

SOME PEDIGREES OF DENNY,
LE DENNEYS, ETC.

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The pedigree mainly dealt with here—indeed, that in which the writer is chiefly interested and of which he can speak with some authority—is that which gives the correct version of the early descent of the Right Hon. Sir Anthony Denny, who held considerable property in Suffolk in the time of King Henry VIII. It seems at least probable that the family was of ancient Suffolk descent, as will be seen from the evidence set forth below. And it is hoped that the publication of this article may call forth the proofs which are still wanting in order to change probability into certainty.

The main outline of the descent is evidenced by about seventy of the Husting deeds at the Guildhall, London. Two or three of these deeds alone suffice to prove the line of descent for five generations, covering the period 1349 to 1509, and to correct the account which had been received hitherto, from the time of the Visitations. This revised version of the pedigree has already been dealt with in outline by the writer in "The Genealogist," N.S. XXXVIII, 15 ("Pedigrees of some East Anglian Dennys") and "Notes & Queries," 12 S.X, 369, XI, 9 and 287; see also "The Genealogists' Magazine," II, 46.

But the discovery, in 1921, of the true account of Sir Anthony Denny's early ancestry has involved the breaking of completely new ground, in a difficult period, and several genealogical and heraldic problems still await solution, in order fully to verify and complete the pedigree.

Various pedigrees of families of the name of Denny, le Deneys, Denneys, etc., are added. But, except in the period *circa* 1250 to 1350, the writer cannot claim to have made any very exhaustive original research with regard to them. They may at least provide a basis for further research on the part of any who may find them of interest.

I.

It appears from certain of the Deeds of the Court of Hustings, in the Guildhall, London, that by the first half of the 14th century one GEOFFREY DENNY was a citizen of London, where he owned a considerable amount of property in Cornhill and elsewhere. He was patron (*jure uxoris*) of the living of All Hallows Staining and, in 1369, churchwarden of St. Andrew's Undershaft, Cornhill.

He may have been related to Hugh Denny, also of London in the same period, to Richard Deny, a City juror in 1327, and to Robert Denni of Saunford, son of Thomas of the same, 1312. He was evidently a near relative of Thomas Denny of London, who was party, with Sir Robert Denny, Geoffrey's son, and Dame Amy, his wife, to a fine relating to property in Lambeth in 1398, and who, as "Thomas Stanmore, called Denny," conveyed, in 1398, lands in South Lambeth, which were conveyed by Sir Thomas Hengrave, Sir William Berdewell and Sir Thomas Gerberge (M.P. for Norfolk, 1381-2) to Sir Robert and Amy in 1407. This Thomas, in his will, dated Aug. 5, proved Sept. 19, 1401, names Joan, his mother, Christine, his wife, and mentions his property in the manor of Stockwell, South Lambeth, and his lands in Watford (? Stanmore).

Geoffrey Denny used on his seal the coat *On a chevron three mullets*. This (the charges of which are identical

with a coat of "Dennys" in Burke's "Armory"*) would appear to be a differenced version, of the sort used at that period for younger sons, of the arms of the ancient knightly family of le Daneys† (le Denneys, le Daneis, Deneys, le Denney, Denny, etc.) of Denney's manor, Coddendam, and of Hemingstone, Tannington, etc., Suffolk, viz., *A chevron between three mullets pierced*. It is a curious circumstance that this latter coat is carved on the early sixteenth century panels (now in the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington) from the Denny mansion at Waltham Abbey, Essex, to which they are believed to have been brought from an earlier residence, probably the house at Cheshunt, Herts, which was one of the homes of Queen Elizabeth's girlhood, when she was in the charge of Sir Anthony Denny. The chevron and mullets appear sometimes alone and sometimes quarterly with *A lion rampant debruised with a bend*. The latter is probably intended for Brysworth, which was quartered, from the late 14th century, by le Daneys of Tannington.‡ An ancient leather bottle, probably 14th century, at Sweffling church, Suffolk, has on its sides two shields with similar coats, *A chevron between three mullets pierced*, and *A lion rampant*.§

It is quite probable that Geoffrey Denny is identical with Geoffrey le Dene of Hemingstone, who was

*Is anything known as to Burke's authority, or who bore this coat?

†Le Daneys means "the Dane"—c.f. le Noreys, le Franceys, le Fleming. Some early examples are Roger le Daneys, Coddendam and Cretingham, 1262, John Denye, Lackford, Suffolk, 13th century; William le Deny, Attlebrigg, 1219, Richard le Daneys, Longham, 1277, John and William le Dene, Sweynesthorp, Norfolk, 1293; Humphrey le Daneys, Essex, 1259; William le Daneys (father of John) lord of Tickencote, Rutland, 1253; James, son of Peter Daneis, London, 1264; William le Daneis, grandson of Osbert le Dane, 1228, Robert le Deneis, 1239, Sir Robert le Deneys, 1294, Geoffrey Denny, 1348, Devon; John le Dane, summoned to Parliament as a Baron, 1307. Dane occurs in Domesday Book as the name of a landholder. There are, of course, several families of Denny whose surnames are differently derived.

