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"The sap is a sign of vigour in all trees except the family tree."

EDITORIAL

This issue of the Newsletter marks the end of the second volume in the third year of publication. The reception accorded to the Newsletter has been very gratifying, subscriptions continue to come in and the placing of the Newsletter in other genealogical society libraries has been helpful in bringing notice of it to a large number of people.

Since the first issue was prepared and an introduction to it written, the circulation has increased considerably. The Newsletter seems to have caught on and we plan to continue its publication as long as support is forthcoming but, unfortunately, costs are continually rising and we must have your support.

We would like to make a special appeal to subscribers to make an attempt to obtain additional support. Please send names and addresses of any relatives or friends who would like to subscribe to the Newsletter.

The Editor is also the Genealogist of the Swinnerton Society. If there are any questions pertaining to your line, or any one in need of lines being worked out, I will be more than pleased to help in any way possible. We have very extensive genealogical files and are building up quite a library as well. All of this is available gratis to members of the Swinnerton Society.

The next volume will commence in July with a new format and we would welcome articles, extracts, anecdotes or what have you, for inclusion.

Back numbers of the Newsletter: Volume I is now completely out of print; Volume II is available (10 issues) at £2.00, post paid.

FAMILY NOTES

Congratulations to RAYMOND SWINNERTON (RS. 59) who put up some very good performances recently as a member of the Fencing Team which won the North West Section Team Foil Match. He, himself, came 2nd in the North West Section Epee Tournament.

ANOTHER TWIGLET

GARETH JOHN SWINNERTON (GS. 40) was born 24. 7. 1976 at Torquay and baptised on 16.10.1976 at St. Peter's Church, Goetre, Gwent. Belated congratulations to his parents, Dr. GUY STRETTON SWINNERTON (GS. 33) and Mrs. Norlene Esme Swinnerton (nee McCann) - See Swinnerton of Chester Table 3.

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(ex Miss Eunice Wilson)

STAFFORDSHIRE M.I's (2)

BETLEY

(L.H. of 3 gravestones) IN MEMORIAM

JOHN SWINNERTON died July (?) 30th 1782 aged 87 years

MARY his wife died June 30th 1797 aged 76

JOHN the son of WILLIAM & HANNAH SWINNERTON died Feb. 7th 1797 (JS. 42)

(Centre of 3 gravestones)

"In memory of WM. SWINNERTON of BETLEY who died May 31st 1809 (WS. 15)
aged 79 years.

Also HANNAH, wife of WILLIAM SWINNERTON who died 20th May (?Mar.)
1828 aged 89 years.

He was a kind father; a faithful husband; A good neighbour and an honest man."

(To immediate left of Church Door)

"In loving memory of WILLIAM SWINNERTON of Betley who died Sept. 26 (WS. 22)
1887 aged 82 and ELIZABETH wife of the above who died 12 January 1893
aged 83."

LANDLORDS TO LONDON - The Story of a Capital by Simon Jenkins

P. 21. "Inside the city walls the impact of the Dissolution was most dramatic. There had been twenty-three religious houses in the medieval city, and they were among its finest architectural jewels. Almost all vanished, their buildings to be either demolished or occupied by laymen. In some cases their churches survived as parish churches - such as St. Bartholomew-the-Great in Smithfield (one of only two Norman churches still surviving in the City today). Three other Austin Priors, Holy Trinity within Aldgate, St. Mary Spital and St. Mary Elsing Spital, were destroyed and their associated hospitals and almshouses re-developed for housing. A characteristic fate was that which befell the Austin Friars house by London Wall. The property was granted to the Marquess of Winchester and the church itself to the local Dutch community for their use. There were early preservationist protests as the spire was demolished but down it came. The Marquess built himself a large house on the site. Soon afterwards, however, he sold it to the Lord Mayor, JOHN SWINNERTON, doubtless realising that the City was becoming ever more undesirable as a place in which to live. The price was £5,000."

