INVENTORY OF FURNITURE AT MENDHAM HALL, 1548.

The earliest account that can be obtained of Mendham Hall is that it was a Lordship of the Abbots of St. Edmund's Bury, and enfeoffed by Abbot Baldwin in Hugh de Vere, of whom it was purchased in the reign of William II. by Nicholas de Mendham, whose family took their surname from this village. It continued with them until 1318, when John de Mendham sold it. This manor was afterwards added to the manor of King's Hall, in Mendham, and King Edward I. settled it upon Eleanor, his first queen. On her decease it became the property of the De Veres, Earls of Oxford, who sold it to the Fressingfields. Sir John de Fressingfield sold them to Sir Walter de Norwich and his heirs. In 1353 Sir John de Huntingfield held them at half a knight's fee. They were soon after settled by the trustees of Roger de Huntingfield upon Mendham Priory, and continued in that house until the Dissolution; and in 1540 King Henry VIII. granted them to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, of whom they were purchased by the Frestons. In 1551 Richard Freston was lord, and the property still continues in that family.

The original manuscript from which this inventory is printed, formerly belonged to the late Henry Seekamp, of Ipswich, esq., a well-known collector of coins, antiquities, &c. It came into his possession as executor to Mr. Shave—many years an eminent bookseller in the same town. Mr. Shave purchased several large libraries from gentlemen in the county, which were disposed of by means of sale catalogues.

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MENDHAM HALL, IN SUFF.

The inventory taken there the seconde daye of Septembre, in the seconde yeare of the reign of our sov'aigne Kynge & Lorde Edwarde the sixte [1548], ageynst the comyng of my Lady Marie's grace.

The Grete Chambre.

Fyrst, the seyd chambre is hanged rounde wth ix pec's of verder, wth ij curtaynes of blew and grene dornyx* for the grete wyndow, wherein is a carpet for the grete windowe of red say, imbroydered wth Blake satyn, a carpet of verder for the lesse window, wth a quytyan of satyn & velvet for the same, imbroydered wth dropes of golde. A cupbord wth a carpet of nedyll work wth a curtyau of satin & blacke velvet embroydered wth dropes. A joyned chayre wth seates and blacke velvet at backe, imbroydered wth a quitian of blacke velvet for the same. A square Flaunderes stole, cov'd wt a seate of yalowe satin and crymsyn velvet, chekered, ffrynged wth yalowe & crymsyn silke. A joyned forme & iij square turned stooles of joyner's worke, wth iij aunde irons.

Greene Chambre.

It'm, the said chambre is hanged rotinde whdornyx, wherein is one grete bedsted wth roses, hedes, and antyque gilt, and the testor of the same, valence of blew and grene sylke. iij curtyau of grene sarsenet, the hede of grene saten of Brydgs† lyned. A donge & ffetherbed. A payre of ffustyauns, a blanket of twytle, a bolster & ij pyllowes. A carpet for the windowe of blew saye, imbroydered wth blacke velvet & blew flower de lys of satten, a quytyan for the windowe of yalowe damaske & crymsyn velvet. A cupbord wth a carpett of nedyll worke of roses. A Flemyshe chayre wth rede clothe, & a quytyan of nedyll werke, wth harts, wth a payre of shets, and ij pilloweres.

Chappell Cha'bre.

Fyrs, the seyd chambre is hanged wth iij pec's of verder, lyned, wth a cartayne for the grete wyndowe of blew and grene dornyx, wherin is a bedde of joyn' worke turned, lute colored, wth testor and hed of cloth of golde and crymsyn velvit, valence of blacke sylke & golde; iij blew curtyau of sarsenet, a mattrasse, a donge, a ffetherbed, a bolster, ij pyllows, a paire of ffustyauns, a redes happen, a cov'nyng of v'ders, a cov'nyng of sylke of v payres lyned wth blew and iij quytyans of the same sylke for wyndowes lynid wth tawnie damaske, a carpett of nedylly worke for the gardyn wyndow. A carpett of ffrayne worke for the chappell wyndow, a quytyan of nedylly worke lynid wth tawney satten of Brydgs. A cupbord wth a carpett of nedylly worke, a chayre wth seat and bake of nedylly worke, ffryngid wth Blake and yalowe sylke. A lytell fouled stoole wth seat of nedylly worke. A skrene and a glasse. A payre of shetes.

