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## Whiting of Hadleigh.

### Armorial Bearings.

The arms which accompany the Whiting pedigree in the Suffolk Visitation of 1664 are three chevrons on a shield (Harl. MS. 1085). They are more fully described in the contemporary manuscript formerly in the possession of Sir John Blois, so frequently quoted by Jermyn and Davy, as Sable, three chevrons Argent.

Thomas Whiting of Boxford, who heads the pedigree in the Candler MSS., was probably descended from the clothmakers of the name, who had lived there for some generations. He may even have been the "Thomas Whiting, son of Thomas Whiting of Boxford," who entered Caius College in 1573; but this is doubtful. Sir Edward Bysshe has, perhaps mistakenly, described him as of Norfolk.

The Hadleigh Whitings are especially remarkable for their near relationship to a very unusual number of the early emigrants to New England. Besides their pedigree entered at the Herald's College in 1664, they and their connections are very fully dealt with by Matthias Candler, their neighbour and contemporary, in his Manuscripts, now in the Bodleian Library and the British Museum.

### Will of John Whiting, 1637.

The second daie of Aprill, 1637, John Whiting of Hadley in the County of Suffolk, mercer. To Rose my loving wife my landes and tenementes in Naughton (Newton) and Negin for her life, vpon Condicion that shee seale a Release vnto my sonnes John and Henry of all her thirde or Dower of the rest of my landes and howses. And after her decease I give said landes and tenementes vnto John Whiting my sonne. Vnto the said John my landes in Layom (! Layham), and a Mill therevnto belonging called Coe mill, my howse wherein I dwell in Hadly, and the peece of ground near Tapsall bridge. To Henry Whiting my sonne my howse and land in Bramford and the some of Seaven Hundred poundes. To Rose my wife fiftie poundes. Vnto Marie Coper my daughter fortie poundes. Vnto Henry Whiting my sonne my part of a Shep called the Roebuck and my copyhold howse at Carsy; he to pay to his mother Tenn poundes a yeere during her widowhood. Vnto Robert Payne my sonne in lawe my howse and land in Newton called the Saracens Head dureing his life, and after his death to John Payne my grand-child. Robert Payne to assure to his twee sonnes that he had by my daughter, John and Robert Payne, thirty poundes a peece more as he stand bound to doe vpon marriage. To Thomas

Whiteing my grandchild Twentie poundes to be layd out in plate for him. To Hanna Proctor my grandchild twenty nobles. To John Payne my grandchild fortie poundes, And to Robert Payne my granchild twentie nobles, And to George Coper my grandchild twentie nobles—at their age of twenty one yeares. I will my Executor doe geue and make my wife and daughters gownes of good blacke serge and my sonnes and sonnes in lawe blacke clokes of thirteene shillings fower pence the yard, and my cosen Thomas Gattes a like cloke, and the Minister that shall preach at my buryal fower yardes of the same to make him a gowne. Tenne poundes to the poore people of Hadley, to be geuen out in lynnyn cloth & some wollen at the discrecion of my wife and my Executor and the Churchwardens. To the poore of Boxford five poundes in lynnyn and wollen Cloth. Rest of my goodes &c. to John Whiteing my sonne, whome I make my sole Executor. I entreate my two loveing frendes and cosens Mr. Robert Stansby, parson of Westrop, and Mr. John Browning, parson of Semer, to be Supervisor. Witnesses Richard Tilson, Thomas Gattes.

Probatum decimo quinto die Novembris 1637 juramento Johinis Whiteing filij dicti defuncti et executoris. P.C.C. 50 Goare.

### Will of John Harrison, 1639.

John Harrison th' elder of the Countie of Suffolk, clerk, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1639. To John Harrison my eldest son lands in Weston als Wissington co Suff: for life: failing issue of his body remainder to Isaac Harrison my son. To Isaac my said son lands in Pentlow co Essex. To Thomas Harrison my son lands in Sudbury. To Mary my daughter at her age of twenty one tenements in Waldingfield, which I purchased of Mr. Isaac Winckall my father in law, after the decease of Judith my wife. My daughter Judith Whiting. To the said Judith my wife lease lands in Sudbury &c. Probat 12 Nov. 1640.

Cur. Ep. Norwic. Wills 1640-42, fol. 70.

### Will of John Whiteing, 1643.

John Whiteing late of Hadleigh in the Countie of Suff mercer. Judith my wife to give a full release of y<sup>e</sup> thirds of my lands to the vse of my Children. Vnto said Judith my House at Hadleigh wherein I dwell and all my lands and my Mill in Langham (? Layham) and Raydon, the tyme shee shall continue my widdowe. I haue discharged my wives former estate of those legacies w<sup>ch</sup> it was ingaged and for the great charges the house haue cost me in repacons. And yf she shall happen to marry againe the rents of my said lands and house shalbe employed to y<sup>e</sup> educacon of my two sonnes Thomas and John Whiteing, and then my mynde is that my sonne Thomas Whiteing should be brought up by his grandmother Whiting, and my sonne John Whiteing by his grandmother Harrison. Vnto Thomas Whiteing my sonne lands in Nawten (Newton) & Nedging, now in possession of my mother Whiteing for life, bequeathed to my selfe by my fathers will. Vnto the said Thomas my house in Hadleigh my copy lands in Newton and my interest in y<sup>t</sup> house called Sarnson's head, or els a hundred pounds w<sup>ch</sup> I lent my Brother Payne of New England vpon it—at two and twenty yeares of age. Vnto John



