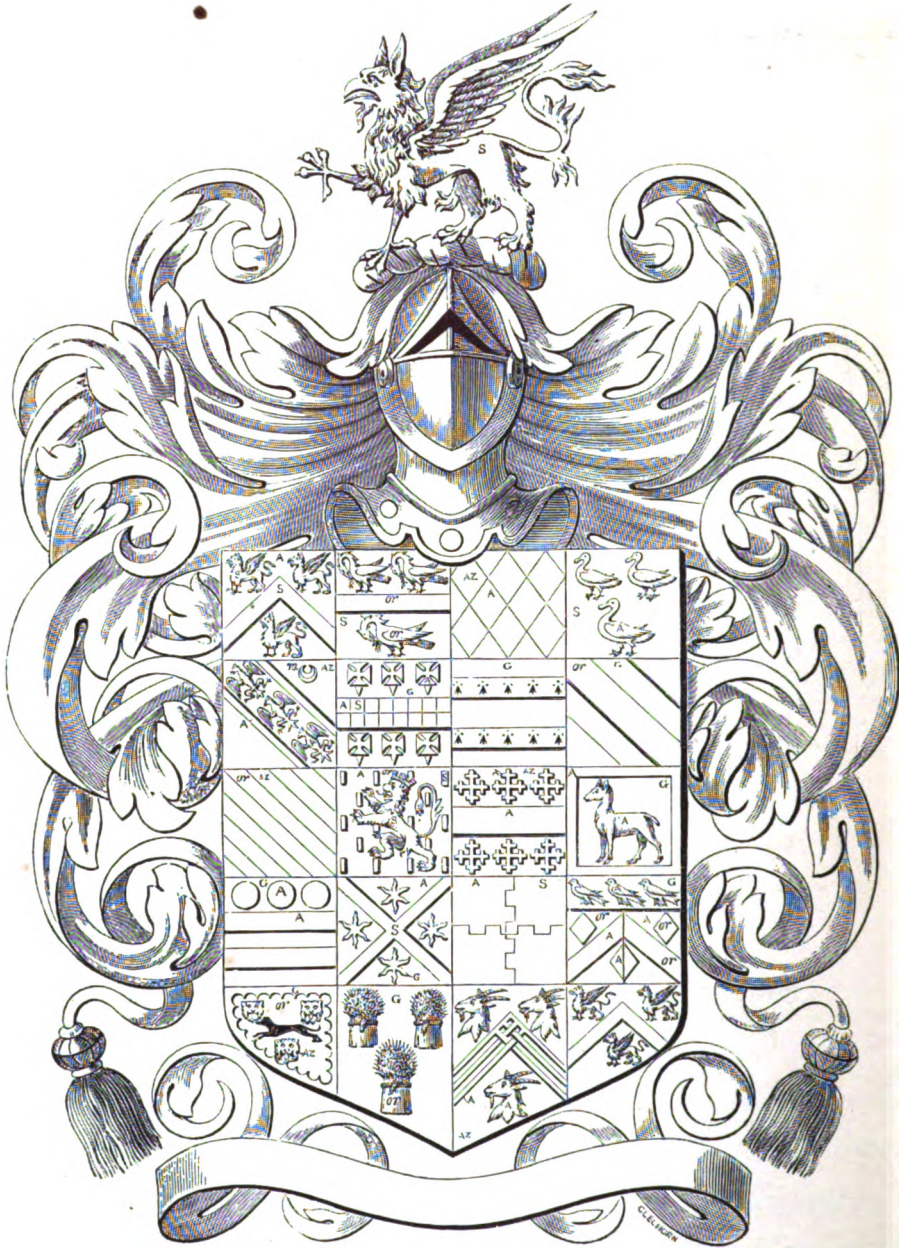


# Finch.



The first is the Paternall conto of Herebert,  
now called Finch.  
The second is Pessenden.  
The third Cralle.  
The fowerth Peplesham.  
The fifth Belknap.  
The sixth Boteler.  
The seaventh Pantolph.  
The eight Sudeley.  
The nynth Monteforth.  
The tenth De la planch.

The eleuenth Hauersham.  
The tweluth Moyle.  
The thirteenth Mooles.  
The fowertenth Lucombe.  
The fifteenth Keyle.  
The sixteenth Jurdayne.  
The seauententh Heneage.  
The eightenth Preston.  
The nynctenth Buckton.  
The twenteth Finch.

