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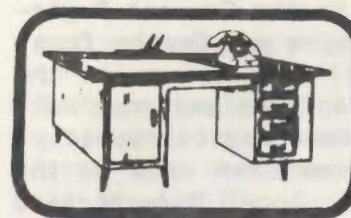
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From the Editor's desk

As the year draws to a close it is a good time to review what progress the Society has made because I think we have achieved more this year than in any year since the Society started.

We have - thanks in the main to Joe Swinnerton and Bill Swinarton - seen a big increase in membership (from 97 to 167) bringing in much needed funds and, equally important, a host of new information on family branches.

We have held our fourth gathering (a new member's impressions of this appear on page 147)- it was certainly the biggest yet and many people said, the best.

We have maintained our payments to the organ fund, the capital loan is now decreasing rapidly due to the kindness of those members who covenanted and to a lump sum we were able to pay early in the year from the profits of the sale of books, journals, Christmas cards, etc. We have also been able to pay for the annual maintenance (£69) from the collection taken at the family service in September (£52) and a grant of £17 from the general fund.

On the research and records side, as a result of setting up our Research Fund at the end of last year (to which 32 members contributed a total of £324.50) we have been able to make some significant advances. Firstly, we have been able to pay for a considerable amount of typing to be done. For many years there has only been one copy of the family records most of which were in my handwriting which I freely admit is not of the best! Had I have had a fire or burst water pipe, for instance, years of work would have been in vain. Now, thanks to the Research Fund, we have been able to make a start on typing these records up and in every case four copies have been made and distributed so that if anything happens to my copy there are others available. To

date the Index of all Swinnertons in the General Register (an index to all Births, Marriages and Deaths from 1837 to 1980) and the Index of all Swinnertons in the Computer File Index (an index to Baptisms and some marriages in the Computer of the LDS Genealogical Society) have been completed and a start has been made on the lists of extracts from Newspapers, local Directories, Parish Registers and Wills. This totals, so far, 256 pages of typed records.

On the research side we have been able to purchase about 30 much needed marriage and birth certificates which have allowed us to make great progress with some branches: we have been able to pay for a complete extract of all Swinnertons from the 1851 Census of Shropshire to be made and a start has been made on Staffordshire and Warwickshire. Some very valuable research in the India Office Records has also been done.

We have also made great strides with our photograph collection (the only expense we have on this is the purchase of binders and polythene display pockets - all the expense of the re-photographing is borne by Mr. Jack Swinnerton to whom we are most grateful) and our Newspaper Cuttings collection.

Lastly, we have made a start on bringing our Master card index of all Swinnertons from the earliest recorded (Aslen-1088) to the present day up to date and several members are currently engaged in helping me by filling in Index cards from trees I send them.

So - a good year.

Looking forward to next year - with your help and support I hope we can go on in the same way. There is much to be done and only you can enable us to do it.

We need your support in four ways - three of these are the subject of a separate letter but the fourth is easy - keep your eyes open always for any reference to the family - anywhere - in newspapers, family records, gravestones, churches, etc. etc. and send me a copy to go in the Archives.

A happy New Year to you all.

"THE HANDSOMEST MAN on the CAPE" Hazel Jones

Where to begin! I'll skip the long version of how we managed to get in the Trayser Museum after it was closed for the season - it's a private collection - only on display during the summer - or how we had a private viewing of the magnificent "made to order" pieces of Sandwich glass donated to the Glass Museum by Timothy's two grand-daughters when they died in their 90's unmarried.

The portraits of Timothy and his wife, Rebecca, are hanging in the Trayser Museum on the wall across from the top of the stair-well - terrible spot to photograph - we used three cameras. The pictures have glass on them and my flash bounced off all but these two! Wendy used a 300 mm and got the close-up but his head is rather elongated because of the angle - she refused to join her mother (me) in defying death by leaning out over the stair-well - Gray has a good slide of Tim - I'll try an enlargement and send it along later.

The colours in the paintings are fantastic - Tim had them done in China - copied from daguerrotypes. Actually, he looks a bit Paul Newman-ish - (Hawaii would certainly be a stop-over en route to China ???!) Rebecca looks rather severe - she probably got that way from having to cook with this oven!

But back to my story. We were able to locate and visit with the present owners of Timothy's house - Mr. & Mrs. Lee Davis - instant rapport! Pricilla is the 11th generation to live within the small area since 1629 (mind boggling for North America!) Her second name is Alden and she is descended from John and Pricilla Alden - of Longfellow and American history fame - Pricilla is also connected to the James Crocker who = Tim and Rebecca's daughter, Elizabeth, in 1856.

