House, Southampton, who called on me, visited the dump and took away samples of the iron-stone and the "pig" for the purpose of being analysed; so I am hoping that in the expert hands of both Mr. Norman Cook and Dr. Pelham they may add their further researches in a report to our journal, supplementing my preliminary one recording the location of similar Hampshire ferrania to those at Sowley and Titchfield.

SOME HAMPSHIRE PROPERTY OF THE NUNNERY OF ST. MARY CLERKENWELL IN THE 12th CENTURY.

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There are no references to property in Hampshire held by the nunnery of St. Mary, Clerkenwell, in the account rolls¹ of 1490-91 and later and I have not seen any references to such property later than those calendared below. But that the nuns had been given rents in Grateley and Winchester is attested not only by documents in their mid-13th century cartulary, but also by a bull of Urban III. In referring to this cartulary I cite both the number which I am assigning to each deed in the edition which is in preparation, of which a typescript is deposited in the Bodleian Library, and also to the folio of the original MS. in the British Museum, the Cotton MS. Faustina B ii.

Among the witnesses to Thomas Maud's deed cited below occurs the name of William, parson of Grateley, who is also found as a witness to *Brit. Mus. Toph. Ch. 45*, a grant of land to Bec Herlewin Abbey at Quarley in 1219.

Grateley.

In No. 187, fo. 51 v, William Capra and the lady Alice, his wife and William, their son, gave half a mark's rent at Grateley to the nuns in free alms for the love of God and St. Mary and for the safety of their souls.

This grant was confirmed by Henry II in 1176 (No. 10, fo. 10), by Urban III in 1186,² and by Richard I in 1190 (No. 6, fo. 8 v).

In No. 188, fo. 52, Robert de la Mare, for the love of God and the safety of the souls of himself and his ancestors gives and confirms the rent. As William Capra had failed to say who should

1. P.R.O., Ministers' Accounts, Henry VII, 396. Cf. Ministers' Accounts, Henry VIII, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120 and 2396.

2. W. O. Hassall, "Two Papal Bulls for St. Mary, Clerkenwell." *E.H.R.*, Vol. LVII, No. CCXXV, p. 99.

pay, Robert appoints Andrew the baker to pay it out of the rent he yearly paid to Robert. Robert de la Mare is shown by No. 34 fo. 15 v, to have been the husband of Alice, one of the daughters and coheireses of William.³

In No. 186, fo. 51 v, Thomas Maud, for the safety of his soul and those of his predecessors, gives and confirms the grant to the nuns made by William and Alice in Grateley: his grandfather Robert assigned this half-mark to be paid from the land of Andrew de Grateley, and his charter (*i.e.*, No. 188) confirmed it to the nuns.

No. 186 shows that Thomas Maud must have been grandson of Robert de la Mare and Alice.

Winchester.

Between 1152 and 1154 Geoffrey Martel (the elder) gives in free alms for the safety of the souls of himself and Philippa his wife and of his heirs, the one mark rent at Winchester paid on the land held by John, brother of William, son of Martin. John is now to hold his land of the nuns. This grant is contained in No. 36, fo. 16, and is repeated in No. 57, fo. 20 v.

This grant was confirmed in 1176 by Henry II (No. 9, fo. 10), by Urban III in 1186, and by Richard I in 1190 (No. 6, fo. 8).

The chief benefactions of the Martels to the nunnery were in Dorset.

QUERY.

WASHINGTON, Faith, formerly Smith, *née* Bilson, buried 1615, Winchester Cathedral; widow of Rev. Lawrence Washington, Rector of Colmer, and sister of Tho. Bilson, Bishop of Winchester.

Extracts from her will, proved at Winchester, which is missing from the archives at the Probate Registry there, or information as to her former husband—Smith, or children, or names of her granddaughter who married Dr. Ralph Barlow (died 1631), Canon of Winchester and Dean of Bath and Wells, will be gratefully welcomed by W. H. Challen, 69 Brambledown Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

[Since going to press, Mr. Challen reports having found a copy of the will made in 1864 by Rev. J. N. Simpkinson, among the latter's papers at the College of Arms, London.—Ed.]

³. *cf.* W. O. Hassall, "The Essex Properties of St. Mary, Clerkenwell." *Essex Archaeol. Soc. Transactions*, Vol. XXIII, Pt. I, p. 17.