

Afterwards he became one of the most noted bards of the country, among his poetical compositions being a translation of the *Book of Psalms* into Welsh metre. He and Captain Thomas Price of Plasiolyn are said to have been the first who smoked tobacco publicly in London. For further details respecting him vide *Pennant's Tours in Wales* Vol. ii., p. 150—also *Memoir of Chirk Castle* pp. 35—37. He is said to have married Mary, daughter of Stado Bruxell of Brussels and to have died at Antwerp 27 March, 1621, leaving issue.

(See Note at end.)

4. *Thomas Middleton.* From whom came the Middletons of Chirk Castle Baronets. (See Pedigree B.)

5. *Charles Middleton.* Succeeded his father as Governor of Denbigh Castle. Alderman of Denbigh Town 1616-17. He was buried in Eglwys Wen near Denbigh, 3 April, 1621. Married Catherine, daughter of Richard Bootman of Haverfordwest. In his Will dated 1620 he left provision for his reputed sons Charles and Hugh, his daughter Ann wife of John Chambers and William his son, whom he appoints residuary legatee. This last died in 1630 unmarried.

6. *Hugh Middleton.* From whom the Middletons of Ruthin, Baronets. (See Pedigree C.)

7. *Robert Middleton,* "merchant and skynner" of London. M.P. for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis 1604—11 and for London in 1614. According to Mr. Alexander Brown, of Virginia, in his recently published *Genesis of the United States*, Robert Middleton was one of the original adventurers in the Virginia Company, to which he contributed £37 10s., and also in the East India and North West Passage Companies. "Maurice Abbot and himself represented the English East India Company in their negotiations with the Dutch East India Company in 1614-15."

He married (1) Margaret, daughter of John Mansell of co. Dorset, and (2) Ann, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Saltonstall, Knight (Lord Mayor of London in 1597), and widow of John Harby, citizen and skinner. By his Will