

Buttery and Comptroller of the household to James I. On 4th Feb., 1600, he had a grant of the office of Keeper of Home Park, Kent, and Master of the Wild Beasts, at a salary of 4d. per day. He had also a grant from the King of the Manor of Lodge, Surrey, and the lands of Mr. Huddleston, a recusant in Essex. He married at Addington, 3rd June, 1595, Mary, daughter of Thomas Smyth, of Mitcham, co. Surrey, who survived him, and proved his will on 21st Sept., 1624.¹ It is dated 28th Jan., 1601.² He therein describes himself as Sir John Leigh, of Miccham, Knt. He mentions his nephew Sir Francis Leigh, Knt.; his nephew Sir John Holmden, Knt.; his sisters Martin, Welch, and Holmeden; his nephew Olliphe Leigh, son of his brother Charles Leigh, deceased; his godson John Leigh, and his brother William Leigh; his godson Thomas Leigh;³ his brother Sir Francis Clerye, and his nephew Denis Fleminge. He leaves his wife, Dame Mary Leigh, sole executrix. She survived him, and was buried in her "owne Chancell" in Mitcham Church, the 30th Jan., 1665 (Par. Reg. Mitcham). Her will, which is dated 12th Dec., 1655, was proved on 13th Feb., 1665-6;⁴ she mentions therein several of her cousins of the name of Smith, and also a "cosen Milcah Crofts," whom, as the name is an uncommon one, I imagine to be the daughter of her husband's brother Charles, mentioned below.

Charles, the third son, was baptized at Addington, 12th March, 1572. He went as captain of his ship the "Olive Plant"⁵ to Guiana to make discoveries, and to plant a colony, and died there in 1604, at the age of thirty-five. He married young and had two children,

¹ He died on 19th Aug., 1624, being killed by a fall from his horse, as appears by a letter in the State Paper Office from Sir Francis Nethersole to Lord Carleton, dated 19th Aug. The Calendar of State Papers records the death of Sir John Leigh, Clerk Comptroller of the Household, and on 2nd Sept. of that year mentions a contention between the Clerks of the Kitchen and Spicery about the succession to Sir John Leigh's place.

² P. C. C., Byrde, 75.

³ These three were sons of Sir Francis Leigh, Knt., of Addington, his nephew.

⁴ P. C. C., Mico, 27.

⁵ See his letter in the Appendix, p. 122.