

able and unmoveable I doe give and bequeath to Jessey my sonne whome I make myne executor . . . . and I do ordayne and make my good cozens Mr George Badram and John Smithes the sonne of George Smithes my brother overseers . . . . givinge them full power . . . . duringe the tyme of my said sonne's beinge in the Queenes maiesties service in Ireland." (12, Windsor.)

That Robert Smythes was the brother of Wiffus Smythes de Wyke, and consequently son of Johannes Smythes is shewn by the will of William, dated 1584 (8, Windsor); that his wife was a widow named Elizabeth Whoper with a daughter named Joane, and that he had a son Jessey, is shewn by his own will quoted above.

(4) George Smythes of Wrington, his son John, and several of his grandchildren are referred to in Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, collated with 1445, fo. 49<sup>b</sup>, and 1559, fo. 161 [See (7) and (15 to 21), below.] That George Smythes was the brother of William Smythes de Wyke and therefore son of Johannes Smythes, is shewn by the will of William Smythes de Wyke, dated 1584 (8, Windsor). An entry recording the burial of George Smith [*sic*] at Wrington on 22 July 1590 in the parish registers probably refers to George Smythes. He certainly was alive in 1584, since his brother William made him overseer of his will in that year.

(5) Edward Smythes, William, George, and Robert Smythes are all referred to in the will of Thomas Smythes of Ubleight, dated 1567 (12, Babington), as his brothers. Their relationship to each other and to Johannes Smythes their father is thus established. A bequest in the same will "to my brother Edward's daughter" shews that Edward was married and had a child, but neither the name of the wife nor of the daughter is given.

(6) Jessey Smythes is referred to in the will of his father Robert Smythes (3) quoted above, also in the will of his uncle Thomas Smythes (22) as "my brother Robert's child."

(7) John Smythes of Wrington is shewn by the Harl. MS. 1141, fo. 31, etc. (see 4, above), to have been the son of George Smythes of Wrington; to have married Joane, daughter of . . . . Dorrington, and to have had a son John, æt. 25 in 1623, and six daughters. There is a short pedigree at the Heralds' College embodying similar information, and in addition shewing that John Smythes of Wrington bore the same arms and crest as his cousin George Smythes the Alderman (see 31, below), but with a crescent for second branch. George Smythes the Alderman refers to him in his will, dated 1614, as his cozen John Smythes of Wrington, and Robert Smythes of Bristol (3) also refers to him in his will, dated 1584, as "John Smithes the sonne of George Smithes mye brother."

The will of John Smythes, dated 6 June 1626, is a valuable document. It confirms the information given in Harl. MSS. regarding his children, and supplements it by giving the Christian name of the daughter married to James Bisse as Mary, the Christian name of the daughter married to Nicholas Harvey as Sarah, the Christian name of his son John's wife as Sara, the Christian name of the husband of his daughter Judith as John, and further, by recording the marriage of his daughter Joane (shewn as unmarried in Harl. MSS.) to Richard Chichester. In it the testator wills "to be buried in the church of Wrington neere unto the place where my sonne John Smithes was lately buried," and makes bequests to "the poore of Wrington; Johane my wife; my cosen William Strode; my son-in-law John Cope; Elizabeth Godwyn my daughter, the wife of Robert Godwyn; my daughter Sara Harvie, wife of Nicholas Harvie; my daughters Jane Barnard, wife of Edward Barnard, gent.; Mary Bisse, wife of James Bisse, gent.; Johane Chichester, wife of Richard Chichester, gent.; and Judith Taverner, wife of John Taverner, gent.; Susan Passion my kinswoman; my brother-in-law John Bickombe, gent.; my daughter-in-law Mary Cope; my daughter-in-law Sara Smithes, a widowe; my grandchild Johane Strode, etc.