‡See *The Essex Review*, xxxv, 119, and *Notes and Queries*, 11 S., I, 245.

§See *Suffolk Archæolog. Inst.*, Vol. X.

pardoned, on the testimony of Robert Baynard, justice, for having slain in self-defence John Spice of Bergham* in 1325, and with Geoffrey Deneys named, with Simon Deneys and William Denny, junior, as of Framlingham, near Hemingstone, in the following years.

The following are also to be noticed : Geoffrey Den, Norwich, 1320 ; Geoffrey Denne, Bromfield, Peasenhall and Mells, Suffolk, 1327 ; Geoffrey Donnyng, Colchester (as were also Roger and Hugh Deneys and Henry and William Denny) early 14th century ; Geoffrey Danys, Hillingdon, Norfolk, early 13th century.

As it is probable both that Geoffrey Denny may have come from East Anglia and that he would have named his son after his father, the latter may be identical with one of the following : Robert Dany, junior, Ipswich, 1278 ; Robert le Dene, Brundish (by Tannington), 1279 ; Robert le Deneys, Great Yarmouth, 1306 ; Robert le Den, Coddendam and Nettlestead, 1327 ; Robert Deneys, Lindsay, 1327 ; Robert le Dene, Congham, near Kings Lynn, 1313 ; Robert Denny, Islington, in the same neighbourhood, 1345 ; Robert Dennyng (a form in which Sir Robert Denny's surname appears several times), Cambridge, 1318.

In 1313 Bricius le Daneys ("le fitz Daneis"), lord of Tickencote, Rutland, M.P. for that county, claimed in Hildersham, Cambs., as next of kin of Eleanor, daughter of Geoffrey le Daneys. Hildersham (which adjoins Bergham—see below) had been held in 1343 by the heirs of John le Daneys and, in 1236, by Philip le Daneys, of the Earl of Oxford. A Geoffrey Daneys was in the retinue of the Earl of Oxford at Agincourt. Roger le Daneis of Cambridgeshire is named in 1273.

*C.f. the Bernard and Spice named, with Sir Robert Denny, in the fine re Bergham, Cambs., below.

He may be identical with Sir Roger le Daneys of Hemingstone, who acquired Denney's manor, Coddendam, about 1327, and who may have been grandson or nephew of the Philip mentioned above, as his son was Sir Philip.

It seems likely that the Coddendam and Tickencôte families were of the same stock, also those of the name resident at Chesterton, Hunts,† who bore the chevron and mullets coat, and from whom Fuller purported to derive Sir Anthony Denny's family.

In 1310/11 Roger le Daneys of Coddendam sold a tenement in the City of London to John Dallyng, of London and Ipswich, who was one of the executors of Nicholas Picot, grandfather of Geoffrey Denny's wife Cecily.

Geoffrey Denny's will is dated July 19, proved July 24, 1375. He names his son Robert, his daughter Eleanor and his (second) wife Joan, and directs his burial in the churchyard of St. Margaret's (?Fish Hill Street, near London Bridge).

His first wife, whom he had married by 1349, was Cecily, daughter of Hugh de Waltham (son of Adam de Waltham, ? M.P. for Northampton in 1311) Town Clerk and Sheriff of London, M.P. for the City in 1319, a notable man, to whom the City owes the preservation of the greater part of its most ancient records. She was heiress to her mother (Hugh's second wife), daughter and eventual heiress of Nicholas Picot, Alderman, Sheriff and City Chamberlain of London. Nicholas (son of John and Emma) Picot, or Pigott, was probably a member of the family which had had

†Of these were John, Thomas and Philip Deneys of Chesterton, brothers, 1352, the two latter of whom bore coats as above, differenced with bordures, plain and engrailed. See *Visitation of Hunts.*, 1613, p. 5.

estates in Cambridgeshire from the time of the Conquest, one of whom gave the site for Denny Abbey, Cambs, in 1165, and who were afterwards seated at Abingdon Pigotts, adjoining Bergham.

By Cecily de Waltham (who was living in 1369) Geoffrey Denny had issue a son and heir:—

SIR ROBERT DENNY, Knight, of London (where, as a subsidy shows, he had property worth over £1,200 in 1411) of the manor of Stockwell, in South Lambeth, Surrey, and (*jure uxoris*) of the manors of Bergham (now Barham, parish of Linton), Cambs., and Mid-Harling, Norfolk, etc. He was knighted in or before 1390 and was M.P. for Cambridgeshire in 1391-3. It was probably he, and not Sir Robert "Drury," who was a Commissioner of Array for Suffolk, with Sir William Berdewell, in 1402. In the following year he was appointed a Commissioner, with the famous Richard Whittington (before and after this date Lord Mayor of London) to hear an appeal against a judgment by the Dean of St. Paul's. He was afterwards, at the time of the siege of Rouen, Lieutenant of the Lord High Constable of England—John, Duke of Bedford, also Protector of England and afterwards Regent of France, brother of Henry V.

A reference, in 1418, to a judgment concerning a ransom delivered by Sir Robert, as Lieutenant of the Constable of England, in "court military," seems to indicate that his duties took him to the army in France.