* A kind of stuff used for curtains, carpets, &c., so called from Doornick or Tournay, in Flanders, where it was first made.
† Satin of Bruges, being manufactured there.
‡ A mattress.
The Inne Cha'bre.

It'm, therin is a joyned bedd w't a teystor joyned, a ffetherbede, a payre of blanketts, a bolster, a pyllowe, a twylt, a counter, a cupbord, a chayre, iij heoches*, one flour of shetes.

The Meues Chamber.

It'm, the seyde chambre is hanged rounde w't rede and grene saye, w't iij curtaynes for the iij wyndowes of blew bokeram, & iij carpetts of grene & white dornyx, iij cutyons for wyndowes of nedell worke, and one of satin of Brydgs, imbrodered w't R. and A., iij joyned stooles w't iij quytyans of bawdkyn†. A cupbord w't a carpett of nedell worke. A joyned bedd gylt w't teystor and hede of strypped satten of Brydgs, valence of crewle, iij curteynes of grene and tayney sarnet. A mattrasse, a ffetherbed, a bolster, and toow pyllowes, a payre of wollen blankets, a red happy. A cov'ynge of grene sylke, twylted and lyned w't oleive, a payre shetes & iij pyllowberes‡.

Chappell Clossell.

It'm, therin is a benche to leane uppon, w't a carpett of dornyx & iij curtaynes of dornyx, vi of lethere, a byble in Englysse§, and one in lattyn, Erasmus Paraphrasis, a payre shetes.

Seylyd Chambre.

It'm, the seid chambre is syled rownde, wherin is a joyned bedd w't tester & hede of rede clothe, imbrodered w't garter, valence of crewell, iij curtaynes of rede saye, a donge, a ffetherbed, a bolster, & a pyllow, iij blankets of Iryshe ffryse, a cov'ynge of verders. A cupbord w't a carpett of nedell worke, a carpet of nedell worke for the chappell wyndowe, a quytyan of nedellworke, a joyned stoole, a cofer, a fyre shovel.

Mr. Wentworthe's Chamber.

It'm, the seid chambre is hanged w't grene and blewe dornyx rounde, iij carpetes for the wyndowes of the same, iij quytyans for the said wyndowes of checkered velvet, grene and rede. A whyte joyned bedd, gylt testor & heade of black velvet & whyte saten of Brydgs, imbrodered w't dropes and roses, valence of whyte and blacke sylke, iij curteynes of whyte & blacke sarsanet, a matterasse, a ffetherbed. A bolster, iij pyllowes, a payre quytyans, a blanket of Iryshe ffryse. A cov'ynge of verders. It'm, a spurner¶ of yalowe satten embrodered & blacke velvet, w't braunched letters and crosses, & w't iij curtaynes of yalow say, a mattresse, a ffetherbed, a bolster, iij pillows, iij blankets, and a cov'ynge of verder. A cupbord w't a carpet of nedell worke, iij joyned chayres with iij quytyans of satin of Brydgs, a fyre shovel, a payre of bellowes, a fourme.

* A hutch.
† Tunic or cloth of gold, upon which figures in silk were embroidered.
‡ Cloths for laying over the pillow, sometimes of very rich material and work.
§ Probably that ordered by royal injunctions in the previous year (1547) to be set up in some convenient place in every church or chapel.
¶ Curtains that enclosed or shut in the bed, from sparran, abdere, to shut or close.
The Rede Cha'bre.

It'tm, the sayd cha'bre is hanged w't red, wherin is a joyned bedd, w't tayster & heade of red sarsenet, valence of red syleke, ijj curtaynes of sarcenet. A ffetherbed, a bolster, ij paylowes, & a payre blankets. A cov'yn of verders. A cupberd w't a carpit of nedell worke, a turned chayre, w't ij quytyans of bawdkyn, a fourme.

The Gallery ov the Grete Chambrer.