What a fascinating house - recorded to pre-date 1739! The Davis's bought it in 1953, it is what is known on the Cape as a half house - three storeys high - if one wanted to they could add the other half to the blank

side making it a very large house. This shot was the only one we could get, it's so overgrown with lilacs, etc. The front door is lost in the shrubbery so the kitchen door bears the traffic - there is a large wing extending back from the rear of the house.

There is a "bee-hive" oven - unique to us but, of course the Pilgrims brought the idea from England so you probably know how they operate. It's built in the wall at the back of the fireplace. If you don't know how they were operated - ask me ! We've come a long way to the Microwave ! That's a bed-warmer in the oven - not a waffle-maker !

Timothy was born in 1798 and = Rebecca Easterbrook in 1825. They bought the house in 1832 by which time they had four children. Two years later in 1834, Timothy became part owner and full master of "Spy" a schooner of Boston which had been built in Barnstable - the village where the house is located.

They had two more children, Rebecca died in 1871 and Tim lived on in the house until 1871 when he sold it to his son, George (who would be 44). Tim died in 1881 - age 83 ! George sold the house the following year, 1882, but the prospective buyer had trouble locating him because he had moved to Sacramento, California! (Can you fit him into the California Swinnertons ?)

Tim and Rebecca's eldest son was David, born 1826 (see Vol.IV No.5 pp72 & 77) David = Lucy Pierce in 1849 and appears to have done his sailing out of New York. I found no record of any children, or his death.

In the 1850's David took over the full-rigged 3 masted ship "The Flying Scud", it broke all records, sailing from New York to Bombay in 82 days. The Boston Advertiser of Feb.9 1859 says "In port of London Jan.21 1859, ship "Flying Scud", Captain Swinnerton for Bombay". I have a photostat from a painting of the "Flying Scud" in a book but it came out very dark, a beautiful, sleek ship !

Also we found a bit about David losing his brig "Sailor Boy" on Jan.7 1870 in a gale en route from New York to New Orleans. The brig "Harvest Queen" of Bermuda rescued all hands. Perhaps we can find more about him next June when we go back to the Cape.

There's a sad little reference to Timothy's father (I'll call him Tim (1) and the handsome man Tim (2)) "Job Yonham b.Aug.30 1692, d.1762 - was blind in later life - Timothy Swinerton lived with him as a boy. Instead of having the boy lead him, he put the boy on his horse and taking the crupper in his hand, walked behind the horse".

The Young Tim (1) must have been orphaned on the Cape - or why was he living with the elderly blind man ? Who were his parents ? However, Tim (1) grew up and = Sally and handsome Tim (2) and 4 other children were born. He must have died before 1811 as his wife is a widow on the Precinct Taxes of 1811, 12 and 13.

Children of :

Timothy (1) = Sally (also known as Sarah)

1. Timothy b.June 29 1798
2. Mary b.about June 25 1800
3. John b.July 4 1800
4. Hannah b.July 28 (about) 1800
5. Sarah b.Feb.2 1802

Timothy (2) = Rebecca Easterbrook

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|-----------------|----------------|
| b. June 29 1798 | b.June 27 1800 |
| d. Aug.5 1881 | d.Sept.30 1854 |

married Feb.24 1825

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. David Easterbrook | b.Oct.16 1826 |
| 2. George | b. Dec. 1827 |
| 3. Elizabeth | b.Aug. 4 1830 |
| 4. Sarah | b. Sept.18 1832 |
| 5. John | b. Mar. 12 1836 |
| 6. Ellen | b. Jan.23 1839 |

Elizabeth = James Crocker in 1856. They had 2 daughters Carrie & Sarah who died unmarried and donated to the Cape Cod Museums.

David = Lucy Pierce in 1849 (Sept.29)

One last thing. "Someone" still walks in Timothy (2) and Rebecca's house. On still nights Lee and Pricilla can sense someone moving about in the area of the "borning room" - a small room traditionally just off the large room with the fireplace. As you know, the borning room in old houses was where all members of the family came into - and departed from - this world !

Interesting, eh ?

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Captain Timothy Swinnerton was first mentioned in our Journal in November 1974 (SFH.1 p.16) By a coincidence the Rev.Charles Swynnerton in his article in The Reliquary in 1882 also mentioned a Timothy - an alleged brother of Job (circa 1600-1689), the first emigrant to America. For a long time we thought these were the same person but Mrs.Jones' research abviously disproves this. Then we had the legend from Australia of another Capt. Swinnerton "lost at sea" (SFH.3 p30) Mrs. Jones now tells us that Timothy 1st was orphaned at a very early age - is there a connection, I wonder ?

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THE MASTER PAINTERS of BRITAIN

Gleeson White.1910

SWYNNERTON. Mrs.A.L. wife of Mr.J.Swynnerton, a well Known sculptor and a frequent contributor to the more important exhibitions.

(ex. W.R.Swinarton)

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MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS of SOUTH HAYLING (Hamps.)