He may be identical with Robert Dany of Ashfield, near Tannington, 1369, and with Robert Denny, who presented to the livings of Mulbarton and Brundall, Norfolk, 1393 and 1397.

About the latter date a violent feud, causing "divers insurrections, false alliances," etc., in the counties of Essex and Cambs., broke out between Sir Robert Denny and William Clipston, Esq., of Barklow, adjoining Bergham,* Sir Robert's supporters seem to have included, besides his son Thomas, Sir Thomas Gerberge, M.P. for Norfolk, Sir Thomas Jenney, John de Harling, Edmund de la Pole and Thomas Atte More.† This ended in the slaying of Clipston in Sept., 1407, by Thomas Denny, for which he and his father received the King's pardon not long afterwards.

In the ancient stained glass windows formerly in West Harling church, Norfolk, there were, with many coats of Berdewell, Furneux and allied families, of the 14th and 15th centuries,‡ three shields of Denny, obviously those of Sir Robert or /and/ his son, whose descendants bore the arms emblazoned on them, *Gules semee of crosses crosslet a saltire argent* (the undifferenced coat of the Barons de Windsor and the Windsors of Stanwell) in their first quarter.

Sir Robert's will is dated Oct. 28, 1419, proved March 2, 1419/20, Sir William Berdewell being one of the executors. He was buried, as it directs, before the high altar of St. Andrew's Undershaft, Cornhill. Stow, in his "Survey of London," 1598, mentions the interments of Sir Robert and his son in this church, which was rebuilt in the early 16th century. Though it escaped the Great Fire, no traces of the Denny tombs now remain in it.

Sir Robert married, before Nov., 1381, Amy, the widow (after 1379) of John, son and heir of Sir John de Furneaux of Bergham, Harling, etc. She names her mother "Dame Margary" in her will, but her parentage is so far unknown. Her first husband had been

*See the Patent, Close and Coram Rege Rolls.

†C.f., reference to "More of Cambs." in Note over page.

‡See *The Genealogists' Magazine*, I, 71, II, 23.

ward successively to John of Gaunt, Hugh de Clitheroe and John de Harling. The last no doubt arranged the marriage of the young heir, probably to a relative of his own. Harling had married (by 1361) Margery, daughter of Thomas and sister of Sir Thomas Jenney, and died in 1382, when his widow remarried Sir John Tudenham,* and had a daughter Elizabeth Tudenham, wife of Sir Thomas Hemgrave. The latter, with Sir William Berdewell and Sir Thomas Gerberge (who married Cecily, the widow of Sir Thomas Jenney, above) conveyed Stockwell manor, Lambeth, to Sir Robert and Amy Denny, in 1407.

There is a Harling coat in Burke's "Armory," *A fesse dancettee between three martlets*, which closely resembles the second quartering in the Denny arms, at present unidentified, in which the martlets are in chief,† and which Amy may have brought in. If not a de Harling, she may have been a daughter of Sir William de Berdewell, and sister of Sir William de Berdewell (of Bardwell) "the great warrior."‡ But, on the other hand, it seems quite likely that it was she who brought the Windsor coat (which supplanted that with the chevron and mullets) into the Denny family.§

*Sir Robert Denny's aunt, Johanna de Waltham, had married, by 1343, William Tudenham of London. Sir Robert's father had been closely associated in London with people named Furneaux, one of whom had married a de Waltham. See *Notes and Queries*, 12 S., XI, 9.

†This coat, *Or a fesse dancettee gules and in chief three martlets sable*, is identical with one of More of Cambs. Is anything known of this family, or of the Harlings who bore the similar coat? The Denny second quartering is given a *bordure engrailed sable* in Walker's *Nobility*, College of Arms, and in the *Visitation of Bucks*, 1566 (sub Jones of Taplow). In the Visitations of Suffolk and Norfolk, Harl. MSS., it is rendered *Or a fesse dancettee gules between three choughs sable beaked and membered of the second*, to which, in Vincent's MSS., College of Arms, the bordure is added. But these variations appear on no known seal or monument.

‡The following note by Blomefield might prove helpful in the search after Amy's parentage. Margery, daughter of Robert and Maud Baniard, with John, son and heir of Sir John Furneaux, and Alice Avenaunt, daughter of Rose at Wyke, Baniard's niece, released rights in East Hall, Gatesthorpe, Norfolk, to John Garlek, before 1361.

§See also *Notes and Queries*, 12 S., XI, 10, 288, for possible clues to a Windsor connection.

She had dower in Harling, Norfolk, and Bergham, Cambs. Blomefield says that she and Sir Robert held their first court for the third part of the manor and advowson of Harling in 1384. In Nov., 1396, a settlement was made by fine between John Bernard and others (acting for John de Fordham, Bishop of Ely) and Sir Robert and Amy Denny, concerning the manor of Bergham and seven knight's fees there, with the services of Sir Baldwin St. George, Sir Hugh la Zouch, Sir George Felbridge, Sir Thomas Jeney, Thomas Crabbe and Elizabeth, his wife (sister of Amy Denny's first husband, sole heir to him and their father, and afterwards wife of William Sandham), Thomas Lampit and Clement Spice, held by Amy for life.