(ex Miss C. A. & Miss E. D. Swinnerton)

SALOP PARISH REGISTERS (3)

HIGH ERCALL (ERCALL MAGNA)

1808	Dec. 19	David Davies & Sarah Bullock (Wit. Eliz. Turner & William Swinnerton)	Mar.
1825	Aug. 31	George Fleming, widower & Mary Millward, widow (Wit. John Lane & Jane Swynerton)	Mar.

BODDINGTON

1788	Sept. 16	George, base son of Hannah Swinnerton, a pau.	Bap.
1788	Sept. 22	George Swinnerton, a pauper	Bur.

RATTINGHOPE

1770	Edw. Swinnerton & Jane Howells (from Boyd's Index)	Mar.
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**'PICTORIAL JUVENILE INSTRUCTION' - A Miscellany of Religious & Moral
Poetry & Prose (1842)**

(ex W. Webster)

44 AN INFANT PLANT OF PARADISE.

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*Maria Rebecca Swinnerton, Died Nov. 13, 1842,
Aged one year and three months.*

"O fairest flow'r, no sooner blown but blasted."—MILTON.

How soon thy spirit's wing'd its flight!
How swift thy passage up to light!
Though pain was once thy portion *here*,
'Tis everlasting pleasure *there*.
In those elysian fields on high,
No gushing tear shall drown thine eye;
No anguish shall disturb thy rest,
Nor "wave of trouble, cross thy breast."

Freed from the busy cares of life,
Freed from the scenes of hateful strife,
Far from this gloomy world below,
Thou'rt freed from suffering, pain, and woe.
Too bright a gem to shine on earth!
Thou'rt gone to her who gave thee birth,*
To swell the blissful songs above,
To "triumph in redeeming love."

Sweet babe! methinks thy red-cheeks' flush,
Would even make the *cold* grave blush,
To wither, with his blighting power,
The freshness of so sweet a flower.
And "Old King Death," methinks would sigh,
To find his hand had dimm'd thine eye;
But little cherub, rest awhile,
The grisly monarch wears a smile.

Ye mourning friends, no longer weep,
Her death is but a gentle sleep;
And, rous'd by the last trumpet's sound,
Her slumbering flesh shall leave the ground;
Array'd in never-fading bloom,
She'll rise triumphant o'er the tomb;
And, singing with immortal breath,
Her victory over *vanquish'd* death.

Tuttle Hill.

W. AUGHT.

* Her Mother died Dec. 23rd, 1841. See the May
No. for 1842.

TO ANN SOPHIA SWINNERTON. 185

TO ANN SOPHIA SWINNERTON,
On attaining her ninth year.

HAPPY child! life seems to thee,
Like the smooth unruffled sea,
When the surging billows sleep,
Calmly on the placid deep;
Or, (to thine unpractis'd eye,)
Like the spring-time's vernal sky,
When the lark's melodious lay,
Welcomes in the new-born day.

Happy child! too soon thou'lt know,
Life is chequer'd with "much woe;"
Soon the hand of Time may fling,
Darkness o'er the opening spring;
Griefs may chase the fairy dream,
Clouds may hide the sunny beam.
Storms may bid the sleeping wave
Form the shipwreck'd seaman's grave.

Happy child! thou ne'er canst know,
Perfect happiness below;
Earth's cold clime will only bring
Honey with the *poisonous* sting;
Yet, though life's a gloomy scene,
"Sunny moments" intervene;
For there's many a golden ray,
Lights the traveller on his way.

Happy child! although to thee,
Life may prove a *stormy* sea;
Yet there is a hand can guide
Safely o'er the foaming tide,
That can bear thy fragile form,
Through the tempest and the storm;
And I trust that hand will still,
Guard thee from each threat'ning ill.

Tuttle Hill.

