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HAVING recently had access to a contemporaneous document which throws considerable light upon the history of the Pelham family, I have supplemented the information therein contained by the results of further independent researches, and now propose to place the whole in convenient shape for preservation. So little, comparatively, has been known of Herbert Pelham, and his history after quitting New England, and the brief accounts of him contain so many inaccuracies, some of them serious, that I cannot doubt that any addition to our stock of knowledge about him and his descendants will be acceptable. It is not very much, indeed, that I have to offer, and perhaps the chief value of the present narrative will consist in its settlement of hitherto doubtful dates and the correction of long existing errors.

The document to which I have referred is a richly emblazoned parchment roll, some yards in length, now in the possession of an aged maiden lady of Castle Cary, in Somersetshire. It was originally compiled by her ancestor, Samuel Bennet, Esq., of Shepton Mallet in that county, and is thus headed: "Register of severall of the ancestors of Samuel Bennet and his wife Katherine, with their several alliances by marriage, for four generations, Anno Dom: 1693." At this date he was about forty years old, and had probably been accumulating facts respecting his ancestry for many years, which, in 1693, he arranged and thus placed on record. He evidently continued to make additions to the roll until his death in 1735, after which the same was done by his successive descendants into whose hands it passed as an heir-loom. It is, however, only with the original portion of it that we shall have to deal. His wife was a Shute, and the greater portion of the roll relates directly to the families of Bennet and Shute, but it also includes accounts of a number of families with which they were allied by marriage, and among them that of Pelham. It may be as well to say at once that Herbert Pelham, senior, sometime of New England, was the great-uncle of Samuel Bennet's wife, she being Catharine, daughter of Thomas Shute, Gent., and Catherine his wife, who was a daughter of Rev. James Ashton by Catherine sister of Herbert Pelham.

Samuel Bennet was imbued with the true spirit of the genealogist, and must have had access to family records, and searched parish registers, for it is rarely that the early portion of the roll does not give the precise dates of birth, baptism, marriage, death, and burial of the persons named in it. During twenty years' experience I have



never before seen so perfect a pedigree of the 17th century. It is, however, entirely in narrative form, and it is only when reduced to the tabular form, which I have done, that its wonderful completeness can be fully comprehended. I may add that I have had the opportunity, in many instances, of testing the statements by a direct reference to parish registers, and so far have not detected a single error.

The present possessor will not allow the roll, or any entire portion of it, to be printed; and it would possess no particular interest except to the families immediately concerned, while to Americans its importance is confined to the Pelhams. I have, however, been allowed to copy it entire, and, under that express stipulation, to make such use of its details as I see fit. From the statements in this roll, and such other facts as I have been able to glean from other sources, I now propose to present what I believe to be the true history of Herbert Pelham.

As a specimen of the style of the Bennet roll, I will quote *verbatim* the commencement of the account of the Pelham family. It reads thus :

“By my Wife’s Mother’s Father. There were three brothers of the Pelhams, one called Black Pelham, the other White Pelham, the other only by the name of Pelham. Sir William Pelham of Brockleby in Lincoln was the Black Pelham, and mother Shute’s mother for the White Pelham; so are also the Pelhams of Compton in Dorset. My g. g. grandfather Herbert Pelham his father’s name was Anthony, and this Anthony Pelham’s son and grandson married with Elizabeth and Penelope West, daughters of Lord Delaware.”

This is all that the roll says respecting Anthony Pelham, with whom I shall commence my narrative, and with whose descendants, rather than his ancestors, we are especially concerned.