Dame Amy was buried with her husband, as directed in her will, dated Sept. 23, 1423. In it she mentions (without names) "all my children," and leaves to her son Thomas a primer having in it a "scochon" of his arms.

By her Sir Robert had issue a son and heir :

THOMAS DENNY, Esquire, of London ; possibly identical with a man of the same name who was of Aldeby, Norfolk, and connected with Surrey, in 1421. One of his name was in the retinue of Henry, Lord FitzHugh, in an expedition to France, in the reign of Henry V. He was pardoned in 1409 for having slain William Clipston, at Barklow, adjoining Bergham, in September, 1407, his sureties including Robert Berdewell and Christopher Straunge of Suffolk. He was buried beside his parents in St. Andrew's Undershaft, as directed by his will, dated May 8, proved May 30, 1429. The executors were his wife Joan and John Berdewell of Norfolk, William Morys of London being overseer.

The parentage of his wife, whom he married before Sept., 1423, is unknown. As William Uvedale (Sheriff of Surrey, 1429) appears later as principal trustee for her son, she may have been of that family, or she may have married Uvedale, who had a wife Joan, who died in or before 1445, he dying in 1449.

By her Thomas Denny had issue (besides a daughter Joan, wife of William Beauschyn, Esq.) a son and heir:

WILLIAM DENNY, Esquire, of London, where he owned the property of his forefathers; born about 1423; a surety for Henry Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, when he was made Keeper of the Isle of Wight and Carisbrook Castle, in 1457; died in or before 1475.

He married, in or about 1445, Agnes; widow of John de Dedwode, Vice-Chamberlain of Chester, and cousin of John Troutbeck, M.P. for Herts, Chamberlain of Chester and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. It is practically certain that she was daughter and heiress of a younger son of the great Cheshire family of Troutbeck and that it was she who brought in the Troutbeck coat, differenced with the mullet of a third son, which her grandson Sir Anthony Denny quartered. By her William Denny had a son and heir:

SIR EDMOND DENNY, King's Remembrancer to Henry VII (with whom, as with Edward IV, he was "in credit and favour") and Baron of the Exchequer; died 1520 having had by Mary, his second wife (who now appears to have been daughter and heir of John Coke, Esq., of the Manor of Newbury, Beds., and not, as hitherto supposed, a Troutbeck), with other issue (of whom Sir Thomas was ancestor of the Dennys of

Howe Hall, Norfolk, and Joyce was the mother of Sir Francis Walsingham, the statesman*) a son :

THE RIGHT HON. SIR ANTHONY DENNY, † P.C., M.P., Chief Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, etc., an Executor of King Henry VIII and one of the Guardians of King Edward VI. ; recipient of various lands in Suffolk at the time of the Dissolution. He had issue by Joan, his wife, daughter of Sir Philip Champernowne and aunt of Sir Walter Raleigh, with other issue, two sons :—

I. HENRY, father of SIR EDWARD DENNY, EARL OF NORWICH, and grandfather of George Goring, Earl of Norwich.

II. SIR EDWARD, Knt. Banneret, M.P., Groom of the Privy Chamber, Governor of Kerry and Desmond, etc. ; ancestor of the present family of the Dennys, Baronets of Tralee Castle.

II.

The following pedigrees have been obtained from various sources. But, with the exception of the first, not very much original research has been devoted to them.

It ought not to be difficult, at least in some cases, to link the pedigrees on one to another.

*See reference to the fact of twenty-two notable persons, who appear in the *Dict. of National Biog.* having been immediately descended from Sir Edmond Denny in *The Eugenics Review*, XVIII, 110—"Foundations of Notable Families"—the Dennys in this respect ranking fourth in the 16th century, after the Sidneys, Howards and de Veres.

†See his biography in the *Transactions of the East Herts Archaeolog. Soc.* for 1906. See also the *Dict. of National Biog.*, Lodge's *Portraits of Illustrious Persons*, Leland's *Encomia*, Shakespeare's *Henry VIII.*, etc.

LE DANEYS, DENNEYS, DENNY, OF
TANNINGTON, ETC.

Arms: *Argent a chevron sable between three mullets gules pierced or*

(In the British Museum are the seals of John and Philip Deneys, Suffolk, *A chevron between three mullets differenced with a bordure engrailed*).

ROGER and WILLIAM LE DENEYS, of Cretingham, 1262.

ROGER, of Hemingstone and Coddendam, 1271.

ROGER and Matilda, his wife, and WILLIAM, their son, 1278.

Matilda, "late wife" of Roger, Coddendam and Cretingham, 1282.

ROGER, and Johanna, his wife, Coddendam, 1315.

THOMAS, of Hemingstone, 1278.

Pedigree, from Davy's "Suffolk Collections," British Museum, Copinger's *Manor of Suffolk*, etc.

SIR ROGER LE DENNEYS, Knt., of Hemingstone, Coddendam and Creting, appears to have acquired Denney's manor, Coddendam, soon after 1312. The customary descent of this manor is stated to have been to the youngest son. He m. Matilda . . . , and had issue (besides three daus.) five sons.

