



Thomas Hault of Gresillhurst

married Dorothy, daughter to Sr Raffe Lonesford Knight, and they
have yssue Fraunces, Raffe and Ric.

ARMS *quarterly of five*. FIRST, *argent (ar) on a fesse¹ engrailed sable (s); three fleurs-de-lis of the field (ar)*. SECOND, *argent (a) three boars two and one sable (s), in the mouth of each a piece of gristle*. THIRD, *argent (ar) a chevron sable (sa) between three towers gules (g)*. FOURTH, *ermine on a chief indented azure (b); two lioncels rampant or (or)*. FIFTH, *vair argent and azure² (a)(b); a bend gules (g)*.

The same deviation in the engraving from the blazon of the coat in the text, has been made in this case as in that of Holt of Stubbley, from a younger son of which line, the family seated at Gristlehurst in the parish of Bury are said to have sprung.

The fifth quarter in the shield is clearly the coat of the family of Mancester in the county of Warwick, to one third of whose inheri-

¹ In the Office copy "*bend*."

² In the Office copy "*sable*."

tance, Ralph Holt and Ellen, his wife, succeeded about the time of Henry VI. According to Dugdale (*History of Warwickshire*, p. 762) this interest in the estate of Mancester had passed by marriage of one of three sisters and coheireses of Edmund, son of Guy, the last of the family of Mancester, who had married Leonard Worthyn, from whom it again passed by heir female to Holt.

Another coheir of Mancester married Geoffrey Brockholes, to whom succeeded Joane, the wife of Thomas Aspull, and Margaret, the wife of John Sumpter, as daughters and heirs.

The Lancashire pedigrees which make Holt marry a daughter of Geoffrey Brockholes are manifestly inaccurate.³

From a parchment roll in the library of Chetham's hospital in Manchester,⁴ we find a different version on the authority of Dr. Theo. Howarth, who makes Ellen, wife of Ralph Holt, to be daughter to John Sumpter of Colchester, by Margery, his wife, daughter and coheir of Geoffrey Brockholes. This Geoffrey had married Ellen, daughter and heiress of Sir John Roos of Radwinter, and was son of Sir Geoffrey Brockholes, who married Alicia, daughter and coheir of Guy de Mancester.

Sir John Roos is stated to have married Alice, daughter and heiress of Sir Robert Asheldam, by Alice, his wife, daughter of John Clifford.

"Non nostrum tantas componere lites."

With such conflicting evidence before us we must abstain from a comment on the heraldry. We may however, remark, that the second quarter seems to be intended as a canting coat for Gristlehurst; but we have found no evidence of any family bearing that territorial surname.

³ In the next generation they give the marriage with an heiress of Abraham or Adburgham.

⁴ This roll, which was given to the Chetham library by the Rev. Canon Raines, contains a history of the manor of Mancester, and gives a curious account of the litigations of the several claimants.