

VI. Charles Costley (dec.) m. Belinda, dau. of Major Tomkins, and sister of his elder brother James' wife, and d. 2 Jan., 1869, leaving issue, an only dau., Annie.

I. Melian, m. Jeremiah Sullivan, and had one son, John, of Curramore, Co. Limerick. (See "Sullivan of Curramore," B.L.G., 1904 Ed.).

II. Caroline, m. 1834, Richard Gregg White (see "White of Kilbyrne," B.L.G., 1904 Ed., and Kilbyrne of these "Notes") and d. 28th Sept, 1893, aged 88, leaving issue.

III. Mary, m. M. J. Mason, of Glenbrook, Co. Limerick, and left issue:—

1. John
2. Edward (dec.).
1. Anne.
2. Melian
3. Kate.

IV. Eliza (dec.) m. .... Dooley (dec.); and had issue two daus:—

1. Anne
2. Emma (dec.)

V. Bridget O'Callaghan (dec.)

Mr. Sullivan d. 30 March, 1836, and was s. by his eldest son:—

WILLIAM SULLIVAN, J.P., of Tullylease House, b. 15 April, 1807; m. Susan, dau. of Thomas Green, of Air Hill, Glanworth, Co. Cork. He d. 28 Dec., 1871, aged 64, and had issue:—

I. JOHN (Rev.) of Tullilease House, b. 1 Nov., 1838, m. 5 June, 1877, Georgina, only dau. of John Cox, J.P., of Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, d. Feb. 1919, and has had issue:—

1. William, b. 24 May, 1880 Kilbolane Par. Reg.) M. 1910, Nina, d. of W. Carruthers, of N.S. Wales, d. 1919, had issue:—  
William, b. 1911.  
Nina, b. 1913.

1. William, b. 24 May, 1880 (Kilbolane Par. Reg.).

1. Annie Marion, d. unm.

2. Eliza Adams, d. unm.

3. Mary Georgina, d. unm.

4. Augusta Florence, d. unm.

II. James William, b. 3 Nov., 1851; d. 1 April, 1876 (bur. Tullilease.)

I. Maria Eliza, d. 28 Aug., 1870, bap. 23 June, 1842.

II. Elizabeth Adams (Kilbolane Par. Reg.)

III. Susan Sophia (Tullylease Par. Reg.)

ARMS.—Per fesse, the base per pale, in chief or, a dexter hand couped at the wrist, grasping a sword erect gu. the blade, arg. entwined with a serpent ppr. between two lions rampant, respecting each other, of the second; the dexter base vert, charged with a buck trippant or: on the sinister base per pale arg. and sa. a boar passant counter-charged.

CREST.—On a ducal coronet or, a robin, in the beak a sprig of laurel ppr.

MOTTO.—Lamh folsdineah an uachtar.

## Velvetstown (Velvextown), alias Ballyvillyvakigg, alias Ballenvinie.

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Barony of Orrery and Kilmore. Parish of Buttevant.

It lies about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, by road, north of Buttevant village. The townland contains 709a. or. 2p. statute measure.

The ancient name for Velvetstown was "Ballyvillyvakigg" which is the Irish for Velvetstown: otherwise Velvextown; Irish scribe, Conor O'Brien of that place, 29/7/1814, writes the Irish form as Baile an Bilbeacaig, which would indicate Velveck's town (Richard A. Foley). The Subsidy Rolls, Co. Cork, A.D. 1662, give: Parish of Rahan:—Edmond Crofts of Ballymagooly, value in lands, £11 12s. 0½d. He was also here in 1663 and 1665. (P.R.O., Dublin.)

From Co. Cork Militia Lists in P.R.O., Ireland.—

George Crofts, Gent was 1st Lieut. in an Independent Troop of Dragoons commanded



by John Lord Viscount Perceval on 10th Feb., 1727-28.

Wills Crofts, Gent, of Churchtown, was 2nd Cornet in same Troop, Commission dated 9th June, 1744.

It was unforfeited land in 1666 (Down Survey.)

Mr. Christopher Crofts built a fine mansion here in 1876. It was unfortunately burnt down on 22nd December, 1895.

I take the following extracts from Egmont MSS., Vol. II. Sir Philip Perceval let a farm called Coolcame to Christopher Crofts in 1679 (p. 82.) Christopher, by his letter to Richard Conron, 11 Sept., 1680, expressed his opinion that the remains of Sir Philip Perceval should be buried at Kinsale, with his ancestors, but as Sir Philip desired that he should be interred at Burton, he agreed that it should be so (p. 98.) This letter shows, I think, that Mr. Crofts had some connection with Sir Philip's affairs. 1680, 5th October, George Crofts, writing from Churchtown to John Perceval, informs him that Sir Philip's remains were buried in Churchtown Church, and that the funeral cost about £700 (p. 100.) 1686, April, 29, George Crofts writing from Burton to Sir Robert Southwell, reports the fatal illness of Sir John Perceval (p. 185) and next day from Cork, announces his death (p. 185.)

The accompanying Pedigree shows (according to family information) about the time the Crofts family were located at Velvetstown, but by the Egmont MSS., they appear to have been living in Cork the latter part of the 17th century.

Pedigree of "CROFTS of Saxham Parish, Weststow, and Churchtown House, Streamhill, and Velvetstown.

Compiled by late Ernest Crofts, R.A.

Added to by members of the family—Erskine E. West, Col. J. Grove-White, C.M.G.

According to a mural tablet formerly in the chancel of Weststow Church, the Crofts Family were in possession of the Manor of Weststow in 1273, and a Thomas Crofts kept his first Court there on St. Barnabas day, 1273.

Another statement shows that the family held the manor mentioned since the reign of Henry I., (1100-1135).

THOMAS CROFTS, of Bury St. Edmunds (buried there in Church of St. James, m. Emma, dau. of ..... and left issue,

JOHN CROFTS, of Bury St. Edmunds, son and heir. Will dat. 30 Oct., 1467. Bd. at Bury.

He m. Catherine ..... She d. before 1467, and both bur. at Bury St. Edmunds.

Left issue:—

I. John Crofts, of Weststow, son and heir, of whom presently.

II. Thomas Crofts, a monk at Bury St. Edmunds, 1467.

JOHN CROFTS of Weststow, son and heir. He m. a dau. of John Cocket of Ingham, Suffolk, and had issue—

I. John Crofts, of Weststow, son and heir, of whom presently.

II. Walter Crofts, living in 1467.

JOHN CROFTS, son and heir, living 1467, d. before 1518. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Hervey, of Ickworth, Suffolk. She d. a widow, 9 May, 1519. They left issue—

I. Sir John Crofts, of Saxham Parva, son and heir, aged 29 at death of his mother.

He built the Gate Tower at Weststow Hall, which is still standing. He m. 1517, Rose, dau. and heir of Sir John Sampson of Carsey (so named on the stained glass window at Weststow of the period), widow of John Bledlow, of London. He d. 28 Jan., 1557, leaving issue—

I. Edmund Crofts, of Saxham Parva and Weststow, of whom hereafter.

II. Thomas Crofts, of Bardwell, Suffolk. He m. Margaret, dau. of Sir John Coppledike, Lincolnshire. She d. 1 June, 1560, bur. at Bardwell. He d. 17 Nov., 1595, bur. at Bardwell, aged 80, leaving issue—

1. Charles Crofts, m. 1st, Elizabeth, only dau. of John Pierce of Norwold, Norfolk. 20 June, 1576. She was bur. at St. James's, Clerkenwell, 21 Dec., 1597. He m.

2ndly, Thomasina, dau. of Ralph Shelton, of Brome, Norfolk. Will, Bury



Probate Register 1616. He was bur. at Thorpe, Ixworth, near Bardwell, 2 Feb., 1616, aged 70. He left issue—

(1.) Sir Charles Crofts, of Bardwell and Norwold, Norfolk, knighted 1615; b. 11 March, 1575. He m. 1stly, Cecily, dau. of Richard Poley, of Badley, and 2ndly, Jane, dau. of Sir Rowland Lytton of Knebworth. She was bur. there 28 April, 1672, aged 70. He d. 1660, aged 85, having had issue—

a. Charles Crofts, b. at Bardwell, 20 March, 1627, bur. 1 July, 1628.

a. Bridget Crofts, m. at Bardwell, 22 Nov., 1642, Thomas Read, of Wrangle, Co. Lincoln. They had a son, Sir Charles Crofts Read, of Bardwell, knighted at Whitehall, 26 Sept., 1674, d. 17 Oct., 1690, bur. at Bardwell. He m. Mary dau. of Sir Thomas Hewet, of Pishobury, sister and co-heir of George Viscount Hewet, of Gowran, Ireland. They had issue, Charles Crofts Read, Thomas Crofts Read, Anne Crofts Read m. Thos. Wroth of Cotton, Suffolk; and another daughter.

b. Cecily Crofts, b. at Bardwell, bap. 21 July, 1618. She m. Francis Brewster, M.P. for Suffolk. See "Brewster of Wrentham," Burke's L. G.

c. Jane Crofts, bap. at Bardwell, 22 Feb., 1624; bur. there 1625.

d. Elizabeth Crofts, bap. 3rd October, 1619; bur. at Bardwell, 2 Dec., 1633.

(2.) John Crofts, b. 1588, Barrister-at-law, m. Bridget ..... He d. 11 Oct., 1644.

(3.) Robert Crofts, Merchant, of London, b. 10 Aug., 1593, died 8 Aug., 1633.

(1.) Elizabeth, m. Robt. Drury, of Rougham, Suffolk.

(2.) Margaret Crofts, bap. at Bardwell, 12 July, 1595. She m. John Tyllet.

(3.) Susan Crofts, m. 13 Feb., 1621, Thomas Aldham, of Sapiston, Suffolk.

