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From the Editor's desk

The new format of the journal seems to have met with general approval judging from the comments in your letters and Editors of other One-Name journals have also expressed favourable opinions. This is pleasing to me - it is always nice to know what you think. It is YOUR Society and in this connection I always welcome articles and letters for publication in the journal.

In the past I have tried to produce it as a bi-monthly but I am afraid that due to the pressures of modern-day life I have not always met my target and issues have been a bit erratic. In future, your Council have decided it shall be a quarterly publication (March, June, September and December) but I hope to make each issue larger to compensate. There is no shortage of material - just a lack of time, it does take a considerable amount of time to get each issue ready for publication and to actually print and mail it.

I recently attended on your behalf the fourth annual gathering of One-Namers (the second to be held as a weekend conference) and now under the auspices of the specialist "Guild of One Name Studies" which was founded last year and to which this Society belongs. I have, of course, a vested interest as I organised the very first such gathering and I can report that it was, as always, an excellent weekend and from which, again as always, I learned a great deal. It was a great pleasure to see one of our ordinary members also attending - Mrs.Audrey Firmin of Derby.

These get-togethers are most valuable, there is a constant cross-fertilisation of ideas as well as a very good fellowship and one makes many very real friendships.

The Guild have recently published a new "Register of One Name Studies" listing all the names of people who are researching all references to a specific surname.

NOTES ON THE FAMILY OF SWYNNERTON, OF SWYNNERTON AND OTHER PLACES IN CO. STAFFORD.

BY THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON,
CHAPLAIN AT BENGAL.

- ARMS.** 1.—SWYNNERTON OF SWYNNERTON. *Argent, a cross formé fleurettée, sable.* (College of Arms).
2.—SWYNNERTON OF HILTON. *Argent, a cross formé fleurettée, sable, within a bordure engrailed, gules.* (College of Arms).
3.—SWYNNERTON OF ECCLESHALL. *Argent, a cross formé fleurettée, sable, differenced with a bend, gules.* (College of Arms).
4.—SWYNNERTON OF BUTTERTON. *Argent, a cross formé, sable, fleurettée, or, over all a bendlet, gules.* (Not in the College of Arms, yet borne by the Swynners of Butterson for at least 200 years, and probably more; vide Staffordshire Arms in the William Salt Library, Stafford).
5.—SWYNNERTON OF BUTTERTON, as represented by Sir Lionel Milborne-Swynnerton-Pilkington, Bart. *Argent, a cross formé fleurettée, sable, over all a bend engrailed, gules, for difference.* (By a late special grant from College of Arms).
6.—SWYNNERTON OF OSWESTRY AND LONDON. *Or, a chief indented, gules.* (By grant of James I.)

- CRESTS.** 1.—A *Chapel de Fer*, adorned with two eagle's feathers, one on each side.^a
2.—On a hill, *vert*, gorged with a collar, *azure*, which is garnished with six bezants, a boar statant, *argent*, tusked, *or*, holding in his mouth an apple (or pomegranate) *vert*.^b

- MOTTOES.** 1.—*Avanturez et marchez avant.*^c
2.—*Avancez et arches bien.*^d
3.—*In Deo spes mea.*^e

LIVERY COLOURS. Blue and Gold.^f

BADGE. A daisy-tuft.^g

MANORS and LANDS or PARTS OF LANDS in possession of the family at various times.^h Swynnerton with advowson, Hilton with advowson, Essington, Cannock Chase, Desere, Badenhall, Sugenhall, Becke, Chelle, Pershall, Rushton Spencer, Butterson, Cherleton, Wyrley, Hopwas, Pilatershall, Hulcote, Cornford, Austenfeld, Caldon, Uleshall, Ueshall, Acton, Hutton, Beech, Yernefyne, Titensor, Blakelow, &c., in co. Stafford; Repyndon and other lands in Derbyshire; Great Barwo, &c., in co. Chester; Braybrooke Castle, Le Estallefee, and lands in Roudon, Castleton, Ruston, Dresburgh, and Weldon, &c., in co. Northants; Morton Manor in Dumfries; Wonastow in Monmouth; Stanway in Essex; besides lands in the counties of Oxford and Salop.ⁱ

CHURCHES founded by the family. Those of Swynnerton and Hilton, co. Stafford.