I. SIR WILLIAM.

II. THOMAS, lawyer.

III. JOHN, lawyer (? of Hemingstone 1327).

IV. ROGER, Esq., m. and had issue (besides two daus.) four sons:—

1. THOMAS, of South Creke, Norf., will dated March pr. April, 1457, m. Loveta . . . and had issue, besides two daus., two sons—THOMAS and EDMOND.

2. JOHN, m. Margaret, dau. of William Bedingfeld, and had issue—ROBERT, JOHN and ANNE.

3. JAMES.

4. PETER.

V. SIR PHILIP, Knt., of Tannington, etc., bur. in Creke Abbey, Norf., will 1391 ; m. 1st Maud . . . ; m. 2ndly Maria . . . , who held in Denyton, or Denyington, 1400 ; by his first wife he had issue (besides a dau. MARGARET) two sons :—

1. WILLIAM, d.s.p. (? a priest, who held in Coddendam 1392).

2. ROGER, Esq., of Tannington and Coddendam, will 1414 ; m. Maud, dau. (? and heir) of Peter Brysworth of Tannington, will 1424, by whom he had issue (besides three daus.) three sons :—

(1) JOHN, of Tannington, had issue a son and a dau. :—SIR ROGER, d.s.p. ; ANNE, eventually sole heir, m. Thomas Playters of Sotterly. There is a brass to their memory (1479) in Sotterly church, with the arms of Playters impaling le Deneys.

(2) JAMES, of Tannington, served under his kinsman Lord Bardolph at Agincourt ; will 1430.

(3) PETER, mercer of London.

JOHN DENNY was of Creeting in 1472.

RICHARD DENNY was of Coddendam in 1639.

GEORGE DENNY, widower, m. at Tannington, Oct. 6, 1606, Elizabeth Stebon, or Stebbing, widow, who was bur. there July 10, 1621. (Anne Stebbing, nee Blomfield, wife of Henry Stebbing of Stonham Parva, in her will, 1702, names her cousins Henry Denny of Mendlesham and Anthony Denny of Clopton). They apparently had a son, GEORGE.

GEORGE and EDMUND DENNY held in Stoke Ash in 1621, as did EDMUND in 1558 and ROBERT in 1743-64.

EDMUND DENNY, of Chigwell, Essex, Principal of Clifford's Inn, b. at Stoke Ash and "descended from ye ancient family of Deneyes of Tannington in Suffolke," whose arms he bore, d. Sept. 5, 1656 (Harl. MSS. 1449, f. 108b.)

GEORGE and EDMUND DENNY signed a deed re lands in Chigwell 1666.

DENNY OF COMBS.

The following is an outline of the pedigree given, with many evidences, in "Denny Genealogy in England and America," by C. C. Denny (Leicester, Mass, 1886) which seems to be, at least in this country, a very scarce book. Most of the documents cited, from 1450, were in the possession of Thomas Reeve Denny, of Cedar House, Lavender Hill, S.W.

JOHN DENNY held lands and tenements in Combs, Suffolk, in 1439, in which he was succeeded, in 1450, by his son WILLIAM, who was apparently succeeded, in 1473, by ROBERT. The names of those who succeeded during the interval which follows are unknown, but the farm undoubtedly appears to have

been held by the descendants of John Denny, as it has been down to a recent period, if not to the present day.

In 1590 ROBERT DENNY (perhaps son of Edmond, who m. Mary Shelton—see below), held the property. He had issue (with a younger son ROBERT, bur. at Combs, 1624, as was Margaret, his wife, in 1609, having had issue JOHN, who d. 1616, having m. Miss Waller, AGNES and MARY) a son and heir :

EDMUND, bur. at Combs May 11, 1609, having had by Johan, his wife, (with a dau. JOHAN, who m. — Wade) a son:—

EDMUND, bur. March 31, 1681 ; m. 1st 1627 Dorothy Moore of Rattlesden, who d. 1637, having had a son EDMUND, who d. 1707 ; he m. 2ndly Susan Syer, by whom he had, with other issue, a son and heir :—

THOMAS, of Combs, bur. Nov. 22, 1717 ; m. about 1686 Grace Cooke (b. 1655) who was bur. Dec. 19, 1741, having had issue (besides two daus.) four sons:—

I. EDMUND, of Combs, d. 1731 ; m. Muriel, who d. 1731, having had, with two daus., two sons, JOHN and WILLIAM.

II. THOMAS, of whom presently.

III. SAMUEL, 1689–1772, settled in America.

IV. DANIEL, 1694–1760, settled in America, where he left descendants. (See "Denny Genealogy.")

THOMAS DENNY, the second son, was bur. 1772, having m. 1st Rachael, bur. 1719, and 2ndly Sarah, bur. 1747. He had, with other issue (of whom

JONATHAN, b. 1724, settled in America and left descendants — see “Denny Genealogy”) an eldest son :—

THOMAS, d. 1803, having m. 1746 Anne Bayly, who d. 1804, having had with other issue (of whom SAMUEL settled in America) a son :—

JONATHAN, b. 1760, d. at Combs 1832, m. Martha Cross, of Finborough Hill, and had, with other issue, four sons :—

