

[P_x = BRIDCAUX]

12, Marsden Road,
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Avon

10/9/88

Dear Col. Grimshaw,

I'm repy to your nice enquiry relating to P_x of West Putford.

It would seem that the house in question was probably built by Mary P_x (nee Bastell) third wife of Sir Nicholas P_x of Soldon, there may also be a mention of this marriage on the Pedigree of P_x of Soldon and it is probably recorded in one of the three volumes of

"The Parochial & Family History of the Deanery of Trigg Minor in the County of Cornwall" By Sir J. Maclean, I know that at least one set is at Exeter R.O. (Maxwell's Books)

P_x of Soldon was also responsible for the building of Pridcaux Place in Padstow now open to the public and well worth a visit. Should your niece be interested perhaps a visit to Soldon (3 miles S.W. of Putford) might prove fruitful, if my memory is correct there was a coat of arms above the main door of the house at Soldon, the house is located on the road which runs between Soldon Cross & Sutcombe.

If she is really interested I would also suggest she contact Commander Richard Masterton, Theborough House, Sutcombe (TEL MILTON DAMERAL 235) another P_x House and on the same road. I know for certain he has many illustrations of the P_x coats of arms. Enclosed is a copy of Phillimore's proposal to publish the History of the P_x families, written by a colleague I met during my researchs. Hope the enclosures are of some interest please write again if you think further info is available

Best Wishes

A Pridcaux

FAMILY OF DE PRIDIAS *alias* PRIDEAUX.

The name and family of Prideaux is of great antiquity in Cornwall. Soon after the Norman Conquest we find the family seated at Prideaux Castle in the parish of Luxullion, and some have attributed to it a British origin.¹ The first of the name of whom we have any record is Paganus, or Pagan, Predieux who in the pedigree registered in the Heralds' College is described as "Pagan Prideaux, Lord of Prideaux in the Conquest time." From him the third in descent was Nicholas Predieux, Lord of Predeaux,² who, in addition to a son Richard, is stated in an old family pedigree, to have had a son called Hickedon or Herdon³ twin brother of the said Richard⁴ from whom, according to family pedigrees, Prideaux of Orchardon descended; but this is manifestly incorrect, for it appears from record evidence that Geoffry de Pridyas married the heiress of Orchardon, for in 1220 a fine was levied in which Alina who was the wife of John Orchardon was petitioner and Geoffry de Pridyas and Isabella his wife, by Reginald⁵ de Pridyas as attorney for the said Isabella, of the third part of two parts of one Knight's fee, &c., in Orchardon, and the third part of two parts of one Knight's fee in demesne, and the third part of two parts of the services of two Knights, &c., in Brethok (Brodoke), in Cornwall, which Alina claimed as of dower of the gift of the said John sometime her husband, and she remised and quitclaimed her whole right in the same to the said Geoffry and Isabella and the heirs of the said Isabella for ever.⁶

The Heralds' Visitation of 1620 (Harl. MSS. 1080, fo. 412b.) commences the pedigree of Prideaux of Orchardon with Sir Richard Prideaux (described as of Orchardon) said to be the father of Sir Geoffry Prideaux of Orchardon. We think that Sir Richard is erroneously described as "of Orchardon" for there was no Richard of that place until 1408, and we believe the former to be identical with Richard Prideaux, who is shown in the authorised Visitation Pedigree (Heralds' Coll.) to have died in 1250. The dates will agree very well.

¹ Polwhele Hist. of Cornw., Vol. ii., 61. Whitaker.

² This Nicholas is stated to have died in 1169, but we find in 1182 the Sheriff of Cornwall accounted for half a mark paid to Nicholas de Pridias, who had come to London to cross the sea in the King's service. In 1189 he was amerced half a mark for making a false claim, and again in 1195 he was amerced 2s. for the same cause. (Pipe Rolls of these years).

³ May not "Hickedon" have been a corruption of "Orchardon" and Herdon of "Hickeden."

⁴ It should be noted that in 1218, Sir Thomas de Pridias, Knt., was placed in remainder in default of issue of John Be-vill and Agnes his wife, *inter alia*, in the manor of Wolfyston co. Cornwall. (Ped. Fin. Div. Cos. 3rd Hen. III.) Somewhat later we find Thomas de Pridias several times mentioned, and on one occasion with Sibella his wife. This last Thomas is not described as a Knight, and therefore must have been a different person. We are unable to place either of them in the pedigree.

