

PART IX.

THE
History and Antiquities
OF
THE COUNTY OF DORSET:

COMPILED FROM

THE BEST AND MOST ANCIENT HISTORIANS, INQUISITIONES POST MORTEM, AND OTHER
VALUABLE RECORDS AND MSS. IN THE PUBLIC OFFICES AND LIBRARIES,
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WITH A COPY OF

Domesday Book and the Inquisitio Gheldi for the County:

INTERSPERSED WITH

SOME REMARKABLE PARTICULARS OF NATURAL HISTORY;

AND ADORNED WITH A CORRECT MAP OF THE COUNTY, AND VIEWS OF ANTIQUITIES, SEATS OF
THE NOBILITY AND GENTRY, &c.

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*Nescio quâ natale solum dulcedine captos
Ducit, et inmemores non sinit esse sui.
—Reliquit Trojâ ex ardente recepta.*

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derholt, Blagdon, Park Mead, and Estwood are mentioned belonging to the said priory, probably tithes. 32 Eliz. the premises, rectory, and advowson of the vicarage were granted in perpetuity to Thomas Swetnam, &c. 40 Eliz. the premises mentioned in Francis's grant were granted to Henry Sterr and Thomas Hacker; and 43 Eliz. to Miles Whittaker, at the same rent. 2 Jac. I. this manor and rectory, and a fee farm of 28*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* issuing thence, and 27*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* issuing out of the manor and rectory, and some tenements, were granted to Queen Anne. 5 Jas. I. the manor, rectory, advowson of the vicarage, glebe lands, and tithes in Cranborne, and other vills belonging to the aforesaid abbey, were granted to Robert, Earl of Salisbury. Here was a court-leet and court-baron held twice a year, for swearing a tithing-man, granting estates, &c. which are now discontinued.

The parish of Cranborne bounds this county on its own north and east sides, meeting the adjacent parishes of Martin and Damerham in Wilts, and Fordingbridge, Ringwood, and Christchurch in Hants.

There were formerly some disputes concerning the bounds of this county, in the neighbourhood of Cranborne, which seem to have been ascertained by the following record,^a entitled, "A Perambulation made in the Confines of Dorset and Southampton 18 Edw. III." The jurors, gentlemen &c. of both counties, say, the bounds between the counties are, and used to be, thus: viz. beginning on the east in a place called Streteacre, in the vill of Cranborne, they extend by (*per*) a certain ditch (*fossata*) directly to Somergate, towards the west thence to Muggameynde; thence to the middle of a moor (*mora*) called Merghedene, to Deyemore; thence to Smalryn, thence to Cuap-pedeberghe, and thence to Wywedoleneford. These places are obscure.

A burgage in Cranborne called the Whitehart occurs in the inquisition on the death of Sir John Cooper, bart. 1631, who married the heiress of Sir Anthony Ashley, knt.

HAMLETS, &c. BELONGING TO CRANBORNE.

Alderholt,

Cranborne Alderholt,

a tithing, manor, and hamlet, four miles east from Cranborne, and in the hundred. It always belonged to the lords of that place, and went with the manor in all the grants, 32, 35 Hen. VIII. and 16 Eliz. Here was formerly a park, which generally went with the manor, as in 16 Eliz. A. D. 1315, 8 Edw. II. Gilbert de Clare held of the King in chief the manor of Cranborne; and there were in the park of Alderholt within the ditch by estimation 154 a. It was disparked and the deer destroyed temp. Hen. VIII. This was also one of the walks of the chase. 8 Jac. I. inclosed lands, called Alderholt Park, were granted to Anthony Gooche, &c. Here was anciently a chapel dedicated to St. Clement, mentioned in the grant of 16 Eliz. and in use 1650 according to Ecton, but since desecrated.

St. James's church, here, was built by the

Marquess of Salisbury, and consecrated in 1849; a district was assigned, and an endowment of 100*l.* per annum with a residence settled on it in the gift of the Vicar of Cranborne. Alfred James Lowth, M.A. inst. May 15, 1850; William Randolph, M.A. Feb. 17th, 1854; Richard Hooker Edward Wix, M.A. Oct. 24, 1857; William Egerton Tapp, B.A. Feb. 18, 1867, on the resignation of Wix.

An estate and mansion here, which formerly belonged to George Reade, esq. was sold in 1841, to Jonathan M. Key, esq. and resold in 1854, to George Churchill, esq. who is the present owner (1869.)

A farm called Bulhill, formerly belonging to William Reade, esq. is now the property of the Marquess of Salisbury, and some land, formerly belonging to Thomas Bartlett, esq. of Wareham, has been sold to Mr. Churchill. In 1858, Lord Salisbury caused some part of Alderholt heath to be inclosed, which provoked much opposition on the part of small occupiers, who considered it an invasion of their common rights.

There was a semaphore telegraph station on Pistle Down Hill, near here.

Blagdon,

(Leland, *Blakdon*.) a tithing, manor, or part of a manor and hamlet, two miles and a half north from Cranborne, and in the hundred. It had the same lords as Cranborne, and was generally included in the same grants. 32 Eliz. a rent issuing out of this manor was granted to . . . Hanham and his heirs. Hence it passed to the Hoopers of Boveridge, and to Henry Brouncker, esq.

Here was a large park, which, 32, 35 Hen. VIII. was granted as Cranborne. A. D. 1321 Roger Damory had liberty granted him to make a park of his wood at Blakedon within the chase of Cranborne, and it contained 500 a. It was disparked about the year 1570. 19 Eliz. Blagedon alias Cranborne Park, with free-warren there, and Cranborne Warren, were granted to John Scudamore, his wife and heirs, who had license to alienate to the Earl of Pembroke. 24 Eliz. the reversion of the same was granted to ditto, value 18*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; and Hanham had a pardon for acquiring it of the Earl of Pembroke. 39 Eliz. the premises, containing 800 a. were held by James Hanham, esq. value 13*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* 16 Edw. IV. the office of keeper (*parcarius*) of this park, with the coney, &c. were granted to Henry Langeshaw for life.^c

4 Edw. IV. the "Acte of Resumpcyon" was "not to be prejudiciall to oure graunte by oure lettres patentes, made unto oure servaunte Henr' Langeshawe, of th' office of parkership of oure park of Blakdon, in oure countie of Dors', ne of a relese to hym made of a certain annuell rente of xx*s.* yerly, the whiche before tyme he payed for the ferme of the cunnys within oure said park."

This manor consists of two farms, North and West Blagdon, and belongs to H. F. Brouncker, esq.

North Blagdon is bounded for some distance by a very remarkable ancient earthwork, called Bockly Dyke, which, emerging from the chase

^a Rolls Chapel, Rot. Claus. p. 2, in dorso, m. 16.

^c Rot. Pat. Rot. Parl. vol. v. page 544.

^b Esch.