

## POWYS, LORD LILFORD

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THOMAS POWYS of Snitton in Bitterley in the county of Shropshire, gentleman, was born about 1558, the son of William Powys, bailiff of Ludlow. On 16 Nov. 1639 he made a short will in which his daughter Winifred is the only legatee, administration with the will annexed being granted 17 Dec. 1639 in the consistory court of Hereford to Elizabeth Powys, the relict. He died 16 Nov. 1639 aged 81, as appears by his monument at Bitterley, where he was buried on 20 Nov. following.

He married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Richard Smith, esquire, of the Exchequer, a second son of Thomas Smith of Credenhill, co. Hereford. She died 1 July 1643, and was buried at Bitterley, where a monument recites her parentage, and gives the names of her nine children. These children were—

- i. s. THOMAS POWYS of Henley in Bitterley, esquire, of whom hereafter.
- ii. s. CHRISTOPHER POWYS, who was admitted to Lincoln's Inn 16 March 1643, as second son of Thomas Powys of Snitton.
- iii. s. PETER POWYS of Hollings in Shropshire, gentleman, who made a will 12 Oct. 1656, asking for burial 'near my father and mothers mowld.' He desired his brethren Thomas Powys, esquire, Henry Mytton, esquire, and James Powys, merchant, to have a care for the education of his children, and hoped his brother Thomas would grant the lands which the testator held in Hollings, Thursly, and Bennets End, 'according to his promise on our marriage' to Richard, the testator's son, for his life. The residue of his estate he gave to his wife Joan, his executrix, who proved the will 26 April 1659.<sup>1</sup>

His first wife, according to the heralds' pedigree, was Elizabeth Cupper, daughter of William Cupper, and his second, Joan Morris, daughter and heir of John Morris of Rochford, co. Hereford. This Joan made a will . . . as of Rochford, widow, which was proved 30 July 1722 in the consistory court of Hereford by Peter Powys, the son and executor.

Peter Powys of Hollings had issue—

- i. s. WILLIAM POWYS (son of the first marriage), a citizen and skinner of London. He was apprenticed in 1661 as son of Peter Powys (his father being wrongly described as of Cayham, an error for Cainham where he sometimes dwelt), and had the freedom of his company 4 June 1678. He died without issue. He made a will 31 Jan. 1683, giving his wife Sarah his lands at Little Hereford, called Grubs, which lands, if his said wife died before Sir Thomas Powys, were to remain to his brother John Whitfield of Maidenhead, esquire, until the death of Sir Thomas. He also gave his wife his houses and lands at Upper and Lower Haighton, with remainder to the said John Whitfield. She proved the will as executrix 19 June 1689.<sup>2</sup>
  - 2 s. RICHARD POWYS, of Rochford, co. Hereford, gentleman, is named in his father's will as eldest son of Peter and Joan. He was born 5 Jan. and was christened at Cainham 15 Jan. 1657. He was probably ancestor of a family of Powys living at Rochford after his death.
  - 3 s. PETER POWYS, who was christened at Cainham 16 June 1653. He is named in his father's will under which he had a legacy of 120*l.*, and he proved his mother's will in 1722.
  - 4 s. THOMAS POWYS, who was christened at Cainham 8 Aug. 1654. His father gave him a legacy of 120*l.*, out of his lands in Hollings, Bennet's End, Thursley and Hope Bagot.
- iv. s. ROBERT POWYS, named on his mother's monument.
  - v. s. JAMES POWYS, who was living as a merchant in 1656, when the will of his brother Peter Powys asks him to have a care of the education of the testator's children.
- i. d. WINIFRED POWYS, who is the only legatee named in her father's will of 1639, by which she had his lands in Ashford Carbonell and Huntington, then or late in the possession of the testator or of Jane Cupper, deceased, with 100*l.* towards her preferment in marriage. She is said to have married Ambrose Rudge of Tresall, co. Stafford.
  - ii. d. ANNE POWYS, who is said to have married William Wall of Hereford.
  - iii. d. MARY POWYS, who is said to have been married in 1651 to John Marston of Astcote, co. Salop.
  - iv. d. ELIZABETH POWYS, youngest daughter of Thomas Powys and Elizabeth Smith, was born 11 Jan. 1639, as appears by her monument. She was first married to Richard Hunt of Milson, co. Salop, by whom she had issue an only daughter Elizabeth, who was born 24 Dec. 1654 and died 7 Dec. 1727<sup>3</sup> at Shipton. She was married before 12 Oct. 1656 to Henry Mytton of Shipton,

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