⁵ This Reginald was probably the brother of Geoffry, and the father of Sir Thomas who held Truronmarche.

⁶ Pedes Finium 8th Henry III., Easter. Cornw. No. 1.—The Pipe Roll of 8th Henry III. shows that Geoffry de Pridyas gave the King one mark to have a licence of concord with Ailena who was the wife of John de Orchardon.

A brief Memoir
of the family of
PRIDEAUX.

of Jerome Cornwell
and of

BRUNE of Hants - Dorset

Reprinted by Sir John Maclean's History of Dorset. Minor.

Exeter

Printed by William Pollard & 58 North Street
1874.

West Rutland - Nicholas Prideaux.

All known "Prideaux" Pedigrees originate from
Geoffrey de Pridyas and include :-

Prideaux of Orcheston

" of Luson ("John" Bishop of Woes. 1641)

" of Adlestrop & Thelborough

" of Netherston

" of Ashurst, Nutwell & Iglington

" of Ford Abbey. ("Edmund" Attorney General to Cromwell)

" of Soldon (Became Prideaux-Brown of Paolton)

The church at Madbury has Prideaux inscriptions and
the Evington church has several tombstones

Enclosed please find a cheque which I hope you will
accept toward helping the Ringmore Historical Soc.
Should you feel that I may have additional info
please contact me.

Best Wishes

Alf Prideaux

PEDIGREE OF PRIDEAUX OF PRIDEAUX, co. CORNWALL, AND OF ORCHARTON, co. DEVON.—TABLE I.

Pagan Prideaux Lord of Prideaux in the Conquest time.

Philip, 2. Richard Prideaux, Lord of Prideaux, died 1122, temp. Henry I.

Baldwin Prideaux, Lord of Prideaux, died 1165. Had a grant in fee of the Manor of Prideaux from Prior of Tywardreth.

Nicholas Prideaux, Lord of Prideaux, died 1189. Amerced in half a mark 1189, and again amerced 1195.

Richard Prideaux, Lord of Prideaux, son and heir.

Richard Prideaux, Lord of Prideaux, died 1250. Witness to a charter dated between 1230 and 1240.

Baldwin Prideaux, Lord of Prideaux, son and heir.

Reginald

Sir Thomas Prideaux, Knt.,—Jane, dau. of Lord of Prideaux, son and heir. Philip Brodrygan.

Visitation, 1620.

6. HUDDY.

7. GOULSTON.

8. HUGWORTHY.

9. CARMINGW.

10. AS I.

11. GORRES.

Godfrey.

Geoffrey Pridias, son and heir aged 23 years on his father's death; did fealty for Borough of Truro 1311; living 1330, dead before 1347.

Reginald, rector of Brodoke died 1343.

Alice, wife of Sir Richard Roakymar. (Ped. Finum, 10th Edward I., Easter.)

granted profits of 1347. Presented to St. Mary's Will prov. at Winst. 1347.

Margaret, dau. of Thomas Podicrus, remar. John Man-crown.

Robert Pridias, son of Geoffrey, granted Manor to Newnham 1369, manucap. for Burgesses of Bodmin 1327.

Reginald Rector St. Ma Truro, 1333.

I hereby certify that the following Pedigree of Prideaux, Lords of Prideaux, agree with the Record in this Office. 2. C. 1. 344.

Heralds' College,

9th March, 1874.

STEPHEN TUCKER,

Esq. of the

Isolda de Sulemy, coh. of her brother Geoffry de Sulemy.

Robert de Cardinan held two Baronies in Cornwall, viz. Cardinan and Botardel, consisting of seventy-one Knight's fees; (Lib. rub. Excheq. fo. 230), living 1216.

John de Orchardon, died before 1220. Ped. Fin. 8th Henry III. (1220).

Alina, dau. of... living 1220, when she settled one-third of Orchardon on her dau. and her heirs.

Ingram de Bray.

Sir Walter de Treverbyn.

Robert de Cardinan, younger son, upon whom his father settled the Manor of Alyngton, co. Devon.

Emma, liv. 1234, a widow, (Ped. Fin. 18th Henry III., Trin.)

Andrew de Cardinan, son & heir, living 1251, (Ped. Fin. 25th Henry III., Trin.)

Geoffrey de Pridias.

Isabella, dau. and heir of John de Orchardon, mar. of Ingram de Bray, mar. Trinity term 1248, died in Trinity term 1248.

Nicholas, dau. of Ingram de Bray, mar. Trinity term 33rd Henry III.

