

years that the rents of the said tenement and lands shall be equally divided between my said sons till Williams said age of foure and twenty yeares. Item I giue to my said wife the rents and profitts of the Tenement and lands which I bought of John Ward and William Allston situate in Water Belchamp aforesaid during her naturall life . . . . Item I giue unto my said son Isaac two acres of arrable land in the comon fields called Mary Liall comon to him and to his son William and to their heires for ever. Item the said Tenement and lands with orchards (?), garden with aperten'ces I doe give to my sonne Willim and to his heires for ever all excepting the said two acres."

Signed: William Smythies, Richard Pepys,\* and John Scott. Proved at Westminster 26 Sept. 1653 by Anne Smythies, the widow (32, Brent).

(A 2) Isaac Smythies of Dagenham was left property in Walter Belchamp by his father William Smythies (A 1). The Register at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, records the entry of Isaac Smythies 18 May 1839. The date when he took his A.B. degree is not given, but he is noted as A.M. 1646.

Newcourt's "Repertorium" gives (p. 203): Dagenham, Vicarii—Isaac Smithies, A.M. 2 Oct. 1663 per mort. Tilney. Isaac Harrison, S.T.P. 13 Oct. 1674 per mort. Smithies. Patroni, Tho. Darcy, Bar.

*Ibid.* (p. 99). Bromley-parva, Rectory—Isaac Smithies, Cl. 1 Maii 1663 per cess Candler. Joh. Neblet, Cl. 4 Aug. 1664 per cess Smithies. Patroni, Maria, dom Vere, vid. Baroness de Tilbury.

(A 3) John Smythies. The Walter Belchamp Registers record the burial of John Smythies, son of William, in 1626. (See A 1 above.)

(A 4) William Smythies. The Walter Belchamp Registers record the baptism in 1632 of "Smytheis, William, son of William and Ann his wife," and the burial in 1634 of William Smythies, son of William. In the following year, another son having been born, he was also named William in accordance with a common custom of the time. (See A 1 above.)

(A 5 to A 9). See pedigree.

(A 10) William Smythies, son of William Smythies (A 1), is recorded in Emmanuel College Registers as having entered that College in 1651, and taken his A.B. degree in 1659. In 1660 he was presented by Robert Baldock to the Rectory of Tacolneston in Norfolk, and held that living till 1671, when he resigned (Blomfield's "Norfolk," v., 170); after that he was, as is shewn by a family document (Deed of assignment of the Whitehouse and lands in Winesham in the county of Suffolk by Elizabeth Cremer, *née* Palmer, widow of Robert Cremer, to William Smythies, dated 18 March 1673), for a time resident in and probably Curate of the parish of St. Mary Matfellow, Whitechapel, but during the year 1673 he became Curate-in-charge of the church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, and his name first appears in the church books as Chairman of the Vestry Meeting held on the 17th April of that year. The titular vicar was one of the bishops, but the position was in fact filled by William Smythies, who for over thirty years, when religious feeling ran high and much tact must have been required, conducted the spiritual affairs of this important parish. The last time his name appears as Curate and Chairman of the Vestry is in April 1704. In the following June Samuel Burgis is shewn as Curate and Chairman. The deed quoted above, and others still in

\* *Re* Richard Pepys above mentioned. "Diary of Samuel Pepys," 16 June 1664: "With my cousin Richard Pepys upon the 'Change, about supplying us with bewpers (bunting) from Norwich;" and again, 2 April 1662: "Met Mr Sanchy, Smithes, Gale, and Edlin at the Play." William Smythies, Rector of Mile End, Colchester, grandson of the above testator, was Chaplain to the Earl of Sandwich, a kinsman of the diarist.