

Anthony Pety of Chelsfield yeoman. My wife Cicely Manning. Anne Brooke, Joane Brooke and Mary Littlegroome the three daughters of my daughter Margaret Littlegroome wife of John Littlegroome of Bromley yeoman. Henry, James, Sara and Joane Gardiner four children of my daughter Isabel Gardiner wife of Henry Gardiner of Kingsdowne yeoman. Anne and Sara Manning the two daughters of my son Jeremy Manning of St. Mary Cray yeoman. My grandson Jeremy Manning. Susanna Manning mother of my said grandson. Gray, 124.

EDWARD MANNING of Kevingtowne in the parish of St. Mary Cray, Kent, Esq., 14 April 1687, proved 22 October 1689. To be buried in the chancel there as near to my loving wife as conveniently may be. Eldest son Edward and his wife Ann Mannyng. My daughter Elizabeth Austen and her husband Edward Austen. My own daughter Ann Mannyng. Youngest son Thomas Mannyng to be executor. Ent, 143.

[Cowdham, Downe, Orpington, St. Marys Cray, Pauls Cray and Foots Cray, parishes in which these Mannings chiefly had their homes, are all in the Hundred of Ruxley in the County of Kent. Among the places which I have named the earliest home to which this family can be traced was Cowdham, in which parish we are told (in Hasted's History of Kent) Richard de Cherholt had anciently some property, in the hamlet of Bertrey, or Bettred, as it was afterwards called, and held the reeveship of the manor of Bertrey under Geoffrey de Say who discharged him from this office in the 15th year of K. Edward II., anno 1321 &c. He died without issue male, and his daughter and heir carried the estate which he held in it, in marriage, to William de Manning, who died in the 17th year of K. Edward III., anno 1342. From him it descended to Hugh Manning, who settled at St. Mary Cray, and left two sons (says Hasted) of whom John, the elder, was of Downe and Richard, the younger, of Kevington in St. Mary Cray, where his posterity remained till within a few years. The pedigree which I found in the British Museum (in Harl. MS. 1548, fo. 29) gives this Hugh Manning a third son Robert. Hasted gives the following note about William de Manning, above.

"He was the son of *Stephen de Manning*; of whom there is mention in old deeds of the time of K. Edward I., who was descended from *Simon de Manning*, to whom *John Silvester* of *Westerham* demised land by deed in the 14th year of K. Richard I. and who (as is recorded in an old pedigree relating to this family) was engaged in the holy war against the *Saracens* under that King.

"They are said to be descended of an antient and noble family which took its name from *Manning*, a town in Saxony, from whence they came into *England* before the conquest, and some of them are said to have settled in *Friesland*. They bore for their arms—*Gules, a cross potence, or stony, between 4 cinquefoils or.* Guillim, p. 138." (Hasted's Hist. of Kent, Vol. I., p. 124.)

In his account of St. Mary Cray, Hasted (Vol. I., p. 141) describes Kevington as a manor and seat in that parish, "now (he says) vulgarly called Kevington." This estate was for some generations the residence of the Mannings. Here also the reader may find some account of this family. He speaks of John Manning as settled in the parish of Cowdham in the reign of K. Henry IV., "his son, of the same name, was also of that parish and died anno 14 K. Henry VI. leaving by Juliana his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Brockhill relict of William Wallys, one son, Hugh Manning, who was of St. Mary Cray and married the daughter of Sir William Brandon, knt. kinswoman to Charles, Duke of Suffolk, by whom he had two sons, John, who settled at Downe, from whom descended the Mannings of Downe, Halsted and Westerham—and Richard, who continued at St. Mary Cray, and had three sons." He then continues his account of this younger branch of the family who remained at Kevington down to Richard Manning Esq., who resided at Kevington, of which he died possessed, April 24, 1753, without issue, bequeathing it by his last will to his Nephew Denzil Onslow, Esq., son of Denzil Onslow, Esq., of Drungwick, Sussex, by Mary, his sister. This Denzil Onslow, Esq., the son, resided at Kevington and