

married in 1730 the daughter of Thomas Middleton Esq. In a Note on the same page (141), we learn that Richard son of Thomas, the eldest of the three sons of the Richard Manning who continued at St. Mary Cray (see above), is said in his epitaph to have been of Mannings Hall, the old family seat. He died Sept. 22, anno 1605, in his 72<sup>d</sup> year, and was buried in the church of St. Mary Cray. He had a cousin Richard, son of John (another of the three sons above referred to), who "married Rachael, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Wm. White of Hampsted in Middlesex, and dying Jan. 18, 1640 (1604), in his 68<sup>d</sup> year, without issue, was buried in this church." His brother Edward (another son of John) was bred to the law and married Anne, daughter of Thomas Willoughby, Dean of Rochester.

Through the removal of John Manning (the elder son of Hugh Manning of St. Mary Cray above mentioned) to Downe the interest of our New Englanders becomes transferred to that parish, since it is from this John Manning that so many New England families are descended, through female lines; e.g. the families of Whitfield, Higginson, Lee and others, through one alliance, and the families of Waters (of Milbury), Proctor, Pelton, Porter, Putnam, Shillaber, Poole, Benson, Whittredge and others through another alliance. The parish of Downe immediately adjoins Cowdham, to the West and North West. The manor of Downe Court, in this parish, was, we are told by Hasted (Vol. I., p. 116), "in the reigns of K. Edward I. and II.; the property and residence of Richard de Downe, who lies buried, with his wife Margery, in the chancel of this church, but without any inscription on his grave-stone, the brass having been torn from it. This family becoming extinct here before the middle of the reign of K. Edward III. the family of Petle (later Petley) appear as lords of the fee. According to Hasted John Petle, the ancestor of this family, was settled at Downe in the reign of K. Henry III. and bore for his arms—Argent, 2 bends ingrailed, a canton sable. His son Richard left issue two sons, John and Richard. John, the elder son, was possessor of Downe manor, as above, and died possessed of it in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of K. Richard II. By Juliana, daughter and heir of William Troumer of Downe, he had issue Thomas Petle, who died in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of K. Henry V. and lies buried, with Isabel his wife, in the church of Downe. His son John Petle married Alice, daughter and coheir of James Brampton, by whom he had John Petley, who lived in the reign of K. Henry VIII. He died without male issue, leaving by Christiana his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas Phillipott, four daughters, his coheirs, of whom Agnes, the eldest, was married to John Manning of Downe Esq. (above named); the second to ——— Bird of Eastham (Eltham?), the third to ——— Cassinghurst, and the fourth daughter married first to ——— Smith and secondly to ——— Childrens. On the division of their inheritance the manor of Downe was allotted to the eldest daughter, Agnes; and her husband, John Manning, in her right, became entitled to it. He died possessed of it, in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of K. Henry VIII., and lies buried, with Agnes, his wife, in this church. His descendant (grandson) Peter Manning, of Trowmer, in the reign of K. James I. alienated this manor to Palmer. Hasted follows the descent of the fee through John Palmer to his son and heir Michael Palmer, who, in the year 1662, sold it to Mr. Richard Glover. But the seat of itself, called Downe-court, Hasted tells us, which passed with the manor to John Manning, in right of his wife, was by his son Henry Manning of Greenwich Esq., separated from the manor and sold by him to Sir Francis Carew of Beddington, in the County of Surrey, Knight. It is from Phebe, sister of the said Peter Manning and wife of James Waters of London, and from her cousin Fortuna Mildreda, daughter of the said Henry Manning, and wife of Thomas Whitfield of Mortlake, that the New England families whom I have mentioned are descended.

To my young friend Mr. Leland L. Duncan, one of the editors of the publications of the British Record Society and well known for the interest he takes in Kentish family history, I am indebted for some interesting contributions. He gave me a trieking of arms and a copy of an inscription which he found in the church at Downe. The arms were those of Manning: empaling Petle and the inscription was as follows:—

Hic Jacet Johānes Māning et Agnes uxor eius filia et coheres Jōhāis Petle de Trowener qui quidem Jōhēs obiit: A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> MCCCCLIII. quorū āiās p̄piciet' Deus Amen.