2. Thomas Crofts, bap. at Bardwell, 11 May, 1560.

1. Elizabeth Crofts, m. at Bardwell, 5 July, 1576.

2. Susan Crofts, m. William Freer, of Clare, Suffolk.

3. Alice Crofts, bur. at Bardwell, 2 June, 1560.

I. Margaret Crofts, bur. at Saxham, 20 Jan., 1569.

EDMUND CROFTS, of Saxham Parva and Weststow, died 14 Feb., 1557, aged 37, son and heir of Sir John Crofts, m. 2ndly Eleanora, dau. of Thomas Lord Borough (aunt to Lord Borough of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire; Lord Deputy of Ireland, 1597), and by her had issue—

I. John Crofts, of Wangford, d.s.p. 26 Dec., 1561.

I. Margaret Crofts, m. John Southwell, of Barham (?Burnham), 24 Aug., 1562.

II. Alice Crofts, d.s.p., bur. at Weststow, 29 Jan., 1560.

He m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Thomas Kytson, of Hengrave Hall, Suffolk. He d. 14 Feb., 1557, aged 37, bur. at Weststow. By his first wife he left issue a 2nd son, Henry Crofts, d.s.p., and

THOMAS CROFTS of Saxham and Weststow. He m. Susan, dau. of John Poley, of Badley, Suffolk; she was bur. at Saxham, 14 Sept., 1604. He d. 3 April, 1612, aged 75; bur. at Weststow, leaving issue—

I. Sir John Crofts, of Saxham and Weststow, of whom hereafter.

II. Henry Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 25 April, 1565, Captain Scout Master General in Ireland; wounded at the siege of Kinsale, Co. Cork, 24 Dec., 1601; knighted in Dublin, 1603. A portrait of him hangs in a house at Botesdale, Norfolk. His right hand is round the neck of little Susan. He m. Angel, sister of Sir Lionel Guest. He d. 1609, leaving a dau. Susan Crofts (under 15 in 1612).

III. Francis Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 30 March, 1567. He m. Margaret, dau. of Reynold Rampley, of Walsam in the Willows, Suffolk; she was bur. at Weststow, 25 April, 1642. He was bur. at Weststow, 13 Nov., 1638, leaving issue—

1. Thomas Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 16 June, 1597. In France in 1634.

2. Anthony Crofts, bap. at Weststow, 24 August, 1598.

3. Francis Crofts, bap. at Weststow, 22 July, 1599. He left issue—

(1.) Robert Crofts, b. in Mary Bathaw, London, 27 Dec., 1637.

(2.) Francis.

(3.) Anthony.

(1.) Anne.

(2.) Susan.

4. Robert Crofts, bap. at Weststow, 2 May, 1601, Capt. in Col. Gibson's Regt., serving in Ireland in 1642 (see Egmont MSS.).

5. John Crofts, bap. at Weststow, 14 Nov., 1605. He m. Mary ..... His will is dated 4 Jan., 1665. Leaves property to his nephew, Francis, "son of my brother Francis," and also to nephew, John Crofts, "son of my brother, Charles," and "Anthony, son of my brother Francis." To his brother Edmond, land in Co. Lincoln." No children mentioned in the will.



6. William Crofts, bap. at Weststow, 21 Dec., 1606. Bur. in St. Michael of Pauls, Dublin, 8 Feb., 1663, leaving issue—

(1.) Christopher Crofts of Buttevant, Co. Cork. He lived at Ballyvillyvakig (the ancient name of Velvetstown). Living in 1691, over 21 in 1661. He m. before 1660, Eleanor Lake, living in 1691. They left issue—

a. Christopher Crofts, d. unm.

b. George Crofts of Velvetstown, J.P. for Co. Kerry, 1678, and of Streamhill, Doneraile, Patron of Cahirduggan Rectory, near Doneraile, 1694. He was also of Cahircalla, Co. Clare. He m. Mary, dau. of John Freeman, of Cahirmee, near Buttevant, Co. Cork. She d. circa 1728. He d. 1718, leaving issue—

(a.) Christopher Crofts of Velvetstown and Streamhill, b. 1694. He m. Mary, dau. of Wm. Austen, of Co. Cork, as 2nd wife. He m. 1st. Mary, dau. of Peter Graham, of Dromore and Conveymore, near Mallow, M.L.B., 1720. He d. 9 July, 1759, leaving issue by his 1st wife—

1a. George Crofts,<sup>1</sup> of Streamhill, b. 1724. He m. Margaret, dau. of Cornelius Holmes,<sup>2</sup> of Shinnanagh, near Buttevant (M.L.B., 24 Aug., 1744). He d. 1801, leaving issue—

(1a.) Christopher Crofts, of Streamhill, b. 1747, of whom presently.

(1a.) Mary Crofts, m. Roger Atkins, of Rossagh. (M.L.B., 24 Aug., 1763).

(1b.) Susan Crofts, m. Robert Philpot, of Newmarket, Co. Cork. (M.L.B. 1782).

(1c.) Catherine Crofts.

(1d.) Eleanor Crofts.

Christopher Crofts, of Streamhill, b. 1747, m. 1st Christiana, dau. of Charles Creed, of Ballynanty, Co. Limerick, and by her had issue—

aa. Christiana Crofts, m. .... Goold, Esq.

bb. Mary Crofts, m. 2 Jan., 1808, Henry Lee, J.P., of Barna, Co. Tipperary, Captain 5th Dragoon Guards (circa 1814).

cc. Anne Crofts.

Mr. Christopher Crofts m. 2ndly, Anne, dau. of Richard Crone, Ballydineen, near Doneraile, Co. Cork, and niece of John Clutterbuck, of Bannoxtown, Fethard, Co. Tipperary. Mr. C. Crofts d. 10 Nov., 1837, leaving issue, by his 2nd wife, a dau., Ellen Margaret, and a son—

aa. George Crofts, of Streamhill, b. 26 May, 1794. He m., 1815, Anne, dau. of Thomas H. Forrest, J.P., for Cos. Cork, Limerick, and Tipperary, of Broomhill, Joslyn Lodge, and Coolenave, and grand-daughter of Rev. John Aldwell, Rector of New Chapel, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. He left issue—

(aa.) Christopher Crofts, b. 1822, m. Harriet Mary, dau. of Capt. James Atkin, 61st Regt. of Leadington Co. Cork, son of Walter Atkin, High Sheriff for the County. (Mr. Christopher Crofts, of 45 Belgrave Square, Rathmines, Dublin, possesses the latter's portrait, probably in the uniform of the Co. Cork Cavalry) and grand-daughter of George, and the Hon. Rebecca Frances Robbins of Hymenstown, Co. Tipperary (see "Massy" Peerage). He d. in Dublin 30 Sept., 1899, buried in Douglas Churchyard, Co. Cork, 3 Oct., 1899, leaving issue—

aaa. George Crofts, d. young.

bbb. Christopher Crofts, of 45 Belgrave Square, Rathmines, Dublin.

aaa. Margaret Robbins Atkin Crofts.

bbb. Harriet Mary, m. Frederick, eldest son of Dr. John Fawls, by his wife, Muriel, dau. of Andrew Carter, Esq.

ccc. Anne Crofts.

ddd. Elizabeth Uniacke FitzGerald Crofts.

eee. Louisa Atkin Crofts, buried in Douglas, Co. Cork.

fff. Georgina Henrietta Crofts.

(bb.) Thomas Crofts, Solicitor, of Dhuaragil Castle, Millstreet.

<sup>1</sup> Sir John Percival gave him a lease of Velvetstown, 1 July, 1729, on expiration of lease given to his father (Egmont Papers).

<sup>2</sup> See these Notes, Vol. IV. page ....., under Shinnanagh.



- Co. Cork, m. Mary, dau. of Harry Wallis (see Wallis of Drishane Castle, B.L.G., Ireland). He d.s.p.
- (cc.) George Crofts, d. at Dhuaragil Castle, Millstreet, Co. Cork.
- (dd.) William Crofts. He m. and left issue, d. in U.S.A.
- (ee.) Crone Crofts, a medical student, d. unnm.
- (ff.) Robert Crofts, d. unnm.
- (gg.) Holmes Richard Crofts, d. unnm.
- (hh.) John Crofts, m. and left issue one dau., Rose Crofts.
- (aa.) Ellen Crofts, d. young.
- (bb.) Anne Crofts, m. James Galwey, M.D. (Nephew of Edward Galwey, of Lota, Co. Cork, Rear Admiral of the Red.) and left issue, James Galwey, d. unnm., and Anne m. Wm. Emerson Shearman, Esq.
- (cc.) Margaret Holmes Crofts, m. (d.s.p.) Henry J. P. Lindsey, Esq., of Myshall, and Hayfield, Co. Cork.
- (dd.) Catherine Crofts, d. unnm.
- (ee.) Aphra Crofts, d. unnm.
- (ff.) Amelia Crofts, living in Cork 1907, d. unnm.
- (gg.) Mary Crofts, living at Dhuaragil Castle, Millstreet, Co. Cork, 1907.
- (hh.) Elizabeth Crofts, d. unnm.
- (ii.) Louisa Crofts, d. unnm.
- 1b. William Crofts, of Velvetstown, b. 1726, m., 1754, Elizabeth, dau. of John Beere, of Gurteen, Co. Cork, she d. Aug., 1813, aged 86. He d. 12 July, 1784, leaving issue, 7 sons and 3 daus.—
- (1a.) Christopher Crofts, of Velvetstown, b. 5 March, 1755. He m. 1782, Mary, dau. of Thos. Lucas of Richfordstown, Co. Cork, she d. about 1796. He d. 21 June, 1911, leaving issue—
- aa. Thomas Lucas Crofts<sup>3</sup> of Velvetstown, b. 2 March, 1790, d. unnm. 1851.
- bb. Rev. William Crofts, of Velvetstown, b. Aug., 1791, d. unmd., 1868.
- cc. Christopher Crofts, b. 3 Nov., 1792, of whom presently.
- aa. Dorothea, bapt. Dora. Crofts,<sup>4</sup> m. 19 April, 1804, at Buttevant Church, Henry Langley, of Ballyellis, near Buttevant.
- bb. Elizabeth Crofts, bapt. 10 Aug., 1754 (Butt.) m. 28 Sept., 1809, at Buttevant, John Nash, of Ballyheen (Rockfield House.) near Kanturk.
- cc. Ruth Crofts, m. her cousin, Carden Terry Crofts.
- dd. Ann, bapt. 1787 (Buttevant).
- Christopher Crofts the third son, of Ballyhoura Lodge, near Buttevant, Co. Cork, b. 3 Nov., 1792, m. Feb., 1824, Alicia, dau. of Richard Nason, of Bettyville. She d. 30 Jan., 1867, aged 72, having had issue—
- (aa.) Christopher Crofts, of Velvetstown, and Castle Wrixon, near Buttevant, b. 14 Feb., 1826, s. his uncle 1868, m. 14 Mar., 1861, Sarah Grace, 2nd dau. of William Lysaght, Esq., of Hazlewood, near Doneraile, Co. Cork, and co-heir of William Atkins, of Fountainville, near Hazlewood. He d. leaving issue—
- aaa. Christopher George, now of Velvetstown, b. 27 Jan., 1866.
- bbb. William Herbert, b. 15 June, 1867.
- ccc. Thomas Harry, b. 4 Feb., 1869.
- ddd. Sidney Edward, b. 11 June, 1875, m. 11 Sept., 1907, Mary Alice, youngest dau. of Wm. H. MacGarry, of Buttevant, and has issue—
- Christopher Wm., b. 6 July, 1908.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Langley Brasier-Creagh, J.P., of Streamhill, possesses a very nice miniature, painted on ivory, of Thos. Lucas Crofts, of Velvetstown. He was known by the nickname of "kippens and buttermilk" as he amassed a considerable amount of money, and he always said it was done by selling kippins (dead timber) and buttermilk. No doubt meaning that he was thrifty and careful in small things. His brother, the Revd. Wm. Crofts, succeeded him in Velvetstown, and Mr. Langley Brasier-Creagh attended his funeral in year 1868.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Langley Brasier-Creagh has a miniature, painted on ivory, of this Dorothea Crofts (afterwards Langley).