Annie L. Swynnerton A.R.A. died 24 October 1933

(ex. Mr.A.C.Colpus)

THE SWINNERTON FAMILY GATHERING

5th September 1981

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It was with a pleasant feeling of anticipation that my sister and I, accompanied by a friend, set off, on a perfect summer's day for the village of Swynnerton. It was only two stops down the motorway - why had I never before sought out the village of my ancestors ? How grateful I am that someone had the patience to plough through the telephone directories and made contact with my sister in Deganwy and through her, me.

The approach to the village augured well for we went through a delightful part of Staffordshire and as we drew into the old world village, we were charmed.

At the village hall, we were greeted in such a friendly manner by Kirsty and later by Iain and his wife. It is very warming to be patently shown you are very welcome.

The display of the family trees round the village hall immediately captured our interest and there we were - two twigs on the Adbaston branch ! There was so much to look at and investigate until the visitors were all assembled and we enjoyed the welcome cup of coffee. Then, there we all were with our various coloured badges on, ready to start the A.G.M.

As it was our first visit to a 'family gathering' we were most interested and fascinated by all we saw and heard. During the A.G.M., chaired by Mr.J.W.Swynnerton we learned of the progress of the research and how fresh information and new links were forthcoming all the time. Iain told us that when he formed the Society it was one of only three in the country and now there are fifteen and indeed we had a visiting member of the Martin family present. We heard of the good work being done in Canada and the U.S. by Bill Swinarton and of Iain's hope of having family over from Australia for the next gathering.

At the conclusion of the business of the A.G.M., Sir Roger Swynnerton presented Iain with a delightful pic-

ture of the village, as a token of recognition for all his enthusiastic work for the Society.

Mrs. Angela Swinnerton and Kirsty were besieged at the 'sales table' by people anxious to purchase the quality products of Swinnerton pottery, silver tie pins, car badges, books and Christmas cards. Although I don't cycle much these days I could not help but admire the wonderful precision engineering of the Swinnerton cycle display - what a credit to British products.

We really appreciated the excellent buffet lunch provided by a most helpful catering staff - we were able to sit in the sunshine, having a passing word with others and eat at our leisure.

Later, we strolled over to the Church for the Service and here in the quiet of a perfect summer's afternoon, in the heart of the English countryside, the sense of family feeling was enhanced. Under the leadership of the Revd. Edward Swinnerton, it was indeed a real coming together in a spirit of Christian Fellowship. The kneelers, so beautifully embroidered in tapestry by members of the family, were blessed and presented to Swynnerton Church. I was pleased to learn that the Society had been responsible for the restoration of the church organ.

After the service, it was back to the hall for a most welcome cup of tea, and more getting to know one another. I was approached by Raymond and Shelagh who live near to me and we were very pleased to meet them and their little family. Mr. S.K. Armitstead from Dartmouth, who read the lesson in Church, and whose mother was a Swinnerton, made himself known. What a coincidence - he revealed he had very close connections with my Church School - indeed had opened the new extension of the school some years ago. As the school has embarked on a study of village history, we had much of common interest but not enough time to talk about it. There will be another time.

Now there was something quite different. In keeping with the theme of the gathering (Swinnerton occupations), we were to have a talk and film by 'Swinn' (Mr. Harold Swinnerton) on his life and work in the demolition bus-

iness. We realised from this how important his work was in helping to improve and keep the lines of transport open on road and rail.

During the day I had become quite removed from the outside world and its pressures. I felt the warmth of the family coming together, like a cloak about me.

We had come, feeling somewhat reserved and not knowing quite what to expect and we left, waving to new found family and friends who had given us this feeling of 'belonging'. For me it was a most memorable day.

Thank you so much to Iain, his secretary Mrs. Prosser, and all his helpers - for to gather all the multifarious strands together and organise such an occasion, was a mammoth task. It was worth all the work, it all went so well and was appreciated by every member of the family.

I shall look forward to September 24th 1983 when I hope both my sisters and I will be able to attend the next 'family gathering'.

(Mrs. Anne Hamer)

SHELL GUIDE TO ENGLAND (1975 edition page 707)

SWYNNERTON (The North Midlands)

The village, 3m NW of Stone is thought by some to be the inspiration for Longellow's poem "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree". Certainly there is such a tree opposite the 17th cent. village inn, the Fitzherbert Arms; and an old smithy near at hand. Here there are thatched cottages and a fine early-18th cent. Hall but the oldest building is the church which has Norman arcades and much else that is almost as old. The most striking feature in the church is the huge medieval statue of Christ.

(Brought to our attention by Bill Swinarton of Canada who spotted it during his visit to this country for the Gathering).

