

POWYS, LORD LILFORD

Thomas Hill *alias* Harwood, esquire, and Andrew Hill, gent., two of the executors, power being reserved etc. to Charles Cotes, esquire. He described himself in this will as of St. Anne's, Westminster, and directed that he should be buried at Hintlesham. He gave his Suffolk lands in trust for his son Richard Powys, and to the same trustees he gave a farm which he had bought at Cainham, co. Salop, in a like trust.

He married Elizabeth Singleton, daughter of John Singleton, a citizen and dyer of London, which John died 12 Dec. 1700. Richard Powys with his wife Elizabeth and Charles, Mary and Anne Singleton, her brother and sisters (then minors), filed a bill in chancery 14 July 1701 concerning the will dated 2 April 1688 of John Fisher of St. Mary Aldermary, gent., the father of their mother Elizabeth the first wife of John Singleton (son of John Singleton) whose relict and administratrix was his second wife Anne Howson, daughter of William Howson, a London citizen.¹⁴ Elizabeth Powys died before her husband, and was buried at Hintlesham, as appears by her husband's will.

Richard Powys and Anne Singleton had issue a son and a daughter—

i s. RICHARD POWYS of Hintlesham Hall, co. Suffolk, esquire. He was M.P. for Orford from 1734 to 1741. His will, dated 21 July 1742, with a codicil undated and a second dated 13 July 1743, was proved 12 Sept. 1742¹⁵ by the relict and executrix.

His wife was, as his will recites, Lady Mary Brudenell, youngest daughter of George Brudenell, third Earl of Cardigan, and sister of the Duke of Montague, who was married to him 30 May 1735. After his death she married, in 1754, Thomas Bowlby of Denham, esquire, who was comptroller of army accounts, which office he exchanged on 20 July 1767 for that of commissary general of musters. In 1767 Thomas Bowlby was returned member for Launceston, a borough of the Duke of Northumberland's, and he died at Jenningsbury in Herts. in 1795. She survived him, and died in London 21 Feb. 1813, in her 97th year.

Richard Powys and Lady Mary Brudenell had issue two daughters and co-heirs—

i d. ELIZABETH POWYS, born 7 April 1736, and married 19 May 1760, at St. George's, Hanover Square, to Thomas Townshend, Viscount Sydney. She died at Chapel Street, Mayfair, 1 May 1826, aged 90.

ii d. MARY POWYS, who was married 16 April 1762 to James Stopford, Earl of Courtown, by whom she left issue. She died at Ham Common 3 Jan. 1810, and was buried at Deane, Northants. Her husband, who was born 28 May 1731, died 30 March 1810.

i d. ANNE POWYS, only daughter. She was married at St. Anne's, Soho, 14 Feb. 1723, to Thomas Harwood of Tean, co. Salop, who had taken the name of Hill. She died 21 Dec. 1739.

viii. s. HENRY POWYS, who matriculated 7 March 1683 at Oxford (Merton College), being then aged 18. He was B.C.L. from All Souls' College in 1692, and D.C.L. in 1697.

ix. s. GEORGE POWYS, who was christened 8 June 1668 at Bitterley, his mother dying in giving birth to him.

iii. d. MARY POWYS, only daughter of Thomas Powys of Henley by his second marriage. She was christened 10 Jan. 1663 at Bitterley and dying in 1668 was buried at Teddington.¹⁶

III

SIR THOMAS POWYS of Lilford in Northamptonshire, knight, second son of Thomas Powys of Henley, was born at Bitterley and christened there 7 Feb. 1643. He matriculated at Oxford (Queen's College) 20 May 1664, and was admitted 19 Feb. 1663 as a student of Lincoln's Inn. He was solicitor-general in 1686, attorney-general in 1697, and premier serjeant-at-law in 1702. In 1713 he was made a judge of the Queen's Bench. In 1711 he bought the manor of Lilford, where his descendants are still seated. He died 4 April 1719, and was buried 12 April in the parish church of Lilford.¹⁷ His will, made 29 Sept. 1718, recites that he had made a settlement of his manors and lands in Salop and Northants on the marriage of his eldest son Thomas Powys. He named his sons Thomas, Ambrose and Philip, and his brothers Sir Littleton and Richard Powys, as heirs in tail male of his real estate, and gave rings to his father-in-law, Sir Philip Meadows the elder, and his son Sir Philip Meadows. A memorandum records that after the witnessing of the will and before its execution, old Sir Philip Meadows died. This will was proved 17 April 1719¹⁸ by Dame Elizabeth Powys the relict and Thomas and Ambrose Powys, esquires, the sons.

Sir Thomas Powys was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Holbeche, daughter of Ambrose Holbeche of Mollington, co. Warwick, esquire. The allegation for the marriage licence is dated 4 June 1685,¹⁹ she being then aged about 19. She died in March 1694, and was buried in the church of St. Alban's in Wood Street.

The second wife was Elizabeth Meadows, daughter of Sir Philip Meadows of Bentley Hall in Suffolk, knight, the allegation for the marriage licence being dated 1 Oct. 1698,²⁰ when she was aged about 30. She survived her

¹⁴ Chan. proc. Reynardson, ccxci. 45.

¹⁵ P.C.C. 292 Boycott.

¹⁶ M.I. at Bitterley.

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¹⁸ P.C.C. 69 Browning.

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²⁰ Fac. Off.