

XXVII.

SIR WILLIAM FITZWARYNE.

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It has long been admitted that the plate, which remains in the thirteenth stall on the Sovereign's side, and bears by mistake the inscription "Mons. Foke Fwren," was intended to commemorate sir William Fitzwaryne,¹ the successor to sir Sanchet d'Abrichecourt.

This knight was a descendant of the celebrated Guarine, who, in the time of William the Conqueror, acquired by a hardy feat of arms the castle of Whittington in Shropshire, and of whose redoubted "gestes" Leland made a large "excerpt owte of an old Englisch boke yn ryme."² The evidences for the direct line from Guarine have been carefully collected by genealogists, until it merged, in the reign of Henry V, in Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Hanckford, who transmitted the representation of the baronial house of Fitzwaryne to the Bouchiers; but the accounts of the cadet branches are too vague to enable us to fix with precision the connexion of sir William with the ancient stock.

The first mention which we find of him is in 1330, when, by the designation of "William Fitzwaryne le frere,"³ he was appointed governor of Montgomery castle.⁴ In 1339 he attended the king into Flanders; and, in the same year, was in the war against Scotland. He was again in Flanders in 1340; and, in 1342, in France, with the rank of banneret; having in his retinue one knight, eight esquires, and ten mounted archers. In this year he was also summoned to parliament; but never afterwards. Froissart numbers him amongst the commanders in the expedition to France in 1346.⁵ He was knight for the body to queen Philippa in

¹ Anstis, Introd. p. 29.

² Collect. (ed. 1770), vol. i. p. 230.

³ The description *le frere* may warrant the conjecture that he was brother to the chief of the

family, Fulk lord Fitzwaryne, a person of great distinction at that period.

⁴ Rot. Fin. 4 Ed. 3, m. 9.

⁵ Froissart (Buchon), vol. ii. p. 295.

1349;¹ and, on the death of John king of France in 1350, was, with others, ordered to proceed into that kingdom.² The chronicler states that sir William was with the Black Prince at Poitiers;³ but, the assertion receiving no confirmation from our public records, we presume that that honour may be due to the memory of Fulk lord Fitzwaryne, his contemporary.

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Sir William Fitzwaryne died of the pestilence on 28th Oct. 1361, and, according to Stowe, was buried in the church of the Grey Friars, London.⁴ But although he, as well as his son, may have been a benefactor to that house, their remains were more probably deposited in the church of Wanting, now called Wantage, in Berkshire. It appears, by the inquisition taken after his death,⁵ that sir William was seised of a teneement in that parish (two parts of the manor, as well as the hundred of Wanting, having formed part of the possessions of the barons Fitzwaryne); and there is still extant in the church an altar-tomb, having thereon the effigy of a Knight of the Garter in full armour, the arms of Fitzwaryne on his surcoat, and a recumbent female figure on his left.⁶

He married Amicia, daughter and heir of sir Henry de Haddon, of Candel-Haddon in the county of Dorset;⁷ by whom he had issue sir Ivo Fitzwaryne, his son and heir, aged eighteen at his father's death. Ivo was also in the military service. In 1380 he was, with his banner and pennon, in the retinue of Thomas of Woodstock, at the siege of Nantes; and, in 1385, attended John of Gant in his expedition for the recovery of the inheritance of Constance of Castile. He died 6th September 1414, and was buried in Wantage church; there being, against the wall of the north aisle, a brass figure, which represents him, and an inscription to his memory.

Eleanor, the daughter and heir of sir Ivo Fitzwaryne, by Maud his wife, daughter and coheir of sir John d'Argentine, married sir John Chidiok, and had issue sir John Chidiok,

¹ Household book among the records of the Chapter-house, Westminster.

² Froissart, tom. iii. p. 27.

³ Ibid. p. 197.

⁴ Survey, p. 345.

⁵ Esc. 35 Ed. 3, No. 87.

⁶ Vis. of Berks in Coll. Armor. C 12. p. 145, where Ashmole, the visiting herald (doubtless upon the authority of the Windsor plate), considers the tomb to be that of sir Fulk Fitzwaryne, K.G.

⁷ Esc. 22 Ed. 3, No. 39.

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who left, by Catharine Lumley, his wife, two daughters, his coheirs, viz. Margaret, who married sir William Stourton (now represented by William lord Stourton); and Catharine, who became the wife, first, of sir William Stafford, and, secondly, of sir John Arundel of Lanherne. This lady had by her first husband an only child, Humphrey Stafford earl of Devon, who died without issue; and, by her second marriage, sir Thomas Arundel, whose heirs-general and representatives are now Henry-Benedict lord Arundel of Wardour, and Hugh-Charles lord Clifford of Chudleigh.

ARMS.

Quarterly, per fess indented, Ermine and Gules.

CREST.

A wyvern Argent, eared and langued Or.¹

XXVIII.

ROBERT UFFORD FIRST EARL OF SUFFOLK.

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THIS celebrated warrior, who was the son and heir of Robert lord Ufford, by Cecily the daughter and coheir of Robert de Valoines, had served in Gascony in the reign of Edward II, and enjoyed uninterruptedly the high esteem of that king's successor. In 1329 he was selected to be one of the chief attendants of the young king upon occasion of the homage at Amiens to Philip VI, for the duchy of Guienne and his other territories held under the French crown;² and, in the following year, was greatly instrumental in effecting the arrest of Mortimer and his adherents in Nottingham castle; for which service he was, in 1331, rewarded with large additions to his patrimonial estate. On the 16th March

¹ Sir Ivo Fitzwaryne appears to have adopted for his crest, probably out of respect towards his commander, the duke of Lancas-

ter, "a swan naiant between two ostrich feathers."—C 12. p 147.

² Rym. vol. ii. pp. 3, 27.