A WAR MEMORIAL for the FAMILY

A suggestion was put to Council by Mr. Ray Swinnerton that we should erect a memorial of some sort in our family church at Swynnerton to all the Swinnertons who died in the cause of freedom in the two world wars.

Council very much approved of this idea and a preliminary approach was made to the Church Authorities on our behalf by the Rector.

The idea was provisionally approved, a faculty will have to be obtained and full details of the final design will have to be submitted before this can be granted.

The intention is that the memorial shall be in the form of a framed, illuminated scroll - Mr. Leslie Swinnerton has offered to do the art-work and Mr. Joe Swinnerton to provide some well-seasoned mahogany for the frame.

A list of the fallen was compiled but this was only of those in the British Forces and Council felt that it should include all Swinnertons, that is to say Australians, Canadians, Americans, etc.

Some more research will therefore have to be done - if you know of any overseas members of the family who were killed in either war, would you please let me know.

The British list is :-

Deaths - World War I (Army)

Swinnerton	Arthur W.	Rfn. 3758	L'pool	1916
	Benjamin	Dvr. 90733	RFA	1915
	Edward	Pte. 33677	Durham	1917
	Frederick W.	Pts. 33766	Ches.	1917
	Harry	Pte. 6220	S.L.I.	1915
	Harry	Gnr. 76939	RFA	1916
	Herbert	Pte. 15684	Lan. Fus.	1916
	Norman	Gnr. 243992	RFA	1918
	Percy W.	Rfn. P/1750	KRRB	1916
	Samuel J.	Pte. 4055	Warw.	1915
	William	Bdr. AA Bde.		1915

Deaths - World War II (Army)

Swinnerton	Jack W.	Pte. 4915968	S.Staffs.R.	1944
	Leslie M.	Sgnr. 2335699	R.Sigs.	1943
	Samuel	Gdsmn. 2618872	G.Gds.	1943

Deaths - World War II (Royal Air Force)

Swinnerton	Henry	Sgt. 1827820	320 Sqn.	1945
	Walter W.	F/Lt. 61252	250 Sqn.	1943

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mark and Veronica Swinnerton on the birth of a son, JACK EDWARD (JS.399) on the 19th June this year. Mark's father (Roy) says "Mark has had a special tricycle made with a coach-built body on the back so that he or Veronica can take the three children out. Mark turned down the Milk Race this year after representing G.B. in the event for two years but if he spends much time time pushing the tricycle around I can see he will be able to ride anything next year - he should have legs like tree trunks !

I suppose Paul told you that Catherine and Margaret represented G.B. in the World Championships this year as himself.

Paul himself saw some of his best form in Denmark where he was placed in several Grand Prix events. He also won the British Sprint Championship in August."

Paul left his hotel in Czecho-Slovakia at 3.00 am on the morning of our Gathering and after a long cross-country drive, a long flight to Heathrow and a long, sticky drive up the M1 (do you remember what a hot day it was ?) came to join us in the evening at the Fitzherbert Arms - us being Angela and myself and 6 of our American/Canadian visitors. A very staunch effort on his part, we thought, as 'our' gathering didn't end until 10.00 pm.

WHO'S WHO IN THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY (2)

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ALBERT RICHARD SWINNERTON is the son of George John Swinnerton of London (1848-1912) and Eva Wright and is a cousin to our Vice-President Mr. Frank Swinnerton. Mr. Swinnerton is now retired but was formerly a Principal Commonwealth Relations Officer and spent many years in India.

REV. B. T. SWINNERTON, LCP. CF.

Moss Cottage, Moss Lane, Madeley, Nr. Crewe, Cheshire.

The Reverend BRIAN THOMAS SWINNERTON is the son of Frank Swinnerton (1902-1969) and Marjery Ann Walley and a great-great-great grandson of Ralph Swinnerton, 3rd son of William Swinnerton of Betley. A former member of the Society's Council, Mr. Swinnerton is Deputy Head of the Department of Liberal Studies of the North Staffordshire College of Further Education and a Chaplain of the Territorial Army.

Mrs. L. Price

Green Lane Farm, High Hatton, Stanton, Nr. Shrewsbury

Mrs. Rosalie Margaret Price (nee SWINNERTON) is the daughter of Ernest William Swinnerton and Doreen Annie Wassell. A great-granddaughter of Charles Swinnerton (the great-grandson of William Swinnerton of Adbaston), Mrs. Price has done much to help with research into the Adbaston family.

Mrs. J. D. SCOTT

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Mrs. Norah Mary Scott (nee SWINNERTON) is the daughter of John Swinnerton (1866-1934) and Emma Matthews. A sister to member Miss L.E. Swinnerton, she is also a cousin to members F.C., R.F. and M.R. Swinnerton. John was the son of George Swinnerton and Mary Lowe and grandson of Mary Swinnerton, the daughter of William Swinnerton of Adbaston.

