

## ANOTHER EARLY CHESHIRE ARMORIAL

Among the records held by Cheshire Archives and Local Studies there are three early, and perhaps near contemporary, copies of the Visitation of Cheshire made by Flower and Glover in 1580. One of these is catalogued as DDX 364/1.<sup>1</sup> Among the pages of this bound volume are some that relate to the ‘Armes of the Noble Gentlemen of Cheshire Coppied out of An Olde Booke belonging to the Office of Armes’. Alongside this title is a marginal note ‘v. copy of old rolles’.

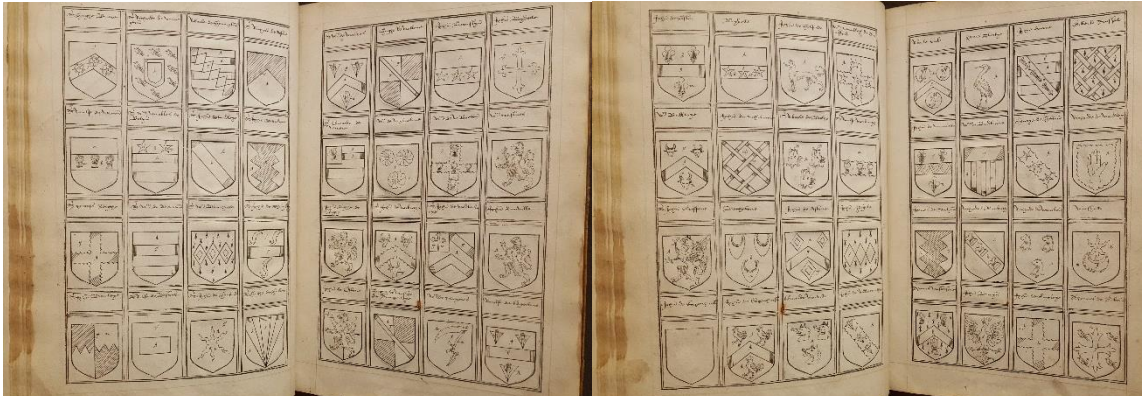
The ‘book’ consists of ten pages each of which has sixteen escutcheons, with names written above, framed in a four-column table. There is an eleventh page which has blank frames. The pages are written in a similar format, and perhaps by the same hand, to those found in DCC 17/1 mentioned in my on-line article ‘An Early Cheshire Armorial, *temp.* Edward III’. The pages contain many of the same coats of arms that were illustrated in the other document with some omissions and some additions. In some cases, the personal name has changed perhaps to reflect a different generation. Arms which are not included are: each of those of the earls of Chester, Alcock, Bagot, Bettley, Broughton, Chamberlain, Chedilton, Colfowle, Doncastle, Robert Falstalf, Grosvenor, Harbron, Hawrodin, Preston, Thornton, Lymme, Lynbury, Lyne, Massey of Dunham, Sandbach, Sandford, Sutton, Toft, Vale Royal Abbey, Whitley, Whyte, John Witte and William Doncastle. Names which have been added are: Barrow, Beeston, Bradburn, Davenport of Henbury, Done, Hoghe, Kingsley, Massey of Potington, Leverage, Savage, Venables of Trafford, Warburton and Wreaton. These additional arms are illustrated below.

It was hoped that the change of names between this armorial and DCC 17/1 would have given an indication of the period when the original ‘Olde Booke’ was created, but so far investigations have proved inconclusive.

Work on this paper will continue

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<sup>1</sup> The other two are at DCC 17/1 and /2. See my on-line article ‘An Early Cheshire Armorial, *temp.* Edward III’.

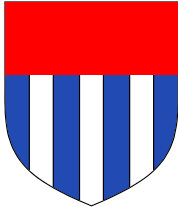


*Cheshire Archives and Local Studies, DDX 364/1, pp 28-33.*

The above pages are of tricked line drawings.

The following are coloured emblazons taken from the above pages which do not appear in DCC 17/1  
(see 'An Early Cheshire Armorial, temp. Edward III'.

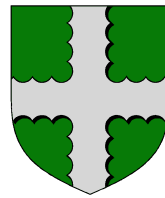
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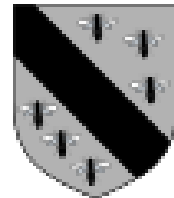
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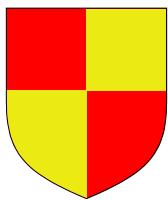
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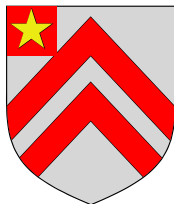
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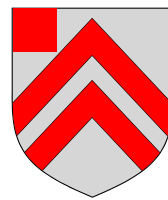
*Sir John Massye of  
Putington*



*Sir Geffrey Warburton*



*Sir John Warburton*



*Leversege*



*Robert Hoghe*



*Sir John Savage*



*William Venables of  
Trafford*



*John Barrowe*



*Davenport*

