

1. Mary, wife of Mr. John Bennett, of Welby, co. Leicester.

He married (2) Jane, daughter of Sir John Trevor, of Brynkinalt, Esq., and brother to Sir John Trevor, Master of the Rolls, by whom he had a son, also named *Thomas*, who was living in 1711.

SIR THOMAS MIDDLETON, Bart. (the second Baronet), born in 1651, inherited Chirk Castle on the death of his grandfather in 1666. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, upon leaving which he made a tour in France and Italy to finish his education. He was J.P. and Custos Rotulorum for co. Denbigh, and in 1674 was offered a Peerage, but refused. In the Parliaments of 1678-9 and 1679-81 he served as M.P. for Denbighshire, but declined re-election to that of 1681, when his younger-brother was chosen in his stead. He died Feb. 5, 1683-4, in his 33rd year. His first wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Wilbraham, of Woodhey, co. Chester, did not live long. She bore him one son, who died within four days of his birth. He erected in the parish church of Chirk a stately monument of marble to this lady, representing her at full length, with her infant son in her arms. He married secondly, in 1677, Charlotte, daughter of the Lord Keeper Sir Orlando Bridgeman, and had by her four sons, all named Thomas, but all shortlived, and one daughter, his heiress,

Charlotte, wife (1) of Edward Rich, 6th Earl of Warwick, by whom she had one son Edward Henry, 7th Earl of Warwick, who died unmarried in 1721. She married (2) in 1716 the Rt. Hon. Joseph Addison, the poet.

SIR RICHARD MIDDLETON, third Baronet, succeeded his brother in honour and estate in 1684, being also by purchase owner of the lordship of Ruthin. He was born 23 March, 1654, educated at Brazenose College, Oxford, being designed for the Church, but his elder brother dying, this was not carried out. He travelled much, and on his return became Knight of the Shire for co. Denbigh, and constantly represented that county in Parliament from 1681 till his death in 1716. "As long as his health permitted he was constant in his attendance in the service of the House." He died on the 9th April, 1716, aged 62 years, and was buried at Chirk.