

1681, 1689-90, 1690-95, 1695-98, and 1699 to 1700. Died 11 June, 1702, having married Mary, relict of Thomas Styles, of Lincolnshire, and only daughter and heir of Sir Stephen Langham, of Cotesbrooke, co. Northampton, knight, by whom he had issue, with two daughters.

1. *Thomas Middleton*, of Stansted Montfichet, eldest son, M.P. for Essex 1707-8, 1708-10, 1710-13, and 1715, till his decease on 29 April, 1715, aged 39. His wife was Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Onslow, of East Clandon, Bart., by whom he left 5 daughters, his co-heirs.

- (1) Mary married John, son of Viscount Molesworth.
- (2) Elizabeth married Richard Hockenhall, gent.
- (3) Constance married John Cunningham, esq.
- (4) Diana married John Trollop, esq.
- (5) Anne, died unmarried.

2. *Stephen Middleton*, 14 years old in 1696, succeeded to part of the Stansted estate upon his brother's death, but died unmarried. By the will of his elder brother the Stansted estate became vested in trustees for raising portions for his children, and payment of his debts, but was afterwards sold under a special Act of Parliament. For further particulars of the Essex branch of the Middletons, see *Morant's Essex*, vol. ii., 578. *Le Neve's Catalogue of Knights* (Harl. Soc. Vol.), 304.

Sir THOMAS MIDDLETON, of Chirk Castle, afterwards celebrated Parliamentary commander, eldest son of the Lord Mayor, was born in 1586, and was admitted to Gray's Inn February 7, 1606-7. Upon the occasion of his marriage in 1612 his father settled upon him the estate and castle of Chirk, which have ever since continued with his descendants. He received knighthood at Whitehall on Feb. 10. 1617, was elected M.P. for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis in the Parliament of 1624-25, and for co. Denbigh in that of 1625. In the three next Parliaments he had no seat, but to the Long Parliament, which met in November,