Sydenham of Brympton.

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I find the following Sydenham notes in my MS Collection:

1821 Jan 10. Married at Newton from the George Sydenham and son of John Sydenham of Coombe W. Dulverton by his lawful dau. of the late Mr. Colpel of Newton

1822 Jan 24. Death of Kitty wife of John Sydenham, Esq. of Coombe House, Dulverton

The above appeared in the Bristol Free Press newspaper.
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In a chapel on the north side of the parish church of Brympton d'Eveloe, in the county of Somerset, is a stately marble monument, erected by John Sydenham to the memory of his father, Sir John Sydenham, Kt., who died in 1625, and his ancestors. A Corinthian column at each corner supports the fine canopy, and the whole is adorned with many coats of arms, which, commencing on the north side, illustrate, as it were, the pedigree of the family. On either side the canopy is surmounted by the arms of Sir John Sydenham, on the north impaling those of his first wife, and on the south the arms of his second; each coat is flanked by a small shield supported by a ram. Round the edge of the canopy are thirteen shields, on which are impaled the arms brought in by various matches. On each side of the tomb itself are three large shields: those on the north side bearing the arms of Sydenham, impaling those of Audley, Bruges, and Godolphin, with their various quarterings; on the south are the arms of John Sydenham, who erected the monument, his sister impaled with those of her husband Edward Paston, and another coat in which the sinister side is not filled in. Probably it was meant to await the marriage of Sir Ralph Sydenham, a younger brother of the founder. At the west-end base is the large quartered coat of Sir John Sydenham, impaling the arms of Buckland with its nine quarterings. At the head of the tomb, surmounted by the helmet, crest, and lambrequin, is the Sydenham coat of twelve quarterings, beneath which is the following inscription:

"My foundir Sydenham, match'd with Hobye's Heyr,
Badde me inform thee (gentle Passenger)
That what he hath done in me is onlie meant
To memorize his father and s discent
Without vayne glorye but he doth intreat
That if thou comst his legende to repeate
Thou speak him truly as he was and than
Report it so, hee dyd an honest mane—
10 November 1626."

In the accompanying sketches I have tricked the arms as they exactly appear on the monument, while in the pedigree I have given the arms according to the authority of the Heralds' College. There are several errors of the carver and painter, such as substituting choughs for martlets in the Guilford coat; and a field vert for azure in that of Fitz-James. Many of the quarterings seem to have been brought in without any reason, and contrary to the laws of arms. The coat borne by the family of Dalimridge seems to have properly belonged to Hertley, whose heir married Thomas Delauney, and the descendants continued to bear the arms until
the heiress married Robert de Delingrige, whose daughter brought them into the Sydenham family. In the shield of Sydenham, impaling Godolphin (o), there appears as a quartering a coat which is ascribed to the name of Donmare, but no trace can I find of a connection with such a family, or mention of such a coat in any pedigree of Sydenham. I have also been unable to find the match which brought in the arms of Balune to the Godolphin coat, though the name occurs in other Cornish pedigrees. Nor am I able to trace any other alliance with the family of Bunyan than that of Thomas Godolphin, a brother of William Godolphin, which of course would not bring in the coat to the Sydenhams. There seems to be but little record of the Buckland family, though the nine quarterings represented on the tomb are given in a collection of Somersetshire pedigrees at the Heralds’ College, with the slight difference that the three escallops in the arms of Cleveden are within a bordure sable. Most of the quarterings must, I think, have been brought in by the marriage of James Fitz-James with the heiress of Draycot of Radlitch, co. Somerset—a very ancient family, but of which I have been able to find but little. That there was doubt about the identity of some of the early quarterings seems clear by a letter which is preserved among the Egerton MSS. at the British Museum, in which Mr. Prince, writing in 1712 to Philip Sydenham, says, “I am sorry, Sir, I can’t give you the satisfaction you desire, in adjusting the matches of your family. And I must declare I am altogether as unsatisfied at your disowning Sydenham of Somerset, his marrying the daughter and heir of Sydenham of Devon, when the first of those matches, in your most curiously engraved Achievement (for which I humbly thank you) gave the coat belonging to your name in this county, viz., The Bend fusillee, according to the unanimous Testimony of all our Antiquaries. Nor do I anywhere find it ever did belong to Kitsford, nor indeed so much as the name to any Book of Heraldry I have yet met with. As to the 3rd Coat which you say belongs to Dallingrig, though I meet with y’t name in Fuller, yet I cannot find this coat there as belonging to it. But this I do in the 49th page of his Worthys, that it did belong to Green of Drayton. The account I lately sent you agrees very well with 5 of the matches in your Achievement; only my Author puts Godolphin before Sturton. How he comes to differ in that & the 8 later coats, I cannot tell; but tis possible the Heralds may be able to adjust the matter.”
The Family of Sydenham of Brimpton, co. Somerset.

Robert de Sturton, Lord of Brimpton, co. Wilts.

Sir William de Sturton, Knight.

Sir Richard Sturton, Alice, da. of Sturton, Kt.

Sir William Sturton, Joan, da. of Sturton, Kt.

John de Sturton, Grace, da. of Sturton.