Hugh de Treverbyn.

Odo de Treverbyn, 1230-33. (Ped. Fin. 37th Hy. III., Easter.)

Emma, dau. and heir, (Ped. Fin. 10th Hy. III., Trin.)

Thomas de Tracy, living 1260.

Isolda de Cardinan, daughter and heir, living 1260, (Ped. Fin. 44th Hy. III., Mich.)

Sir Thomas Pridias, summ. against the Welsh 1294. Collector of Subs. same year. Returned as holding lands of the value of £20 a year or upwards 1297. Knight of the Shire 1298. Had grant of Manor of Truro March 1302. Died 1297. (Pipe Roll. Inq., p.m. 4th Edward II., No. 27.)

Rose, presented to St. Mary's, Truro 1345.

Roger Pridias, settlement made on him by his father and mother 1245. Sheriff of Devon 1271, 1272, and 1273. Living 1297. (Pipe Roll.)

Sir Hugh de Treverbyn, a son and heir, presented to Alyngton in 1269 and 1277, living 1278, dead in 1289.

Thosama, a widow 1289, living 1325.

Lory, wife of Benedict Hereward, (Ped. Fin., 10th Edward I., Easter.)

Peter de Pridias, settlement made upon him by his father 1281, died 1316, (Inq., p.m. 9th Edward II., No. 13.)

Elizabeth, dau. & heir of Sir Hugh Treverbyn. (Pole). (Rot. Fin. 34th Edward I.)

Mabel, mar. Walter le Albe of Radeford, (Rot. Fin., 34th Edward I.)

Sir Walter de Treverbyn, son and heir.

Margery, dau. of... Bloysowe, a widow 1314, living 1320.

Sir Roger de Pridias, Knt., son and heir, aged 21 years on his father's death. Knight of the Shire for Devon 1331. Had livery of seisin 9th October 1315. (Rot. Fin. 9th Edward II.)

Claricia, dau. of... (Ped. Fin. 14th Edw. III., Easter. Diversa cos.)

Ralph, living 1340. (Rot. Fin., 17th Edward II.)

Sir John de Clifford, living 1324.

Claricia, living 1324.

manor, with Lustleigh, unto Damerell, in marriage with their daughter, in the time of Edward the third, who had issue Joan, wife of Durnford, and Clarissa, wedded to John Berry, of Berryinherber. The hamlet of *Hetsell*, now *Heathfield*, was given to Walter de Doway by the conqueror, and it was lately the land of Stone. And in this parish the ancient name of Honychurch doth inherit and inhabit. (171)

BIGNURY, anciently *Bikaberry*, the chief dwelling of that family, who lived here in the time of king John, and of which progeny here dwelt nine descents, most of them called William, the last of which, in the time of Henry the fourth, left his lands to co-heirs, Margaret, married to Champernon, of Beer-Ferrers; and Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Durnford, from whom the Edgcombes are descended. The widow of William Bigberry was secondly married to Robert Burton. John Champernon, lord of this manor, had issue Blanch, wife of sir Robert Willoughby, whose son Robert lord Brooke conveyed the same unto his two daughters, Ann, wife of Blunt, lord Mountjoy, and Elizabeth, wife of John Pawlett, marquis of Winchester. (172)

KINGSTON, or *Kingstown* happily, for that some of the kings of this land held it in demesne; which manor William lord Martin had in Edward the first's reign, and the lady Margaret, widow of the last lord Martin, had it in jointure in Edward the third's reign: from which family these lands descended to lord Audley, and from that name, by Fitz-Warren, to the Bouchiers, earls of Bath. In this parish is *Wonwell*, which gave name to its ancient owner Thomas de Wonwell, who dwelt there the twenty-fourth of Edward the first, and which name continued this land to the time of Henry the sixth, when Robert de Hendeston succeeded, and Philip his son after him, who left three

daughters, Margaret, wife of John Fortescue, Elizabeth, wife of Phillip Courtenay, of Molland, and Phillippa, wedded to Robert Ashford, a younger son of Ashford House. Unto this Robert, William Bigberry, knight, gave the common of Bigberry, by his grant dated the twenty-eighth of Edward the third, and this name is firmly planted here. (173)

RINGMORE, in some records *Redmore*, was the ancient inheritance of the Fitz-Stephens', knights, which Giles Fishacre owned in king Edward the first's time; and William Ferrers, of Churchton, held one fee there in Merwell and Fogestanton in king Edward the third's time.