Frances Grace, b. 11 March, 1910.

Alice Marian, b. 20 June, 1916.

Kathleen Elizabeth, b. 20 October, 1919.

aaa. Frances Catherine.

bbb. Alice Marian.

ccc. Emily Grace.

ddd. Elizabeth Mary.

eee. Florence Ellen.

fff. Kathleen Anne.

(bb.) Richard Nason Crofts, of Ballyhoura Lodge, J.P., b. 19 March, 1834, m. 1869, Bessie, dau. of Rev. William H. Nason, he d. 4 March, 1905, at Ballyhoura Lodge, bur. Buttevant, in Family Vault, leaving issue—

aaa. Christopher Nason Crofts, now of Ballyhoura Lodge, b. 1877.

bbb. Richard Nason Crofts.

aaa. Alice, bapt. Alicia, Nason Crofts.

bbb. Maud Nason Crofts.

(aa.) Catherine Nason Crofts, bapt. 20 Jan, 1825 (Butt.) d. unm.

(1b.) John Crofts, d. young.

(1c.) George Crofts, b. 23 Oct. 1763, m. 1st, Jane, dau. of Robert Johnson, of Cork, by whom he had issue, a son, William Crofts. Mr. Geo. Crofts m. 2ndly, Sarah Davis, widow of Humphries Manders. He left issue by his 2nd wife, an only child, Rachael Georgina, m. William Prittie Harris, of Lakeview, Co. Cork.

(1d.) William Crofts, of Danesfort, Mallow, b. 1 Aug., 1765. He m. Catherine Anne, dau. of Bartholomew Gibbings, of Gibbing's Grove, near Charleville, Co. Cork, and d. 20 Dec., 1801, having had with a son, William, who d. young, four daus., co-heiresses—  
aa. Elizabeth, m. Rev. John Beasley, and had issue.

bb. Anne, m. 8 May, 1832, in Mallow Church, Rev. Arthur Bernard Baldwin, Vicar of Raghan, near Mallow, Co. Cork.

cc. Jane, m. 10 March, 1819, Colonel George Sackville Cotter, 69th Regt., served in the Peninsula, and at Waterloo, and had issue (see Cotter, Bart, B.P.).

dd. Wilhelmina, m. John Wrixon, Jun., of Somerville, near Ballyclogh, Mallow.

(1e.) James Crofts, of Timoleague House, Co. Cork, b. 31 July, 1766, m. Jane, dau. of Aylmer Allen,<sup>5</sup> of Woodview (near Kilbolane, E. of Charleville), and Windsor, Douglas, Co. Cork, High Sheriff of Cork, 1780, and had issue—

aa. William Crofts, M.D., d. unm.

bb. Aylmer Allen Crofts, d. unm.

cc. James Nelson Crofts, m. Dora, widow of Patrick Brown, of Foxhall.

dd. Robert, d. unm.

ee. George Crofts, Solicitor, m. 10 May, 1849, Elizabeth Anne, dau. of Aylmer Richard Martin, of Vernon Mount, Cork, Sheriff of Cork, 1831 (see Martin, of Wiche, B.L.G.) and had issue—

(aa.) James Crofts, M.D., Lieut.-Col I.M.S. (retired), b. 15 May, 1852, he m. Anne Hickman, dau. of Colonel Samuel Hodder, of Ringabella, Carrigaline, Co. Cork (see Hodder of Ringabelle, B.L.G.), He d. 9 May, 1913.

<sup>5</sup> Aylmer Allen, of Windsor, Douglas, Cork, married Elizabeth Hayes, sister of Sir Henry Hayes, Vernon Mount, Cork, her sister, Mary Ellen, was married on the same day to John Martin, of Cork, who had three brothers, Charles, of Cork, d. unmarried, Richard, of Clifford, Mallow (whose only daughter, Mary Martin was married to Mansergh, of Green Anne, Co. Tipp.), Henry who settled at Bordeaux, France. John had five sons and two daughters. Rev. John Charles, F.T.C.D., Archdeacon, of Kilmore; Rev. Henry, Rector of Larne; Aylmer Richard, Solicitor, Cork, Sheriff, 1831; Richard, B.L.; Rev. Charles, Chaplain at Manheim. Elizabeth married David Beatty, of Boro-dale, Co. Wexford; Mary married Mr. Longfield, a member of Castle Mary family. Mr. and Mrs. Longfield died very early in life, leaving one daughter, Mary, who married her 1st cousin, David Beatty. These two sisters, viz., Elizabeth and Mary Martin are the great grandmothers of Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Beatty, O.M., G.C.B., etc.



- (bb.) Aylmer Martin Crofts,<sup>6</sup> C.I.E., Surgeon-General, Indian M.S., b. 25 May, 1854., d. 12 April, 1915.
- (cc.) William Crofts, L.R.C.S.E., b. 14 Feb., 1856, m. Isabella Roussac. He d. 5 Dec., 1919.
- (dd.) Richard Crofts, Major, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., b. 11 Aug., 1859, m. Henrietta, dau. of John Martin, of Upper Mount St., Dublin (his cousin) (see Martin, of Wiche, B.L.G.) She d. 9 Dec., 1893. He d. 16 Feb., 1916, leaving issue—  
aaa George Henry Martin Crofts, b. 13 Nov., 1893, L.R.C. S.I. & P.I., of Concamore, Clonakilty.
- (aa.) Henrietta, m., Rev. George Beamish, eldest son of Rich. Beamish, of Beaumont, Clonakilty, and had issue—
- (bb.) Jane, m. J. J. Welphy, M.D., of Floraville, Bandon, son of Norman Welphy, Kilonan, Dunmanway
- aa. Elizabeth, d. unm.
- bb. Mary Anne, m. Benjamin Swete, of Ballynascarty, and had issue—
- cc. Anne, m. John Breden, and had issue—
- dd. Jane, d. unm.
- (1f.) Richard Crofts, <sup>7</sup> b. 7 June, 1767, he m. Sarah Eliza, <sup>8</sup> sister of Carden Terry. He was murdered by Whiteboys, at his house of Kilclusha, in Ballybeg Glen, near Buttevant, 5 June, 1823. He left issue—
- aa. William, m. 1818, Mary Anne. or Marian (b. 1792) eldest dau. of Richard Gifford Campion, of Bushey Park, near Blarney, (see "Cromore" of this work), she d. 1803, leaving issue five daus.
- bb. Carden Terry Crofts, m. 29 July, 1824 (Butt.) Ruth Crofts (his cousin) dau. of Christopher Crofts of Velvetstown, and left issue—
- (aa.) Richard Crofts, d.s.p.
- (bb.) Christopher Crofts, of Ballythomas, near Ballyclogh, Mallow, m. Alice Walpole, he d. at Kingston College, Mitchelstown, 6 July, 1908, and left issue—  
aaa. Carden Terry Crofts.  
bbb. Christopher Charles W. Crofts.  
ccc. Richard Lucas Crofts.  
ddd. William Horace W. Crofts.
- (aa.) Mary
- cc. Richard Crofts.
- aa. Catherine Crofts.
- bb. Eliza Crofts.
- cc. Sarah Crofts.
- (1g.) Robert Crofts, of Clonribbon, Co. Cork, b. 10 March, 1769, m. 1807, Mary, dau. of Thomas Nash, of Rockfield, Co. Cork (see "Nash of Finnstown", B.L.G., Irl. and "Ballyheen" of this Work). He d. 21 May, 1818, leaving issue—
- aa. William Crofts.
- bb. Thomas Crofts.
- aa. Barbara Crofts.
- bb. Eliza Crofts.
- cc. Mary Crofts.

<sup>6</sup> A beautiful Mosaic Memorial has been erected in Timoleague Church to Aylmer Martin Crofts, C.I.E., Surgeon-General, I.M.S., by His Highness, the Maharaja of Scindia, 1916.

<sup>7</sup> Mr. Langley Brasier-Creagh writes:—"I found amongst the papers of the late Dora Langley nee Crofts, the original list of the names and signatures of the subscribers to a reward of £1,000 (augmented by a £1,000 by the Government of the day) which was offered for information that would lead to the apprehension and conviction of the parties who murdered Richard Crofts, on the hall door steps of Kilclusha, in 1823, by shooting him from the road, to which the following names were attached, with many others, viz:— Doneraile, Listowel, Beecher, Longfield, Grove-White, Grove-Annesley, Brasier-Creagh, Crofts, Langley, Cotter, De la Cour, etc., etc. I gave this long list to the late Richard Nason Crofts, of Ballyhoura Lodge, and have not since seen it.

<sup>8</sup> Sarah Eliza Crofts, wife of the above Richard Crofts, was a sister of the great silver smith of Cork, "Carden Terry", and from whose hands comes the celebrated "O.T." old Cork silver, of which I have got quantities through my late wife, Jane Langley.



