

now, 1877, the seat of the present Earl Clarendon. According to a later record, the Heydon family held this manor directly of the King, "by fealty, suit of court, and an annual rent of thirty-seven shillings and twopence."

It would seem, therefore, that this John was the son of Sir Richard, and must have had this manor conferred upon him by the King at a nominal rent, in consideration of his father's services in the wars. It is spoken of both by Clutterbuck and Chauncey as "the ancient seat of the family of Heydons." We have, then,

1. John Heydon of the Grove as the head of this line. His wife's name was Joan. Some accounts say he lived till March 1, 1408, which is most probable. He was succeeded by his son,

2. William Heydon, of the Grove, Esq., who, with his mother Joan, rebuilt or restored, in honor of his father, the small aisle or chapel dedicated to St. Katherine, on the south side of the chancel in Watford Church, and placed there a tablet with an inscription. His arms are carved in stone under the capital of one of the pillars which separate this chapel from the chancel. The date of his death is uncertain, as the inscription is worn off.

It is difficult to fix his immediate successor. The books give it as William. But as the William whom they name did not die till 1515, there must have been one or two generations intervening. The only one I am able to certify, therefore, is either his grandson or great-grandson and heir.

3. William Heydon, of the Grove, Esq., who died in April, 1515, and, according to Salmon's History of Herts County (Lond., 1728), was buried in Westminster Abbey. He married the daughter of Robert Aubury, of the county of Bucks, by whom he had the son and heir who succeeded him, viz.,

4. William Heydon of the Grove, who married Alice, daughter of Alexander Newton. His will is dated May 7, 37th of Henry VIII (1546): he died the next year. He appears to have left several sons, for the one who succeeded him is called "his *eldest* son and heir."

5. Henry Heydon of the Grove, who was thirty-eight years of age at his father's decease, and married Anne, daughter and heir of Edward Twyboe, of Chipton, county of Gloucester. His son and heir was