

by the Executors of his Great-grandfather, (Alexander Cleeve,) in 1752.

In 1843 New House Farm, which had been sold by the Executors of John Cleeve in 1778 and had become the property of Mr. John Sympson Jessopp, was purchased for my Father, and in 1867, I repurchased the Lodge Farm from the representatives of Mrs. Holbrook, and thus regained possession of the former Cleeve Estate, comprising, with the exception of a few acres belonging to Mrs. William Smith, and Mr. Cure, the entire parish.

Having thus sketched the connection of the Cleeve branch of my family with Greensted, I now give such particulars as I have been able to obtain respecting my paternal ancestors from the time of my great-grandfather, who was I believe the first of his family in any way connected with Essex.

His Father and Grandfather, heads of a Cheshire family of considerable antiquity, appear to have suffered heavily from the share they successively took in the risings of 1715 and 1745, and my great-grandfather was left to fight his way through life as he best could : This had been already the case with the younger brother of his Father, the Rev. William Budworth, who was in 1736 Head Master of Brewood School, in Staffordshire, and to whom Dr. Hurd, Bishop of Worcester pays the high tribute of saying that he was "an excellent person, who possessed every talent of a perfect instructor of youth, in a degree which has been rarely found since the days of Quintilian, but was less known in his life time, from that obscure situation to which the caprice of fortune oft condemns the most accomplished characters than his highest merit deserved."

*Vide Boswell's Life of Johnson, v. 4, p. 436, third edition.*

The incidents in the Life of his son, Joseph Budworth, (not his Grandson as Boswell states) are so remarkable I that have added his biography as an Appendix.