

him, increased the business to such an extent that he used to take sometimes as much as £500 in the Martinmas week. As he advanced in years, however, he fell into habits of intemperance—the bane of so many old Warsopians—and his business went to wreck and ruin. His death was sudden. When going to church one Sunday afternoon he was seized with a choking sensation, and turning back with difficulty reached his home, where within two hours he expired in his chair. A strange fatality indeed seems to have attended his whole family; for a few years prior to his own death, his eldest daughter whilst on a visit to Swanwick, committed suicide by drowning herself in a well; his second son hanged himself on a tree in Edwinstowe Forest; his widow and a married daughter took a public-house at Blythe, where the daughter killed herself by hard drinking; and his eldest son Francis not long since lost himself somehow one cold winter's night in the snow, and was found some days after frozen to death in a ditch in Lower Car Lane.

1696.—“Baptized John of Thomas and Mary Halifax of Market Warsop.”

In 1726 the above named John Halifax was married and living at Sokeholme at the farm which was afterwards held so long by his descendants; but not having an old Sokeholme terrier, like that of Warsop, to guide us, we are unable to give the original size and yearly rental of this or any other farm situated in that parish. For more than a hundred years a branch of this family has lived at the farm now occupied by Mr. Thomas Hallifax of Market Warsop. William Hallifax, basket maker, a member of this family, is said to have ridden one cold winter's night across Thoresby Lake.

The Chapmans, Robinsons, and Askews, are connections of this family by marriage: in 1793 William Chapman married an Elizabeth Hallifax; in 1851 John Robinson, miller and

baker, married Elizabeth Radford, whose mother was a Hallifax, and whose father, William Radford, built and owned the Warsop windmill and the adjoining cottages; and in 1862 Samuel Askew, basket maker, married Sarah Hallifax.

The Hallifaxes of Warsop claim kinship with bishop Hallifax, who died bishop of St. Asaph and rector of Warsop in 1790; but we ourselves can find no trace of the connection either in the Warsop Registers or in those of Mansfield where bishop Hallifax was born. We shall have occasion to speak of the bishop again later on.

1697.—“Buried Sarah of John and Mary Duckminton of Church Warsop.”

About the latter part of last century one John Duckmanton was a Warsop yeoman and the local carrier between Worksop and Mansfield. He was a man of some means and owned nearly a hundred acres of land in the parish. For several years he held the offices of churchwarden, overseer of the poor, and constable, in which last capacity he was under the necessity, sorely against his will, of punishing George Riley and the other lads who were caught playing at football on the Sunday. According to tradition, John Duckmanton, though a temperate man for his time, would never drink ale—little or much—except out of a quart tankard; and a portrait was once taken of him by some waggish painter whilst he was sitting in the Bowling Green Inn, at Mansfield, dressed in the old-fashioned smock-frock of the period, leaning on his stick and with his favourite tankard on a table before him. This portrait is now, we believe, in the possession of Mr. Henry Duckmanton of Car Lane.

1699.—“Buried Elizabeth Knight, Lady and Widow of Sir Ralph Knight, of Church Warsop.”