STRONG GARRISONED CASTLES held for the King by members of the family during the Plantagenet period.—The Tower of London: the Castles of Stafford and Eccleshall in Staffordshire; those of "Salop" and "Bruges" (Bridgenorth) in Shropshire; and the important border fortress of Harlegh (Harlech) in Wales.^j

Some years ago the writer of these notices spent a holiday in visiting the Churches and Halls of North Staffordshire. In the course of

^a From a seal of Lord Roger de Swynnerton, 2 Edw. III.

^b From Sir Thomas de Swynnerton's battle-standard in the College of Arms.

^c Ibid.

^d From an old pedigree of Swynnerton of Butterson, dated 1713.

^e From a Swynnerton battle-standard in the William Salt Library, Stafford.

^f From the standard in College of Arms.

^g Ibid.

^h Many of the ancient spellings are here used.

ⁱ Vide authorities later on.

his wanderings he found himself one evening at the remote village of Swynnerton, and was struck not only with its fine situation but with the character of its surrounding details. It lies some two miles from Stone, on the summit of extremely elevated ground, and in the midst of splendid park-land, telling of ancient lineage and immemorial possession. Near at hand are the remains of the old palatial fortress¹ of Wolfere, King of the Mercians in 670, whose name was deservedly held in horror by the Saxon Church, by reason of his slaughter of his two sons, converts of St. Ceadda. At the south end of the village, just within the verge of the park, stands a noble Hall of the Caroline Period, one of the residences of Basil Fitzherbert, Esq., the Lord of the Manor. The ancient Castle, which once nestled farther down the long well-wooded slopes, was long ago demolished by "Capt. Stim's souldiers" (Feb., 1643-4),² and the moat alone, now expanded into a small lake, marks its site. On the west side of the hall stands the exquisite private chapel of the Fitzherberts, erected at a cost of £6,000 by the late Mrs. Fitzherbert, to the memory of her deceased husband. Behind the hall, and separated from it only by a byeway, are the ancient church and churchyard of the manor, and the "Chapel of our Ladye,"³ which last was the mortuary chapel of the Swynners, and after them of the Fitzherberts. The church contains few points of interest, but these are striking, and one of them is peculiar. The present structure dates from the middle of the 13th century (1240—60), but part of the tower is Norman, proving that an older edifice existed on the same spot, probably at the time of the Domesday Survey. Within the church may be seen two most interesting remains. These are, 1st, the recumbent statue of a Knight Crusader, belonging to a very early period, of which more hereafter; and 2ndly, a colossal figure of Christ, which stands in the mortuary chapel.⁴ The latter is carved out of soft white stone, but is of great antiquity, and represents our Blessed Lord enthroned, with His right hand lifted in the attitude of benediction, and His left in the act of drawing aside His garment in order to expose the wound-print in His side. The hands and feet bear the stigmata. The hair is long and curly, the expression of the face mild and benevolent, and from the foreshortening of the thighs, it is evident that the original position of the statue was in some lofty niche—possibly over the west door.⁵ All other monuments of ancient date have disappeared from the church, excepting a fine alabaster slab, on which only the words "Quondam Dominus de Swynnerton Armiger et Elena ux ejus qui obierunt," can now be traced, the rest having been worn away by passing feet. Yet in the time of Elizabeth there were other sepulchral remains at Swynnerton. The alabaster tomb was then entire, repre-

¹ Bury Bank, between Stone and Swynnerton.

² MS. Journal of the Parliamentary Commission at Stafford, p. 20. It used to be in the possession of the family of Burnes, of Aldershaw (Shaw).

³ Humphrey Swynnerton's Will, proved 1563.

⁴ There is a figure of Christ nearly similar on the curious tripartite bridge at Crowland, in Lincolnshire.