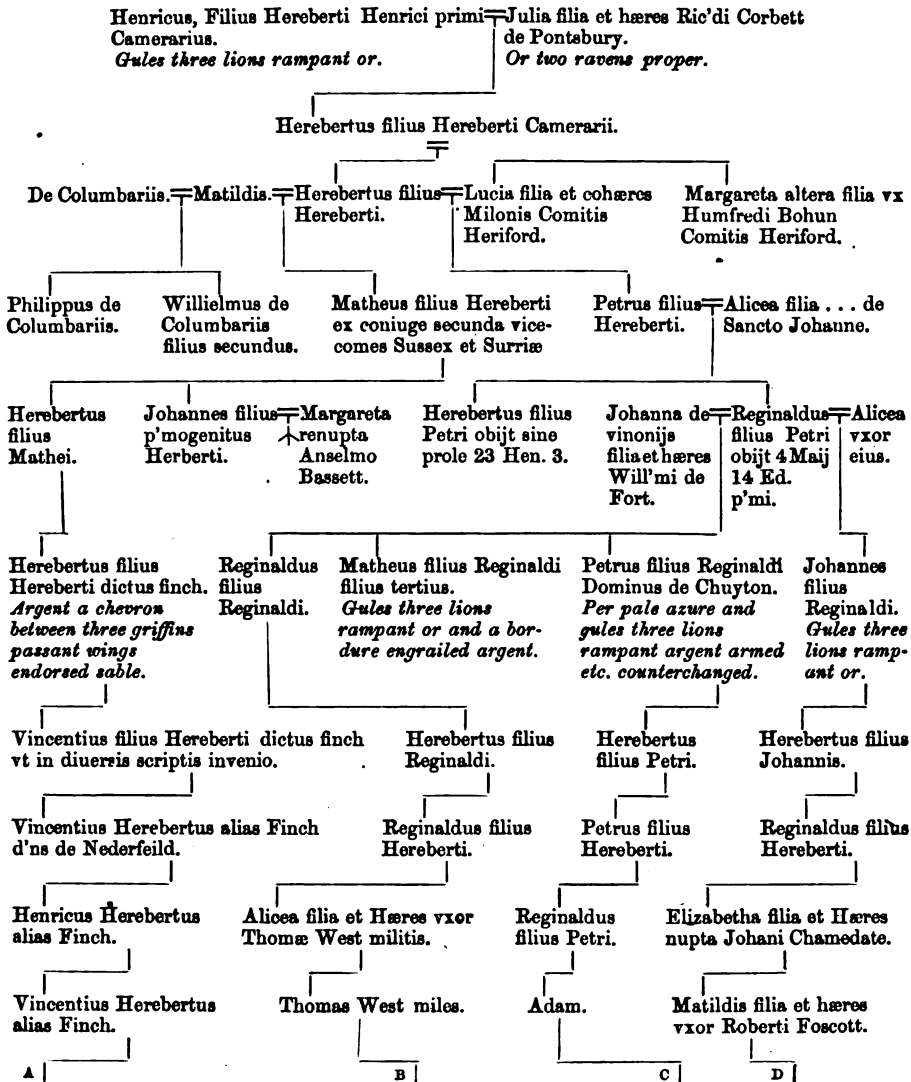
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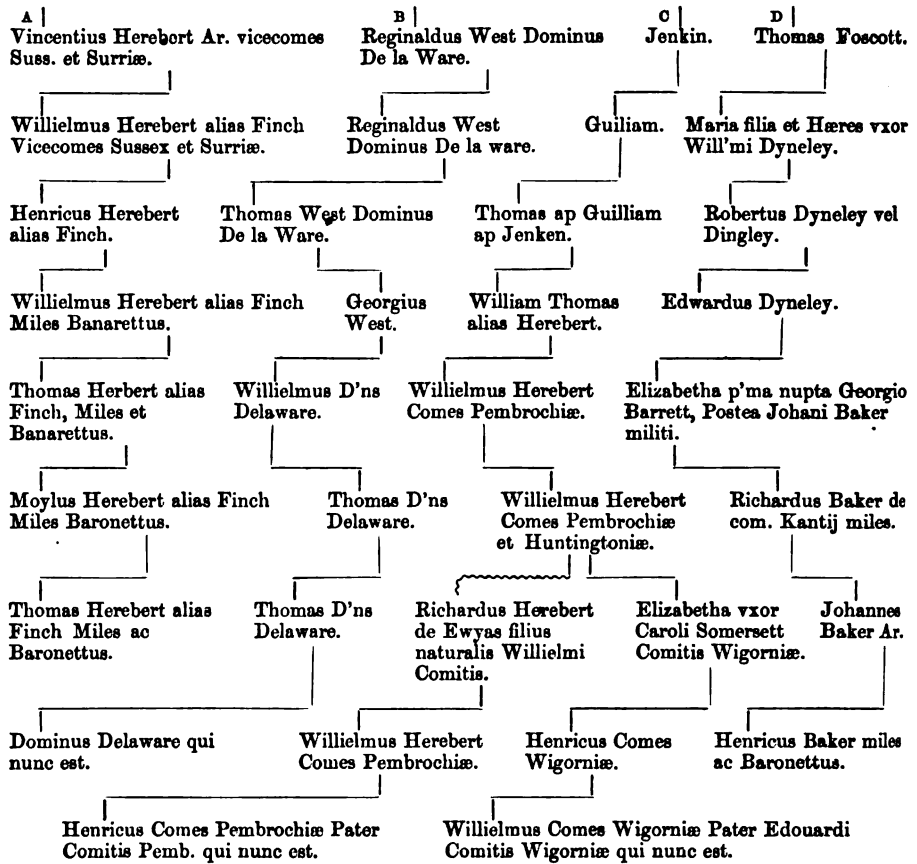
## Finch Genealogy.

Compiled by Jo. Philipott, Rouge Dragon.\*

Hanc Genealogiam de Origine et Antiquitate Fundatissimæ Florentissimæq' familiæ Herebertorum vsq' ad Matheum filium Hereberti vicecomitem Sussexiæ et Surriæ Patrem originalemodernæ Familiæ de Finch [olim Herebert nuncupatæ] apud Cantianos, a Roberto Glouero aliàs Somerset Heraldio regio Armorum et Thoma Talbotto in Archiujs regijs infra Turr. Londinens. versatissimo, in hac Forma (summa cum fide et diligentia) delineatam reperio.



\* Copied from the original MSS., in the possessio the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham.



# Finch.

Arms: Argent a chevron between three griffins passant,  
wings endorsed sable.

Vnder the raigne of King John and Henry the third, there florished one Mathew Harbert in the county of Sussex written in the Latyne recordes of this kingdome, Matheus filius Herberti, who being y<sup>e</sup> first of this Catalogue, and Auncestor to the succeeding familie of the Finches was of eminent place and power in those dayes, which w<sup>th</sup> his publike employments in those troublesome tymes, his large possessions, and his soueraignes fauour are heere inserted out of venerable monuments of Antiquitie. His possessions lay for the most part in Sussex in the Rape of Hastings; Some part whereof being giuen vnto him by King Henry third, for his faithfull seruice, contineweth yet in the possession of some of his successors, videlicet Wathington Manor, with the Hamletts of Empsworth, Estney and Middleton in the county of Sussex. Hee was high sherife of Sussex & Surrey fise seuerall tymes vnder King John, vid<sup>t</sup> in 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, yeeres of the sayd kings raigne. Likewise eight seuerall tymes was hee high sherife of both those countyes, vnder the raigne of king Henry third, as appeereth by his seuerall accomptes in the Recordes of the Pipe Office, kept aboute the Exchequer at Westminster, Mathew Paris who wrote the Chronicle and historie of those tymes hath recorded, that this Mathew Harbert was one of those sware In animam Regis at the deliury of Magna Charta, that the same should be obserued, Dated at Westminster the Ninthe yeere of king Henry the third. The battayle betweene the sayd king and the Barons about the end of his raigne, happened in Sussex neere Lewis, where the kinges forces being discomfited, hee was constrained to accepte of hard Condicons of peace. This Mathew is allway formerly named to be one of those that endeoured to temper the differences betweene the King and y<sup>e</sup> Barons: For at Running meade betweene Windesore and Stanes, hee is Recorded to be one of those Magnates by whose consent and Councell the Charter of agreement from the king to the Peeres was procured, w<sup>ch</sup> Instrument beareth date at Running mead aforesayd the Sixteenth day of June in the Seauententh yeere of the raigne of King John, At which tyme also hee was highe sherife of Sussex and Surrey.