I. JONATHAN, 1784—1854, of Acton and Whipstead, Suffolk, m. and left issue.

II. WILLIAM CROSS, 1787—1874, m. and left issue.

III. THOMAS, 1789—1869, of Combs, Ipswich and London, m. Sarah Reeve of Leavenham, who d. 1870, and had issue four sons :—

1. THOMAS REEVE, 1816—1899, m. 1843 Ellen Smith and had issue.

2. CHARLES, b. 1822, m. 1846 Mary Harvey and had issue.

3. JOHN WILLIAM, b. 1824, m. Sarah Claxton Bridgman and had issue.

4. JONATHAN, b. 1828, m. 1st 1855, Ellen Baker, who d. 1860, leaving issue ; he m. 2ndly, 1867, Sarah Polly, by whom he had further issue.

It is stated in Blomefield's *Norfolk*, V, 268, that EDMUND DANNEY of Cretyngham and Combs, Suffolk, m. Mary, dau. of Sir Ralph Shelton, High Sheriff of Norfolk, 1570, who was bur. in Westhorp chancel, Suffolk, having had issue, and that a MS. book, formerly in Shelton Hall, gave, with other coats, Daney, *Gules a saltire argent between twelve crosslets*, impaling Shelton.

DENNY OF BECCLES.

JOHN DENNYS was of Beccles about 1390 and may have been the ancestor of the following.

JOHN DENNY, Gent., of Beccles, d. Dec., 1621, aged 92, bur. in Beccles church, where there is a brass to his memory and to that of his first wife, Joan who d. Sept. 20, bur. Sept. 22, 1612. He m. 2ndly Feb. 21, 1614/15, at Beccles, Frances Dade, widow. By his 1st wife he had issue (besides THOMAS, d.s.p.; RICHARD, ? bur. at Beccles Dec. 23, 1638; MARGARET, m. 1st Roger Bury of Gisleham, m. 2ndly Thomas Vinour of Beccles; m. Nicholas Pulham, of Beccles; JANE, m. 1st, 1599, William Gross of Beccles, m. 2ndly) a son:—

SIR WILLIAM, Knight, of Beccles and of Norwich, * K.C., Serjeant-at-Law; b. at Beccles about 1578; educated at the school there; matric. Gonville and Caius Coll., Camb., Oct. 26, 1594, aged 16; Scholar 1595; adm. Gray's Inn Nov., 22, 1598; Steward of Norwich City 1618-42; Recorder of Norwich; M.P. for the City 1620-21, 1622-3, 1625; knighted at Whitehall Oct. 31, 1627. His portrait is in the Norwich Guildhall. He d. March 26, 1642, bur. Norwich Cathedral, M.I.; admon. May 26, 1642; Inq. p.m. 17 Charles I. He is stated to have m dau. of . . . Knevitt, who must have been his first wife and the mother of his two sons. Frances, presumably his 2nd wife, dau. of James Taverner, d. Feb. 12, 1631/2, bur. Norwich Cathedral, M.I. He m. at St. Bartholomew's, Broad Street, London, by licence

*In Ewing's *Norfolk Lists*, Sir William Denny, M.P., is stated to have been of Howe in 1620-25. But he cannot have been the William Denny of Howe whose son, of the same name, by Helen, his wife, was buried there in 1611, and whose daughters Jane and Susan were baptized there in 1509 and 1613. Blomefield states that William Denny was lord of the manor of Howe in 1624. A William Denny, son of William of Beccles, was admitted to Gray's Inn in 1621. Sir Anthony had a natural son William Denny, to whom he left a charge on his estate at Mettingham, near Beccles.

dated Feb. 18, 1632/3, Dorothy, dau. and eventually co-heir of Reginald, son of Sir Thomas Kempe, of Ollantigh, Kent, who rem., before 1651, Sir Robert Filmer.† Sir William had issue two sons:—

I. SIR WILLIAM Bt., of whom presently.

II. JOHN ("only brother and heir of Sir William") adm. Gray's Inn Feb. 21, 1623/4; m. (? at Beccles, Dec. 25, 1634, Em. Ledbetir) and had issue (? besides Richard, John, John, Thomas and Esther, all bapt. at Beccles) an eldest (? surviving) son:—

WILLIAM, of Beccles in 1702 (? bapt. there Dec. 14, 1646) who may be the William Denny of Beccles who, by Anne, his wife, had issue, besides six daus., a son, William, bapt. at Beccles in 1691/2, who seems to have m. there in 1714 Susan Blackermore and had issue William, bapt. 1716/17, Glover, bapt. 1719, Moses, bapt. 1723, and Anne, bapt. 1734. Apart from any other sources of information, the great number of Denny entries in the Beccles Parish Registers should make it comparatively easy to trace this line much further down, if not to the present day.