⁵ This monument, as well as the alabaster one, has been carefully placed out of harm's way by the present Rector and Patron, the Rev. W. Taylor, to whom the writer is indebted for much topographical information.

sending the figures of a knight in plate armour, his wife and little daughter. Over the knight's head was a shield—a cross flory; and over the lady's head another shield—a saltire engrailed. And in the border round about were engraved the words—"Hic jacet Willm Swynnerton quondam Dominus de Swynnerton armiger et Elena ux ejus qui obierunt tertio die—anno Domini 1431, quorum animabus propicietur Deus. Amen."*

There were, as well, two other monuments. One of these bore two shields—the first a shield quarterly of Swynnerton of Swynnerton, and Swynnerton of Hilton; the other a Stanley shield with six quarterings, as follows:—

1. *Argent*, on a bend 3 stags' heads, *or*.
2. *Argent*, a chief engrailed, *or*, charged with 3 bezants (?).
3. *Or*, a chevron, *gules*, between 3 birds, *sable*.
4. *Azure*, 2 pike converged, *or*, between 8 cross crosslets, *or*.
5. *Azure*, 3 lions passant, *argent*.
6. A scythe.

These two shields marked the resting-places of Thomas Swynnerton and Alice Stanley his wife, temp. Hen. VIII. But there was another monument still more interesting. It was the effigy of a lady, life-size, over which were the words "Matilda de Swynerton," and the shield of the De Hollands, Earls of Kent—*Azure*, a lion rampant, *argent*, within nine fleurs-de-lis, *argent*—telling of a splendid alliance^b in the old days, when the Hollands were so closely connected with the Royal House of Plantagenet. This effigy has most unhappily been lost. No one knows anything about it. The great figure of Christ was dug up some years ago from beneath the floor of the mortuary chapel, where it had lain hidden probably since the Reformation. It is to be hoped that Matilda de Swynerton may enjoy a like restoration.

It is a remarkable fact that Basil Fitzherbert, Esq., the present Lord of the Manor, is a lineal descendant through Elizabeth Swynnerton, temp. Elizabeth, of the original Norman grantee, Alan de Swynnerton, living in 20 Conqueror. Lineally descended, too, as he is from Sir William Fitzherbert, to whom Lord Ferrers and the Prior of Tutbury granted the Manor of Norbury,^c of which he is also the existing Lord; he enjoys a nobility of birth and descent which no mere patent of nobility could possibly confer.

* An old drawing of the tomb, in its unimpaired state, may be seen at the William Salt Library, Stafford.

^b The marriage of Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, Kt., Lord of Swynnerton, with Maud de Holland, sister-in-law of Edward III.'s first cousin, the Princess of Wales. These monuments are noticed in MS. 99, p. 197, *Society of Antiquaries*.

^c The original deed, in splendid preservation, bearing date 25 Hen. I. 1125, is among the Fitzherbert records at Swynnerton. One of the signatures is that of Richard Piche, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

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Between 1878 and 1882 the Rev. CHARLES SWYNNERTON wrote a series of articles for *The Reliquary* which undoubtedly served as the basis for his subsequent collaboration with the Rev. and Hon. Canon Bridgman on 'An Account of the Family of Swynnerton' (Collections for a History of Staffs Vol. VII Part II). This is the first of the Series.

THE REV. HENRY ULYATE SWYNNERTON

In our issue of July 1979 (Vol.3 No.10) we gave a brief outline of the Rev. Henry's family and the descent of our member Mrs Diana Cunningham. There were one or two minor errors in this and we can now add another generation as we now know that the SAMUEL SWYNNERTON at the head of the tree was the Samuel who was baptised at Tetbury in Gloucs. on the 22 June 1740, the second son of GEORGE SWYNNERTON, Taylor and Staymaker of Tetbury, and his second wife Ann Suff.