- (1h.) Charles Crofts, b. 18 April, 1770. He was the Author of "Memoirs of Charlie Crofts", pub. 1829, by Edwards and Savage. Castle Street, ..... He d. unm. (He writes on p. 19, of his "Memoirs" that his father had "fourteen children by my mother, of which he left at his death, seven sons, and three daughters, for all of whom he amply provided.")
- (1a.) Ruth Crofts, m. 30 Oct., 1777, at Buttevant, Michael Busteed, Mayor of Cork in 1801.
- (1b.) Mary Crofts, m. her cousin, William FitzGerald, of Ennis, Co. Clare.
- (1c.) Catherine Crofts, m. Charles O'Keeffe, of Mount Keeffe, Co. Cork.
- (1d.) Elizabeth (or Eliza) m. 22nd May, 1802, at Buttevant, Robert Keane, of Hermitage, Co. Clare, and of Ennis, parish of Dromcliffe.
- 1c. Christopher Crofts, d. unm.
- 1a. Mary Crofts, m. 1748, John Bond, of Ballynahalisk, Co. Cork.
- 1b. Catherine Crofts, m. 1750, John (or Joseph) Wilkinson, of Johnstown, Co. Cork.
- (b.) James Crofts, of Cahircella, Co. Clare, a Captain in the Army (see Deed, of 14 Feb., 1719) He m. 15 Oct., 1719, Bridget, dau. of ..... Keane, Esq., of Co. Clare, and left issue, an only child, by his first wife—
- 1a. Catherine Crofts, m. Augustine Fitzgerald, of Co. Clare
- (a.) Mary Crofts, m. 3 Aug., 1696, Christopher Waggett.
- (b.) Elizabeth Crofts, m. 14 Dec., 1703, Jacob Ringrose, 3rd son of Col. Richard Ringrose, of Moynoe House, Co. Clare, and had issue—
- 1a. Elizabeth, m. Robert Atkins (gt-grandfather of J. N. Crofts Atkins Davis) of Fountainville, and Copstown, near Doneraile, Co. Cork.
- (c.) Anne Crofts, m. George Redman, of Co. Kerry,
- (d.) Susanna, d. unmd., in 1718.
- d. William Crofts, living at Rathclare, near Buttevant, 1685.
- a. A dau., who m. in 1700, Redmond Barry, of Ballyclogh, and was grandmother to Mary (Moll) Barry, of Ballyclough, who m. Richard Aldworth St. Leger, Viscount Doneraile (see "Barry of Ballyclough" B.L.G., Irl.)
- b. A dau., m. Joseph Leycester.
- c. A dau., m. .... Swayne of Bantyre.
- d. A dau., m. .... Roberts of Ardmore, Passage West, Cork.
- e. A dau., m. .... Dunscombe, of Mount Desert, Cork.
- f. A dau., Anne, m. Robert Waggitt, of Spittle, near Buttevant (see "Waggitt.") (She m. 2ndly, William Bowers, Esq., M.L.B., 12 June, 1683) of Cork (B.L.G., 1846). He d. 1680, leaving issue—
- (a.) George Crofts, of Ballintemple (Churchtown), Co. Cork, over 21 in 1664, private secretary to Sir Philip Percival, of Burton, Co. Cork, 1680. He m. Mary, dau. of ....., she was bur. at Bolton Abbey, 15 Dec., 1697. He was bur. at Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire, 8 June, 1698, leaving issue—
- 1a. George Crofts, of Churchtown, Co. Cork, M.P. (with Henry Bowerman) for Charleville, in 1690, expelled from House, for services to James II, d. 1698 (same year as his father). He m. Sarah, dau. of ..... He left issue—
- (1a.) George Crofts, of Churchtown, High Sheriff in 1712. He m. 2ndly, Anne, dau. of Christopher Waggett, 29 Feb., 1719 (Surety, Henry Leake. He m. 1st, Mary, dau. of Thomas Wills, Esq., of Will's Grove, and d. 1741, leaving issue—
- aa. George Crofts, of Churchtown, a Capt. in Col. Hargrave's Regt., d. unm.
- bb. Wills Crofts, J.P., b. 24 Dec., 1713, J.P., of Churchtown, m. 1743, Eleanor, 2nd dau. of John Freeman, Esq., of Ballinguile, Co. Cork (2nd son of Richard Freeman, of Kilbarry, and Ballinguile) and grand daughter of William Freeman, of Castle Cor (see that place) and by her (who d. 1792) had issue—
- (aa.) George Crofts, of Churchtown, b. 22 April, 1745, m. Mary, dau. of Francis Greene, Esq., of Greenmount, Co. Limerick. He d. 1801, and by her (who d. 1787) an only son and heir—



aaa. Wills George Crofts, of Churchtown, of St. John's College, Cambridge, Barrister-at-Law, High Sheriff, Co. Cork, 1822, d. unm. 10 Nov., 1826. and was s. by his first cousin, Rev. Freeman Wills Crofts, b. 1785, of whom presently.

bbb. Freeman Crofts, in Holy Orders, b. 6 Aug., 1748, m. Aug., 1781, Anne, dau. of John Spread, of Forest, Co. Cork. He left issue by her, who d. 1827—

(aaa.) Rev. Freeman Wills Crofts, of Churchtown, b. 22 Sept., 1785, m. 2ndly, Jane Hannah, relict of William Jameson, and dau. of Henry Milward, but by her (who d. 31 May, 1854) had no issue

He m. 1st, 16 May, 1810, Mary Marten, eldest dau. of late Rev. William Gorman, Rector of Kilmore, and Ballyglassin, Co. Meath, by Elizabeth, his wife, sister of Charles Kendal Bushe, Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench in Ireland, and by her (who d. 16 June, 1838) had issue—

aaaa. Freeman, Crofts of Cloheen, near Doneraile, J.P., Barrister-at-Law, b. 3 July, 1816, m. 14 Dec., 1851, Ellen, youngest da. of Joseph Deane-Freeman, of Castle Cor, Co. Cork, J.P., and D.L. He d. 6 Feb., 1869, having had issue—

(aaaa.) Freeman Wills Crofts, b. 11 April, 1853 (Buttevant Par. Reg.) Surgeon-Lieut., A.M. Department, m. Cecilia, dau. of James Laurence Wise (by his wife, Elizabeth, dau. of John Deane, of Berkley Forest, Co. Wexford). He d. in British Honduras, 1879 (shortly after his marr.) He left issue (his widow m. 2ndly, Ven. Archdeacon Harding.)—

aaaaa. Freeman Wills Crofts, C.E.

(aaaaa.) Elizabeth MacCartie Crofts, bapt. 2 Dec., 1855 (Butt.) m., as his 1st wife, in 1879, Rev. Freeman Crofts Gason, Rector of Maynooth. She d. 13 Dec., 1890, leaving issue, one son and two daus—

(bbbb.) Mary Gorman Crofts.

bbbb. Wills George Crofts, of Templemary, near Buttevant, b. 17 April, 1818, m. 16 Feb., 1843, Elizabeth (b. 26 Aug., 1824) only dau. of James Grove White, of Kilbyrne, near Doneraile. She d. 16 Mar., 1892. He d. 23 Mar., 1857, leaving issue—

(aaaa.) Freeman Wills Crofts, d. young.

(bbbb.) James Grove White Crofts.<sup>9</sup> b. 18 Jan., 1857, Lieut.-Col. R.A.M.C. He m. 1st, Isabelle, 2nd dau. of Dr. Charles Caulfeild Tuckey, of Kew. She d.s.p., at Raniket, 6 April, 1886. He m. 2ndly, 14 Oct., 1891, at Feltham Parish Church, Maud, only dau. of William Ayres, of Chawley Manor, West Wycombe, Bucks. He d. 6 March, 1901, leaving issue, an only child, Guinevere Madi Grove Crofts, b. 7 July, 1897. His widow m. 2ndly, 29 July, 1903, Capt. G. Masterson, Army Service Corps. She m. 3rdly, Captain Overton Long-Price.

aaaa. Phoebe Mary Crofts, m. 1st, Rev. Walter Sidney W. Croker, Rector of Feighellen, who d.s.p. She m. 2ndly, 14 Oct., 1884, William Mollan, "The Haven", Clontarf, Co. Dublin. He d. Nov., 1911.

bbbb. Mary Jane Crofts, d. unm., 22 April, 1901.

<sup>9</sup> His widow erected a painted window to his memory in Little Saxham Church, near Bury St. Edmunds, 1910. It bears the Coat of Arms of Crofts, White of Kilbyrne, and R.A.M.C.



- cccc. Anna Spread Crofts, m. 21 Oct., 1903, Rev. Henry Ruthe Wilson, Vicar of Kilmoody, and Tullynakill, Co. Down.
- (ccc.) William Fortescue Crofts, b. 28 April, 1822.
- (aaa.) Anna Spread Crofts.
- (bbb.) Catherine Doyle Crofts, m. 1 Oct., 1845, Richard Gason, of Richmond, Co. Tipperary, and had issue by him, who d. 1861 (see Gason, of Richmond, B.L.G.) She m. 2ndly, William Finch, of Kilcoleman, Co. Tipperary, as his 2nd wife (see Finch, of Tullamore Park, B.L.G.).
- (ccc.) Maria Marten Crofts, m. May, 1853, Justin Deane-Freeman, of Kilnaborris, Co. Galway, 5th son of Joseph Deane-Freeman, of Castle Cor.
- (bbb.) John Spread Crofts, Lieut. 37th Regt., b. 1790, d. at Trinidad, 1807.
- (ccc.) Rev. George Crofts, m. 25 Jan, 1830, Elizabeth, eldest surviving dau. of Rev. Mathew Purcell, of Burton, Churchtown, Co. Cork, and d.s.p. (granddaughter of Sir John Purcell, the Knight of the Knife) (see Purcell, of Burton Park, B.L.G.).
- (aaa.) Anastasia Earbury, d. young.
- (bbb.) Hannah, d. young, 1809.
- (ccc.) Elena, d. unm.
- (ddd.) Alicia, m. 1818, Thomas Milward, Esq., and d. 1832, leaving a dau. m. 1839, George Wood, Barrister-at-Law.
- ccc. Wills Crofts, b. 1750, Capt. 34th Regt., m. Mary, dau. of Richard Gason, of Killeshallagh, Co. Tipperary (see Gason, of Richmond, B.L.G.) and left an only dau., and heiress, Mary, m. John Bennett, eldest son of Right Hon. Judge Bennett.
- aaa. Alicia Crofts, m. 1770, Richard Gason, of Richmond, (see that family, B.L.G.) Co. Tipperary, and had issue—
- 1b. Christopher Crofts, of Ballynagaragh (or Ballynagarrett) Co. Cork, Sheriff of Cork City, 1677, Mayor of Cork. 1685, d. 1711. bur. at St. Mary's Shandon. He m., 1669, Mary, dau. of ..... Stephenson (marr. at St. Mary's Shandon), she d. 28 Mar., 1686, leaving issue—
- (1a.) Philip Crofts, bap. at St. Mary's, Shandon, 6 May, 1673. He m. Dorothy Adarly, and had issue—
- aa. Christopher Crofts, bap. at St. Mary's, Shandon, 1698.
- aa. Alice Crofts, bap. 18 Jan., 1704.
- (1b.) John Crofts, bap. 13 Feb., 1682.
- (1c.) Robert Crofts, bap. 8 Nov., 1685.
- (1d.) Daniel Crofts, d. 1687.
- (1a.) Doreas Crofts, bap. March, 1676, m. Edmund Knapp, M.P. for Cork City, 1715-27.
- (1b.) Catherine Crofts, m. Sampson Towgood (see "French, of Cuskinny", B.L.G., Irid.) and had issue.
- (1c.) Elizabeth Taylor, m. Anselm Taylor, 1711 (M.L.B., Cork and Ross).
- 1c. William Crofts, living in 1724, m. a dau. of ..... of ..... He had issue—
- (1a.) Roger Crofts, of Knockbarry (signs as witness, Will of George, of Velvetstown, 1718). He m. Eleanor Wrixon (widow Lake) of Castlemagner, 9 Dec., 1699. He d. 1724, and had issue—
- aa. William Crofts.
- bb. Robert Crofts, of Ballythomas, near Ballyclogh, Mallow, m. Abigail Couch, nee Winthrop.
- aa. Elizabeth Crofts.
- bb. Eleanor Crofts.
- cc. Eliza Crofts.
- dd. Mary Crofts.
- (1b.) Ralph Crofts, Alderman of Cork, m. ...., dau. of ..... He had issue—
- aa. Thomas Crofts, m. 1766, Eleanor Rogers (M.L.B., Cloyne).
- 1d. Richard Crofts, m. Mary Ledbetter, 1715 (M.L.B., Cork and Ross).