Mrs. Ed. Hogden

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Mrs. Joan Hodgen's connection with our family is through her husband's descent from Nicholas Pearsall who went to New York in the early 1600's. He was descended from Humphrey Peshall who married Elena SWYNNERTON in the middle of the 15th century.

Philip L. S. Lum

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Philip Livingston Swinnerton Lum is a grandson of the Rev. Henry Ulyate SWINNERTON through the marriage of Henry's daughter Sylvia Agnes Swinnerton (1878-1945) to Ralph Emerson Lum. He is the father of members Mrs. Diana Cunningham and Mrs. Susan Hammen and grandfather of member Charles Felix.

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DAVID RAYMOND SWINNERTON is the son of David Raymond Swinnerton (1909-1970) and Emily Vyse. So far we have traced his family back to Samuel Swinnerton, a Potter who was born around 1834 and married Hannah Wilson. We know that Samuel's mother was named Mary (his father died young) and we think he is the Samuel, son of William and Mary Swinnerton baptised at Stoke on Trent on 21 September 1833.

(After a bit of detective work by Peter Swinnerton of Irlam, we now know that David is the Accountant whose appointment we noted in the last issue).

D. SWINNERTON

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DOUGLAS SWINNERTON is the eldest son of Edwin Swinnerton (1882-1966) and Bathia Currie, brother of our members Roy Swinnerton and Mrs. King and in his day, a cyclist of some repute. He is a great-grandson of Thomas Swinnerton, the Potter, who stands at the head of the tree of this branch and who we think is Thomas of Shut Lane.

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

BY THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON, CHAPLAIN IN BENGAL.

3. Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Kt., the third Lord of Swynnerton, living in the reigns of Stephen and Henry II. (1135—1189).^a His name, "Robert de Swynnerton," occurs in the charter of Alina, Lady of Darleston (*temp.* Hen. II.), by which she granted Over-Biddulph and Fenton Culvert, in co. Stafford, to Robert de Biddulph.^b

4. Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Kt., the fourth Lord of Swynnerton. He was living in the latter half of the 12th cent. (Hen. II.—John). His death occurred some time before the year 1208, since in that year Robert de Swynnerton, his son, had a suit respecting certain lands which had been mortgaged to his father, Sir Robert, several years before.^c

5. Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Kt., fifth Lord of Swynnerton, son and heir of the preceding, living in 10 John, and born *circa* 1170. In 1208 he was impleaded by Stephen de Hampton, for the restoration of four virgates of land which the father of the said Stephen had pledged or mortgaged to Robert, father of the said Robert de Swynnerton, for the space of three years, which three years were overdue. Early in the next reign (Henry III.) William de Hampton, Stephen's son, obtained a judgment, and the said land was ordered to be restored to him "quia pauper est," and Robert de Swynnerton accepted his homage for the same.^d

There is a third record of him in the Rotulus Major of the Hilary term of the year 1208, under the heading "Essoin de Mulo Lei."—"Staff. Robtus de Swinerton apud Swynerton. Rot. 4to."*

A still more interesting reference to him is to be found in the *Pedes Finium* of 2 Hen. III., 1218, when there was a suit between Robert de Swynnerton, Lord of Swynnerton, and William, Prior of Kenilworth, touching the advowson of Swynnerton Church, which was claimed by the latter. The judgment of the court was, that the advowson belonged by right of descent to Robert de Swynnerton and his heirs, and not to the Priory of Kenilworth. But they order that the "parson" (Rector) of the parish shall pay to the Canons of Stanes (Stone?) the sum of two silver marks yearly, not as a right due to them, but by way of bounty. This document is additionally interesting as containing a letter, quoted *verbatim*, from William, then "Bishop of Coventry," on the subject in dispute, of which the follow-

^a Mr. W. F. Vernon has a copy of a deed, which bears date 7 Ric. I., from which it appears that a John de Swynnerton and his son John held land at that time in the manor of Repton, co. Derby. It is uncertain, however, where the original of this copy is, and there is reason for supposing that 7 Ric. I. is a mistake for 7 Ric. II. *Vide* later paper on Swynnerton of Hilton.

^b *Vide Shaw's History of Stoke-upon-Trent*, co. Stafford, where the deed is given in full. Also Magn. Rot. Scac., 31 Hen. I., by J. Hunter, Pat. 73, for mention of Alina's grandfather, Ormus.

* Page 71, Roll 5, Abbrev. Plac., Salt Library, Stafford.

^d Abbrev. Plac., 10 John, P. 71, Roll 3, Stafford.