Vide Fines de An'o 7 Ed. 2, membr. p<sup>mo</sup>. Rex Henricus tertius dedit manerium de Warblington cum Hamletis de Empsworth, Estney, Middleton, et Watlington cuidam Matheo filio Herberti, et heredibus suis in feodo infra libertatem Rapæ de Hasting.

Clause 17 R<sup>a</sup> Johannis, membr. 3. Mandatum est Constabulario de Wallingford q<sup>d</sup> habere fac' Petro filio Herberti, terram quæ fuit Will'mi Paynell in Watlington cum pertinentiis quam d'ns Rex ei concessit apud Odiam, quinto decimo die Aprilis.

Chartæ An'o 9 R<sup>a</sup> Johannis, N<sup>o</sup> 63. Johannes dei gra' &c. Sciatis nos concessisse &c. venerabil' p'ri n'ro D'no J. Bathan Ep'o, q<sup>d</sup> possit claudere totum boscum suum de Man'io de Well &c. Testibus W. Com. Surr, Hugone de Neuill, W. de Cantelupe, Tho. de Sandford, Tho. Bassat, Matheo filio Herberti, Willmo de Montecuto &c.

francis godwine Bishop of landaffe in his Catalogue of Bishops fol. 692. Herebert borne at Bosham in sussex brought uppe in Oxford wher he proceeded Doctor of Diuinitie was secretarie unto Thomas Becket Arch Bishop of Canterburie at the time of the said Becket's slaughter the historie wherof he writt besides diuers other workes mentioned by bale. Pope Lucius the 3 bestowed vpon him the Archbishopricke of Beneuentum, and made him Cardinall the year 1178. 25<sup>th</sup> Henrici 2<sup>d</sup>  
it seemes this man was the uncle to mathew herebert.

Patent. 16 R<sup>a</sup> Joh'is, memb. 1<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 7. Rex probis hominibus Cicestrie, sal'tem. Mittimus ad vos dil'cum et fidelem n'rum Matheum filium Herberti, mandantes quatenus ei in hiis quæ ad fidem et honorem n'rum pertinent sitis intendentes et respondentes et de villa n'ra bene Munienda Custodienda et firmanda ita viriliter et diligenter nos

intromittatis quod fidem nostram et diligentiam merito debeamus commendare; Et in huius &c. vobis mittimus, 8<sup>o</sup> ap'd frigidum Mantellum 18<sup>mo</sup> die Maii Anno regni n'ri Decimo sexto.

Peter filz Herbert, eldest sonne of Mathew dyed without yssue.

Herebertus filius Mathei so written in a succeeding record, was in possession of the Finches inheritance in the Rape of Hastings in Sussex, and also of the whole demeasne at Sandhurst in Kent: which Seate was sould from the name by Herbert Finch, graundfather to William Finch of Couldred in Kent, and Anthony Finch now lyuing at Petworth in Sussex. Theis Finches, and those of Watlington that are remoued to Grouehurst in Kent, branched out from one auncester.

Chartæ 15 Hen. 3, King Henry the third by his Charter dated the 15<sup>th</sup> yeere of his raigne, membr. 7. graunted vnto Herbert the sonne of Mathew, free warren in Warblington, which was part of the lands w<sup>ch</sup> the sayd King gaue to Mathew Herbert.

Chartæ 23 Hen. 3, In another Charter, dated 23 of the sayd Kinges raigne, he graunteth Herberto filio Mathei, Markett, fayre, and free warren in Empeworth, and free warren in Warblington, and many other places where in y<sup>e</sup> sayd Herbert had landes and Lordshippes.

Placit. 18 Henr. 3, In a Plea Roule in the Tower the Bundell thus titled Placita apud Theokes-  
Rot. 15 apud burium coram W. de Ralegh et Godfredo de Crauwecumbe ante Pentecosten  
Westmonasterium. anno Regis Henrici f. Regis Johannis XVIII. It appears that as his father  
this is cited by Mathew was one of the magnates at the makinge of magna Charta, so heer amonge  
Selden in his the Nobilitie that subscribed at that parliament or meetings hee was the fowrth  
titles of honor in Baron that Appeared ther, for after the Archbishoppe of Cant. diuers other  
the tract of Barons. Bishoppes & Earles, the Barons wer firste theis and diuers others besides

Radulphus de Thonie  
Phillippus Albinacio  
Radulphus filius Nicholai  
Herbertus fillius Mathei  
J. Marescallus

Galfredus de luey  
Richardus de Argentine  
Hugo dispensator  
Willielmus de Say  
Willielmus de Cantelupe senior.

de exceptionibus Theis names in like order are in Bracton likewise but somethinge corrupted  
lib. 8 cap. 19 § 2. as his printed copie sheweth.

The third\* in this catalogue is Herbert the sonne of Herbert, thus written in the Latine recordes, Herebertus filius Hereberti dicti Finch: This man put vp a petic'on in the Chauncery to be releued of certaine scutage money. The substance of which recorde is heere subscribed at large: By which is vnderstood, when first the addition of Finch entred into this family Also it mentioneth that they had landes in those dayes in Kent as well as Sussex, which lyeing in Sandhurst weare not alenated from this name till of late yeeres: Also it doth manifestly proue the sayd Herbert to be vnder age when as King Edward the first, with so many noble knightes and gentlemen went to the conquest of Scotland.

Supersedeas de Anno 8<sup>mo</sup> Ed'ri s'c'di in Dorso.

Rex collectoribus suis Scutagii de exercitibus Scotiæ de anni regni D'ni Ed'ri quondam Regis Anglie, patris n'ri 28<sup>mo</sup> et 31<sup>mo</sup> in Com. Kant, Salutem, Quia constat nobis per inspectionem rotulor' Cancellariæ ip'ius p'ris n'ri q'd dil'cus et fidelis noster Herebertus filius Hereberti dicti Finch defuncti, qui de nobis tenuit in Capite, fuit infra ætatem et in custodia ip'ius patris n'ri temporibus exercituum prædictorum; Vobis mandamus quod demande quam eidem Hereberti fieri facitis pro Scutagio ad opus nostrum pro exercitibus prædictis in terris et tenementis suis quas tenet de hæreditate prædicti Hereberti Supersederi, et ipsum inde pacem haberi permittatis: Prouiso q'd Scutagium de feodis militum quas de hærede prædicto tunc tenebant, prout iuste fuerit leueter ad opus nostrum. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium 16<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis Anno 8<sup>mo</sup> Edwardi Secundi.

