

# The Family of Wynyard.

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The name of *Wynyard* appears to have existed from an early period, at least in the West of England. In the pedigree of the Drewes of Devonshire, we find that "Robert French of Horneford, Devon, married Matilda, daughter and heir of Robt Wynyard of Harcomb, in the same county;" and possibly the Wynard Almshouses at Exeter may have been founded by a member of the same family. There is a spot called Wynyard's Gap at Cheddington, in the county of Dorset, and it will be remembered also that Lord Londonderry's seat in the county of Durham bears this name.

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The word *Win-eard*, or *Win-geard* is the Anglo-Saxon parent of our English *Vineyard*; and seems to have been not an uncommon patronymic in Holland—many books, for example, having been published at Leyden in the seventeenth century, *ex officina* Adriani *Wyngaerden*. The name may, therefore, have been of Anglo-Saxon, local, or continental derivation.

In King James's 'Discourse of Powder-Treason,' (Works, 1616,) he says: "And enquiring of *Whyneard*, Keeper of the Wardrobe, to what use hee had put those lower rounes, & cellars," &c. p. 228; and again, p. 230, "it was thought meet that upon pretence of *Whyneard's* missing some of the King's stuffe, or hangings," &c.

There seems no reason to doubt that this man was the ancestor of the family of which we treat, viz.: John Wynyard, who was Groom of the Wardrobe to Queen Elizabeth, etc.; and who died soon after the discovery of the plot, Jan. 20, 1606. In all probability, too, he would be the John Wynyard of London, gent., son and heir of Geo. Wynyard, gent., to whom arms were granted 2nd Jan., 1579, viz.: Pale of six argent and sable on a chief gules a lion passant argent. *Crest*: On a wreath of the colours, a mount vert thereon a tiger sejant ermine. *Motto*: Eprouvez.

A pedigree is in existence compiled by some professional pedigree-manufacturer, and based in apparent error on a certain almanack and memorandum book, which had been in the possession of some member of the family; but originally seems to have belonged to "Henry Rimborne," to whom and to whose family the entries probably refer. Whoever was its possessor, it appears that he was the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, whose fees he records, and also that the Coronation jewels and robes were entrusted to his charge, April 23, 1661. He speaks of "Brother Wenham," thus connecting him with John Wynyard, who mentions "Cousin John Wenham," in 1686, as stated below.