Okenbury was the lands of Tovy in the conqueror's time, for which he gelded after one hide, which was afterwards the Bozuns' inheritance; and by lineal descent from Emma, the daughter of William Ferrers, matched into the name of Ashford, it remaineth the inheritance of that tribe. (174)

The next river that emptieth itself into the sea is Arme, or Erme, whereof the place is called *Armouth*, which is so shallow and full of rocks, that no ships arrive there without extremity of weather enforce them. In the reign of king Henry the seventh, Philip, king of Castile, landed there by a tempestuous storm, with the loss of two of his ships. And on the thirteenth of January, in the year 1632, a ship suffered wreck here. Lamentable is the case of poor sea-faring men who suffer wreck, which the Normans called *Vartch*; from whom came that custom not unworthy writing, that in ancient times, if a ship were cast on shore, torn with tempest, and were not repaired by such as were left alive within a certain time, then this was taken for wreck. But king Henry the first disliking the justice of that custom, ordained, that if any one thing came on land alive, then the goods

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You will of course have access at Plymouth to the C.F.I.
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Joan Elizabeth Peter Thomas All at

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GREAT PRIDEAUX
MEMBLAND
NEWTON FERRERS
Nr. PLYMOUTH
DEVON

Wednesday 13th September.

Dear Mr. Prideaux,

I was very interested to receive your letter. I am not, however, sure that we can add very much to your search. We too are interested to know more of the source of the name of our farm, but the demands of creating a 65-acre dairy farm here and raising a young family have, so far, left us with little time for any research.

The bungalow built here just after the war and re-built and turned into a farm by us in 1975 takes its name from the field which appears on old maps as Great Prideaux. There are Prideaux's buried both in Holbeton Church yard (a village just 4 miles away) and also in the grave yard of the original Revelstoke Church St Peter the poor Fishermans at Stoke. This church has recently been removed but the regularly used Church for the parish of Revelstoke (Nass Man)

was built just over 100 years ago.

Our neighbouring farmer Mr Arnold Sagers of Casswell, Holbeaton has mentioned that a Prideaux built Casswell which is a fairly large farm house.

I am sorry that we have no further details or documents but should we at a later date come ~~across~~ across anything which might be of interest to you we would be glad to let you know. We would also be interested if you have any details which might throw light on the name of our farm.

Yours sincerely

R.J.G. Sherrell
R.J.G. SHERRELL

The Prideaux family owned large areas of land in
Ermington - Moolburg area of the South Hams
Printed pedigrees show

Prideaux of Orchardton (near Moolburg)
" of Lusson (near Ermington)
" of Adliston (near Ermington)
" of Ugborough

This may also relate to Assessment Map 1841 as per your letter

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21/4/84

Dear Col. Grimshaw,

You may recall we have corresponded on an earlier occasion and since going through my notes on a terra which I have not had time to pursue has come to light:—
Schedule of Leases & Tenements belonging to the Manor of Ringmore
Lease granted to a Peter Pridmore dated 19 Dec 1698.
Ringmore Manor Survey (51/7/11/3) 1754 Survey

1758 Survey (Box 27/22)
(21/43/3/10) 1715 Survey. all at Exeter R.O.

Should you consider that these items may be of interest to you could I ask you to note any details relating to Pridmore and its variants i Pridmore Pridmore etc etc. and if possible obtain photostats from the R.O.
Naturally any expenses will be refunded.

Hope all goes well with your researches of the Ringmore Parish and I note your inclusion in the April ed. of the D. F. H.

Best Wishes

A. Pridmore

Folk drink it thick, and piss it out full thin,
Much dregs therefore must needs remain within.

Shilverston, now *Shilston*, was in king Henry the third's time the lands and dwelling of John de Shilveston, whose daughter Eleanor was first married to sir Richard Bauchein, secondly to sir John de Ashleigh. The said Richard had issue Joan, married unto sir Richard Huish, whose son sir Richard, in king Edward the first's time, did contend with the said John Ashleigh for the said land. Afterwards, Robert Hill, the judge, settled his dwelling here, and his posterity have continued the same even to these our days. (177) *Orcharton* was held by Jordan de la Warre in king John's time; Gilbert Prideaux held this land in king Henry the third's reign; he was a younger son of Geoffry, son of sir Roger Prideaux, of Prideaux Castle, in Cornwall, whom divers knights of that tribe succeeded. Sir John Prideaux lost much of his land by killing of sir William Bigbury, knight; yet he left Orcharton and Allington unto his son, which continued in his posterity unto our remembrance, and this name, planted elsewhere, flourisheth in degree of knight and baronet. They held Orcharton thirteen descents (177) *De la Port*, called also *Old Port*, lieth near Orcharton, and had, in elder ages, inhabitants of that name. It was sometime a castle of defence, having a little creek of the sea coming up under it. John de la Port, father and son, lived in this place in king Henry the third and Edward the first's time; William de la Port, the last, by Hilaria his wife, had issue three daughters, Alice, wife of Thomas Heanton, unto whom Old Port fell for his portion; from whom, by Joan, their daughter and heir, married to Richard Malduit, called Somaster, this land descended in that line. (177) *Brownston* was given by Reginald de Valfort, lord of Med-