W. AUGHT.

THE STAFFORDSHIRE ADVERTISER

1820-1840

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| 1821 | 24 Feb. | On Monday last at Brampton House, Newcastle under Lyme, Miss F. SWINNERTON after a short illness of 2 days, though some years in a weakly state which she bore with patient fortitude. |
| | 17 Mar. | On Thursday the 15th inst. at Hill Top, MRS. SWINNERTON, wife of Mr. John Swinnerton of Standon. |
| 1824 | 1 May | On Saturday last, aged 67, MR. THOS. SWINNERTON, confidential clerk for many years to Thos. Sparrow, Esq. of Newcastle under Lyme. With a high character of integrity he was generally respected and his memory will long survive in the recollection of a numerous acquaintance. |
| | 19 June | On Thursday, 10th inst. at Newcastle aged 60, MARY RELICT OF MR. THOMAS SWINNERTON whose death we recorded on the 1st ult. |
| 1825 | 18 June | On Wed. last at Sugnall, ANN, eldest daughter of the late John Swinnerton, Esq. of that place. |
| | 2 July | On the 25th inst. at St. Mary-le-Bone Church, London by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Soder & Man, Sir W. Pilkington Bart. of Chevet, Yorks to MARY, dau. of Thomas Swinnerton Esq. of Butterton Hall in this County & Wonaston Court in the County of Monmouth. |

Part II (3) The Manor & Parish of Blymhill

p. 82 Roger (de Pychford) gives to William, son of Richard de Chylynton, Chaplain; witnesses John Gyfford, John de Weston, JOHN de SWYNNERTON, Knights, Roger de Quyoteshay, John de Brunton, Henry de le Rob, Henry son of William de Wolaston and others.

p. 87 to which are witnesses Richard Lone, Richard Selman, ROBERT SWYNNERTON, Thomas de Walton, Simon Gedynton and others.

p. 104 A subsequent inquisition was held in the following year, by virtue of the King's writ, dated July 20, 24 Edw.III (1350), directed to JOHN de SWYNNERTON, escheator for the county of Stafford, to enquire whether Hillaria, who had been the wife of John de Bromley, deceased, held any lands conjointly with her husband at the time of his death.

p. 105 Alice, the daughter and heiress of John de Bromley, proved her age at Blymhill on November 1, 36 Edw.III (1362). The mandate which was directed by Philip de Luttele, the King's Escheator for the county of Stafford, ordering him to take the proof, was dated at Westminster, on 17 October, 36 Edw.III. It states that John de Froddesham, who has married Alice, daughter and heir of John de Bromley, deceased, who held of the King *in capite*, declares the said Alice to be of full age, and petitions that the lands and tenements which are of the inheritance of the same Alice, and in the wardship of HUMFREY de SWYNNERTON by the King's commission, may be given up to her, and the King desires that the same Alice should prove her age before the said escheator.

p. 109. Their share of this manor was afterwards in possession of the SWYNNERTONS, of Isewall, or Usewall, in the parish of Eccleshall, and my conjecture is that it came to them by the gift of the same Alice de Froddesham. I find that, in 1349, the King granted to HUMPHREY de SWYNNERTON the custody of all the lands in the County of Stafford which belonged to John de Bromley, deceased, who held of the King *in capite* to hold until the heir of the said John be of full age, together with the marriage of the said heir; rendering therefore £8 yearly by equal portions, and paying £30 for the said marriage; dated at Westminster, 24th September, 23 Edw.III; and by a charter, dated at Westminster, 6th March, 26 Edw.III (1352), which recites the above-mentioned charter, and states that the said Humphrey has prayed the King that he should be discharged from a portion of the payment of the said annual sum, alleging that he believes that he has not had possession of all the estate of the said John, because Hillaria, the widow of the same John, was conjointly enfeoffed with him (the said John) of the greater part of the lands which he held at the time of his death; the King, therefore, having been certified of the facts of the case by the return of certain inquisitions, grants that the said HUMPHREY shall only pay for the custody of the lands in question four marks annually, &c.

p. 110 On 31st May, 44 Edw.III (1370) HUMPHREY de SWYNNERTON and *Hillaria, his wife*, give 20s. to have a writ "de conventionem" in the County of Stafford. And again, on 26th January 46 Edw.III (1372), HUMPHREY de SWYNNERTON and Hillaria, his wife, give half a mark for a writ "de compote" in the County of Stafford.

To be continued