\* This is the 4<sup>th</sup> for the 3<sup>d</sup> is not knowne as yet, for Herbert who is the next to Mathew was slaine in the warres in wales 29 Henrici 3, & this you see a warde near 60 yeares after, & sonne to another Herbert who was first called Finch as appears by the Record followinge.

Vincent Harbert alias Finch lyued at Netherfeild in Sussex about the end of King Edward the seconds raigne and was possest of many other landes about Winchelsey, and in the Rape of Hastings, as appeereth by his deedes, in one of which, he gaue certaine houses and lande about Winchelsey, in franke marryage with his doughter Joane, vnto John Pelham: He marryed Joane, doughter of Samson Salerne, whose state and liueliehood lay at Iden, where they florished till the tyme of King Richard y<sup>e</sup> second, for then is a doughter of that house marryed vnto Sir William Cheney of Shurland in the Isle of Shepey.

His yssue.

Henry Harbert alias Finch sonne and heire.

Vincent dyed without issue.

John, second sonne, who marryed Dame Lucie de Wigsell, widow of Robert Allard, and by her had issue John Finch eldest sonne, Lord Pryor of Christe church in Canterbury, whose monument is extant there at this day, vidz<sup>t</sup> neere to Archbishop Warhams tombe, in the place of the Martirdome of S<sup>t</sup> Thomas Beckett as they called it. This John Lord Pryor had twoe brethren, Robert that dyed sans issue, and John, who marryed with the doughter of Robert Arnold, and had yssue a sonne of his owne name, that by the doughter of Gillingham had diuers children.

Joane, widow of John Pelham, remarried to Benet Cely, whose monument is extant in Sheluich Church in Kent, his Armes which are composed of eys doe also remayne there in glasse and stone.

Parnell, marryed to John Battayle, and had issue.

Alice, first the wife of Henry, sonne and heire of Nicholas Allard, was remarried to Steuen Andrew.

Margaret marryed to Henry Colebrand of Romeney.

Isabell, marryed to Henry Allard.

Helen, marryed vnto Thomas Maidstone, buried in Vlcombe.

Dionis marryed vnto John Waller.

Arms: Argent a chevron between three griffins passant, wings endorsed sable, impaling argent three bars gules, on a canton azure a leopard's head or.

Henry Harbert alias Finch sonne and heire of Vincent Herbert alias Finch, was in possession of Netherfeild, the ancient patrimony of his prædecessors, and in this mannes tyme, the estate at Ikelsham came from the Heringods, who formerly were lordes thereof vnto this family: he marryed Parnell doughter of Nicholas Allard of Winchelsey, which name florished there from the Conquerors tyme, their monumientes in the church inscribed with Saxon Characters are testimonies of their antiquitie, and their deedes sealed fayrely with their Armes, doe approue their gentry. This Henry Finch liued in the tyme of King Edw. y<sup>e</sup> third as appereth by an Inquisic'on vpon record in the Tower.

His issue.

Vincent Harbert alias Finch, sonne and heire.

Dionis, first marryed to Stephen de Forsham remarried to Sir Richard atte Leeze.

Isabell, marryed to Hugh Colbran of Romeney, and after to John Francis of the same place.

Bennett, marryed to John Goding.

Joane, marryed to Theobald Hope.

Henry Finch, second sonne, marryed Joane doughter and heire of Stephen Padishurst, and dyed sans issue.

Nicholas Finch, third sonne, marryed Elizabeth doughter of Symon Hawlo, and had Thomas a sonne, and Elizabeth and Parnell doughters that dyed without issue.

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Arms: Argent a chevron between three griffins passant, wings endorsed sable, impaling sable a fess or between three pelicans in their piety of the last.

Vincent Harbert alias Finch, esquire, sonne and heire of Henry, was lord of Netherfeild, Marle Icklesham, with other lands about Breade in Sussex, as appereth by an Office taken in the Thirteenth yere of the raigne of Richard the second, recorded in the Tower. This man marryed Joane daughter and heire of Robert Pessenden, whose inheritaunce lay in the Weeld of Kent: Their Armes being three Pellycans, are expressed uery aunciently vpon the scales of their deedes.

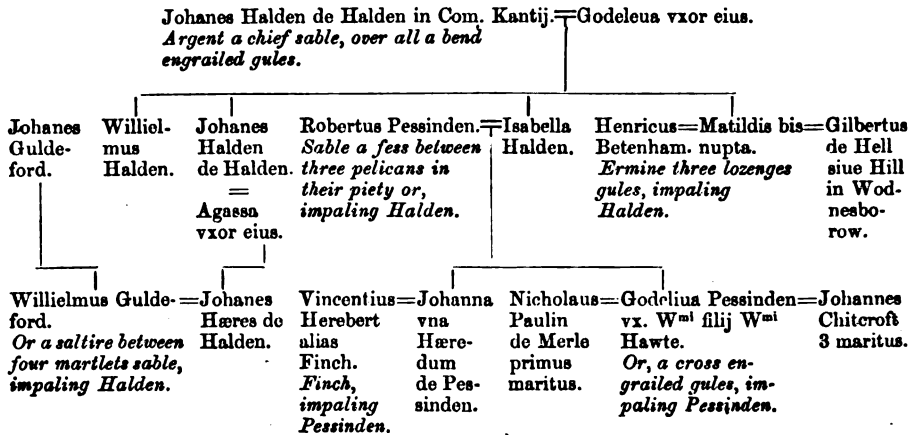
His issue.

Vincent Harbert alias finch, sonne and heire.

Henry, second sonne, marryed Elizabeth Dodingsels, sans issue.

John, third sonne, dyed sans issue.

The kindred and allyaunce that this marryage did increase to this family is sett downe Genealogically hereafter, beeing collected out of a most authentique record.



Arms: Finch, impaling quarterly 1 and 4 argent six mascles conjoined in fess—three and three—azure, 2 and 3 sable three ducks argent.

Vincent Harbert alias Finch Esquire, sonne and heire of Vincent succeeded at Netherfeild aforesayd in the raygne of Richard the second, and Henry the fourth. Hee marryed Isabell, daughter and coheire of Robert Cralle, whose seate was at Cralle in the parishe of Warblington in Sussex, now in the possession of Sir Oliuer Cheney by descent from a coheire: The wife of the sayd Robert Cralle was Margerie daughter and coheire of Simon Peplsham, sometyme lord of Peplsham or rather Peblesham by reason of the Sea shore, nere to w<sup>ch</sup> it is seated.