She d. at Bandon, Co. Cork, 1729. He d. at Bandon, 1724, and had issue—

(1a.) Elizabeth Crofts, under 18, in 1729.

1a. Mary Crofts, m. Samuel Bruce, twice Provost of Bandon, Co. Cork.

(3.) Richard Crofts, living at Bolton Abbey, 1684, and buried there 26 Feb., 1706. He came from the Co. Cork, when Lord Cork added, by marrying Lady Elizabeth Olifford, the Bolton Abbey Estate to his Cork Property. He m. Anne, dau. of ..... He had issue—

a. Christopher Crofts, Private Secretary from 1675 to 1679 to the 2nd Earl of Cork. He m. Sarah Boyle, between 1702-1711, he was bur. at Chiswick, Middlesex, 1702. He left issue—

(a.) Christopher Crofts, under 21 in 1701.

(b.) Edward Crofts, under 21 in 1701.

(a.) Anne Crofts, m. William Runes, between 1711 and 1714, being under 18 at latter date.

b. George Crofts, entered Trin. Coll., Cam., 1671, B.A. 1677. Head Master of Skipton Grammar School, 1686, bur. at Skipton, 1714

c. John Crofts, living at Bolton Abbey, 1698. He m. Anne, dau. of ..... (she was bur. at Bolton Abbey, 1725). He was bur. there also, 1720. He had issue—

(a.) George Crofts, bap. at Bolton Abbey, 1700, m. Anne Crossley. He was bur. at East Bradenham, Norfolk, 21 Aug., 1738.

(b.) Joshua Crofts, bap. at Bolton Abbey, 13 Jan., 1702. Rector of East Bradenham, Norfolk, in 1735. He m. Catherine Franklin, he was bur. at East Bradenham, 1782. He had issue—

1a. Catherine Crofts, bap. 1737.

1b. Elizabeth Crofts, bap. 1741, m. Lieut. Lockwood, R.N

(c.) John Crofts, b. 13 May, 1706.

(d.) Christopher Crofts, bap. at Bolton Abbey, 26 March, 1711. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of ....., b. 1711, d. 25 Oct., 1798, bur. at North Grimstone, Yorkshire (a fine oil painting of her, in her 83rd year, in the possession of Ernest Crofts, R.A.). He d. 28 Feb., 1773, bur. at Kirk Hammerton, Yorks. Drowned in the Nidd, near Kirk Hammerton. He had issue—

1a. William Crofts, bap. at Kirk Hammerton, Yorks, 9 Sept. 1753. Vicar of North Grimston, Trin. Coll., Camb., B.D., 1798. He m. Dorothea, dau. of Rev. Thomas Carr, Rector of Bolton Abbey (of the ancient family of Carr, of Stackhouse, Yorkshire. The pedigree of this family, dating back from 1483, is in the possession of Ernest Crofts, R.A.). She d. 17 May, 1819, bur. in the Choir of Bolton Abbey. He was bur. at North Grimstone, 31 Aug., 1814, he had issue—

(1a.) William Crofts, b. 8 Aug., 1805, at North Grimstone, Barrister-at-Law. He m. Stephana Springett Tapson, he d. at Bedford, 28 July, 1886, he had issue—

aa. William Carr Crofts, b. 6 Nov., 1846, Hulme Exhibitioner, Brasenose Coll., Oxon, B.A., 1868.

bb. Charles James Crofts, b. 26 Jan., 1856. He m. Emma, d. of Archibald Dymock, of Louth, Lincolnshire, he had issue—

(aa.) Charles Crofts, d. young.

(bb.) Hamilton Carr Crofts, d. young.

(cc.) Donnelly Graham Crofts, b. 12 Sept., 1884.

(dd.) Charles Dymock Crofts, b. 23 May, 1889.

(aa.) Ruby Dymock Crofts.

cc. Henry Christopher Crofts.

dd. John Francis Crofts, B.A., Cantab., 1878.

aa. Stephana Crofts.

bb. Dorothea Crofts, m. Henry Dymock, M.A., Cantab.

cc. Mary Elizabeth Crofts.

dd. Henrietta Crofts.

(1b.) Henry Crofts, Vicar of Linton, Yorkshire, m. Elizabeth Somerville. He d.s.p. at Munich, 1857.

(1c.) John Crofts, b. 1811, J.P., for Leeds. He m. Ellen Wordsworth, dau. of Joshua Wordsworth, of Falthwaite, Co. Westmoreland. The said Joshua was cousin once removed to the poet Wordsworth. She d. at Dusseldorf, 1867, bur. in the Choir, Bolton Abbey. He d. 1888, at Leamington, bur. in the Choir, Bolton Abbey, he left issue—



- aa. William Carr Crofts, b. 4 Feb., 1846, entered at Merton College, Oxford, 1866. Classman in Lit. Hum., Dec., 1869. Entered Inner Temple, London, 1874, d. 1894.
- bb. Ernest Crofts,<sup>10</sup> b. 15 Sept., 1847 (compiler of this pedigree) Royal Academician, London, 19 June, 1878. R.A. 1896 Keeper of the Royal Academy, F.S.A. He m. Elizabeth Wuesthofen, b. at Dusseldorf, Prussia, 23 June, 1853, he d. March, 1911. They have issue a dau.  
(aa.) Elizabeth Crofts, b. at Dusseldorf.
- cc. Arthur Crofts, he m. Mary Woodhouse, niece of Dr. Benson, late Archbishop of Canterbury. He d. 1903, leaving issue—  
(aa.) Christopher Benson Crofts, b. Shrewsbury, 19 Feb., 1873.  
(aa.) Barbara Wordsworth Crofts, b. 10 Oct., 1883, at Shrewsbury.
- dd. John Crofts, m. Elizabeth Warner, they have issue—  
(aa.) John Cecil Crofts, b. 29 Sept., 1891.
- aa. Henrietta Crofts, m. P. F. Willert, M.A., Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford.
- bb. Ellen Wordsworth Crofts, m. to Francis Darwin, M.A., F.R.A., son of the famous Charles Darwin.
- (1a.) Mary Crofts, m. Rev. William Sidgwick, M.A., Trin. College, Camb., and had issue—  
aa. William Sidgwick, Fellow, Merton College, Oxford.  
bb. Henry Sidgwick, Professor Cambridge University, m. Eleanor M. Balfour, sister of Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour (Ex-Premier).  
cc. Arthur Sidgwick, Reader in Greek, Oxford University.  
aa. Mary Sidgwick, m. Dr. E. W. Benson, late Archbishop of Canterbury, and had issue—
- (1b.) Elizabeth Crofts, m. Francis John Lace, J.P., of Stone Gappe Hall, Yorks., both bur. at Bolton Abbey.
- (1c.) Henrietta Crofts, b. 1813, d. 1877, at Brighton.
- 1b. Christopher Crofts, bap. 22 Oct., 1760, at Kirk Hammerton, Rector of Carwood, Yorks. He m. Elizabeth Milner, and had issue—  
(1a.) William Crofts, bap. at Carwood, 3 Jan., 1805, Vicar of Dunstan, Lincolnshire, Clare Coll., Camb. He m. Catherine Garrick, he d. 1873, and had issue—  
aa. William Garrick Crofts, M.R.C.S.L., m. Ellen Burton, d.s.p., 1836, at Church Gresley, Derbyshire.  
bb. Christopher Crofts, d.s.p. 1873.  
cc. Henry Crofts, d. unm. 1834.  
dd. George Crofts, d. young.

<sup>10</sup> "Field", 25 March, 1911.—

#### The Late Mr. Ernest Crofts, R.A.

In his day, Mr. Crofts, whose demise is recorded this week, won a great reputation as a painter of battlefield scenes; he made special study of arms and accoutrements of the periods to which his paintings were destined to refer; but like some other great artists, he at first overlooked a detail or so practically inseparable from the scene. It was left for lay critics to instruct him. A critique, "Through the Academy Without a Catalogue", the first of its kind, emanated from the late Frank Buckland; later, Mr. W. B. Tegetmeier analogously dealt with Nature v Art of the Academy in the "Field" columns, and in time other writers followed suit. Vicat Cole was admonished for depicting in "Ripening Sunbeams" (a cornfield landscape now owned by Lord Brassey) a waggon loading sheaves when scarce one acre out of an apparent twenty or more had been reaped. Also, his cows in shady water, in mid-summer, had tails like pump handles, as if utterly regardless of teasing flies. Vicat Cole took the hint, and his next batch of watering cows had lifelike swinging tails. Similarly in Ernest Crofts' picture depicting Napoleon inspecting his Old Guard before the final Waterloo assault, all the buckskins were snow white, in spite of rain sodden soil and a day's service before an evening advance. He, like Cole, took the hint, and in his Hougoumont picture of a later Academy, which continued the series, the knees of the guards bore traces of soiling through gunpowder, &c., and this without in any way detracting from the abstract tenet of Art at any price which to this day impels so many painters to depict August foliage and sheep with full fleeces—the shorn sheep is said to violate Art. Mr. Ernest Crofts, it may be remembered, was first cousin of Mr. W. C. Crofts of B.N.C., Oxon., who won the Diamonds in 1867 and 1869.