Corrections: Samuel, the younger was born 27 May 1772 (he emigrated in 1833): his son James was born on 25 Sep 1809 and did not die until 1875. He (James) married Fanny RUTTER not Butler on 10 May 1829 at Alverstoke, Hamps. Henry Ulyate's wife's name was Levantia and their daughter Sylvia Agnes was married on 21 Aug 1902. Finally, Mrs Cunningham's parents were married on the 14 Sep 1936.

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SWYNNERTONS of GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The family above now finds its roots in Gloucestershire and this, of course, was also where we found references to ANTIPAS and JASPER SWYNNERTON who, we believe, are of the family of JOB SWYNNERTON — the earliest emigrant to America (see SFH. Vol.2 p.28).

More bits and pieces of information about JOB and his family have come to light and we now learn that he emigrated from Taunton in Somerset and not from Eccleshall, Staffs. as had always been thought.

In the Gloucestershire City Library there is an administration preserved which reads:—

SWYNNERTON al's BEANE

23 February 1615

Vicesimo tertio die Februarij Anno d'm pred 'o' et concess't l'ras Ad. in' Bonoru' juriu et Creditor' Thome Swynerton al's Beane def't nup' du' vixit Tetbury dioces' Glouc' Jaspero Swynnerton al's Beane fil' natural' dict' def't debita prius jurat' salvo jure cuiuscu'q' obligatur ip'o cu' Willim'o Jones de Civitate Glouc' Cordiner et Nathaniele Burrowes. de eadem Civitate Glouc' Cordiner in viginte libris bone monete p'd'c'. pro Inventario citra festu' de Pentecost' p'x'

Translated this is :-

SWYNERTON al's BEANE 23 Feb.1615 (1616 in new style)

On the twenty-third of February in the aforesaid year letters of administration of the goods, dues and credits of Thomas Swynerton otherwise Beane deceased formerly, while he lived, of Tatbury in the diocese of Gloucester were granted to Jasper Swynnerton otherwise Beane natural son of the said deceased who is bound in the sum of twenty pounds with William Jones and Nathaniel Burrowes cordwainers (shoemakers) of the City of Gloucester. for inventory by next Whitsuntide.

Note the term natural son - in other words illegitimate. The word 'alias' has many connotations and I have yet to read a detailed article or history of the use of aliases or how they came into being. It has been said that they were the fore-runner of the modern hyphenated surname and they were sometimes used for several generations. They did not, certainly, have the criminal implication they have today.

Pasted into one of the Rev.Charles Swynnerton's own copies of the family history is a transcript of two other wills which are obviously of the same family :-

P.C.C. 29 Bath

Will of Antipas Swinnerton the elder of Taunton St.Mary Magdalen woolen Merchant. To my eldest son John S. £15. To son Jasper S. my house in Poles Street Taunton commonly called the sign of the Boot. To my daughter Martha 1/-. To daughter Mary the rights in the house I live in. Son Antipas and his wife Ann to have the bed they lie in. To my daughter Mary my estate in Cleyhendon co.Devon and my house in Sampson Close. To son Antipas S. all my rights in Sausame ? Close and the land in East Bridge Taunton St.Francis called Articles land.

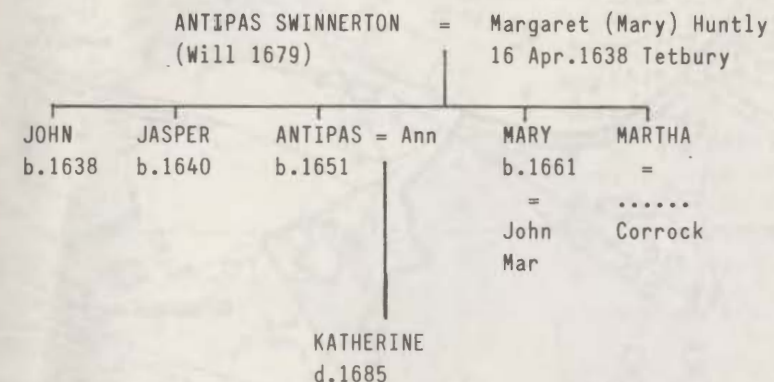
26 Dec. 1679 pr. 2 Feb.1679/80

P.C.C. 93 Cam.