SIR WILLIAM DENNY, Knight and Baronet (see *Dict. of National Biography*, etc.) of Gillingham, near Beccles; matric. Gonville & Caius Coll., Camb., Feb., 1619/20, aged 16, readm. as Fellow Commoner April 17, 1621; adm. Gray's Inn Feb. 21, 1623/4; Governor of Great Yarmouth for the King in the Civil War; created a Baronet, of Gillingham, June 3, 1642, which Baronetcy was disallowed by the Parliament from Nov., 1643, to the Restoration. To Sir William, as to several others of his name, the failure of the Royal

† "Dame Jane Denny, widow of Sir William Denny, Knt., decd." was married to Sir William Cony, Knt. of London, at St. Nicholas, Cole Abbey London, June 5, 1649. Who can she have been?

cause meant ruin. He petitioned on the Restoration for the continuance of his former Governorship, as well as for some parcels of ground near Shoreditch church, none of which appear to have been granted him. He died in poverty and the Register of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, London, records that "Sir William Denny, Knight and Baronett," having died of "feaver," was buried in that church June 19, 1676.

Sir William was author of a curious treatise in prose and verse (said to have been an answer to Dr. Donne's tract in palliation of suicide) entitled *Pelecanicidium: Or the Christian Adviser against Self-Murder; Together with A Guide and the Pilgrim's Passe to the Land of the Living* (London, 1653). The frontispiece has the arms *A saltire between 12 crosses patee*, charged with the arms of Ulster and differenced with a crescent; crest *A cubit arm fesse-wise vested and cuffed, holding in the hand five wheat-ears*. Beside the arms is a skull, surmounted by a sheaf of dry twigs, obviously an adaptation of the badge used by Edward Denny, Earl of Norwich—a sheaf of wheat—with the words "Hic mea messis," a play upon the motto "Et mea messis erit." He was also author of a pastoral comedy in verse, *The Sheepheard's Holiday*, 1651, and of poems in Stuart's *Rhoden and Iris*, 1631, in *Annalia Dubrensis*, 1635, and in Benlowe's *Theophilia*, 1652. Sir William m. Oct. 15, 1628, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, Catherine Young, who was bur. at Toft Monks, Feb. 4, 1653/4, M.I., having had a son THEODORE, who d. young and was bur. at Isleworth, Midx., July 16, 1640.

Sir William seems to have m. 2ndly Jane, who was bur. at "Tindall's" (Bunhill Fields) burying ground, London, as "relique of Sir William Denny, Knt., decd," Dec. 9, 1682.

DENNY OF BAWDSEY.

(From Davy's "Suffolk Collections," Add MSS., British Museum, etc.)

JOHN DENNY, Gent., of Bawdsey, was father of :—
 WILLIAM, of Bawdsey, who m. Lucy, widow of . . .
 Cook, of Orford, and dau. of . . . Hemmel, by
 whom he had a son :—

RICHARD, of Bawdsey, patron of the living of
 Gissing, Norf., 1549; presented to the Rectory of
 Ling, Norf., on grant of John Denny, Esq., of Ches-
 hunt (nephew of Sir Anthony Denny) in 1554; he
 m. Elizabeth dau. of Gerard Lowther, Esq., of
 Craven, Cumberland (of the Earl of Lonsdale's
 family) by whom he had issue (with a dau. MARTHA,
 who m. 1st Andrew, or Ambrose, Withipol of
 Ipswich, their mar. set. being dated Oct. 30, 1588, and
 m. 2nd Edward Hodierne, Gent., of Walpole) a son
 and heir :—

THOMAS, wasted all his estate and d. 1585; he m.
 1st Anne, dau. of William Hombeeston, Esq., of
 Dunwich; he m. 2ndly Beatrix, dau. and co-heir
 of Richard Cavendish, Esq., of Hornsey, Midx., by
 whom he had (with other children who d. young)
 five daus. : DOROTHY, m. . . . Blague, of Wood-
 ham Walter, Essex; MARGERY, m. Robert Smith
 of Aldeston; ANNE, BEATRIX; CONSTANTIA.

By his first wife Thomas Denny had issue (with
 other children who d. young) a son and heir :—

WILLIAM, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Elias Buffin and had
 issue a son and two daus. : EDMUND; DRUSILLA;
 HELEN.

DENNY OF IPSWICH.

ROBERT DANY, junior, and Margery, his wife, of Ipswich, 1278.

RICHARD DENNY, Claviger of the Great Court, Borough of Ipswich, 1649, 1655, etc.

RICHARD DENNY, of Ipswich (? 17th century) m. Mary Lea, by whom he had issue a son and three daus. :—RICHARD; MARY, m. Robert Cope of Ipswich; ELIZABETH, m. John Ford; DORCAS. (From Tanner MSS., CCLVII, 185, Bodleian Library).

MRS. DENNY, mother of JOHN DENNY, of Ipswich, d. Jan., 1817.

JOHN DENNY, Freeman of Ipswich, was father of JOHN, who had issue JOHN, his son and heir, and MARIANNE, who m. J. Gedge and was apparently the mother of the late Rev. John Denny Gedge, J.P. Norfolk.

 DENNY OF EYE.

ROBERT and THOMAS DENNY, Esqrs., Bailiffs at Eye, 1748.

. . . . DENNY (perhaps the Robert Denny who was of Eye in 1709) had two sons :—

I . . . DENNY, had issue (besides a son JOHN, who m. and had issue) a son :—

ROBERT, of Eye, Brewer, d. 1761, aged 61, bur. at Eye, having m. Hannah . . . who d. 1774, aged 73, having had issue a son and five daus. :—

ROBERT, d. unm. 1775.

