

reprint the greater part of them in the Appendix to this paper, with a view to illustrate the Pedigree.

The early history of the Leigh family of Addington is involved in much obscurity, and it is impossible to reconcile the different accounts given in the several pedigrees. Manning, under Addington, starts with a John Leigh, of High Leigh, in Surrey; but this is evidently a mistake for High Leigh, in Cheshire, from which place this branch of the family is by many stated to have sprung. The confusion has been further increased by the fact that there was a family of Leigh of Adlington, in Cheshire, and this Manning has also noticed.¹

Hasted,² under East Wickham, gives the following account:—"This family of Leigh [*i. e.* of Addington] is descended from William à Legh, who lived in the beginning of the reign of King Edward III. His son Robert de Legh held the manor of Est-Legh. In the 20th year of King Edward III., anno 1345, Walter à Legh possessed it and the manor of Sibeton adjoining, of which his descendant Thomas Legh was seized in the reigns of King Henry VI. and VII., and left issue one son, John Legh, who died Dec. 17, 1479, and lies buried in Addington church with Matilda his wife (who died in 1464)," &c. &c.

Under East Lyghe³ he gives a somewhat different account:—"John Legh, Esq., died seised of the manor of Eastlegh 1 Hen. VI., as did his descendant, Thomas de Leigh, in the 17th year of the same reign.⁴ Giles Leigh died anno 31 Hen. VIII. His grandson, Nicholas Leigh, then of Addington, co. Surrey, and Anne his wife, bargained, and sold to that king, in his 36th year, the manor

¹ *Hist. of Surrey*, vol. ii. p. 599, note.

² *Hist. of Kent*, vol. i. p. 173. A pedigree in the British Museum, Add. MSS. 5520, gives this Kentish origin to the Leighs of Addington, and starts from William de Legh, of Est-Legh in Liminge, living 1327.

³ *Id.*, vol. iii. p. 330.

⁴ I have looked at the Inquisitions p.m. of these Leghs of Eastlegh, and find that John Legh, Esq., died seized of the Manor of Eastlegh on 22 Feb., 1422, leaving Thomas his son and heir, aged 18. This Thomas Legh died on 22 June, 1440, leaving Thomas, his son and heir, aged six months. He was ancestor of Giles Leigh, who died 31 Hen. VIII., but there is no evidence whatever to connect them with the Addington family.