Will of Antipas Swinnerton of St.Mary Magdalen co.Som. gent. To mother Mary S. £5. To brothers John and Jasper S. and sisters Martha Corrock and Mary S. £5 each. To Mr.Walter Harte vicar of sd.psh £6 and so long as he is vicar 20/- per annum. To Mrs.Joan Page of sd. psh. a widow, a diamond ring which was her brother John Goodall's and a peticoat with rich silver lace wh. was my wife's and 20/-. To servant

James Rogers a ring. To 2 maid servants a ring apiece. To dau. Katherine S. at age or marriage residue of my estate, if she be dead to sister Mary S. To brother John S. and friends Mr.Walter Harte, Mr.Thos. Ledgingham sen.gent, Mr.Andrew Crosse of Broomfield gent. and Mr.Henry Proctor gent. 21/- each. My sister Mary S., Mrs.Meredith widow and Mrs.Joan Page to be guardians of my dau. Wit. Eliz. Chappell, Thos.Page, Mrs.Newman. 4 May 1685. Comn. to Mary S. spinster sister of deceased to admin. his goods, Katherine S. the daughter, the executrix being dead 25 July 1685. Or 21 Jan.1692/3 Comm. to John Marshall husband and administrator or Mary Marshallals. Swinnerton sister of deceased to adm. goods of Antipas S. left unadministered by her at her death.

From these and the Parish Registers of Tetbury, Shipton Mayne and Eastington we get the following :-