* Harl. MSS., 301, p. 131.

ing is a translation:—"William, by the grace of God Bishop of Coventry, to his beloved in Christ the Justices in Banco of the Lord the King, with the blessing of God greeting. We signify to your wisdoms that we have granted for the good of peace and concord that the clerk who shall be presented and admitted to the Church of Swynnerton shall pay for ever two marks of silver, annually, to the Church of Stanes, and to the Canons of the same place—saving the right of the advowson to Robert de Swynnerton Knight, and his heirs. And this we have caused to be signified to you. Farewell in the Lord."¹ From this case it is evident that one of Sir Robert's predecessors founded and endowed the Church. The advowson remained the property of the Lords of the Manor until the last century, when one of the Fitzherberts alienated it.

In *Testa de Nevil*, 19 to 21 Hen. III., 1234—1239, Robert de Swynnerton is again mentioned as holding one fee in Swynnerton of the Barony of Stafford, of the fee of Morteil.² He was dead before 1247.

6. Sir John de Swynnerton, Kt., sixth Lord of Swynnerton, Lord also of the Manor of Peshall or Pershall, in co. Stafford.³ Living in the reign of Hen. III. He married a lady named Margaret.⁴ In 32 Hen. III., 1247-8, he and his wife Margery had a suit against Vivian de Standon, concerning common of pasture, which Vivian demanded to have in the land of the said John and Margery at Swynnerton, though he did no service for the same, his plea being that the said John and Margery had given him leave to pasture his cattle on Swynnerton Heath and to keep his villeins there, though not to build "bakery, porkery, or vaccary." In the end Vivian was ordered to pay the said John and Margery de Swynnerton the sum of four shillings, at Swynnerton, at two terms, namely, one moiety at S. Mary, in May, and the other at S. Michael; and, moreover, the aforesaid Vivian gave John and Margery four marks of silver.⁵

In the same reign John de Swynnerton and Margaret his wife, of Co. Stafford, paid to the King twenty shillings, by way of fine.⁶ In both the above extracts Margaret's name is always associated with that of her husband, but I do not know whether this circumstance indicates that Margaret had been left heiress of Swynnerton. If it does, she must have married a cousin, probably one of the Swynnerton's of Repyndon. Sir John de Swynnerton appears to have had three sons—

- (1) Robert, who succeeded him.
- (2) Richard, who assumed the name Peshall, and was ancestor of the Peshalls of succeeding and present times. Erdeswick says that he saw a deed of Hen. III., whereby Robert, son of Stephen de Peshall or Pershall, gave to Sir John de

¹ Foot of Fine, 2 Hen. III., 1218, No. 1, Vol. 1, Stafford.

² *Testa de Nevil*, p. 46, Stafford.

³ Harl. MS., 1570, fol. 16^r. Also MSS. in College of Arms.

⁴ In Burke's Royal Descents, the Pershall pedigree, which must have cost a fortune, gives his wife as Eleanor Pershall. I know not on what authority.

⁵ Foot of Fine, 1247-8, No. 149, p. 583, at Stafford.

⁶ Roberts' *Excerpta & Rotulis Finium*, Vol. ii., p. 58.

Swynnerton all his lands in Peshall, which lands John settled on a younger son, Richard, who thereupon took the name.¹ This fact has been ever since commemorated in the coat armour of the Peshalls, which is the arms of Swynnerton, *argent*, a cross *formé fleurettée, sable*: but differenced with a canton, *gules*, bearing a wolf's-head erased of the first, and crowned *or*. The canton was retained in consequence of the marriage of an ancestor of the old Peshalls, Gilbert, younger son of Richard, Count of Corbeil, with Isabel, co-heir to her brother, HUGH LUPUS, Count Palatine of Chester, and daughter of Richard Goz, Count of Avranches, by Emma, daughter of Ariotta, the mother of William the Conqueror.² Peshall, or Pershall, was an important manor in the parish of Eccleshall, near Swinnerton.

(3) Stephen, in whose issue the Swynnerton property seems to have been entailed, failing heirs of the eldest brother, Robert.

7. Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Kt., seventh Lord, son of the preceding. He is mentioned in *Testa de Nevil*, temp. Edw. I. (1272—1307), as holding one fee at Swynnerton, of the Barony of Stafford.³ He died apparently without issue. Whether his brother Stephen lived to succeed him or not I do not know, as the next Lord of whom I find mention is Stephen's son, Roger, who was Lord of the Manor in 16 Edw. I., 1288, and who died before 1327.

8. Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Kt., eighth Lord. At Michaelmas, in the year 1288, 16 Edw. I., "Roger de Swynnerton, son of Stephen de Swynnerton," had a suit at Westminster concerning the ninth part of the manors of Swynnerton, Becke, and Chelle. This suit he won, and for their acknowledgement that the land was his, he gave to the defendants, Roger de Pywelesdon and Juliana, his wife, "one sore sparrow hawk."⁴ On 12 Nov., 22 Edw. I., 1294, he was assessor and collector in the county of Stafford of the Tenth granted to the King in Parliament at Westminster, on the morrow of St. Martin. His commission was dated on the same day.⁵ This grant was probably for Edward's projected expedition into France, for the recovery of Gascony. Two years later occurs the following notice—"Anno 24 Ed. I., Staff. Rogerus Swinerton, pro suo feodo de Baronia de Stafford, c—Baro de Rege in capite."⁶ In 34 Edw. I., 1305, he was granted a charter for free warren in all his demesne lands in the Manor of Swynnerton, as also for a market to be held there on Wednesday in every week, and for a fair yearly, on the festival of Our Lady's Assumption.⁷

Two transcripts at the William Salt Library, Stafford, prove that he died before 1328. The first, dated 2 Edw. III., declares that Roger

¹ Harwood's *Erdeswick*. Vide also Harl. MS., 1570, fol. 163, where this John de Swynnerton, Kt., is styled *D'n's Manerii de Pershall*, 55 Hen. III., 1270. It is possible John had a second wife, Eleanor Peshall, heiress of Peshall.

² Vide Burke's *Royal Descents*—Peshall. The Peshall arms, as above, may be seen in Harl. MS., 1570, fol. 162.

³ MS., No. 2, p. 101, at Stafford. ⁴ Pedes Finium, vol. ii. p. 191, Stafford.

⁵ Palgrave's *Parliamentary Writs*, fol. 854. ⁶ Harl. MS., 1415, f. 132.

⁷ Burke's *Extinct Peerage*—"Baron Swynnerton."

Swinnerton held on the day on which he died the Manor of Swinnerton, by the service of one knight's fee, with various other lands and tenements, of Ralph, Baron de Stafford. The other is a receipt from Matilda, relict of "Lord Roger de Swinnerton," in which she acknowledges from Lord Jaanes de Stafford the sum of ten marks. Dated at Swynnerton, 1 Edw. III.⁸ Matilda's seal is a shield, on a bend three eagles displayed, impaling Swynnerton. She may have been his second wife, since he is recorded to have married Johanna, daughter of Sir Robert de Hasting, Kt., Lord de la Desiree, who was summoned to Parliament as a Baron by writ, 19 Dec., 5 Edw. II., 1308,⁹ and who was connected with the old Earls Palatine of Chester. Though no mention is made of it in the Parliamentary Writs, there is reason for supposing that this Sir Roger de Swynnerton was a Baron of Parliament. The evidence is, first the record in the Harleian Manuscripts of 24 Ed. I., quoted above, and secondly, the following—"Rogerus de Swynnerton, Baro. Parl., 1 Edw. III."¹⁰ He left issue (it is presumed)

(1) Roger, who succeeded him.¹¹

(2) Stephen, a famous soldier of Edward III., and Lord of the Manor of Morton, in Dumfries. His name appears as one of the two "manucaptors" of Co. Stafford in 1322, his brother Roger being the other, for the good behaviour of Peter, Earl of Nottingham, who had been imprisoned as an adherent of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster.¹² On the 7th July, in the same year, the Earl of Nottingham paid a fine of 100 shillings, and Stephen and Nicholas de Swinnerton, "manucaptors" of the county received it.¹³ In 1323-4, he had a writ of military service for the King's expedition into Scotland. In 17 Edw. II., 1324, having been summoned to attend the "Great Council," he was returned by the Sheriff of the county, pursuant to a writ tested at Westminster, on May 9.¹⁴ He must have played a prominent part in all the wars of this period, since we find that in 22 Edw. III., 16 Feb., 1348, Edward III. granted to him and his heirs for ever the Manor of Morton, in co. Dumfries, in Scotland, which had belonged to William Fitz-Heriz, for his good services in war.¹⁵

⁸ "Seals and Arms from Original Sources," Stafford, MS. 404.

⁹ Harl. MSS., 5523, f. 63^b; 1415, f. 132. Vide also Nicholas' *Synopsis of Peerage*.

¹⁰ "Seals and Arms from Original Sources," Stafford. ¹¹ Harl. MSS. as above.

¹² Publications of the Record Commissioners, vol. i., 647, 66.

¹³ *Ibid.* vol. v., 647 (Stafford).

¹⁴ *Ibid.* vol. ii., 206:47.

¹⁵ Rot. Scotiæ, vol. i., p. 710, Stafford.

SHROPSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS (10)

HALSTON

1773 Apr. 25

Edward Crump & Jane Swynnerton
both of this parish

MAR.

SELDEN SOCIETY.

Select Charters of Trading Companies 1530-1707

p.62 Merchants trading to France. (P.R. 9 Jas.I pt. xxxv) Sir John Swynnerton, knight and alderman of our City of London included in names in grant by James that they shall be "Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into France and the Dominions thereof".