It'tm, the same is hanged w't grene and red saye rounde, wherin is v pictuers, iij tables, ix cloths, & Saynt George in a table, imbrodered upon clothe of golde. The king's armes, iij carpets for the wyndowes of grene dornyx, iij quytyons for the windowes of yelow satin and crymsyn velvet, iij quytyons of red say. A joined table w't a carpet of framed worke, ij fourmes w't carpets of dornyx, a grete glasse.

The P'lor.

It'tm, therin is a chayre cov'd w'h purple velvet, bakked w't cloth of golde imbrothered, w't ij quytyans of flowered sylke, lyned w't saten of Brydgs, a table and a cupbord.

The Flor Chamber.

It'tm, the seid chambre is hanged w't vij peces of dornyx, ij curtaynes for ij windowes of the same, wherin is one joyned bedd turned, w't taystor of rede and whyte satten of Brydgs imbrodered, hede of rede damaske, and whyte satten of Brydgs imbrodered, valence of whyte & rede syleke. A materesse, a fetherbed, a bolster, ij paylowes, a payne* of fflustyans, a cov'yn of verder lyned. It'tm, a pallet unto a materesse, a fetherbed, a bolster, 2 paylowes, a payre blankets, a twylt, a cov'yn of tapystre, a rounde table, a square chayre, w't seate of sylke & blake velvet. A cupboard w't a carpet of framed worke imbrodered, w't quytyan of velvet & cofers, a stoole, a payre of tongues, a skrene, ij payre of shetes, ij pyllyweres.

The Storehouse Cha'bre.

It'tm, ij stande beddes, w't one teystor and a hede, & iiiij curteynes of dornyx, ij ffetherbeds, iiiij bolsteres, one paylow, and a payre blankets, one cov'yn of verders and one of tapystre, a table w't trestells, iiiij fourmes, a joyned close chayre, a quytyan of crewell,† & ij payre shetes.

Gallery Chambrer.

It'tm, the seid chambre is lyned rounde w't a curtayne of dornyx for the wyndow, wherin is a bedd joyned w't a tester & heade of blake damaske imbrodered w't freers gyrdyly, valence of blake & yelow sylke, iiiij curteyns of blake and yelowe sarcanet, a matterasse, a ffetherbed, a bolster, ij paylowes, a payre of blanketts, a cov'yn of verder, a square joyned table, a cupbord w't a carpet of verdures, a carpet of frame worke, with roses for the wyndowe, & a cucyon of yelow damaske & crymsyn velvet for the same, ij chayres joyned w't ij quytyans of verders for them, ij cofers, a forme, a lytell square stoole, a fyre shovel and a payre of shetes w't ij pyllyweres.

* A counterpayn; so named from the panes of various colours, contrasting with each other.
† A kind of worsted so named.
The nexte Chambre.
It'm, therin is a bedd, joyned & tester of the same, mattrasse, a ffetherbed, a bolster, a payre of blankets, a cov'ynge of tap'stree, iij cofers, a close, and iij payre of shetts.

The inn' Chambre of the corn' Chambre.
It'm, a joyned bede, a ffetherbed, a bolster, a payre blankets, a cov'ynge of tapstree.

The Corn Chambre.
It'm, the same is hanged wt blewe and grene dornyx rounde, wherin is one joyned bedd w't bolster and heade of whyte lynnyng clothe imbroidered w't blacke satyn. Valence of whyte and blake crewell, iij curtayns of whyte & blacke saye, a ffetherbed, a bolster, iij pyllowes, a payre of blankets, a cov'ynge of verder, a cupbord, w't a carpet of Arreys, a carpet for the wyndowe of blewe dornyx, and quytyan for the same of bawdkyn, a joyned chayre and a turned chayre, w't iij quytyans of verdver. A cofer, a payre of shetts, & ij pyllowbers.

Ye Porter's Chambre.
It'm, a joyned bedd, a dongo, a payre blankets, a bolster, a cov'ynge of dornyx, a grete cofer, a payre of shetts.