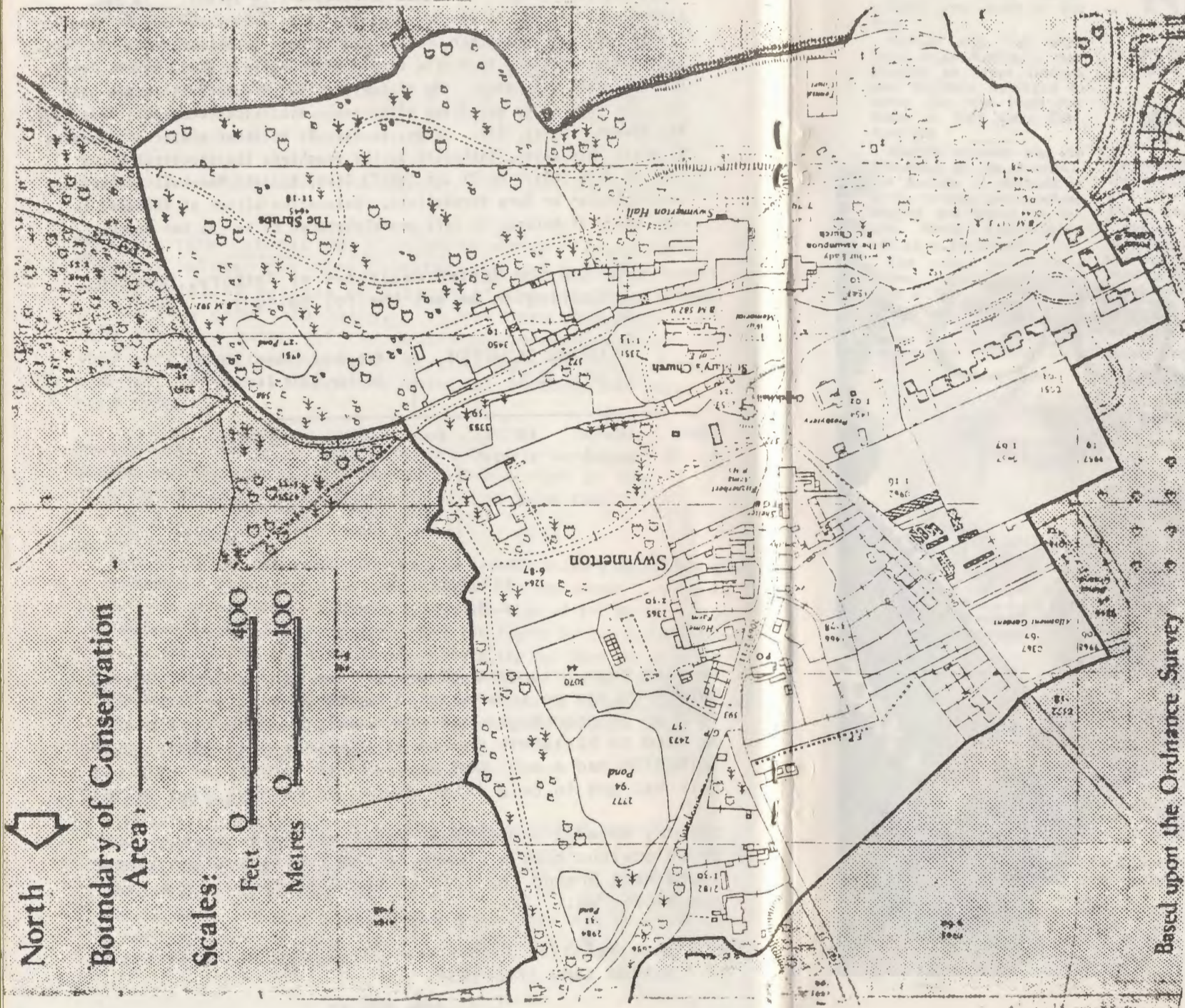


We also have fragments of an earlier generation - JESPER SWINERTON who we know married Katheryn Birt or Britt in 1612 at Shipton Moyne had previously, apparently, been married to Elizabeth Hornes at Eastington in 1600. JESPER SWINERTON had a son JOBE baptised at Tetbury in 1628 but this has got to be a leter Jasper as Kathryn died in 1612.

One day we will undoubtedly piece all this together but it is obvious that a branch of the family settled in the South-West around the turn of the 16th century - a new parish for us.

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A poor relation is the most irrelevant thing in nature.
(Charles Lamb 1775-1834)



SWYNNERTON and its ENVIRONS

Published at the request of some of our overseas members to give them some idea of what 'our' village looks like.

Swynnerton is, of course, in Staffordshire and is approximately 4 miles NW by W of Stone: 4 miles NE of Eccleshall and 9 miles NNW of Stafford just off the M6 motorway (going North-Exit 14) going South-Exit 15).

The first recorded mention of the village is in the Domesday Book.

From the Newspapers



IT WAS one of the most impressive "family" get-togethers ever seen in the area

Eunice and Ted were there from Australia, Don showed up from Canada and Marjorie managed to make the trip from her home in Salt Lake City, America.

For the occasion was the gathering of the Swinnerton Society — descendants of the famous family whose origins are based in the tiny North Staffordshire village of Swynnerton.

The proud Swinnertons (some spell their surname with a Y) — are obsessed with their pedigree — and what a pedigree. Their ranks include Sir Roger

Name of the game

Swynnerton, Sir Peter Swinnerton, Lord Stafford and the famous author Frank Swinnerton.

Saturday's gathering in the village hall at Swynnerton was enough to give the most ardent genealogist a nightmare. For the main topic of conversation was the family tree.

This obsession with origins began about 1875 when one Reverend Charles Swinnerton began compiling a family history. Eighty years later, another descendant, Lt.-Col. Ian Swinnerton, the society's present secretary, caught the bug. The society held the first of their two-yearly gatherings in 1975.

Lt.-Col. Swinnerton revealed they have been able to trace the family back to the Domesday Book and, so far, 300 names are included on the family tree.

The society have also "adopted" the parish church of St. Mary, where knight crusader Sir John Swinnerton is buried. They recently restored the organ at a cost of £2,700.

When the formal gathering was over—it included the society's annual meeting — members of the "family" viewed an exhibition of heirlooms, trinkets and family pictures.

Sixty-year-old Mrs. Eunice Byfield (nee Swynnerton); who travelled with her husband John from their home in Sydney, Australia to be at the event, summed the whole affair up: "I happen to be a Swynnerton and I am very proud of being one."