The vouchers of this and the pedegree following for illustration of the alliance that this marriage brought, are frequent among the Recordes of the office of Armes: But those Epitathes that celebrate the auncient name of Harbert in seuerall places, are heere inserted as incydent to this Catalogue.

His issue.

William, eldest sonne and heire.

John, second sonne, married Elizabeth, daughter and heire of Richard Sewer of Sewer in Linsted from whome are descended Finch of Sewer aforesayd, Finch of Kingsdowne, Finch of flauersham, Finch of Wie, finch of Norton, whose heire was married to Sir Michael Sands, Finch of Linsted whose heire Sir Drew Drewry married, and many other from yonger branches of theis are lyneally descended.

At the entrance into the South Chancell of Brabourne church in Kent vpon the monument of Dionis, one of the doughters of Vincent Harbert alias finch, this inscription and Armes.

Arms: Three catherine wheels within bordure engrailed, impaling Finch. .

Hæc nœcis in Cella, iacet hic Isabella,  
Quæ nulli nocuit, sed Domino placuit,  
Spousa fuit fata, venerabilis et peramata,  
Clifton Jeruasii, militis egregii,  
Ante fuit dicta, Will'mi Scott Relicta,  
Harbard vocata vel finch certe scies  
Dicit' hic alias mille quater centum,  
Petit L cum septem monumentum  
Nouembria deca bis hiiis numerando dabis. 1457.

Arms: Semé of cinquefoils a lion rampant, impaling Finch.

On a fayre marble stone in the southside the body of that church

Arms: Finch, impaling six mascles conjoined in fess, three and three.

Subiacet hac petra Dionisia nunc caro tetra  
Quæ fuerat nata finch aut Harbert vocitata  
Vincent armigeri, cui paret Jesu mulieri  
Dormit non morit', licet hic terra sepelitur,  
Si bene pensetur, qui credit non morietur,  
Anno milleno centeno quater semel quinquageno.  
Cape pleno, bis quater appone, per celi iunge corone  
Cui sit saluamen, Deus omnipotens præcor. Amen.

In the South Isle, on a fayre stone, hauing the portraiture of a woman. Theis verses and Armes were engrauen in brasse

Arms: Semé of cinquefoils, a lion rampant, impaling Finch.

Gerussium Clifton istam genuisse Joliannam  
Sta lege cui John Diggs sociatus erat  
morte canente cadit corpus, sequit' cito mater  
filia præuenit hanc, cui solet esse sequax  
Christe tuas famulas, fac post te scandere cœlos  
et post coniugia regna tenere tua.

Arms: On a cross five eagles displayed, impaling semé of cinquefoils, a lion rampant.

In the body of the church on the south side, on a fayre marble stone

Arms: Three catherine wheels within a bordure engrailed, impaling Finch.

Hic iacet Willimus Scott de Brabourne Armiger  
qui obiit quinto die mensis februarij An° dni 1433.  
Sis testis Christe q' non iacet lapis iste  
corpus vt adornetur, Sed spiritus vt memoretur  
Quisquis eris quia transieris, sta, perlege, plora  
Sum quod eris, fueramq' quod es, pro me præcor. Ora.

Joane daughter of Vincent Harbert aforesayd, was married to Adam Ywood. Elizabeth married vnto Thomas Ashburnham of Ashburnham aforesayd. Isabell, first married to William Scott of Brabourne esquire, Secondly to Sir Geruas Clifton, sonne of Sir Geruas Clifton of Nottinghamshire. This man was Mayor of Canterbury; the gouernment of which Citie heretofore was exercised by persons of eminent birth and qualitie. This man had by the sayd Isabell twee daughters. Joane married to John Diggs, Isabell, wife of John Gerningham, his monument is extant in Brabourne. Before I end this Catalogue I must leaue a note concernes an error or mistaking in the family of the Scotts, who supposing this Isabell finch to haue bene an heire, haue quartered the Armes of finch, till of late by the Prouinciall King of Armes and his ministers it was obsrued and reformed.



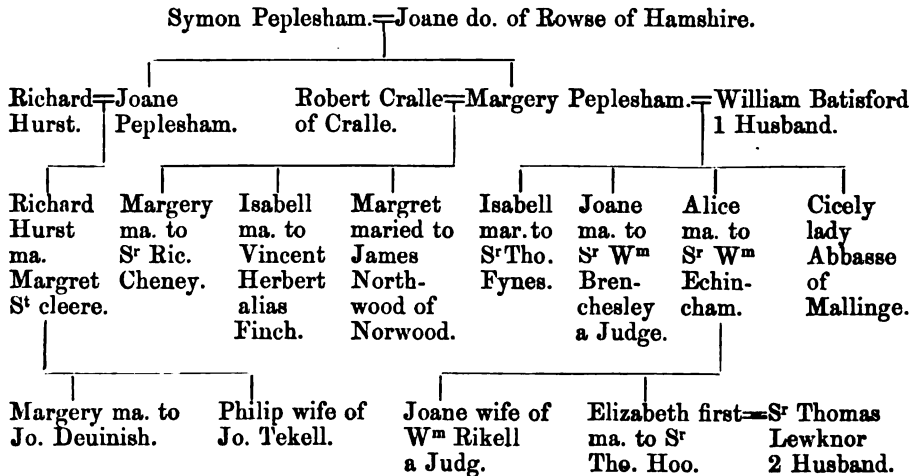
Ex evidenciis  
de Crall.

Vincentius Harbert alias finch habuit pro purparte sua de hereditate  
Roberti Cralle, Manerium de Delom cum pertinentiis in westfold.

Fines de a primo

It appereth by a record in the Tower of London that this Vincent Harbert  
H. 5, p'1. membr. 27. alias finch, was highe sherife of Sussex and Surrey.

Rex omnibus ad quos &c, Sciatis q<sup>d</sup> concessimus dil'co nobis Vincentio  
finch armigero Com' n'ros de Surrey et Sussex, custodiendos quamdiu nobis  
placuerit, Ita q<sup>d</sup> firmas debitas nobis reddat annuatim ad Sc'cum n'rum. In  
cujus &c. Teste Rege apud Westm' XXI Martii; Et mandatum est Archiep'is,  
Ep'is, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, et omnibus aliis de Com'  
pred' quod eidem Vincentio tanquam Vicecomiti Regis in omnibus quæ ad  
officium Vicecom' Com' pred' pertinent intendentes sint et respondentes. In  
cujus &c Teste vt supra.



