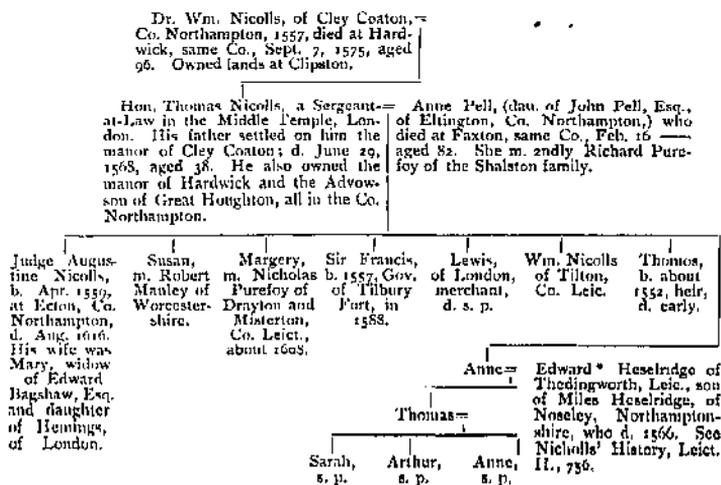


shire. He was apparently Reader of the Middle Temple in 1566. His arms are in one of the windows of the Temple-Hall. His London residence, where he lived a part of the year, was in the old Bailie, in the suburbs of London. He had a cup from Sir Henry Compton, which he bequeathed to his aged father, who survived him. This Henry Compton was a Baron, whose son, William, became Earl of Northampton in 1618. The Baron died in 1589.

Thomas Nicolls, the father of Judge Augustine, married Anne Pell, daughter of John Pell, of Eltington, (son of Thomas,) in Northamptonshire, he having purchased an estate there in the third year of Elizabeth. This John Pell died in 1581. His son and heir was Richard Pell, the brother of Anne, wife of Thomas Nicolls, above mentioned. There were other Pells in Eltington, who owned other parts of that manor, which they had acquired in the time of Edward VI. and Queen Mary. These Nicollses and Pells seem to have been religious families, inclined to Puritanism.† They belonged to the landed gentry. The Nicolls family had their arms set up in the

#### PEDIGREE OF NICOLLS.



\* Thos. Heselridge, Esq., bro. to this Edward, d. May 31, 1600, leaving Sir Thomas, of age, 1587, Bart., 1622, d. 1629, m. Frances Gorges, dau. of Wm. of Alderton, Co. Northampton, Kt., and they had Sir Arthur, Bart., 1660.

† Fuller, in his Worthies, says Rev. Robert Bolton, born at Blackburne, County Lancaster, 1572, was noted for his scholarship, as appears in his Life, "by my worthy friend Edw. Bagshaw, Esq." Sir Augustine Nicolls presented him to the