● In our picture are 80-year-old Mrs. Lucy Swynnerton and the youngest at Saturday's gathering, 40-day-old James Barker.

One of the press reports of our Gathering last year. As usual it isn't quite right. 1300 names are on the tree not 300: it should be MISS Lucy not Mrs and the punch line was missing — the baby, of course, was James Barker SWINNERTON.

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ESSEX COUNTRYSIDE:

Nov. 1975

(Ex Mr. J.L. Rayment)

Ruined church

AT Heckford bridge the Colchester—Tiptree road crosses the Roman River and then bends sharply to negotiate a short incline. A few yards farther, set upon a hill, is the ruinous parish church of Stanway.

Thomas Knyvet, in his will dated October 4, 1458, decreed that his body was

"to be buried in the chancel of the church of All Saints at Stanweye, between my wives." His son, John Knyvet, when writing his will of February 10, 1476, referred to the church as being dedicated to All Souls.

After the Reformation the church became neglected for about 100 years, but in the latter part of the seventeenth century a certain Sir John Swinnerton spent a good sum of money on its restoration.

The north porch, which he built, contains a sunken panel with the Swinnerton arms.

At a later date the building was again allowed to fall into a state of disrepair. Grass and shrubs now grow unchecked. In the roofless nave and through the chancel windows fly various kinds of birds, which build their nests in the decaying walls of this fourteenth-century church.

ALBERT MORRISH.

99 North Avenue,
Chelmsford.

THE SWINNERTONS of BETLEY.

We can now add yet more detail to the tree we published in our last issue (Vol.4 No.1 Dec 1979) and tie up another unconnected branch as well. In our issue of May 1978 (Vol. 3 No.5) I mentioned a new member Mr THOMAS SWINNERTON of South Africa. I said that I hoped to pay a call on him at Xmas 1978 and indeed I did and had a most enjoyable visit. As usual, when visiting 'foreign' kinsmen, we were made most welcome and were treated to some of the hospitality for which S.A. is so famous.

In the light of what I learned from Tom Swinnerton and from subsequent research we now know that 'English Tom' was the son of a JOHN SWINNERTON and Elizabeth Stinton and this John has now proved to be JS.280 on the Betley tree (Table 2b) - the eldest son of THOMAS (TS.26), the gamekeeper.

Very satisfactory. This piece of research was particularly interesting because, for the first time, it took me into Scottish records as 'English Tom' married a Scots girl - Catherine Miller Yool at Ceres in Fife; Mr Swinnerton's father JOHN RUSSELL SWINNERTON was born at Cambuslang, Lanarkshire and also married a Scots lass - Agnes Emma Lang at Kincardine and Mr Swinnerton himself continued the tradition by marrying Elizabeth Lowrie from Midlothian.

THE WORKS of the REV.CHARLES SWYNNERTON

I have printed extracts "from the Rev.Charles' papers" several times and these have been copied out for me by his grandson - our Vice-President, Sir Roger Swynnerton. They are, in fact, not papers as such but part of a vast collection of notes which the Rev.Charles stuck into his own copies of the printed family history. (SHC. Vol.VII). There are 3 volumes and I have now been privileged to borrow these so that I can make a second copy for our archives.

Nobody works as hard for his money as the man who marries it.

(Elbert Hubbard 1856-1915)

AN UNUSUAL MEMORIAL

I have in my possession a brass plaque 4¾ ins. in diameter bearing the inscription "Herbert Swinnerton. He died for Freedom & Honour" and the figures of Britannia and a Lion. Behind its acquisition lies an interesting little tale.



The presence of the plaque, screwed to the wall of the Smithills Coaching Inn, Bolton, was reported to me early in 1978 so I promptly wrote to our member RAYMOND SWINNERTON and asked him if he would go and see it, try and find out about its history and take a picture of it.

He decided to go one better and acquire it for the family but at first met with a blunt refusal. However, with the singlemindedness for which all male Swinnertons are noted (!) he persisted and eventually the owners relented and said if he could find a similar one they would do a swap.