FINE ROLLS Henry VI 1437-1445

1440 Nov.16, Westminster.

Commitment to Richard Vernon, knight - by mainprise of Robert Stokes of Tamworth co. Stafford, 'gentilman' and Richard Broune of Repyngton co.Derby 'gentilman' - of the keeping of a sixteenth part of the manor of Repyngton co.Derby which part belonged to Giles Swyn-arton and is in the king's hands by the death of the said Giles, who held of the king in chief, and by reason of the minority of Alice his daughter and heir; to hold the same from the time of the death of Giles until the full age of the said heir at a yearly farm of 47s2d at which the said part was extended, and an increment of 3s4d; with clause touching maintenance of houses, enclosures and buildings and support of charges and proviso that if any other person shall be willing without fraud to give more by way of increment for the said keeping, then the said Richard shall be bound to pay such larger sum if he will have the keeping.

By bill of the treasurer

(ex Mrs.Muriel Reson)

OSWESTRY CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS

1608. Item for the Frame, Cloth, painting and setting up of Mr.John Swinerton's Armes paid iijs. vjd.

(ex. Mrs.Barbara Philpott, a frequent contributor to our records who says that she can't help wondering if was for a Hatchment. Also, it was a bit odd the that the Church was paying and not the Swinerton family. However, John was a benefactor of the church, as was his son (the Lord Mayor of London) and his daughter in law. so they may have done it out of gratitude.)

FAMILY NOTES

We were very sad indeed to hear of the death, on the very morning of the Gathering, of Mrs.EVELYN RUTH SWINNERTON, wife of our P.R.O. Joe Swinnerton and we send our sincere sympathy to Joe and all his family.

I also have to tell you, sadly, that my step-mother, Mrs.PHYLLIS MAY SWINNERTON, died on the 16th September after a very long illness. Thank You to all of you who wrote to me.

We are pleased to welcome back two former members of the Society :

Mrs.BETTY GREENHALGH (nee SWINNERTON) of [redacted], Mrs.Greenhalgh is a member of the Betley Branch and the daughter of Mr.& Mrs.William Swinnerton of Shotton whose Diamond wedding we noted in our last issue.

Capt.RONALD HUGH SWINNERTON, United States Navy, of [redacted]

Capt.Swinnerton is the son of our member Douglas Kingsley Swinnerton who attended the Gathering this year and is also a member of the Betley Branch.

We also, I am glad to say, continue to receive new members. Although the flood of a few months ago has subsided somewhat, 7 members of our family have joined us in the last 3 months and we welcome their support.

They are :

Mrs.LINDA MARY HULME of [redacted], Mrs.Hulme is the niece of Mrs.M.J. Swinnerton of [redacted] who joined us in the summer and is the daughter of Leonard Cowdell and PHYLLIS HAZEL SWINNERTON. So far, from the information Mrs. Hulme supplied and from our own records, I have traced her back to a John Swinnerton who was in the Bridgnorth area around 1800.

Mrs. VICTORIA KATHRYN LEIGHTON (nee SWINNERTON) of [redacted] and Mrs. GILIAN MARY TRUBSHAW (nee SWINNERTON) of [redacted] are the daughters of our member Mrs. Mary Swinnerton of Wolverhampton.

Mr. GEORGE MAURICE SWINNERTON of [redacted] is the son of George Cyril Swinnerton (1894-1954) and Elsie Turner, and is a cousin of our members Miss Lucy Swinnerton, Mrs. Scott, Frank Cecil Swinnerton and Mrs. Emery. He is a member of the Adbaston Branch.

Mrs. CAROLE ANNE MARJORIE FOSTER (nee SWINNERTON) of [redacted] is the daughter of the late Charles Richard Swinnerton and our member Mrs. M.R. Swinnerton of Ilford. Mrs. Foster belongs to a branch of the family that has been in the London area since the early 1800's and starts with William Swinnerton who married Elizabeth Sargent at St. Giles, Camberwell in 1816.

Mrs. PATRICIA MARGARET POWER (nee SWINNERTON) of [redacted] I have not yet received Mrs. Power's record form so I am unable to slot her in just yet.

Mr. THOMAS HOLLYDAY of [redacted] Mr. Hollyday is related to the Swinnerton Dyer family.

Mr. PETER RICHARD SWINNERTON of [redacted] I am waiting for more information from Mr. Swinnerton before I can start to tie him into the family but he is a grandson of William Edward Swinnerton and Kathleen Lilian Forward. William Swinnerton was, he understands, Chief Water Engineer for Liverpool about the turn of the century.

JOHN SWINNERTON

John is the son of our member Fred Swinnerton of Illinois - was my cartoon in SFH.3 p.64 prophetic ?

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