

## XVIII.

SIR THOMAS WALE,

**One of the Founders.**

THIS knight was the only son of sir Thomas Wale, by Lucy, his wife, lady of the manor of Wedon Pinkeney in Northamptonshire, which she held of the king in capite by the service of one knight's fee. Her filiation does not appear, but her right to the estate was, after her husband's death, contested in 1315 by Edmund Pinkeney, who not appearing to defend his claim, judgment was given in her favour;<sup>1</sup> and she died seized of the manor in 1343, when it devolved to her son and heir, then forty years of age.<sup>2</sup>

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He attended Edward III. into Flanders in 1339; and had command under William de Bohun, earl of Northampton, in the expedition to Brittany in 1342. He was also beyond sea in the king's service with Richard earl of Arundel in 1344.

Few memorials remain of this individual, who, however, is described to have been "a knight of great virtue and worthiness."<sup>3</sup> The following entry occurs in 1348 in the household book of the Black Prince, "1 al. cup. deaur. de arg. de opere prec. empt. eod. die dat. p. dñum dño Thome Wale."

He died in Gascony 26th October 1352, leaving no issue by Nichola, his wife, whose family is not known, but who survived him. By the inquisition, taken after his death, it was found that Peter Malorre, the son of his deceased sister Margaret, his sister Alice the wife of Thomas Chamberlain, and his sister Juliana, were his next heirs;<sup>4</sup> and they quit-claimed to the king the manor of Wedon by fine in 1353.<sup>5</sup>

## ARMS.

Or, a lion rampant Gules.

<sup>1</sup> Baker's Northamptonshire, vol. ii. p. 108.

<sup>2</sup> Esc. 17 Ed. 3, No. 40.

<sup>3</sup> Stowe's Chron. p. 253.

<sup>4</sup> Esc. 26 Ed. 3, No. 21.

<sup>5</sup> Baker, ut supra.