

3. *Eliza.*
4. *Mary.*
5. *Sarah, dead.*

II. JOHN EVANS, of whom presently.

III. *Edward Evans*, of Worcester, esq. (one of the founders and now senior partner of the firm of Hill, Evans, & Co., of Worcester, British Wine and Vinegar Makers) late alderman of that city, of which he was mayor in 1841-2, J.P., born at Welshpool, 10 July, bap. 12 July, 1789. He married at West Felton, Salop, 4 Sep., 1811, Catherine Bickerton, daughter of Thomas Bickerton,⁶ of Woodcote, gent. (by his wife Mary Hilditch), and sister of Hannah Bickerton, who married her husband's brother John. They have issue:—

1. *Edward Bickerton Evans*, of Whitbourne Hall, county of Hereford, only son, a partner in the firm of Hill, Evans, & Co., was born at Worcester, 17 Oct., 1819, and registered at Dr. Williams' Library, Red Cross Street, Cripplegate, London. He was married 21 April, 1846, by the Rev. Dr. Wallace, of the Old Church, Dumfries, to Margaret, sixth child and eventual coheirress of Peter⁷ Fleming of Wallace,

⁶ He was sprung from a younger branch of the family of Bickerton, which were settled in Cheshire at a very early period, and took their name from the Manor of Bickerton, in the Barony of Malpas, in that county.

It is said by Ormerod (*History of Cheshire*, Vol. ii., 359), "that the Bickertons were settled in the Township of Bickerton as early as the reign of King John, when Keawrec, son of Alexander de Bickerton, grants an assart in Bickerton Wood, with a warranty against all men of peace, in a charter witnessed, among others, by William de Malpas and Philip Goch his brother."

"The arms of Bickerton, Argent, on a chevron sable three pheons of the first, were either a badge of affection and dependency, or indicate connection with the Barons of Malpas."

The Malpas' of Hampton and Bickley bore for their arms, "Sable, a fess argent between three pheons of the 2nd (*Ibid.* p. 358), and to a grant by William Belward, of an eighth of the Barony of Hampton (acquired by him through marriage with the daughter and heiress of Robert Fitzhugh the Norman grantee), witnessed by "D'no Hugone de Cholmondlegh," a seal was attached impressed with three pheons circumscribed "Sig. W. de Malo passu."

The Egerton arms, also, are "Arg., a lion rampant gules between three pheons sable."

A younger branch of the family of Bickerton was of Marbury in the 17th century, in which parish, it appears by the parish register, members of the family resided at Townley and Horfall. Mrs. Margaret Bickerton endowed the parish school with the interest of a small sum of money. (*Lyson's Magna Brit.*, Vol. II., pp. 679, 685, 838.)

Sir Richard Bickerton, Bart., born 22 June, 1727, (and the father of Admiral Sir Richard Hussey Bickerton, Bart., of Upwood) also sprung from this family. Another member of the Bickerton family was married to Rev. Reginald Babett, of Bramfield Hall, Suffolk. Henry, Sixth Duke of Norfolk married Jane, daughter of Robert Bickerton, Esq., who died in 1693.

There is in the British Museum a copy of "A concise account of the Fall and Rise of the Bickertons of Maiden Castle in Cheshire, by the Rev. John Bickerton, 8vo., 1777." It is said that the work was suppressed, but a second edition was published.

⁷ He claimed to have sprung from a cadet of the ancient family of Fleming of Biggar, in which there is the dormant or unclaimed Earldom of Wigton. The arms of the Earls (of which there is an old drawing in the possession of the family) were