

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 364/1.¹ 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

First, Sir Thomas Dutton, who died in 1381 aged 66 years, replaces Sir Piers who died in 1362.

Sir John Mainwaring replaces Raffe.

Sir William Fitton, who is unheard of, replaces either Sir Richard who died late in the reign of Edward III, or Sir Laurence who died in 1456.

Sir Richard Cradock who was active in the reigns of Richard II and Henry IV, replaces his father Sir David who died in 1390.

Sir John Stretch replaces Sir John Filkin, though the arms are the same so it would seem that one or the other surname is an alias.

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

Sir John Calveley (died about 1405) replaces a Sir Hugh (died 1393) though another Sir Hugh (died 1495) also appears.

Robert Hennington replaces William.

Sir Piers Legh replaces John.

Sir Ralph Bostock replaces Sir Adam, and a David Bostock appears. The Sir Adam Bostock of the earlier document will probably be the man who died in 1374, and Sir Ralph will his grandson who died in 1419. The arms of David Bostock displays a gold label suggesting he was an eldest son but known genealogies of the family suggest he was a younger son of Sir Adam whose ancestors lived at Churton and later used a crescent as a mark of difference.

Sir Ralph Marbury replaces Sir Laurence who was sheriff of Chester in 1412.

John replaces Roger Moldsworth (Edw III and Ric II).

John Cholmondeley replaces Richard.

Geoffrey Shrigley replaces John.

Randolph Rutter replaces Parkyn.

John Dolby replaces Walter.

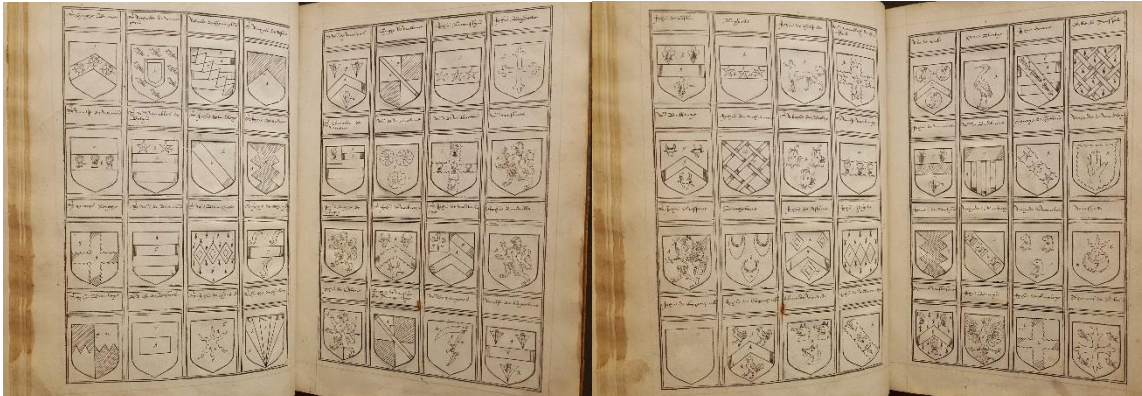
Arthur Trafford replaces Bartholomew.

Sir Robert Legh of Adlington's coat is that of Baguley (lozenges)

Robert Hoghe probably relates to Richard Hoghe of Hough who died in 1377 leaving only daughters.

Sir John Massey of P was slain at Shrewsbury in 1403. Normally 3 fleur-de-lis in 1/4

As regards the illustrations that follow the following facts should be noted. As regards the arms of Warburton. The modern interpretation of the family arms is for a canton to be displayed. The original documents give a 'quarter' concealing the dexter part of the upper chevron leaving a 'bend', as shown below. Blazons in other sources give a chevron and a bend often written thus:
Argent, a \wedge a \ and a quarter

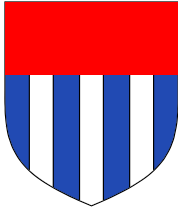


Cheshire Archives and Local Studies, DDX 364/1, pp 28-33.

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'.

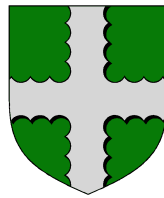
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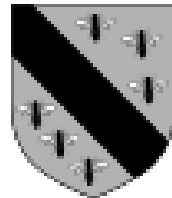
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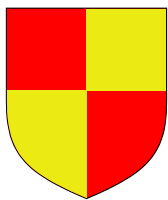
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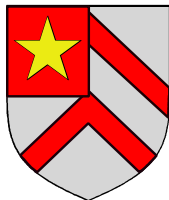
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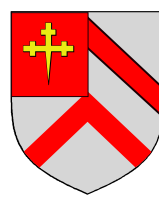
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