

His lady deceased at 72, A.D. 1542; he died August 16, 1550, in his 82d year, and both are buried under an altar-tomb in the north aisle of Norwich Cathedral. In 1803 the brass plates had disappeared, but these arms are still remaining:—Quarterly, *argent* and *gules*, a cross, ingrailed, counter-changed, Heydon quartering Warren and Oldton, and impaling Willoughby, *or.* fretly *azur*, with the crest of Heydon, a talbot, passant ermine, and motto—"Regardes que Suyst, de Virtue null male."

13. Sir Christopher, eldest son of the above, married Ann, daughter of Sir John Heveringham, Ketteringham. He had four children—John, who died young Christopher, who continued the line, and two daughters, whose names and marriages are given in Blomefield. He died before his father in 1540, and therefore,

14. Sir Christopher Heydon, his son and heir, inherited, in 1551, from his grandfather on his decease. "He was held in great esteem and veneration for his many excellent qualities, particularly for his justice, charity, and remarkable hospitality, equal to his ample estate. He is said to have entertained thirty head or master shepherds of his own flocks at a Christmas dinner at Baconsthorp." He was known as "the great housekeeper" in the county. He married in succession three wives, by whom he had three sons, William, Henry, and Christopher, and four daughters. He caused the entails on his estates to be broken, apparently from a sense of their injustice, and so divided them among his children. In his will he gives. "To my daughter Hassette a gilt cup which I had of the queen [Elizabeth] for a New Years gift." He is buried in the south aisle chapel of the church in Baconsthorp. Blomefield gives a full account of him, his wives, the daughters and their marriages, with the arms and inscriptions on their tombs, appending a formal list of no less than forty-six manors or estates of which he died possessed. A glance at the map of Norfolk will show the domains must have extended from Baconsthorp to the sea, and, on the coast, from Holt to Cromer. We shall not follow the collateral branches, but only the main line of this family.

15. Sir William Heydon, eldest son and chief heir of the above, succeeded him at Baconsthorp. He was one of the deputy-lieutenants of Norfolk, a justice of the peace, admiral of the admiralty jurisdiction,