- aa. Catherine Crofts, m. 25 July, 1861, Henry Loder Ensor.
- bb. Elizabeth.
- (e.) Richard Crofts, bap. 15 March, 1712, at Bolton Abbey.
- (f.) William Crofts, bap. 16 Oct., 1715, d. Oct., 1716.
- (g.) Benjamin Crofts, bap. at Bolton Abbey, 6 Jan., 1719. B.A. 1740. Trin. Coll., Camb., Rector of Whissonsett, and of Gressenhall, near Fakenham, Norfolk. He m. Elizabeth Leach, dau. of the Vicar of East Dereham, Norfolk, from 1716 to 1741, he had issue—
- 1a. John Crofts, bap. at Gressenhall, 10 Dec. 1747, Rector of Whissonsett, Norfolk, Caius Coll., Camb., 1766, 4th Wrangler, Fellow 1775. He m. Susan Oxenborough, dau. of Edward Oxenborough, of Wells-by-Sea, Norfolk (who was b. 1736, d. 1821). He d. at Fakenham, bur at Whissonsett, he had issue—
- (1a.) John Drake Crofts, bap. 15 Dec., 1791 at Fakenham. B.A. Trin. Coll., Camb., 1814, Vicar of Houghton, Norfolk, m. Jane Rump. He d. 1843, having had issue—
- aa. John Spence Crofts.
- aa. Emily Crofts, m. Rev. .... Lukin, Rector of Guestling, Sussex.
- bb. Eliza Crofts, Sister of Mercy, House of All Saints Church, London, d. 1907.
- (1b.) Edward Oxenborough Crofts, bap. 14 Feb., 1793 at Fakenham, d. young.
- (1c.) George Crofts, bap. at Fakenham, 1794, an officer in Norfolk Militia, m. Louisa Gosling. He d. 1868, having had issue—
- aa. George Crofts, d. young.
- bb. Henry John Crofts, b. 1821, m. at Gressenhall, Norfolk, 1847, Ann Hastings, and had issue—
- (aa.) Henry John Hastings Crofts, dead.
- (bb.) Arthur Edw. Hastings Crofts, b. 28 Nov., 1849, m. and no issue.
- (cc.) George Crofts, dead.
- (dd.) John Hastings Crofts, dead.
- (ee.) Wm. Hastings Crofts, of Hull, b. 21 Feb., 1861, unkm.
- (ff.) Francis Hastings Crofts, d. young.
- (aa.) Anne Crofts, living 1908.
- (bb.) Elizabeth Crofts, m. John Martin
- (cc.) Alice Crofts, dead.
- (dd.) Jane Crofts, dead.
- cc. John Drake Crofts.
- dd. Edward Crofts.
- ee. Benjamin Crofts, in Australia, living 1907
- aa. Susannah Crofts.
- bb. Louise Crofts.
- cc. Caroline Crofts.
- (1d.) Benjamin Crofts, bap. at Whissonsett, Norfolk, d. 1811.
- (1e.) William Crofts, bap. at Fakenham, 31 Dec., 1798, M.R.C.S.L., d. unkm. 1852.
- (1f.) Christopher Crofts, bap. at Fakenham, Norfolk, 4 Nov., 1804, B.A. Oxon., 1838. Chaplain to Earl de la Warr. Head Master Queen Elizabeth's School, Sevenoaks, Kent. He m. Maria Savage. He d. 1894, having had issue—
- aa. John David MacBride Crofts, M.A., Worcester College, Oxford, Rector of Bradfield Combust., near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, and vicar of Mountfield, Sussex. He m. Jane Britton Dowell, and has issue—
- (aa.) John Charles Thurston Crofts, b. 1860, m. Ella Catley, and has issue—
- aaa. Christopher John Crofts, b. 3 August, 1904.
- bbb. Anthony Brodribb Crofts, b. 4 May, 1906.
- (bb.) Cecil Harry Crofts, b. 1864, entered at Emmanuel Coll., Camb.
- (aa.) Mary Dowell Crofts, b. 1859, m. H. D. Goodsell, F.R.C.S., London.
- (bb.) Florence Crofts, b. 19 May, 1860.
- (cc.) Ethel Harriet Crofts, b. 1866.
- (dd.) Eva Maria Crofts, b. 8 Jan., 1868.
- (ee.) Beatrice Angela Crofts, b. 1870.



- aa. Susan Hill Crofts, bap. at Whissonsett, m. Henry Hastings, of Longham, Norfolk.
- bb. Harriet Crofts, bap. at Fakenham, 4 Dec., 1801, bur. at Whissonsett, 3 Nov., 1802.
- 1b. Benjamin Crofts, bap. 4 July, 1754, at Gressenhall, Norfolk, Ent. Caius Coll., Camb., 1774, B.A., 1779, m. Penelope Cobb. He d. from a fall from his horse, and bur. at Gressenhall, 26 Feb., 1795. He had issue—
- (1a.) Benjamin Crofts, bap. at Gressenhall, 26 July, 1794, bur. there 1851, he m. Catherine, dau. of ....., b. 1787, bur. at Gressenhall, 18 Aug., 1858. They had issue—
- aa. Rash Bird Crofts, b. 17 Jan., 1823, m. Anne, dau. of ....., b. 1824, she d. 1866, bur. at Gressenhall. He was bur. at Gressenhall, 25 Feb., 1871.
- (1a.) Anne Penelope Crofts.
- 1c. Christopher Crofts, bap. 24 Nov., 1751
- 1a. Anne Crofts, bap. 2 Sept., 1745, at Gressenhall.
- 1b. Elizabeth Crofts, b. 1746 at Gressenhall, m. Rev. John Wilson.
- 1c. Mary Crofts, bap. 2 March, 1749.
- 1d. Deborah Crofts, m. Rev. St. John Priest, Rector of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.
- (a.) Susan Crofts, bap. at Bolton Abbey, 31 Oct., 1716.
- a. Mary Crofts, m. 13 Oct. 1695, George de Maine.
7. Paul Crofts, b. at Weststow, 6 Aug., 1609.
8. Charles Crofts, b. 10 Oct., 1610, m. dau. of ....., and had issue—
- (1.) John Crofts.
9. Henry Crofts, b. at Lackford, 25 Dec., 1613, bur. 1 Aug., 1616.
10. Edmund Crofts, b. at Lackford, near Weststow, 7 Nov., 1615, d. at Ballinengouly, Co. Cork, 1666. Admins granted to his widow, Margaret.
11. Benjamin Crofts, bap. at Lackford, near Weststow, 1 Nov., 1617, Receiver for Co. Cork, 1656—66. He m. Rebecca Hurleston. He was bur. at St Andrew's, Dublin, 6 Aug., 1689, he had issue—
- (1.) Benjamin Crofts, entered T. C., Dub., 7 July, 1666, Private Sec. to Earl Carlisle (as recorded in the Cork Estate papers at the Hall, Bolton Abbey, Yorks.). He m. Dorothy, dau. of ....., He was bur. at Marylebone Church, Middlesex, 16 Aug., 1702, had issue—
- a. Elizabeth Crofts.
- b. Anne Crofts.
- (2.) Francis Crofts, bap. at Christ Church, Cork, 26 June, 1656, bur. there 3 June, 1658.
- (3.) Edmund Crofts, bap. at Christ Church, Cork, 1st Aug., 1658. Entered T. C., Dub., 1 April, 1676, B.A. 1680, M.A. 1683 (Clerk in Holy Orders).
- (1.) Elizabeth Crofts, bur. at Christ Church, Cork, 24 Nov., 1659.
- (2.) Martha Crofts, bap. at Christ Church, Cork, 21 June, 1657.
- (3.) Mary Crofts, bap. at Christ Church, Cork, 2 Oct., 1660.
- (4.) Rebecca Crofts, bap. at Christ Church, Cork, 28 June, 1664, she m. .... Cartwright, Esq. (see Benjamin's Will, proved 19 Aug., 1702. Witnesses Wm. Purdon, John Wilson, and Nathaniel Kelly).
12. Francis Crofts, bap. at Lackford, near Weststow, 5 March, 1618.
1. Susan Crofts, bap. at Weststow, 13 May, 1602.
2. Anne Crofts, b. at Weststow, 23 Oct., 1604, m. Lionel Bacon, of Hessel, 1636, at Lackford, bur. at Hessel, 1653.
3. Elizabeth Crofts, b. 25 Aug., 1608.
4. Mary Crofts, b. 29 Sept. 1611.
- IV. William Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 21 April, 1568, m. there, 19 Dec., 1599, to Jane, dau. of William Poley, of Bosted, Suffolk (Capt. Powell, her 1st husband). He d. before 1612, having had issue—
1. William Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 28 Sept., 1600.
2. John Crofts, bap. at Hawstead, Suffolk, 21 Oct., 1604, bur. at St. Andrews, Dublin, 15 May, 1676.
1. Jane Crofts, bap. 1601, 17 Jan., bur. at Sapiston, Suffolk, 1632.
- V. Robert Crofts, bap. 4 Jan., 1572, d. 22 April, 1623, bur. at Saxham.
- VI. Edmund Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 10 Jan., 1573.
- I. Anne, bap. at Saxham, 18 June, 1569, m. there 22 April, 1588, to Sir Richard Gresham, of Thorpe, Norfolk.
- II. Elizabeth Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 25 April, 1575, m. Anthony Penning (a fine monument to them both in St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich.)



III. Susan Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 9 Feb., 1577, m. there, 27 Sept., 1597, to Sir Robert Barker, Knight of the Bath.

IV. Jane Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 29th Oct., 1580, bur. 6 Jan. following.

V. Dorothea Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 4 Feb., 1581.

Sir John Crofts, of Saxham and Weststow, son and heir, b. 1563, d. 29 March, 1628, bur. at Saxham, knighted in Ireland, 1599. He m. (1st) Margaret, dau. of Lord Wentworth, widow of John Lord Williams (her 1st husband) Sir William Drury (her second husband) Sir John Crofts (her 3rd husband).

Sir John m. (2ndly) Mary, dau. of Thomas Shirley, she was bur. at Saxham, 13 March, 1645, Sir John was bur. at Saxham, 29th March, 1628, aged 66. He had issue by his wife, Mary—

1. John Crofts, b. 1598, at Toddington, Beds., Cupbearer to Charles I., bur. at Saxham, 1664. This John is he of whom Herrick wrote the ode, commencing:—

‘For all thy many courtesies to me,  
Nothing I have, my Crofts, to send to thee’  
Etc., etc.