Sir John Sturton, Jane, da. of Sturton, Kt.

Sir John Sturton, Jane, da. of Sturton, Kt.

Katherine, da. of Lord Beaumont.

From whom descend the Lords Stourton.

Henry de Furneaux.

Arms: Gu., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

Matilda, da. of Sir Simon Baly, Knt.

Arms: Ar., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

Isabella, sister and heiress to John Beaupre.

Arms: Ar., a wyvern sa. (II)

Joan, da. of Robert de Yevetlon.

Arms: Ar., a wyvern sa. (II)

Joan, da. of Robert de Yevetlon.

Arms: Ar., a wyvern sa. (II)

John de Sydenham of Sydenham, son and heir of Sir Richard de Sydenham, Lord Justice.

Arms: Ar., a wyvern sa. (II)

Richard de Sydenham, Lord Justice.

Arms: Ar., a wyvern sa. (II)

Margery, da. and coheir of John Whiton of Whiton, co. Somerset.

From whom descend the Lords Stourton.

Henry de Sydenham of Sydenham, Lord of Combe and Sydenham, 19 K. 11.

Arms: Ar., a wyvern sa. (II)

John de Sydenham of Sydenham, Kt., of Sydenham, living 9th year of King Henry, son of John.

Arms: Ar., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

William de Sydenham of Sydenham, son and heir of John de Sydenham, Kt., of Sydenham, 39 E. III.

Arms: Ar., a wyvern sa. (II)

John de Sydenham of Sydenham, living 9th year of King Henry, son of John.

Arms: Ar., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

Robert de Delingrige, da. and coheir of Robert de Colchester.

Arms: Ar., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

Katherine, da. of John Sturton.

Arms: Ar., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

John de Sydenham, Kt., of Sydenham.

Arms: Ar., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

Richard de Sydenham, Lord Justice.

Arms: Ar., a bend betw. six cross-crosslets or. (II)

Margery, da. and coheir of John Whiton of Whiton, co. Somerset.

From whom descend the Lords Stourton.
Walter de Clifford.

Arms: Chequy or and az., a bend gu.

(A)


Arms: Gu., three lions passant in pale ar. (A)


Arms: Vairé erm. and gu., two bars az. (A)

Catherine Gifford—Nicholas de Althely or Audley, Summoned to Parliament 26 Jan. 1297.

Ob. 1299.

Arms: Vairé, two bars az. (A)


Arms: Gu., three lions passant in pale ar. (A)

Sir Robert Touchet—Elizabeth, da. and co-heir of Sir John Kene, Knt.

(Ob. 1299.)

John Touchet, son and heir.

Arms: Erm., a chev. gu. (A, XI)

Sir Philip Courtenay—Elizabeth, da. of Sir Thomas Wake of Brystowh, co. Northants, Knt.

(Ob. 1299.)

Sir John Touchet—Eleanor Eleanor (nat. da.).

John Sydenham.

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Pedigree 35 (vide p. 5).

Robert de Chandos, temp. William, the Conqueror.

Gilbert de Chandos = Sir Guy de Brian, Ann, da. and coheir to Wm. Holwey of Holwey, co. Devon, Esq.

Arms: Ga., a fesse betw. three crescents ar. (B)

Walter de Chandos, Lord of Fanhope, near Snodehill.

Arms: Or, three piles meeting near in the base vert. (B)

Robert Chandos, Baron of Snodehill = Philippa de Brian.

Sir Roger Chandos, Knt. = Matilda, da. of Sir John Acton of Iron Acton, co. Gloucester, and relot of Nicholas Peyrau of Cory Male, who died 35 E. III., on the Festival of the Assumption B.V.M.

Arms: Or, a pile gules. (B)

Walter Chandos, Lord Chandos, K.G., co. Gloucester.

Lord Chandos of Coberley, eldest son and coheir. Elizabeth Chandos = Sir Thomas Berkeley.

Arms: Ar., a fesse ob. s.p. (B)

Alice Berkeley, da. and coheir = Sir Thomas Bruges of Coberley jure uxoris.

Sir Giles Bruges of Coberley, co. Gloucester, Catherine, da. of Sir James Clifford of Frampton, Knt., ob. 1466.

Arms: Ar., on a cross s. a leopard's head or. (B, XIII)


Sir Giles Bruges, Knt., of Coberley = Isabel, da. of Thomas Baynham.

Sir John Bydenham, Knt. = Ursula.

Sir John Sydenham, Knt. = Ursula. Giles Brydges, created Lord Chandos of Frampton.

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PEDIGREE (vide p. 5).

Rice ap Tewdar, Lord of Caermarden, and one of the Princes of Wales.
Arms: Ga., a lion rampant within a bordure indented or.

(D)

Griffith, son of Lord Rice.

Arms: Ar., a fease betw. three hobses, beaked and legged or.

Stephen Hoby, da. of Badland, William of Badland.

Rice Hoby.

William Hoby of Badland.

Phillip ap Rice.

Richard Hoby of Badland. Married Margaret, da. and coh.

Walter Hoby of Ladnor, 2nd son. Married Catherine, da. and heir of John Forster.


Ob. at the age of 22, s.p.

See ante, p. 5.