MARGARET, m. Major Thomas Dilkes (son of Adm. Sir John Dilkes) and had a son—Gen. William Thomas Dilkes, Scots Fusilier Guards, Lieut.-Governor of Quebec.

ANNE, d. 1785, having m. 1774 the Rev. Thomas Carthew, of Woodbridge Abbey, M.A., J.P., D.L., and had issue (see Burke's "Landed Gentry.")

HANNAH.

MARY.

SUSAN, of Beccles, will 17 June, pr. 12 Nov., 1804.

II. DENNY, had a son :—

SAMUEL, of Eye, Brewer, d. 1757, aged 49, bur. at Eye ; m. 1st Mary , who d. 1783, aged 66 ; m. 2ndly Leman. By his 1st wife he had issue a dau. :—

ELIZABETH, m. 1st Thomas Evans, of Eye, and had a son, Thomas Brown Evans, J.P., D.L., High Sheriff of Norfolk, 1795. She m. 2ndly Edmund Jenney, of Bungay, and had issue a son and two daus.

Arms of Denny of Eye, as quartered by Carthew—
Argent a chevron sable between three pierced mullets gules.

. DENNY (? of Eye) had issue (besides two daus., CATHERINE, and HANNAH, who m. the Rev. William Walke) two sons :—

I. SAMUEL, of Eye, apparently d. unm. ; will Feb. 12, pr. Nov. 7, 1804 ; mentions "my estate in Dynapore, Bengal."

II. JOHN MARTIN, of Oakley, Suffolk, m. Mary
and had issue a son :—

JOHN MANNING, of Eye, will Oct. 11, 1801, pr.
March 26, 1802, m. Harriet . . . and had issue a
dau., MARY AMY.

DENNY OF YOXFORD.

ROBERT DENNY, of Yoxford, surgeon, m. Anne, dau.
of Nicholas Freeman and had, with other issue, two
sons :—

I. ROBERT, surgeon (perhaps identical with Robert
Denny, of St. Ives, Hunts, surgeon, living in 1803,
who had a dau. Mary, wife of the Rev. Benjamin
George Blackden, and had two brothers—William,
of Buckland, and Henry of South Walsham, Norf.,
and two sisters—Elizabeth, and Mary, wife of
Mackett Smith).

II. HENRY, of Saxmundham, surgeon, m. . . .
Butcher; and had a son—HENRY, of High Wycombe,
Bucks, surgeon, d. 1825.

DENNY OF SWEFFLING.

JAMES DENNY, of Pesenhall, (perhaps son of WILLIAM
DENNY, bur. at Sweffling in April, 1749, aged 66) had
estates in Glemham (? d. Dec. 3, 1753, aged 37, bur.
at Sweffling); m. . . . Skeet and had issue a son :—

THOMAS, of Dernford Hall, Sweffling; d. at
Glemham 1789, aged 75, buried at Sweffling; m.
Susannah, who d. Aug. 11, 1834, aged 74, bur. at
Sweffling; by her he had issue.

They had numerous descendants, of whom THOMAS DENNY, the entomologist, was one, living at Sweffling, Framlingham, Norwich, Cambridge, Croydon, etc. (see Davy's "Suffolk Collections," Add. MSS. 19, 126 and 19, 127, British Museum).

DENNY OF MONKS SOHAM.

EDMUND DENNY, of Monks Soham, in his will, dated March 26th, 1494, pr. May, 1499 (Lambeth Wills, "Morton, 51 d.") names Katherine, his wife, eldest son EDMUND, son ROBERT, son JOHN, EDMUND and other sons of John Denny.

ADDITIONAL NOTE.—The Rutland family of le Daneys also belonged to Somerset, where Stoke Daneys was held by Bricius le Daneys and previously, in 1286, by John, son and heir of William le Daneys of Tickencote. The latter, who died in 1253, is probably identical with William, the grandson of Osbert le Dane of Devonshire (see note above) who seems to have held Stoke Daneys in 1166. The Devon and Rutland families would thus seem to have been originally identical. We find in Devon Hugh Daneis, or Daniscus, in 1130 and Robert le Daneys in 1166. The name has continued there to the present day. In the latter part of the 12th century we find in Normandy Robert, Geoffrey, Roger, Hugh, Richard and Fulco Daneis, or Danois, perhaps of the same stock. This family would seem to afford one of the earliest examples of the hereditary use of a surname, as a family name. Prior to two or three hundred years after the Conquest surnames were, of course, as a rule purely personal, in fact, nicknames.

The same was the case with coats of arms, which were purely personal insignia, mainly of knights, until about the time of Edward III. For this reason the use by the Rutland, Somerset and Devon families of le Daneys of three Danish battle-axes on their shield does not prove that they had not a common origin with those of the name who bore the coat with the chevron and mullets. This also serves to explain how the saltire and crosslets of de Windsor (however derived) came to be assumed by Sir Anthony Denny's forefathers in substitution, apparently, for the chevron and mullets of le Daneys.