2. Samuel Crofts, Ensign in the Low Countries.
3. Edmund Crofts, at Cambridge University.
4. Thomas Crofts.
5. Charles Crofts, bur. at Toddington.

VI. Sir Henry Crofts, of Saxham, son and heir, also of Tattingstone, Suffolk, knighted at Whitehall, 1611. He m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Richard Wortley, Co. York, 1610, marr. setts., 1 Nov., 1610, and by her, who was bur. at Saxham, 10 Oct., 1642, had issue—

1. William, Lord Crofts, Baron of Saxham, one of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber to Charles II., b. about 1611. He m. 1st, Lady Dorothy Hele, dau. of Sir John Hobart, and widow of Sir John Hele (1st husband). He m. 2ndly (her 1st husband, John Lord Craven, 2nd husband, Henry Howard, Earl of Berkshire) Elizabeth, dau. of William Lord Spencer, of Wormleighton (she d. 1 Aug., 1572, s.p., bur. at Saxham, 18th same month). He d. 14 Sept., 1677, s.p., bur. at Saxham, 13 same month. Portrait of him by Sir Peter Lely, in the collection of Earl Spencer.
2. John Crofts, Dean of Norwich, b. 1612, Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, D.D., June, 1646, d. 27 July, 1670, bur. in Norwich Cathedral.
3. Edmund Crofts, d.s.p.
4. Charles Crofts, bap. at Toddington, 1 Jan., 1612-13, was shot dead by Jeffrey Hudson, Queen Henrietta Maria's dwarf in Sept., 1644, in the Park at Nevers, France, d.s.p., bur. at Toddington.
5. Henry Crofts, bap. 12 Feb., 1634, at Kensington, d.s.p.
1. Elizabeth Crofts, m. Frederick, Lord Cornwallis (a portrait of her at Audley End).
2. Maria Crofts, bur. at Saxham, 25 Aug., 1628.
3. Hester Crofts, m. Sir Edmund Poley, of Badley. She d. 1714, bur. at Badley.
4. Cecilia Crofts, d. young.
5. Catherine Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 28 Jan., 1637, bur. at Badley, 1686.

Sir Henry Crofts m. 2ndly, Margaret, bur. at Saxham, 26 May, 1674, and by her had issue—

6. Henry Crofts, bap. at Saxham, Oct. 1644, d. young.
6. Maria Crofts, bap. at Saxham, 25 Jan., 1646, she m. Thomas Goddard, of Brampton, Norfolk, she d. 26 Jan., 1722.
7. Cecilia Crofts, m. Thomas Coel, of Depden, Suffolk, she d. 1677, bur. at St. James's, Bury St. Edmunds.
8. Elizabeth Crofts, d. 18 Oct., 1681, bur. at Saxham.

Sir Henry was bur. at Saxham, 31 March, 1667.

VII. Anthony Crofts, of whom presently.

I. Anne Crofts, m. Lord Thomas Wentworth, of Nettlestead, created Earl of Cleveland in 1626. A portrait of her by Van Dyke. Their eldest son, Thomas, Lord Wentworth, left an only child, Henrietta Maria, the beloved of the Duke of Monmouth, she died of a broken heart, a few months after his execution.

II. Frances Crofts, m. 1st, Sir John Crompton, 2ndly, Edmund Poley, of Badley.

III. Jane Crofts, m. Sir Humphrey Mildmay.

IV. Dorothea Crofts, m. Sir John Bennet, of Dawley, Middlesex. She d., 1659, their son, John (bap. at Saxham) created Lord Ossulstone, and Henry, also bap. at Saxham, created Earl of Arlington.

V. Alice, b. 1678, bur. at Oulton, Norfolk, m. Sir Owen Smith, of Irmington, Norfolk.

VI. Arabella Crofts, m. Sir William Bryers, of Pully Hith, Bedford.



VII. Cecily Crofts, m. Thomas Killgrew, Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber of Charles II. A portrait of her by Van Dyke, at Weston Park, Shiffnal.

VIII. Mary Crofts, bap. at Toddington, Oct., 1597, m. Sir Christopher Abdy, of Rybridge. Anthony Crofts, of Weststow, m. Mary, dau. of Richard Franklin, of Evelsden, Middlesex, and widow of Sir John Smith, Bart., of Leeds Castle, Kent. He d. 1657, bur. at Weststow, and had issue—

1. Sir John Crofts, Bart., of Weststow, created a baronet 1662, m. Bryers, dau. of George Wharton Wrotham, Kent, she d. 13 Jan., 1669, bur. at Weststow. He d. 29 March, 1664, aged 29, had issue—

- (1.) John Crofts, bur. at Weststow, d. young.
- (1.) Bryers Crofts, bur. at Weststow, d. young.

II. William Crofts, of Saxham Parva, of whom presently.

III. Anthony Crofts, of Badley, d.s.p., 1713, bur. at Weststow.

William Crofts, of Saxham Parva (cousin and heir male of Lord Crofts) m. 1st, Maria, dau. of Philip Viscount Wenman. She d.s.p. He m. 2ndly, Anne, dau. of William Allington, of St. Edmundsbury, she d. 1727, bur. at Saxham.

In the State Papers is a letter from William Crofts, to Lord Arlington, dated Dublin, 16 Oct., 1672, asking for a vacancy in Regt. of Guards. He d. 23 Jan., 1694-5, bur. at Saxham, and had issue by his 2nd wife—

1. William Crofts, bur. at Saxham Parva, 23 April, 1694, aged 11 years, 5 months.
2. Anthony Crofts, of whom presently.
3. Charles Crofts, of Lincoln's Inn, bap. at Saxham Parva, 10 June, 1690, bur. at Saxham, 25 April, 1737. His tombstone is in the churchyard, just outside the Crofts Chapel.

4. John Crofts, bap. 9 Oct., 1691, bur. at Saxham, 29 Jan., 1692.

5. Henry Crofts, bap. 17 Jan., 1692, d. 23 April, 1694.

1. Maria Crofts, bur. at Saxham Parva, 16 May, 1685.

Anthony Crofts, of Saxham Parva, son and heir, bap. 6 Aug., 1684, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Gipps, of Horningswerth, m. at Saxham, 30 Sept., 1708, she was bur. there, 21 Aug., 1753. He d. 1727, and had issue—

- (1.) William Crofts, of Saxham Parva, son and heir, b. 8 June, 1711, bap. at Saxham, m. Maria, dau. and co-heir of Sir Matthew Decker, Bart., m. by special licence in London, 19 Dec., 1738. He d. 14 Nov., 1770, bur. at Saxham, 26 Nov., and had issue—

a. Richard Crofts, of Saxham Parva, and West Harling, Norfolk, portrait of him, by Sir Joshua Reynolds, in the possession of Sir Edgar Sebright. He m. Harriett, dau. of John Darell, of York Street, St. James's Square, Co. Middlesex, she d. 1828. A portrait of her by Sir Joshua Reynolds, in the possession of Sir Edgar Sebright, Bart. He d. 4 Aug., 1783, bur. at West Harling, and had issue an only child, and sole heir, Harriette Crofts, who m. Aug. 1793, Sir John Sebright, Bart., of Besford, Worcestershire.

b. Charles Crofts, of Saxham Parva, d.s.p. in the East, 1785.

c. William Crofts, d.s.p. in the East.

a. Milesina Crofts, living in 1785, m. Francis Louis Samuel Pache, of Morges, in Berne.

b. Henrietta Crofts, d.s.p. in Switzerland, 1822.

ARMS—Or three bull's heads cabossed, also a talbot sejant argent.

CREST—A bull's head cabossed sa, armed or.

MOTTO—"Virtute Et Fidelitate."

(Burke's General Armory, 1851.)

Ernest Crofts, R.A. adds—

The Crofts family seem to have used both crests promiscuously. On a chimney piece in Saxham Hall, the Croft's crest is described as a white ragged spaniel sitting; and in one of the stained glass ovals in my possession of the arms of Sir John Crofts of Shirley (date 1620) the crest is so depicted. William Lord Crofts used the bull's head. Christopher of Velvetstown, ditto. Benjamin Crofts, the Recorder of Cork and his son, seal with the talbot, also Christopher, secretary to the Earl of Cork. The Bandwell branch mostly use the bull's head, but Charles Crofts, son of Thomas, has both crests on his tomb at Ixworth Thorpe, 1616. On



Charles Croft's tomb in Saxham Churchyard, there is the talbot sejant with the arms. He died 25th April, 1737, aged 27 years. On the plan of the Saxham estate of 1638, by Carte, the talbot is given as crest.

In 1677 Sir Philip Percival let Ballymaloo and Fearandine to Mr. Crofts, as well as Ballinagarrah and Moneskeagh, Ballyroe.

In 1713 George Crofts, Esq. was tenant to the Percivals for Kilbrogan, Rath, Churchtown, Carigine, Lackyne, Garrandard, Ballyvaheen, Ballyniboul, Ballychristy and Adamstown (Ballyadam.)

Philip Crofts, Esq. was tenant for Ballynegurragh, Dromon, Ballinrahy, part of Farrenwaterfwyn alias Fassakiel, Ballinling, Farrenhenryoge, Ballyroe, Monileen and Coolcaum.

William Crofts was tenant for Rathclare.

George Crofts for Velvextown, Ballysing alias Ballyvellicock.

Richard Freeman of Ballinguile in 1706, is stated to have married a sister of George Crofts of Churchtown.

In 1684 Richard Freeman, who had a lease of Killevarrig from Sir John Percival, had a son William, and brothers, Edward and John. This Richard was related to the Crofts and Wrixons, and was an "industrious gentleman."

In 1684 Henry Wrixon, who was a tenant of Sir John Percival for Loghort Castle, had a daughter Ellenor, wife of Roger Crofts.

In 1727 the Percivals gave Ellenor Crofts a lease of Ballythomas.

In 1682 Sir John Percival let Annagh and Killogh alias Rochestown to Thomas Wills. Thomas's sister married George Crofts, Esq.

Sir John Perceval let to George Crofts of Velvextown, the lands of Ballyvillicoke, Bellisiny and Kilgowlan. George Crofts died in 1718, his wife, Mary, died about December, 1728. Sir John let these lands to their son Christopher, 1st May, 1729.

Sir John Percival let to William Crofts the lands of Rathclare, 18th March, 1635. William Crofts died January, 1726/7. His wife also died, and their son Roger died May, 1724, when Sir John let the place on 1st May, 1727, to Hugh Northcote.