Arms: Finch, impaling argent on a chevron azure between  
three trefoils per pale gules & vert as many bezants.

William Finch of Netherfeild Esquire, sonne and heire of Vincent, was highe  
Sherife of Sussex and Surrey in the VIII<sup>th</sup> yeere of the raigne of King Henry  
the sixth. In this mannes tyme the name of Herbert was leste, and frequently  
used afterwarde for a forename. Hee marryed Agnes doughter of Walter Roo of  
Dartford Esquire.

#### His Issue.

John eldest dyed sans issue, there was a teadious suite in the Chancery in the  
tyme of King Henry the sixth, betwene Henry finch and John finch, for certeyne  
rents at Bread in Sussex, as wee finde by their bill and answere vp record which  
must of necessitie be this man who dyed without issue, soe the difference ended.

Henry finch second sonne and heire after the death of John.

John, Vincent, Isabell, and Nicholas, all sans issue.

Vincent finch younger sonne.

Claus. de An<sup>o</sup> 10  
Ed. 4<sup>th</sup> indorso.

Johannes Herbert alias dictus finch, nuper de Ikesham in Com. Susex,  
Armiger, secundo die Decembris, An<sup>o</sup> regni Regis Hen. 6<sup>th</sup> 36<sup>to</sup> recognovit esse  
debere Dionisia, et Petronille finch, centum et quadragint' libras. Qui qui-  
dem Johannes fuit seiscitus de maneriis de Netherfeild Ikesham et Marle infra  
libertatem Rapæ de Hastings &c.

**Arms :** Finch, impaling quarterly of eight (four and four),—  
 1 Belknap, azure three eagles displayed between two bendlets argent, in chief a crescent or; 2 Butler, gules a fess chequy argent and sable between six crosses patté fitché argent; 3 Pantulf, gules two bars ermine; 4 Sudeley, or two bends gules; 5 Montfort, bendy of ten or and azure; 6 De la Plaunche, argent billetté sable a lion rampant of the last ducally crowned or, langued gules; 7 Haversham, azure a fess argent between six crosses crosslet of the last; 8 Belknap.

Henry Finch of Netherfeild Esquire succeeded William Finch his father in those landes : Hee marryed Alice, the only doughter and heire of Phillip Belknap of the Moate by Canterbury, vnckle to Sir Edward Belknap : This marryage not only brought the Successors of this man to inhabite in Kent, but made them allyed to many noble families : And in regard the sayd Phillip Belknap was a younger brother, and thereby dispossesed of the euidences that serue to warrant the bearing of all those Coates that came in with Belknap : I haue inserted some faithfull transcripts and other obseruations out of the publique records of the Kingdome to that purpose.

And first for Belknap itselfe. I flude it a flourishing family in the tyme of King Edward the third : for in the 43<sup>th</sup> yeere of the sayd kings raigne Sir Robert Belknap gaue landes to the Couent at Rochester, to pray for the soule of John Belknap his father. After being vnder the raigne of Richard the second, employed into Ireland, he retourned, fell vnfortunately into the kinges displeasure, was attaynted in the XI<sup>th</sup> yeere of Richard the second, his landes at Kennington and many parishes thereby, giuen vnto William Ellis by Charter from the sayd King, in which name they continued till our remembrance.

But he was restored and florished againe in the beginning of Kinge Henry the 4<sup>th</sup> raigne, and left a sonne named John Belknap, whose deceased in the 15<sup>th</sup> of Henry 6<sup>th</sup>, and was father of Sir Haman Belknap, Treasurer of Normandy, who marryed Joane, sister and one of the heires of S<sup>r</sup> Raph Butler lord of Sudeley and wemme, proued by this record, vid' ;

Inquisitio capta, anno 14<sup>to</sup> Ed. 4<sup>th</sup> post mortem Rad'i Butler de Sudeley militis Juratores dicunt, q<sup>d</sup> pred' Rad'us Butler obiit seisitus in dominico suo vt de feodo de maneriis de Derset et Greene in com. Warr. ; et q<sup>d</sup> ius reuer'onis pred' maneriorum post mortem pred' Rad'i descendit quibusdam Joh'ni Norbury militi, et Will'mo Belknap armigero Consanguineis et heredibus pred' Rad'i, vid' eidem Joh'ni filio Henrici Norbury militis filio Elizabethæ vnivs sororum et heredum pred' et eidem Will'mo filio Johanne, vxoris Hamonis Belknap alterius sororum et heredum eiusdem Rad'i. Eo q<sup>d</sup> idem Rad'us obiit sine herede de corpore suo exeunte : Et q<sup>d</sup> dictus Joh'es est etatis 30 annor' et amplius, dictusque Will'm's est etatis 40 annor' et amplius.

This William Belknap dyed without yssue 2<sup>do</sup> Ricci 3<sup>o</sup> and Henry his brother then 50 yeeres old was found next heire, whose younger brother was Phillip Belknap of the Moate aforesayd.

Henry Belknap was father of Sir Edward Belknap that dyed without issue, and his sisters were heires, whose marryages wee must not omytt because of y<sup>e</sup> great alyance it bringes to this family.

Anne eldest sister was marryed to Sir Robert Wotton from whome the Lord Wotton now living is descended.

Mary marryed to Gerrard Donnett of the county of Leicester.

Alice marryed to William Shelley of Sussex.

Elizabeth marryed to Phillip Cooke of Giddyhall in Essex.

Touching the family of the Butlers which is next to be handled, M<sup>r</sup> Camden in the 544 folio of his Britania sayth, that Wemme in Shropshire sheweth yee ruynes of a castle which was the Barony of the Botelers : This was, sayth hee, the Barony (after the first entrance of the Normans) of Will'm Pantolphe, from whose posteritie, it came at length vnto the Botelers. So much for their seate. Now for prooffe of their honors, we finde William Boteler summoned to the Parliament in the 23 of Edward the first and first yeere of Edward the second, as Baron of Wemme. Againe in the 20<sup>th</sup> yeere of King Henry the 6, S<sup>r</sup> Raph Boteler his successor was summoned to parliament as Baron of Sudeley.

The prooffe of the descent of Wemme to Butler is proued before out of M<sup>r</sup> Camdens Britania : The next therefore is Sudeley, of whome in M<sup>r</sup> Camdens description of Gloucestershire folio 165 sayth thus.