Henry the third's reign, whose son Adam granted it unto Baldwin de Wayford, who gave it to the abbey of Buckfastleigh. (177) *Wimpston*, anciently *Wimondesham*, king John bestowed on John Fortescue, a soldier in arms, the tenth year of his reign. Several families of this name are branched abroad, who have produced many worthy personages, whose name (as Holinshed hath it) is deduced from the strength of their shield, and their motto is *Forte scutum salus ducum*. Of this tribe have been famous men, both in honour of arms and seats of justice. To particularize a few of many, sir Henry Fortescue, knight, was a worthy commander under that illustrious prince king Henry the fifth, who made him governor of Meaux, in Berry. Another sir Henry was lord chief justice in Ireland, a man of great esteem for his virtue and sincerity in so high a calling. Sir John was lord chief justice of England, from the tenth of king Henry the sixth to the end of his reign; who in that laborious place mispent not his time, but penned a learned discourse of the laws of this realm, commending it to the hopeful prince. Besides it, he wrote a prayer book, which savoured much of the times we live in. What shall I speak of Pulesborn in Hertfordshire, Fulborn in Essex, Souldon in Buckinghamshire, where sir John Fortescue, a right honourable knight, built a goodly house, who, for his deep learning and approved wisdom, was chancellor of the exchequer, and duchy of Lancaster, and of the privy council to queen Elizabeth? I will enlarge no farther, for *Wimpston* is alienated. (177) *East and West Leigh*, formerly *Leigh Challons*, took that adjunct of the ancient owners; the first of which name I find was Hardwinus, son of the earl of Challons, who married the lady Florence de Leigh, the lady of this land, of

Dear Mr Pridaux,
Peter Pridaux.

I have been researching in the S Hams region for my Gilberts or Webbers (or Gilbert alias Webber) and as you have probably discovered by now the Ringmore registers begin in 1719. Rather inconvenient because my William W or G married Mary Hudge at Aveton Gifford in 1718 and he was 'of Ringmore'. However I have found references to the family in the area before that date and I found your Peter on the Schedule of leases of the severall tenements and cottages of and belonging to the Mannor of Ringmore in the County of Devon now subsisting and intended to be Excepted out of the Covenant against Incumbrances contained in the annexed indentures of four parts of release.

I'm afraid I haven't got the ref. no. but the date is 1759. Under cottages, No 7. One cottage or dwelling house Date of lease 19.12.1698; by whom granted: Francis Kirkham Esq; to whom granted: Peter Pridoux; Lived in being: Peter Pridoux; Rents and other reservations: 6D; Harriotts: 0 0.

You would probably find him in 51/7/11/3 Ringmore Manor Survey 1754 - this gave ages of my Gilberts, and Ringmore Manor survey 1758 Box 27/22, also gave ages.

21/43/3/10(9/10?) 1715 Value of estates for the militia Ermington 100, Ringmore all from Exeter R.O. may help

Protestation returns 1641; Hearth Tax 1674 and overseers of the Poor 1980A/P01. Devon Subsidy Roll 1624 and of course the leases mentioned should help.

*British Museum has Court Roll 1600-1601 Ref: Add 13129

(Incorrect Info)

My GSWs had branches in many nearby S Hams villages back to 1509 & I know they married Pridaux - let me know if you come across those; also if you find any GSWs in schedules of Bigbury, Hedbury etc, surveys. I got all H Tax & Prot. Rets

Good hunting,

Lillian B Robinson (Mrs)

I think this may relate to details enclosed in your letter, unfortunately I have not yet been able to check it out. I would be most grateful should you happen to come across any Px references if you could let me know the source and if possible photostat copies. I would of course reimburse any expenses incurred.

AB.