Sir John Percival granted unto Richard Beare, senr. and John Beare, the five and a half plowlands of Liscarroll, viz:—Knockbarry, Lackenroe, Coolbane, Ballymcdagh alias Ballynebuddagh, and the half plowland of the town of Liscarroll. This John had a son Richard and a brother Roger. The wife of John Beare was Mary, daughter of George Crofts, senr.

Sir John Percival let to George Crofts, senior, the lands of Ballintemple (Churchtown), Rath, Killgrogan, Carrigeen, Lackeen, Granard, Ballyvagheen, Ballynabowle, Ballycristy, part of Annaghbog, to hold for lives of Sarah, his wife, John Beare his son-in-law, and Mary his daughter.

Sir John Percival in 1681 let to George Crofts the lands of Garranard alias Lackeen, Carrigeen, Farrindine and Ballyvaheen, during lives of his sons George and John, and daughter Katherine (Pritheroe.) She died July, 1730.

Sir John Percival granted George Crofts, senr., John Watkins and Philip Belcher a lease of Killeneally, Grenane, and part of Dromdowne.

In February, 1720/1, Watkins was murdered by house-breakers.

In 1684 and 1700 Sir John Perceval granted Alderman Philip Crofts leases of Ballinliny, Waterfound, Farrenhenryoge, Ballinrae, Ballyroe and Monileen, Coolcarn, Dromin, Ballingarrog and Moneskeagh. Mr.



Crofts died 29th January, 1730. He had a son, and a nephew called Matthew.

In 1684 Sir John granted Philip Crofts a lease of Ballyroe and Moneileen to hold for lives of said Alderman Philip, his son, and Matthew his nephew. The Alderman lived in Cork. He had repaired Ballin-garragh House where there was a small orchard and garden. He also had Coolcom in 1666. He sub-let in 1717 the undermentioned farms which he held from the Percevals, viz:—

Coolecam to Henry Wrixon.

Ballyroe and Moneileen to Mr. John Bowerman.

Ballinliny, Ballinrahy, Waterfound, Ferrenhenryoge to William Harris.

Dromon to William Pendergrass.

Ballinegrah Alderman Philip Crofts kept in his own hands. He died 29th January, 1730, when all his lands fell into the hands of Sir John Percival. In February, 1731, Lieut. Robt. Dunworth of County of Cork settled here.

Sir John set the following:—

Ballinliny, 1731 to Thomas Harris, and in 1739 to Henry Knight.

Coolcaum, 1731 to George Conron.

Ballinroe and Moneileen, 1731, to James Boreman.

Ballinagrath and Dromin, 1731, to Richard Hunt.

The following are extracts from the diary of Mrs. Catherine Stawell, wife of William Stawell of Kilbrack, Doneraile, Co. Cork.

1784. Nov. 26.—William Crofts of Velvetstown died.

1811. July 20.—Christopher, son of William Crofts of Velvetstown died.

1813. August 21.—Old Mrs. Crofts, his wife, died in Cork.  
(? widow of William Crofts of Velvetstown.)

1801. December.—Mr. William Crofts of Mallow died.

1810. May 27.—Mr. Crofts of Churchtown married Miss Gorman.

1811. July 20.—Mr. Christ. Crofts died at Velvetstown of Dropsy.

1813. August 23.—Old Mrs. Crofts, grandmother to the present Mr. Crofts of Velvetstown, died in Cork.

1814. February 14.—Miss Crofts of Streamhill married to Mr. Holmes Hayze (? Hayes.)

1815. April 28.—Mr. Crofts of Streamhill married Miss Forest.

1816. July 26.—Mrs. Holmes Hayes (Crofts) lay in of a son and heir.

1817. July 20.—Mrs. Freeman Crofts (my school fellow at Bath) died at Churchtown. Her name was Hannah Spread.

1818. February 24.—Dr. William Crofts, son to Mr. James Crofts of Timoleague, died in Cork of typhus fever.

1818. May 4.—About this time Mr. Robert Crofts of Clanribbon died.

1820. May 15.—Mrs. G. Crofts lay in at Streamhill of a girl Augusta Caroline. This is her fourth daughter. No boy yet.

1820. December 5.—Mr. Holmes Hayze (Hayes) son-in-law to Mr. Crofts died in consequence of a strain in his back (four children.)

1821. February 14.—Rev. Freeman Crofts died at Churchtown, aged 80 years.

1821. August 1.—About this day Mrs. George Crofts lay in at Streamhill of a fifth child (? Amelia.) No son yet.

1822. November 1.—Mrs. George Crofts (Miss Forest) lay in at



Doneraile of a son and heir (Christopher.) She has five daughters, and this is her first son.

1823. June 5.—Mr. Richard Crofts died at Kilcloosha, near Buttevant, in consequence of a shot fired at him the night before, by a White-Boy in his own house.

1823. June 16.—Mrs. Freeman Crofts (Miss Gorman) died in Cork, leaving several young children.

1824. April 15.—Mrs. George Crofts lay in at Streamhill of a second son.

1826. February 5.—Roger Langley aged 19, eldest son of Henry Langley, Esq. and Miss Crofts, died at Ballyellis near Doneraile of typhus fever.

1826. November 10.—George Wills Crofts (Wills George Crofts) Esq. of Churchtown, died in Cove. He was High Sheriff for Co. Cork in 1822.

1826. December 29.—Miss Crofts of Streamhill, sister to Clutterbuck Crone, died there, aged about 65.

1829. October 26.—Mrs. Crofts of Streamhill lay in of a girl, Ellen.

1830. December 13.—Mrs. Crofts of Streamhill lay in of a boy, her twelfth child.

1832. April.—Sometime this month Mrs. G. Crofts lay in at Streamhill of a 13th child (a girl) twelve alive.

1834. January.—Sometime this month Mrs. G. Crofts lay in at Streamhill, she has six daughters and six sons alive.

1837. January.—This month Mrs. G. Crofts of Streamhill lay in there of her 14th child, alive, a girl.

1837. November 10.—Mr. Christopher Crofts died at Streamhill, aged 100.

1838. June 1.—Mrs. Mary Crofts, aged 80, died at Ballyellis near Buttevant, the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Langley.

1838. October 17.—Miss Anne Crofts of Streamhill married Mr. Galway of Cork, son of the late Capt. Galway of Nadrid.

1838. October 18.—Mrs. Crofts of Streamhill lay in of her 15th child, a boy, alive, Holmes Richard.

#### EXTRACTS FROM ST. FINBAR'S PARISH REGISTER (C. of I.), CORK.

1789, April 5. Ellen and Mary, daughters of James and Elizabeth Crofts (bap.).

1791. Sarah, dau. of James and Elizabeth Crofts (bap.).

1793. Elizabeth, dau. of James and Elizabeth Crofts (bap.).

1809, Jany. 18. Thomas, son of James and Elizabeth Crofts (bap.).

#### EXTRACTS FROM ST. PAUL'S PARISH REGISTER (C. of I.), CORK.

1788, Nov. 14. Maurice Flemming marr. to Anne Crofts.

#### EXTRACTS FROM ST. PETER'S PARISH REGISTER (C. of I.), CORK.

1748, March 5. Wills, son of James and Catherine Crofts (bap.).

1752, Jany 29. Joseph, son of James and Catherine Crofts (bap.).

1779, Jany. 24. Elizabeth, dau. of Wills and Mary Crofts (bap.).



1785, Sept. 17. Ann and Catherine, son and dau. of James and Elizabeth Crofts (bap.).

1720, Nov. 27. Eliza, dau. of William and Mary Crofts (bap.).

1751, Nov. 28. Patriok Erskine marr. to Mary Crofts.

1761, March 30. Thomas Crofts marr. to Catherine Harding.

According to Lewis (pub. 1837), T. (? Thomas) Lucas Crofts, Esq., was residing at Velvetstown. (I. 235, under Buttevant).

The Field Book of 1840 gives:—"Velvetstown, a large townland, all demesne, containing a gentleman's seat and a pond, also a Danish fort. Is named from a family named Velvet or Velvex. T. L. Crofts, Esq., proprietor." (Ord. Sur. Off. Dub.).

Windele, writing in 1850, states that there is a "dallaun" at Ardeen, near Velvetstown. (Windele MSS. 12, I. 10., R.I.A.)

Is this standing stone here now?—J. G. W.

Velvetstown is now (1921) the residence of Christopher Crofts, Esq. He lives in the old Velvetstown House.

### Wallstown Parish.

Sheets 18 and 26, 6-inch O.S. Sheets 165 and 176, 1-inch O.S. Barony of Fermoy. Parish of Wallstown.

The old Irish name was "Ballygrygyn," so named in the Taxation of Pope Nicholas in 1291 (Brady, II., 403). It is the Irish for "O'Grig-gan's Town" (O'Donovan).

It lies about three miles by road north of Castletownroche village.

The parish contains 3,056 acres, 1r. 12p., statute measure. In 1881 the population was 355; val. £2,479; houses 54; families 54; R.C's 332; Prots. 23.

The townland contains 565a. or. 9p., statute measure. In 1881 the population was 79. Val. £477 (Guy).

According to the Fiants of Elizabeth:—

2587 (2110). Pardon was granted (with other persons) to Edm. Wale, of Waleston, kern; Donogh fitz William O Slatter and Dermot Iquiltane, of Bellewhyne (? Wallstown), kerns. 18 May xvii. A.D. 1575.

4256 (3521). Pardon to Rich. Wale, of Waleston, horseman; Rob. Wale, of same; John O'Leyne fitz Tho., of same; John fitz Philip McCraigh, of same. 28 Nov. xxvi. A.D. 1583.

4488 (3504). Pardon to Rob. Wale, of Walestowne; Edm. Wale, of same, gent., and Teag og M'Teige M'Dermod, in co. Cork, "Lord Viscount Roche's men." 10 July, xxvi. A.D. 1594.

A Colonel Wall fought against Cromwell at the siege of Drogheda.

The Book of Dist. and Sur. (circa 1657) gives the names of the townlands that were forfeited after the rebellion and the names of the grantees. (P.R.O. Irl.). See "Wallstown Castle."

The Subsidy Rolls, Co. Cork, A.D. 1662, record that Andrew Ruddock of Waalstowne had value in land £6 5s. 5½d. In 1665 he had goods worth £14 4s 2½d. (P.R.O. Irl.).

Lewis (pub. 1837) gives;—"Wallstown contains 1,021 inhabitants. This parish is situated on the river Awbeg, by which it is partly intersected, and comprises 3,054 statute acres, as applotted under the Tithe Act, and valued at £2,679 per ann.; the land is of medium quality and chiefly