In ould tyme at Sudeley Castle, certaine noblemen dwelt, and of it had their addition de Sudeley, descended of a right auntient Englishe race, to wit, from Goda, King Etheldreds daughter, whose sonne, Raph Medantinus, Earl of Hereford, begate Herald lord of Sudeley, whose progeny florished

heere a long tyme, vntill by default of issue male, the daughter and heire matched in marryage with Sir William Boteler of the family of Wemme, and brought him a sonne named Thomas, and he begate Raphe Boteler, lord Treasurer of England created by King Henry the 6 Baron of Sudeley, with a fee of 200 marks yerely who repayred the Castle, and enlarged it with buildings. His sisters and heires were marryed into the houses of Northbury and Belknap, and by their posteritie, the possessions in short tyme were dispeised into seuerall families.

The whole descent of Sudeley is sett downe by Somersett Glouer in y<sup>e</sup> catalogue of Hono<sup>r</sup> to which I referre yo<sup>a</sup> for farther illustracon of this Title and proceed to the next; w<sup>ch</sup> is Monteford of whome also M<sup>r</sup> Camden makes this mention in Warrickshire :

The castell ioyning to Henley in the said Countie belongeth to the Montforts being Noblemen of greate name, w<sup>ch</sup> place for the pleasant scituation among the woodes they called Beldesert; These were descended not from the Almorian familie of the Montforts of France, but from Turstan de Barstanberg a Norman whose inheritaunce passed away at length by y<sup>e</sup> daughter vnto the Barons of Sudeley and the Freuilles, there whole descent you may reade here, *Ex antiqua Pergamina fide digna.*

Turstinus de Montefort cui Matildis Imperatrix concessit mercatum die dominica ad castellum suum de Bello deserto, habuit exitum Petrum, qui habuit exitum Petrum et Willimum tempore regis Henrici tertij, Petrus filius Petri habuit exitum Johannem, Joh<sup>nes</sup> cepit in vxorem Aliciam filiam Willimi Delaplanche, et idem Joh<sup>nes</sup> et Alicia habuerunt exitum inter eos Johannem, Petrum, Matildem et Elizabetham, Petrus filius post natus intrauit Ordines sacros, Joh<sup>nes</sup> filius Petri obiit dicto Johanne filio et herede existente infra etatem, et postea obiit sine herede, post cuius mortem Matildis et Elizabetha successerunt, nam Petrus clericus qui successit et miles factus erat habuit exitum de quadam Lora concubina sua Johanem filium suum natum extra Sponsalia et obiit sine herede.

#### Charta Matildis imperatricis.

M. Imperatrix Hen. Regis filia, Rogero Comiti Warwici et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Warwicksce<sup>r</sup> Salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Turstino de Monteforto Quod habeat mercatum die dominica ad Castellum suum de Bello deserto, voloq<sup>ue</sup> et firmiter precipio quatenus omnes et stantes et redeantes de mercato predicto habeant firmam pacem; Teste Milone de Gloucestria apud Winton.

Henricus de Monteforti Omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis Rumbaldo de Charlcota, Dedi virgatum terræ in Bello deserto quam Riwallus tenebat; Testibus Radulpho filio Hugonis, Rob<sup>to</sup> de Wittelsia, Will<sup>mo</sup> de Hullhall, Nich<sup>o</sup> fratre suo, Godefrido filio Radulphi, Gilberto de Brahall, Hugone de Monteforte et Petrus de Monteforte qui hunc scripsit.

*Arms on seal: Bendy of ten. Legend: + SIGILL: HENRICI: DE: MONTEFORTI.*

Sciatis p<sup>re</sup>sentes et futuri quod ego Johanna de Sudeley et Joh<sup>nes</sup> filius meus Dedimus concessimus et hac p<sup>re</sup>senti charta n<sup>ra</sup> confirmavimus Joh<sup>i</sup> Piscatori Delagrene vnum mesuagium cum curtelagio Reddendo inde annuatim 18<sup>s</sup> per annum. Hiis testibus Henrico de Secs, Willimo Purtout, Galfrido de Russell et aliis.

*Arms on seal: Two bends. Legend: +. SIGILL: IOHNNES: DE: SUDELEY.*

Thus much may serue to proue y<sup>e</sup> race of y<sup>e</sup> Monteforts, the seate of their Barony, & the truth of their Armes, Be it remembered also that Pet<sup>r</sup> Montefort was one of those Barons that tooke part against King Henry the third.

The next coate folowing Monteforte is that of De la planche, the first of which name that came out of Picardi into England was Sir James De la plancho who seated himself in the county of Bucks inriched by his marryage with Mawde, daughter and heire of Nicholas Hauersham.

**Arms:** Finch, impaling argent a chevron engrailed between three crows proper; also Finch, impaling argent a chevron gules between three greyhounds courant sable.

Sir William Finch of the moate in Kent Knight sonne and heire of Henry finch of the same place Esquire, whose publike seruices deserue a speciall remembrance: he was highe sherife of the county of Kent, in the yeere of our lord God 1533. 24 Hen. 8. His employments vnder King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> whose seruant he was, are recorded in the Rolles of those proceedings. vidt at the ap- pointment of the King and Queene to Canterbury, and so to Callis and Guisnes to the meeting of the french Queene. This Sir William finch was one of those knightes that attended that seruice: he had his Chaplaine, Eleauen seruants, and Eight horses allowed him in the kinges troope, his ladie then also attending on the Queene, had allowed for her attendance one woman, twoe men seruants, and Foure

horses, his daughter being one of the maydes of honor to the Queene, had allowed to wayte on her one woman, twoe men seruants and three horses.

He married twoe wyues, the first was Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir James Crowmer of Tunstall in the county of Kent knight, shee was the widow of Sir Richard Louelace of Bethersden in Kent knight who dyed without issue.

His second wife was Katherine daughter of Sir John Gaynsford of Crowhurst in Surrey knight.

His issue by his first wife.

Lawrence finch eldest sonne, married Mary, only daughter and heire of Christopher Kempe, sans issue.

Sir Thomas finch second sonne borne, became heire,

Richard finch third sonne of Sir William finch married Elianor daughter of Sir Edmond Walsingham Knight constable of the tower of London sans issue.

His issue by his second wife.

Erasmus finch 4<sup>th</sup> sonne married Marian, daughter of Jo. Sommers widow of Thomas Rolfe was Captaine of Deale Castle, and dyed w<sup>th</sup>out issue.

Vincent finch 5<sup>th</sup> sonne, married the daughter of fferers of the county of Gloucester and dyed without issue.

