

1717 (evidently an error for 1714). Proved at London in P.C.C. 15 August 1715 by Robert Goodwyn, the executor named (166, Fagg).

(A 11) Robert Smythies was born when William Smythies his father was Rector of Tacolneston, and his baptism is recorded in the Parish Register as follows: "An^o 1665. Robertus filius Willielmi Smythies & Hephziba uxoris ejus natus fuit quinto die Novembris baptizatus decimo tertio die ejusdem mensis an^o p^rdicto." The Register of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, contains the following entry: "1684, Jun. 25. Smythies, Robert, S.R. Norf., A.B. 1687."

(A 12) Christopher Smythies was also born when William Smythies his father was Rector of Tacolneston. His baptismal entry in the Parish Register is as follows: "1666. Christopher filius Willielmi Smythies & Hephziba uxoris ejus baptizatus fuit vicesimo octavo (?) die mensis Decembris An^o p^rdicto." He only lived two years and a half. His burial is recorded as follows: "1669. Christopher Smythies sepultus quinto die July."

N.B.—It is likely that James Smythies who is recorded in the College Register as having entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 3 July 1686, was another son of William Smythies (A 10), born between 1666 and 1673. He is not shewn as having taken the degree of A.B., and he is not mentioned in the will of William Smythies (1714); probably therefore, if he was his son, he died young.

(A 13) Peter Smythies was born several years after his elder brothers, when his father William Smythies was curate-in-charge of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, in the Registers of which church is the following entry: "Baptisms. Peter s. (son of) William Smytheis, Clerk, and of Hephzibah, borne 22^d December (1673), christened 5th Jan^y 1674." He "was the youngest son of William Smythies, late of Witnesham in the County of Suffolk, Clerk" (Cardons Hall in Witnesham, Mr. Sergeant Smythies release of title to the Rev. Mr. Palmer Smythies, dated 12 January 1741), and had one son named Sergeant Smythies (see A 14, below).

In the deed quoted above he is referred to as "of the City of Norwich." His wife's name is not known, but the peculiar Christian name given to his son suggests that her surname may have been Sergeant.

Peter Smythies was left the "coppypold house lately inhabited by Charles Palmer with all the coppypold Lands . . . lying in Witnesham" by the will of his father, proved 1715 (see A 10, above).

(A 14) Sergeant Smythies, the son of Peter Smythies. In a deed, still in the possession of the family, dated 12 January 1741 (Cardons Hall in Witnesham, Mr Sergeant Smythies' release of Title to the Rev^d Mr Palmer Smythies), Sergeant Smythies is thus cited: "Sergeant Smythies of the City of London, only son of Peter Smythies of the City of Norwich in the County of Norfolk, who was the youngest son of William Smythies, late of Witnesham in the County of Suffolk, Clerk, deceased." The deed is too long to quote at length. Its object is to remove a doubt, due to the wording of the will of William Smythies, as to the title of Palmer Smythies to three acres of land forming part of the property in Witnesham left him by his grandfather William Smythies, and it records that "Whereas the said Peter Smythies the father of the said Sergeant Smithies as youngest son of the said William Smythies was, according to the custom of the said manor, heir of the said William, the said Palmer Smythies to clear the doubt arising upon his title . . . hath contracted and agreed with the said Sergeant Smythies for all his estate, right title and interest therein at the price and for the sum of thirteen pounds two shillings and sixpence."

Sergeant Smythies is believed to have died unmarried. Had he had a son, the son's rights in the Witnesham property, as well as his own, would doubtless have been renounced in the document quoted above.