Porche Chambre.
It'm, it is hanged wt grene say; wherin is a joyned bed w't tester of blew imbroidered, valence of crewill, a matresse, a ffetherbed, a bolster, a pyllow, a payre of Wollyn blankets, cov'ynge of tapestre. It'm, a tryndelbed*, a matteresse and ffetherbed, a bolster, a payre of blankets, covlyd, a cupbord, ij payre of shets, ij pyllowbers.

The nexte Chambre.
It'm, a stande bedde, a matteresse, a bolster, a payre blankets and cov'ynge of dornyx, and a payre of shetts.

The Clerk's Chambre.
It'm, therin a stand bedd, where in a materysse, a grene cloth, iij covlyds w't a bolster, a lytyll table, a cov'ynge, a ffetherbed, a bolster.

The Pantry Chambre.
ij bedds therin, ij payre shetes.

The Chambre at Stayre Foot.
It'm, a ffetherbed, ij bolsteres, a payre blankets, iij cov'lets, a stoole, a quytyan of verdrew, a square table, a cofer, a stand bedd, and a payre of shets.

The Stable.
It'm, a stand bedd, a matteresse, a bolster, a blanket of Lynsy wolsey, a cov'ynge of reed, a hooche, & ij payre of shets.

The Old Darey benethe.
It'M, a stande bedde therin, a matteresse, a bolster of fflocke, a blanket of wollen, a cov'let. It'm, another bedd unto a matteresse, a bolster of ffethers, a blanket, a cov'ynge.

* The trundle or truckle bedstead was that in which the attendant slept in the same chamber, and which was run under the "standing bed" when not used.
AT MENDHAM HALL.

Stuff borowid at Mendham Halle of dyverse p'sons, the seconde and iij day of September, in A° II'd R. Ed'd. VI., to helpe to furnishe the

*Gallery Chambre,*

Of Mr. Wharton: a fetherbed, a bolster, a Payne flustyan, iij pyllows, and one cov'yng, besydes iij pyllows apoynted in other places.

*Corn Chambre in the Gallery*

Mr. Wharton: one pyllow & a cov'yng.

*Porch Chambre,*

Of Mr. Ryppys: a fetherbed, a bolster.

Rychard Bacon: a cov'yng whyte and blewe; and of

Mother Whytman: a pallet unto a mattrasse, a fetherbed, a bolster, ij pyllowes w't beres, a payre of blanketts, a cov'yng.

*Pantry Chambre.*

Rychard Bacon: iij fetherbeds, iij bolsters, iij matresses, iij payre blankets, a cov'ng of Pul'h'm worke.*

*Inn' Chambre to the Gallery Chambre.*

Thomas Witche: a materesse, a fether bedde, a bolster, a payre blankets, & cov'yng of Pulh'm work, all marked with redde.

*Hyw ward of a Chamb' of Mendh'm.*

A fether poke of canvas and a mattresse.

Of Mother Whytman: a flockbed, a bolster of fethers, & iij bla'kets.

*Red Chambre.*

Mast. Reppes: a fetherbed and a bolster.

Mother Whytman: a cov'yngge of Pulham work.

*Armory Chambre.*

Wm. Thomas: a ferherbed, a bolster, a cov'yng of Pulham work.

Of Thomas Molton: a fetherbed, a bolster, a blanket, and a cov'let.

*Chamber at Stares Foot*

Of Thomas Botewryght: a mattresse, a fetherbed, a bolster, a cov'yng of dornyx.

Of Nicholas Ffrensham: iij blankets of Lynsy Wolsey.

*Stable*

Of Thomas Botewryght: a flock bed, a bolster, a cov'yng of grene dornyx.

Of Susseham: a fetherbed, a bolster, & a cov'yng of grene dornyx.

*Chappell Chambre.*

Mr. Collyngdon: a carpet of w't arres, of nedell werke.

Master Wentworthe's Chambre.

A carpet.

*The Grene Chambre.*

One carpet, a quytyan, and....... 

*In the P'lor, on the Cupbord.*

A carpet.

*Old Dayre beneathe*

Of Thomas Melton: a fetherbed, a bolster, a payre of blanketts, a cov'yng of Pulh'm worke.

* There was a celebrated manufactory of coverlets at Pulham, in Norfolk.