

of Beverston and Mangotsfield. Unfortunately there are but few wills at Gloucester before 1541, and this necessitated enquiry elsewhere. In order to trace the Shipway pedigree further "Dr." Davies wended his way to Hereford. Unlikely place as this city is for Gloucestershire wills, his intuition brought to light the will of James Shipway, of Whidborne, Hereford, Beverston and Mangotsfield, under date 1524, of which the contents were not less remarkable than the will at Gloucester. It being pointed out that many early Gloucester wills were at Worcester, thither also the Doctor went, and there his good fortune followed him, for he soon discovered in that registry the will of John James Shipway, also of Whidborne, Hereford, Beverston and Mangotsfield, dated 1490, besides one of a Grace Shipway of the date of 1537.

As, according to Davies, it is "a very explanatory one," we give John James Shipway's will at length:—

John James Shipway.

In the name off god amen Anno dni vicesimo die
 mcccemo nonagesimo relat will & Testament off John
 James Shipway Esq man off arms & sigl. leo telo manu by grant
 off y^e soueigne Kyng Richard y^e fyrst yn y^e yere off y^e lord god
 off y^e tho his raigne to my gostley ancestor Wylliam
 Shipway of ye castle off Beaverstone for these his services for
 his sou'eigne lord y^e kinge off whom I John James Shipway
 remaine only y^e sole & eldest yn descent by my ryte of wych
 my sonne James bears these y^e same my Arms retained by y^e will
 off all...gty god by presence of wylliam de longhampe Chan. et
 Justic. by dei graco to him & to his heyres for ever & by
 rēcorde under y^e Kingley seale published to all those y^e seruantes
 of y^e King I John James Shipway Esq. man of arms off Herefford
 Whytborn mangotsfield & of Beuerstone y^e castle of Whych I
 live now as my forefathers Sycke of body butt thankes be unto god
 in good mynde & memorye do make and ordayne this my
 last will & testament in mann' & forme followinge Fyrst I
 comitt my soule unto allmighty god my maker & redemer
 & savieur & my body to be buryed in the churchyard of
 Worster Item I geve to my sonne James all those my houses
 lands castles goods whatsoever that are mine & all my things
 mouable & unmouable my seale my deeds and y^e off
 y^e Kinge And I do apoynte and make my sonne James my sole &
 only executor of this my last wyll & Testament & Thomas
 Williokes Richard Garlicke & Wylliam Meredith to be my over-
 seers Thes heringe wittnes Thomas Symones y^e lorde Barley
 wyt others more.

Such is a brief epitome of the many marvellous discoveries made by "Dr." Davies in his research into the history of the