Eleanor, first married to Robert Morton of Escure, & had issue, secondly to Thomas Wotton of Boughton Malherb for his second wife, and had issue Sir Henry Wotton now Lord Ambassador at Venice.

Mary first married to — Whitney.

Elizabeth married to Thomas Thwaytes.

Arms : Finch, impaling quarterly of six (three and three), viz. 1 gules a mule within a bordure argent; 2 gules two bars argent, in chief three plates; 3 argent a saltire sable between four estoiles gules; 4 quarterly per fess and pale embattled argent and sable; 5 per pale or and azure a chevron between three lozenges counterchanged, on a chief gules three martlets argent; 6 as 1.

Sir Thomas Finch\* of Eastwell in Kent knight after the death of his elder brother Lawrence, succeeded as heire. This Noble Knight whilest he exposed himselfe for the seruice of his prince and countrey, to the merciles seas in the expedicon to Newhauen, was by a disasterous fortune, and a miserable shipwracke, vntymely depnyued of life, to y<sup>e</sup> generall greife of his frendes and Countrey. Hee married Katherine eldest daughter and one of the twoe Coheires of Sir Thomas Moyle of Eastwell aforesayd knight, a man descended of a noble and right auncient race in Cornewall and Deuon, whose armes aswell as name haue suffred much alteration by the iniquitye of tyme: ffor their originall appellacon being from a place yet in possession of some of this surname called Moles Court, and in elder tyme some branch thereof, honoured with the dignitie of Barons de Moles of Kadbury, were often summoned to the parlyaments as M<sup>r</sup> Camden in his Brittainia hath noted. In process of tyme, which wresteth each name to be significant, the primatiue name almost extinguished, by suffering conversion into Moyle. In manner the auncient Coate of Moles with some superfluous insertions, was thruste into the second place, and a mule (alluding to the present sounding of the name) assumed or assigned for their paternall Coate. To those twoe are ioyned 3 more the first of which being by the name of Lucombe, the other by Keile and the last by Jordein, are iustified by the Recordes of the Heraulds office to belong to the atchiuement of this family.

\* This S<sup>r</sup> Tho. Finch was K<sup>t</sup> Marshall of the feild in those warres.

His issue.

Sir Moyle finch of Eastwell Knight and Baronet, eldest sonne.

Sir Henry finch Knight and King James his sergeant at lawe, married Vrsula daughter and only heire of William Thwaytes, and hath issue sixe sonnes and foure daughters.

Thomas finch third sonne married the daughter of Mr Wilkins of Tong and dyed in the Portugall voyage without issue.

Jane was married to George Wyatt of Boxley Esquire, onely sonne living of Sir Thomas Wyatt of Allington Castle Knight.

Arms. Finch, impaling quarterly of four,—1 and 4 or a greyhound courant sable between three leopards' heads azure within bordure engrailed gules; 2 gules three garbs or; 3 azure a chevron of three pieces interlaced argent between three goats' heads erased of the last.

Sir Moyle Finch of Eastwell Knight and Baronet eldest sonne and heire of Sir Thomas finch Knight married Elizabeth the onely daughter and heire of the right honorable Sir Thomas Heneage Knight, Treasurer of the chamber to Queene Elizabeth, vice chamberlen to her Ma<sup>tie</sup>, Chancellor of the Duchie of Lancaster, and one of the priuie Councill, descended from the auncient family of Heanage of Heinton in Lincolnesheire, where they haue florished since the tyme of King Henry the third, inritched by their marryages with the daughters and heires of Preston and Bucton as by their pedegree drawne with great fayth and dilligence by Michaell Heneage that sometyme had the Custodie of the recordes in the Tower of London appeereth

Sir Robert Heneage Knight, witnes to a deede of Robert Bishop of Lincolne without date w<sup>ch</sup> must be either y<sup>e</sup> Robert L. Bishop of Lincolne that lyued in the tyme of King Henry the second, or he that succeeded in Henry the 3<sup>rd</sup> raigne.

Sir William Heneage Knight, sonne of Walter gaue landes to the Monckes of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes in Bardesley by this deed without date, which landes lay in Dunnington.

Arms: Finch, impaling quarterly argent and gules a cross engrailed counterchanged.

Sir Theophilus Finch Knight and Baronet eldest sonne of Sir Moyle finch, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Xpopher Heydon of Norff. Knight, but dyed without yssue, and is buryed nere vnto his graundfather Sir Thomas Heneage, aboue the Quyer in the Cathedrall church of S<sup>t</sup> Paule in London.

Arms: Finch, impaling sable on a chevron between three leopards' faces or a crescent of the field.

Sir Thomas Finch of Eastwell Knight and Baronet sonne and heire after the death of his elder brother Sir Theophilus finch, he married Cicily, daughter of John Wentworth of Gosfeild in Essex Esquire, sister of Sir John Wentworth of the same place Knight and Baronet, descended from the noble and right auncient family of the Wentworthes of Wentworth in Yorksheire.

His issue.

Herbert, Thomas, Theodor dead.

Elizabeth, Heneage, John, William dead.

frances, Anne, Cecill, Diana, Katharine.

**Arms:** Finch, the chevron charged with a crescent or for difference, impaling azure a chevron engrailed ermine between three bezants, each charged with a trefoil vert.

John Finch esquire second sonne now living 1620, married Anne daughter of Thomas Walker of Westminster.

His issue.

John ffinch eldest sonne.  
William ffinch second sonne.  
Elizabeth.

**Arms:** Finch, the chevron charged with a mullet or for difference, impaling sable a fess ermine between three bells argent.

Heneage Finch esquire, third sonne now liuing 1620, marryed Francis, daughter of Sir Edmond Bell.

**His issue.**

William Finch.  
Elizabeth.  
Dorathie.  
frances.

**Arms:** Finch, with a martlet or for difference, impaling quarterly of four,—1 and 4 barry of ten or and sable, over all a bend gules, 2 and 3 per pale sable and gules; a lion rampant guardant argent, ducally crowned or; over all a crescent or for difference.

Francis Finch fourth sonne now living 1620 married Anne onlie Daught<sup>r</sup> & heire of Michaell Barker sometime of London, But borne at Bilston in Suffolke where his auncestors haue remayned many Generations hauing formerly matched in mariadg w<sup>th</sup> the Daught<sup>r</sup> & heire of Besteney a very worthie & an auncient name, whose seat was in Cambridgshire.

His issue.

John ffinch eldest sonne borne.  
Elizabeth a daughter borne.

