



Robert Holt of Stubbleley

married an olde woman by whom he hadd no yssue, & therefore he wold not have her name entered.

ARMS. *Argent (ar); on a fesse¹ engrailed sable (sa) three fleurs-de-lis of the field (ar).²*

CREST. *On a wreath argent (a) and gules (g) a pheon sable (sa).*

Stubbley is an estate near Littleborough in the township of Hundersfield, parish of Rochdale, where the Holts appear to have been seated for some generations.

Subsequently to the date of this visitation we find from information communicated by the Rev. Canon Raines, that Robert Holt married Cecily, daughter of Andrew Barton of Smithells. [Covenants dated 2 June 34 Henry VIII. 1542]. She was evidently therefore his second wife. He left female issue only.³ One daughter, Mary, was married to her kinsman, Charles Holt, who recorded his pedigree in 1567. We find the family entered also in the two subsequent visitations.

¹ "Bend" in the Office copy, where no tinctures are given for the wreath.

² In the engraving the arms are represented as in the later visitations. The ordinary there described being a bend and not a fesse.

³ Alice married John, son and heir of Thomas Greenhalgh of Brandlesome; Katherine was wife to Thomas Nuttall of Tottington, and Margaret married John Mirfield of Tong hall, in the county of York.