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## Pedigree of Fletcher.

### NOTES.

The descents in the accompanying Pedigree are copied from the Records of the College of Arms, with the exception of the few entries in *italics*, which are taken from Deeds, Parish Registers, and County Histories of repute.

The Pedigree of Best is copied from one extracted from the Records of the College of Arms, 24 Dec. 1839, and verified by G. R. Harrison, Bluemantle. For Monumental Inscriptions, see Nash's 'Worcestershire,' vol. i., p. 379, under Elmly Lovet.

That of Fletcher, with Giffard and Pickering, is taken from a vellum roll certified by H. Murray Lane, Chester Herald and Registrar, and Edward Bellasis, Bluemantle, 3 Oct. 1880. The Pickering descent will be found in the 'Cheshire Visitation, 1664,' and is continued in the Heralds' College, and in Nichols's 'Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica,' vol. i. Portraits of Sir Willoughby Aston, Bart., Sir Richard Aston, a Judge of the Court of King's Bench 1765, and of Willoughby Richard Pickering, M.D., are in the possession of Colonel Fletcher, F.R.S.

There is little doubt but Margaret, wife of Thomas Fletcher of Shareshill and Water Eyton, whose husband was buried 24 Oct. 1610 at Shareshill, was a daughter of Ralph Alport of Cannock, mentioned in 'Staffordshire Visitation, 1663,' although the date cannot be proved, as the Cannock Registers commence in 1744, and the transcripts at Lichfield 1659. Some of the Alport property at Cannock came into the Fletcher family by this marriage, with the early title-deeds and an ancient seal of silver bearing the Alport arms and crest, as given in the Visitation, with the addition of a canton.

The descent of William Gibbons and Elizabeth Hawkesford from Bracebridge of Kingsbury, continued from the 'Visitation of Warwickshire,' will be found in Dugdale's 'Warwickshire,' edition Thomas, under Kingsbury; in Nichols's 'Leicestershire,' vol. iii., p. 1145; and in Nichols's 'Bibliotheca Topographica,' under history of Manceter.

The pedigrees of Bainbrigge and Burton are continued from the 'Leicestershire Visitation of 1619' by entries made in the Records of the Heralds' College down to 1830. They are printed in Nichols's 'Leicestershire,' and a full pedigree from the roll, dated 1830, signed by Francis Martin, Windsor Herald, is given in Noble's 'History of Derbyshire,' part ii., pp. 551 to 559. The Bainbrigge descent from K. Edward III. is given in Burke's 'Royal Descents,' and the Chichele descent and founder's kin at All Souls' College, Oxford, was extracted from the Records, and certified 26 Jan. 1843, by G. R. Harrison, Bluemantle. For Borough descent, see 4 Norfolk, 189, College of Arms, and Shirley's 'Noble and Gentle Men of England,' p. 211.