Whiteing my sonne those landes w<sup>ch</sup> I have in Langham (? Layham) and Raydon called Counill yf she (*sic*) shall live vntill shee (*sic*) shall attayne the age of two and twenty yeares. To my sonne Thomas Whiteing, yf he attayne the age of fower and twenty yeares, the summe of eight hundred pounds, and fyve hundred poundes vnto my sonne John Whiteing These moneys shalbe gathered together by my su<sup>p</sup>visors and layed out in land for the vse of my said two sonnes. Vnto my loveing mother Whiteing twenty poundes. Vnto my mother Harrison ten poundes yf she be liveing. Vnto such poore people of Hadleigh as my sup<sup>r</sup>visors and M<sup>r</sup> Richardson and Richard Tilson of Hadleigh shall nominate, xl<sup>s</sup> yearly out of my house there. Remainder of my estate to su<sup>p</sup>visors to be devided among my two sonnes at their severall ages above specified I nominate the said Judith my loveing wife sole executrix, and desire my loving brother Henry Whiteing and my cosen Thomas Gates to be su<sup>p</sup>visors. This xv<sup>th</sup> daye of January 1643. I give to my brother Henry Whiteing for his paines to be taken five pounds. Probatum penultimo die Januarij 1644 Juramento Judithæ Whiteing relce et ex<sup>cia</sup>.

P.C.C. 31 Rivers.

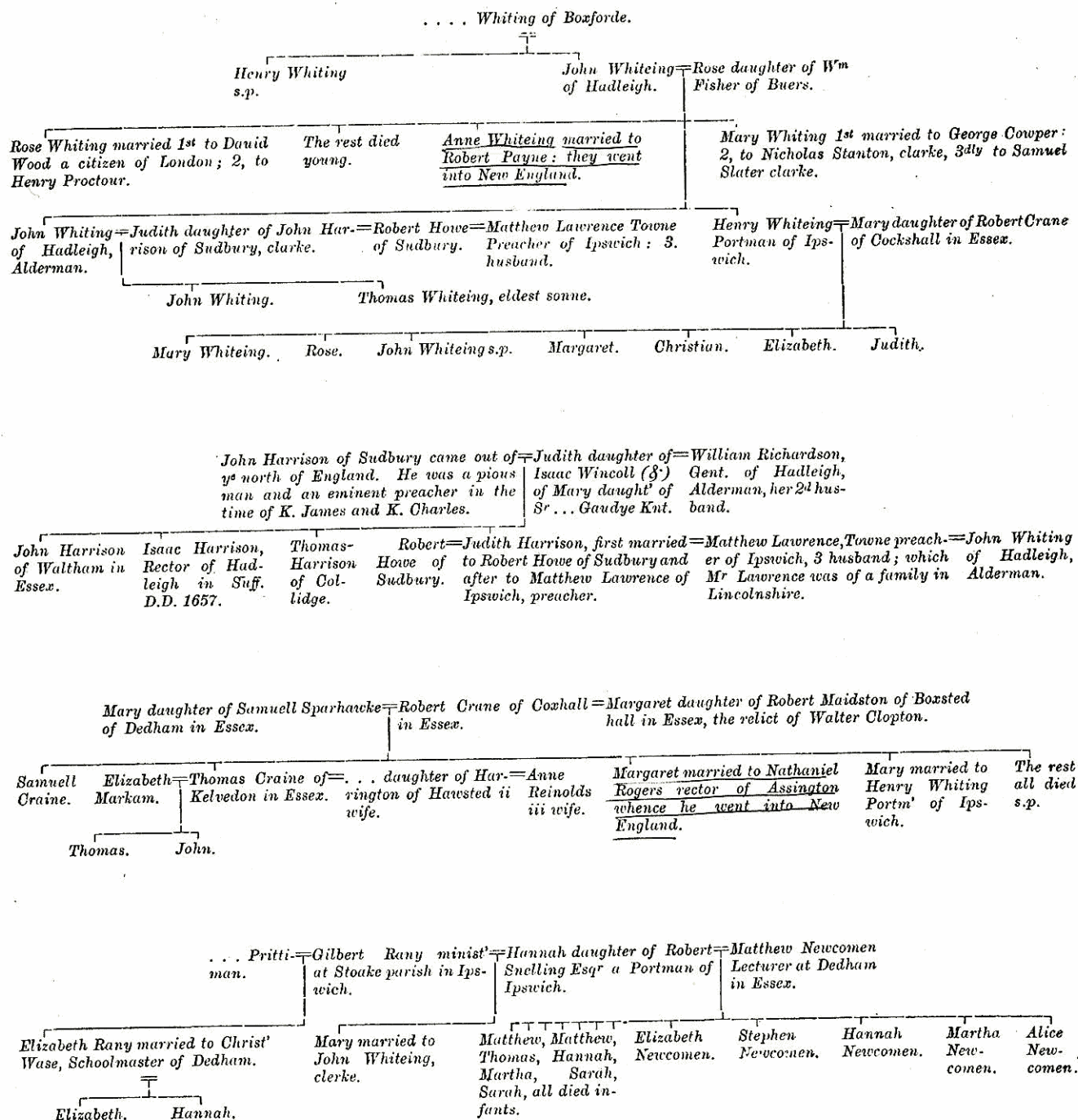
### Will of Nicholas Stanton, 1648.

