

Genealogical Notes

TO THE

Pedigree of the Smythies Family.

THE SMYTHES* OF WRINGTON AND WYKE COURT, YATTON, CO. SOMERSET.

- (1) Willus Smithes de Wrington in com Somset de familia
eodem no'ie in com Lancaster.

(2) Johannes Smythes.

Willus Smythes de Wyke in com Som'set & fil. . . . Godlowe
de Aula R₃ (see 27, below). de Bristow mercatoris.

Joh'es Smythes filius & hæres.
(See 32, below.)

Georgius Smithes de London.
(See 33, below.)

The above pedigree is recorded in Vincent MS. 141,111, which professes to be a copy of the Visitation of Somerset in 1573. Nothing more is known of (1) and (2). The will of Willus Smythes de Wyke (27) was proved in 1585, and his sons Joh'es and Georgius are mentioned therein (see below).

(3) The will of Robert Smythes of Bristol, dated 30 July 1585, contains the following: "I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife the halfe of all mye household stuffe, my lesser silver salte double guilt . . . my percell guilt bowle . . . etc. . . . and in consideration that she will bring uppe the child Thomas Smithes whom I have taken to bringe uppe at scoole in learninge and maintayne him clenely and well . . . I give unto her twentye pounds yerely to be paide oute of the personage of Wrington . . . and doe give and leave the same to Jessey my sonne that he shall take good order for the same and for the childe brought uppe as he himselfe was wherewith I charge him as deeply as a father maye his sonne." The relationship of the child Thomas Smithes is not mentioned. The will continues: "I give unto my Aunte Margaret Bolton twentye five shillings eight pence to be paide yerely out of the personage of Wrington . . . to my neighbour Thomas Coleman . . . my black satin doublett uncut (and) my best velvet night cappe to be delivered immediately uppon my decease . . . unto Joane Whoper my wives daughter my second best gowne faced with velvet and the rest of my goods move-

* In the early (Somersetshire) portion of the pedigree the spelling Smythes has been adopted, except in quotations, this being apparently the form of the name usually preferred by members of the family, but in the documents quoted it will be seen that the spelling varied greatly, the forms Smithes, Smithies, Smythes, Smythies, Smethes, and Smeethes all being used. The last form Smeethes probably indicates most nearly the way in which the name was pronounced.