How he did find another I do not know, I had never even seen such a thing but he did and he now takes up the story :-

"It took some time to obtain a similar plaque (different name, of course). The three of us went to see the Manager of the Inn, unfortunately we picked a busy day so we had to wait for an opportune moment to speak to him. He explained he was only the manager and the things inside the inn didn't belong to him, so I persuaded him to give me the address of the owner.

It wasn't too far so I thought we would give it a try. At his home we spoke to his wife, at first she didn't think she could help because her husband was away on business. Things were getting a little difficult so I explained that the plaque was awarded to a relative who was killed in the First World War (only a little white lie). After a little more chat she rang the manager and told him to do the swap with us. So we drove straight back to the inn and met the manager with our plaque.

It appears the plaque was purchased from a dealer in a job lot with a number of horse brasses. "

We are delighted to have it, of course, and we must now find out who Herbert was. . We know he was a Private in the 18th Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers (No.15684) and that he was born at West Derby in Liverpool and enlisted at Chester. He was killed in action in France on the 24th July 1916.

Apparently these plaques were given, probably by a local organisation, to the relatives of men killed in the war.

By a curious coincidence, I did see another one only a few days after receiving this one from Raymond - it was in a display case with medals at Moss Bros. in London.

Our thanks to Raymond. for his efforts.

SOCIETY & FAMILY NOTES

A date for your diary. The next full family GATHERING will be at Swynnerton on 5 Sept.1981. By giving notice so far ahead we hope some of our overseas members will be able to include this in their visits to this country.

Kneelers for Swynnerton Church. One or two members have said that they are unable to do one but have donated money to purchase the materials. If any member would like to do one on their behalf, would they please write to me and I will supply the money or materials. We would also like to know who is working on one so that we can get some idea of the number. It is hoped to present some to the Church at our next gathering.

CAR BADGE. Several members expressed interest in the badge on the Secretary's car at our last gathering. Our treasurer has been in touch with the manufacturers who say they will make a die for an order of 10 or more. If you would like one, please let him know direct.

PHOTOGRAPHS. At the last meeting Council agreed to purchase some imitation leather binders to house the collection of photographs of members of the family. I hope to arrange these in family groups to make a permanent pictorial record which will be displayed at future gatherings. Can we please have contributions? Our member Ken Armitstead is a skilled photographer and will make copies for our albums so please send your pictures along of past and present Swinnertons. They will be carefully handled and returned after copying. If you have spare originals or negatives, of course, so much the better.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. Council has made Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT SWINARTON of Ontario an Honorary Member in recognition of the tremendous amount he has done, and is doing, for the Society in Canada and America.

AUSTRALIA. We have only four members in Australia and yet we know there are other Swinnertons living there. Would any of our members like to try and contact some of

them, tell them about us and see if they can find out where they fit in ? Records show that various members of the family went there but have 'disappeared' from our ken.

NEW MEMBERS. Since publication of the last journal we have welcomed the following to our Society :

Philip Livingston Swinnerton Lum, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Charles E. Felix, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mrs. Susan Chandler Hammen, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(Mr. Lum is the father of our member Mrs. Cunningham, a grandson of the Rev. Henry Ulyate Swinnerton, father of Mrs. Hammen and grandfather of Charles Felix).

Mrs. R.C. Fuller, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mrs. R.E. Swinnerton [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The state of the Society at the end of 1979 was 47 Full Members, 17 Senior Citizen Members, 14 in America, 6 in Canada, 4 in Australia, 1 in New Zealand, 1 in South Africa, 1 in Singapore, 1 in the Solomon Islands, making a total of 91 paying members and 5 non-paying members.

5 members had not paid any subscriptions for 1979 and during 1979 we lost 10 members, 2 through death, 6 not paid for 1978 (!) and 1 resigned but we had gained 7 new members.

Since subscriptions were introduced we have lost a total of 33 members.

4 members had already paid this year before notices of renewal had been sent out but only 17 have so far paid their 1980 subscription. HELP!

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