

POWYS, LORD LILFORD

esquire (son of Henry Mytton, lord of the manor of Shipton), who is then named in her brother Peter's will. He was born 25 Sept. 1626, and died 27 May 1688,⁴ leaving issue by her Henry Edward, Thomas, Mary and Anne. She died 9 April 1716, and was buried at Shipton by her second husband, her monument describing her as sister of Thomas Powys the serjeant-at-law, and aunt to the two justices of the Queen's Bench. The Mytton arms—*party sable and gules with a two-headed eagle silver and a border engrailed gold*—are parted with those of Powys.

II

THOMAS POWYS of Henley in Bitterley, esquire, son and heir of Thomas Powys of Snitton by Elizabeth Smith, was born in 1617. He matriculated at Oxford 14 Nov. 1634, and was admitted 11 Jan. 1634⁵ as a student of Lincoln's Inn, where he became a bencher. He was a serjeant-at-law, and dying 21 April 1671, was buried 23 April at Bitterley, where he has a monument. He made a will 19 June 1668, wherein he ordered that none of his lands in Bitterley or Staunton Lacy (except the Nowberie Farm) should go to the children of his second wife Mary, nor any of his lands in Cainham or Hollings, Thursley or Hardwick, or the Nowberie Farm to the children of his first wife Anne. He recited an indenture of 12 Sept. 1655 made between himself and John Walcott of Walcott, esquire, Samuel Powell of Stannage, co. Radnor, esquire, and Edward Littleton, then of All Souls' College, esquire, whereby he had power to limit a sum of 2,000*l.*, of which he devised 500*l.* each to his sons Thomas and John, and 1000*l.* to his daughter Anne. He gave to John Cotes of Woodcote, esquire, and Robert Clarke of Buckley, Northants, esquire, an annuity of 200*l.* out of his lands in Rock and Staunton Lacy, in the possession of Thomas Bishopp, Joseph Powys and others, towards the maintenance of his five children by his wife Mary, for whose education he also settled the manor of Cainham with the Nowberie Farm and messuages and lands in Hollings, Thursley, Hope Bagot and Hardwick, Robert Powys, the eldest of the sons, having the reversion of Cainham manor. A codicil of 19 June 1668 records the death of the testator's son Edward Powys, and the will was proved 26 Nov. 1672⁶ by Littleton Powys the son, power being reserved to Thomas Powys the son, another executor.

Thomas Powys was first married to Anne Littleton, daughter of Sir Adam Littleton of Stoke Milburgh, co. Salop, baronet, chief justice of North Wales. She died 30 June 1655 aged 33, and was buried at Bitterley.⁸

His second wife was Mary Cotes, daughter of John Cotes of Woodcote, co. Salop, esquire (who died 13 Oct. 1643, and was buried at Woodcote, where he had a monument) by Mary, daughter of Walter Bagot of Blithfield. She died 7 June 1668 aged 36, and was buried 8 June at Bitterley.⁷

By his first wife Thomas Powys of Henley had issue four sons and two daughters—

- i. s. SIR LITTLETON POWYS of Henley in Bitterley, knight, who was christened 27 April 1647 at Bitterley. Admitted 12 May 1664 as a student of Lincoln's Inn, he was a baron of the Exchequer 1695; a judge of the Common Pleas 1697; and a judge of the King's Bench 26 Jan. 1709, which office he resigned in 1726. He died 13 March 1733, without surviving issue, and was buried at Bitterley 28 March.⁸

He married Agnes Carter, niece of John Carter, citizen and grocer of London, who consents to the marriage in the allegation for the marriage licence dated 2 Dec. 1674,⁹ she being then a spinster, aged about 18, of St. Dunstan's in the West. She died 28 Nov. 1720 aged 66, and was buried at Bitterley 11 Dec. Her arms upon her monument are *azure a lion passant between three round buckles gold*.

Sir Littleton Powys had issue by his wife Agnes Carter two daughters, Elizabeth and Anne, who were both buried at Bitterley 31 Dec. 1720.

- ii. s. SIR THOMAS POWYS of Lilford, Northants, knight, of whom hereafter.
- iii. s. EDWARD POWYS, who was educated at Shrewsbury School and matriculated at Oxford (Trinity College) 14 Dec. 1666, being then aged 15. He died in 1668 aged 18, and was buried in the church of St. Mary Magdalene in Oxford, as appears by a monument there.
- iv. s. JOHN POWYS, who is named in his father's will, under which he had a legacy of 500*l.* He is said to have been a clerk in holy orders, and to have died on a voyage to the West Indies.
- i. d. ANNE POWYS, who is named in her mother's monumental inscription as having died in infancy.
- ii. d. ANNE POWYS, who was wife of Andrew Hill of Court of Hill in Burford, co. Salop, esquire, who died 23 Aug. 1708 aged 49 years and 8 months. He was buried at Burford.¹⁰ She died 19 Sept. 1725 aged 71, and was buried at Burford, having issue by her husband. Her monument, which describes her as daughter of Thomas Powys of Henley by Anne Littleton, was set up by her son-in-law William Read, vicar of Tenbury.

By his second wife Thomas Powys of Henley had issue five sons and one daughter.

- v. s. WILLIAM POWYS, who was christened 23 Sept. 1660 at Bitterley, where he was buried 7 Feb. 1669.
- vi. s. ROBERT POWYS of Ludlow, who was christened 6 Oct. 1661 at Bitterley. He matriculated 5 July 1680 at Oxford (Balliol College). He died unmarried 18 April 1724, and was buried 30 April at Bitterley,¹¹ administration of his goods being granted 5 June 1724¹² to Charles Cotes, esquire, and Andrew Hill, guardians of Richard Powys the nephew, a minor.
- vii. s. RICHARD POWYS of the parish of St. Anne's, Westminster, esquire, who was born at Bitterley and christened there 15 Dec. 1662. He was chief clerk of the treasury. He died 18 Feb. 1723, and was buried at Hintlesham. His will, dated 9 May 1723, was proved 18 Feb. 1723¹³ by

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⁵ P.C.C. 142 Eure.
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¹² P.C.C.
¹³ P.C.C. 41 Bolton.