The nynth of November 1648, Nicholas Stanton of Ipswich, Clef. To executors houses and lands lately purchased of Henry Stanton of Fritton co. Norfolk, to be sold for payment of my debts and legacies. To my kinsman William Sabbourne. To my sister Margaret Stanton. George Cooper my wifes sonne. To the poore of Margarets parish in Ipsw<sup>ch</sup> tenne poundes, whereof fyve poundes to be laid out in Bibles. To the poor of Stratton Michills in Norfolk. To the Library in Ipswich fyve poundes to be laid out in bookes. To my mother in law Elizabeth Stanton now living in Hempnall in Norfolk. To my mother in law Whiteing. My cozen Stanton's sonne of Fritton. Mrs. Elizabeth Stebbing of Brandeston and Mr. Thomas Waterhouse. To Daniel Ray sonne of Daniel Ray of Ipswich. My aunt Cooper lyveing in Hingham in Norfolk. To Joseph Moyse or his wife liveing in New England. To my kinswoman Judith Smith the late wife of Henry Smith liveing in New England & her five children Judith John Elizabeth Henry and Daniel. To Mary my wife twenty pounds to be laid out for the good of the Plantation of New England. To my brothers Robert Stanton liveing in Norwich, Samuel Stanton and Henry Stanton. To said Henry my youngest brother my lands in Stratton Peters and Stratton Michaells. To my sisters Elizabeth, Judith and Frances. To Nicholas Stanton eldest sonne of my brother Robert Stanton and the other two children of the said Robert. To each of the children of my sister Judith by Robert Lock. To George Cooper my wifes sonne all my printed books when he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares: meantime I comitt them unto the hands of Mary my welbeloved wife and to her care to be reserved for him. Notwithstanding if the said George Cooper dye before the age of one and twenty yeares, or that he shall not apply himselfe to the caleing of the ministry, my mynde is that forthwith my books shall be delivered vnto my brother Henry Stanton. My paper books, notebooks and manuscripts, with all moneys and debts, and my howshold stufte and goods, I give to Mary my wife and her heires for ever; and I appoint her and Mr. Christopher Vyñ of Stratton Michells to be executors. Probatum decimo quarto Februarii 1649 Juramento Mariæ Stanton Relict dict defunct.

P.C.C. 31 Pembroke.

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## Whiting Pedigrees from the Candler MSS.





# 'The royal town called Headleaga'

IN THIS Jubilee year, it is of interest to recall that some 1,100 years ago Hadleigh was for a time the 'royal town' of the ruler of a half of England.

For in the year 878 King Alfred the Great, having defeated Guthrum and his Danish invaders, compelled them to settle in the eastern counties, the Danelaw. Guthrum died here twelve years later. A monk recorded his burial in 'the royal town called Headleaga', and wrote down the name of our town for the first time.

The next king to show favour to Hadleigh was Henry III, who granted to the Lord of Toppesfield Hall the right to hold a Monday market and an annual three days fair. A later Lord of Toppesfield conveyed these rights, together with the Guildhall and certain other properties, to a group of 'feoffees', bidden to elect new members when vacancies occurred.

For over five hundred years these trustees have faithfully fulfilled their trust, maintaining Guildhall, Town Hall and market, for the advantage of the inhabitants of Hadleigh. Through the Middle Ages the wool trade flourished, and wealthy merchants built and rebuilt the Church and Guildhall premises.

The people of Hadleigh have always been loyal. Even Richard III 'Crookback' could not extinguish their loyalty to the Crown, and some of them marched, under

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the command of Sir John Howard of Stoke-by-Nayland to fight for him at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. But Richard was slain, and the crown, which had fallen under a hawthorn bush, was taken by Henry Tudor.

The first Queen Elizabeth saw something of Hadleigh in her progress of 1561, when she passed through the town on her way to Shelley. Shelley Hall was the country seat of Sir Edmund Tylney, her Master of the Revels. His official duties included the licensing of plays, which William Shakespeare then was writing.

A mighty peal clashed from the church bells as Her Majesty's cavalcade came along "Hye" Street. The churchwardens paid two shillings to the ringers for their efforts.

In the present Jubilee year, those bells are being rehung and retuned. One still is

in exactly the same condition as when it greeted Elizabeth I, and has now completed five centuries without recasting. Just 400 years later our present Queen also drove through the town, on her way from Bury St. Edmunds to Ipswich.

Many residents will recall the town sports and procession of decorated vehicles for the coronations of King George VI and our present Queen. Rain marred both of these events. So the 1977 Jubilee deserves a fine day.

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