

Walasses Farm in Great Maplestead belonged to the widow of the Rev. Thomas Smythies in 1768 (Morant's "Essex," ii., 280).

(A 19) Yorick Smythies of Colchester, son of William Smythies (A 17) by his first wife Margarita de Vandergues, was baptized 10 February 1737 at St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester. He died seised in effect intestate, having made a will and the devisees therein having all died in his lifetime (Add. MSS. 19,149, fo. 205). He was buried in the Church of St. Martin, Colchester, where there is the following inscription:—

"13 Oct. 1824. Died Yorick Smythies, A.M. of St John's College, Cambridge, son of William Smythies and Margaret de Vandergues, 54 years Rector of this parish, 59 years Rector of L. Bentley; officiating minister of both Churches during nearly the whole of that time, a magistrate for the County of Essex, whose remains with those of his wife Mrs Anne Smythies, daughter of the Rev^d Thomas Leigh of Greenwich, who died Jan^y 27th 1814, aged 76, are deposited in the middle aisle of this Church."

He was Chaplain to the Royal Horse Guards 28 Jan. 1765 to 1787 (Army List).

(A 20) William Smythies, son of William Smythies (A 17) by his second wife Elizabeth Blatch (Add. MSS. 19,149, fo. 205). A note in the Twining Family Papers, evidently referring to this William Smythies, states that he died a bachelor.

(A 21) Anne Smythies, daughter of William Smythies (A 17) by his second wife Elizabeth Blatch (Add. MSS. 19,149, fo. 205).

(A 22) James Smythies, son of William Smythies (A 17) by his second wife Elizabeth Blatch, obtained a licence to change his surname to that of Blatch.* This licence is "entered in the Earl Marshall's Book marked I. 32," fo. 103, and dated 14 March 1772. It states that "Whereas our Trusty and well beloved James Smythies of Colchester in our County of Essex Esq^r has by his Petition" asked to change his surname from Smythies to Blatch, in accordance with the will of Sarah Edwards, his aunt, who left him a legacy on that condition, "our Will and pleasure is that you Richard, Earl of Scarborough, Deputy to the said Marshal . . . do require and command that this our concession and Declaration be accordingly registered in our College of Arms . . . By his Majesty's Command. (Signed) Suffolk."

James Blatch and his wife were buried in Mile End Churchyard, and over their grave is the following inscription:—

"Under this stone lie the remains of James Blatch, Esq^{re}, of St Mary's-at-the-Walls, Colchester, who died December 18th, 1811, Aged 63. Also under this stone are deposited the remains of Elizabeth Blatch, widow of the said James Blatch, who departed this life October 22nd, 1815, Aged 72 years."

Elizabeth Blatch's maiden name was Dennis (Twining Family Papers). Her will, dated 9 February 1812, was proved by her son James Blatch, Vicar of Basingstoke, 1815 (Family Papers).

(A 23) Charlotte Smythies, daughter of William Smythies (A 17) by his second wife Elizabeth Blatch, was buried in Mile End Churchyard, and over her grave is the following inscription: "Mrs Charlotte Doyle, wife of Mr Joseph Doyle of Stratford-le-Bow, daughter of Mr William Smythies of Colchester, died of consumption, leaving two sons William and Edward, was buried near her Brother James Blatch March 20th, 1778, Aged 27. This stone was erected to her Memory by her nephew James Blatch, Vicar of Basingstoke." In the same churchyard is buried her son William Smythies Doyle, the inscription stating that he died 28 January 1796, aged 23, and in the Church of All Saints, Colchester, a mural tablet records the death of her second son Edward Doyle. The inscription on this is somewhat

* There is a square in Colchester named "Blatch Square."