

POWYS, LORD LILFORD

husband, and dying 4 Dec. 1728, was buried 12 Dec. at Lilford. Administration of her goods, she being described as of Sion in Isleworth, was granted 2 Jan. 1730²¹ to Philip Powys the son.

Sir Thomas Powys had issue by Sarah Holbeche, his first wife, three sons and three daughters—

- i. s. THOMAS POWYS of Lilford, esquire, of whom hereafter.
- ii. s. EDWARD POWYS, who matriculated at Oxford (Queen's College) 16 Oct. 1705, being then aged 15. He was admitted 10 Jan. 1709 as a student of Lincoln's Inn.
- iii. s. AMBROSE POWYS of Lincoln's Inn, esquire. He matriculated at Oxford (Queen's College) 3 June 1708, being then aged 16, and was admitted as a student of Lincoln's Inn 17 Feb. 1710, his father having left him his study of books at Serjeants' Inn, on condition that he should apply himself to the law. He died unmarried 28 Jan. 1753 and was buried 4 Feb. at Lilford. Administration of his goods was granted 14 Feb. 1753²² to Jane Powys, spinster, the sister and next of kin.
- i. d. SARAH POWYS, the first wife of Thomas Carthew of Benacre, co. Suffolk, by whom she had issue. With her husband and children she is named in her father's will of 1718. She was dead before the making of the will of her uncle Sir Littleton Powys.
- ii. d. ANNE POWYS, who was a legatee under the wills of her father Sir Thomas and of her uncle Sir Littleton Powys. She died 22 May 1747 aged 56, and was buried 28 May at Lilford.
- iii. d. JANE POWYS, who was administratrix in 1753 of the goods of her brother Ambrose Powys, she being then a spinster. She was a legatee of her father and of her uncle Sir Littleton Powys.

By his second wife, Elizabeth Meadows, Sir Thomas Powys had issue two sons—

- iv. s. PHILIP POWYS, who died an infant.
- v. s. PHILIP POWYS of Hardwick, co. Oxford, esquire, was left by his father in the guardianship of his uncle Sir Philip Meadows. He matriculated 15 July 1721 at Oxford (Queen's College), having been admitted 1 June 1719 as a student of Lincoln's Inn. His father settled upon him the inheritance of his house in Lincoln's Inn Fields, which was worth more than 3,000*l.* He died in 1779, and was buried 1 Sept. 1779 at Hardwick.
He married at St. Benet's, Paul's wharf, 19 Dec. 1730, Isabella Lybbe, daughter and heir of Richard Lybbe of Hardwick, by whom he had issue. For a fuller account of him and of his wife, and for the genealogy of their descendants, see the pedigree of POWYS OF HARDWICK in the Oxfordshire volume of these genealogies.

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THOMAS POWYS of Lilford in Northamptonshire, esquire, son and heir of Sir Thomas Powys, knight, was born about 1687. He matriculated 8 Nov. 1703 at Oxford (Christ Church), and was admitted 12 July 1709 as a student of Lincoln's Inn. He died 3 March 1730 aged 32, and was buried 9 March at Lilford, where his monument remains. He made a will 27 Feb. 1730, which was proved 14 March 1730²³ by John Davies, D.D., and Ambrose Powys the brother. He asked to be buried at Lilford at the feet of his father under a plain stone with only his name upon it.

He married, as appears by their monument at Lilford, Catherine Ravenscroft, daughter and co-heir of Thomas Ravenscroft of Broadlane in Flint, esquire, the marriage being celebrated 28 April 1718 at St. Anne's, Soho. Her husband's will recites her settlement upon him of lands in Wales, and speaks of her debt for the burial of her sister Mrs. Conway. She died 8 Sept. 1721, and was buried 15 Sept. at Lilford.

Thomas Powys and Catherine Ravenscroft had issue an only son—

- i. s. THOMAS POWYS of Lilford, of whom hereafter.

V

THOMAS POWYS of Lilford, esquire, only son of Thomas Powys and Catherine Ravenscroft, was born 24 Sept. 1719, and matriculated 27 July 1736 at Oxford (University College). He died 2 April 1767, and was buried 10 April in the vault at Lilford. He made a will 31 Dec. 1765, which was proved 15 April 1767²⁴ by William Holbech of Farnborough, co. Warwick, esquire, the executor. He asked that a tombstone might be set over him giving the date of his birth and death, and describing him as grandson of Sir Thomas Powys.

He married, 18 Nov. 1740, Henrietta Spence, daughter of Thomas Spence of Saville Row, serjeant of the House of Commons. She died in 1771, having lived apart from her husband for some years before his death. In her will, dated 11 April 1770, she describes herself as of Wigmore Street, Cavendish Square. She desired to be buried in the vault under the communion table of St. Paul's, Covent Garden. She gave to her son Thomas Powys a brilliant diamond ring, and a seal with the arms of Powys and Spence upon a topaz, together with the picture of her father Thomas Spence in enamel set in gold, and the Duchess of Newcastle's picture 'painted by Lens in her hair and dressed picturesque,' also set in gold, and she named her late aunt Spence and late uncle Robert Spence. This will was proved 31 May 1771²⁵ by Thomas Read, the executor.

Thomas Powys and Henrietta Spence had issue two sons and two daughters—

- i. s. THOMAS POWYS, the first Lord Lilford, of whom hereafter.
- ii. s. LITTLETON POWYS, clerk in holy orders, for whose descendants see the genealogy of the POWYS FAMILY AT MONTACUTE, which follows this present genealogy.
- i. d. HENRIETTA POWYS, who died 7 Dec. 1742 aged one year, and was buried 10 Dec. at Lilford.

²¹ P.C.C.
²² P.C.C.

²³ P.C.C. 67 Shaller.
²⁴ P.C.C. 148 Legard.

²⁵ P.C.C. 273 Trevor.