I. ANTHONY PELHAM was the fourth and youngest son of Thomas Pelham, of Loughton, co. Suffolk (son and finally heir of Sir John Pelham, Kt.), and brother of William Pelham, ancestor of the Earls of Chichester and Yarborough, through the ordinary histories of which peerages his antecedents can be readily traced. The accounts which describe him as of *Buxted*, in Sussex, are entirely wrong. It does not appear that any Pelham ever lived at Buxted, and certainly this Anthony did not. It would be well to draw black lines in Berry’s Sussex, p. 316, over his entire bit of pedigree, for almost every one of its statements is erroneous. He did not live at Buxted, did not die in 1577, and had no son Robert. His residence was in the parish of Warbleton, and the name of his seat was, as he himself spelt it in his will, “*Burstepe*.” In his day a mansion of some pretensions, it still exists as a farm-house, and is now known as Bucksteep. It was really the inheritance of his wife, and only became the property of the Pelhams by his bequeathing to her son, by a former husband, other property in exchange. His wife Margaret, whose maiden name was Hall, was, when he married her, the widow of one Pierce, by whom she had, with other issue, this son, Thomas Pierce, with whom the exchange was effected.



She was buried at Warbleton on the 9th of December, 1560. Anthony Pelham made his will on the 5th of April, 1563, describing himself as "of Buxstepe, in the parish of Warbultou, Esquire." The following is a full abstract of it:

To the poor of Warbleton and Dallington, £30.—My overseers, viz., my son in law William Morley, my cousin John Lunsford, and Barnard Randall, to have the use of all my personalty during the minority of Herbert my son, for the purchase of lands for him when 21 years of age—My manors, lands, and tenements in the counties of Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Dorset, Lincoln, Northumberland, and York, or elsewhere, to my said overseers until my said son Herbert be of age—To Thomas Pierce, my late wife's eldest son, certain lands, &c. in Westfield and Ore, co. Sussex, in lieu of my house and lands where I now dwell, called Buxstepe, which were the inheritance of Margaret my wife, and would by common law have descended to said Thomas Pierce—if my said son Herbert die without issue, then Buxstepe to go to said Thomas Pierce, and all my other lands to my nephew John Pelham and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to heirs male of the body of his father Sir Nicholas Pelham, Kt., remainder to my right heirs—My said son Herbert to be my sole executor.

This will was proved, 26 February, 1566-7, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, by Herbert Pelham, son of the testator, the executor named.

Anthony Pelham had by his wife Margaret only two children, at least who survived. His daughter Anne became the second wife of William Morley, of Glynde, in Sussex, whose line terminated in heiresses in the second generation. His only son, viz.:

II. HERBERT PELHAM, had barely attained his majority when he proved his father's will, and hence was born in 1546. He was twice married, and by both wives had thirteen children, although the usual accounts allow him but four, and assign three of those to the wrong wife. His first wife was Catherine, daughter of John Thatcher, Esq., of Priesthaves (not *Preshull*), in the parish of Westham, co. Sussex, by Margaret, daughter of Sir Goddard Oxenbridge, Kt. By her he had one daughter and two sons, viz.:

1. *Margaret*, who married Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, co. Kent, Kt., and was mother, among other children, of Herbert Palmer, the celebrated Master of Queen's College, Cambridge.
2. *John Pelham*, who, on the 28th of January, 1608-9, had a license from the Bishop of London to marry Catherine, daughter of John Yardley, Esq., of Henley, co. Warwick, spinster, aged eighteen. He was described as of the Middle Temple, Gentleman, a bachelor, aged twenty-four, son of Herbert Petham, Esq., of Warbleton, Sussex. He was, therefore, born in 1584, and it may be assumed that his father's first marriage took place about 1580. I have failed to ascertain the subsequent history of this John Pelham, but he certainly died before his father, leaving at least no male issue, as will subsequently appear.
3. HERBERT PELHAM, of whom hereafter.

The exact date of death of Herbert Pelham's first wife Catherine does not appear. He married, secondly, at Wherwell, in Hampshire, Elizabeth West, eldest daughter of Thomas, second Lord De la Warr, by Anne, daughter of Sir Francis Knollys, K. G., Treasurer of the Household to Queen Elizabeth. According to the Bennet roll,\* she was born 11 September, 1573, and baptized at Wherwell, her sponsors being Queen Eliza-

\* As an instance of the accuracy, minuteness and importance of this roll, I may mention that it gives the precise days of birth of no less than thirteen children of Lord De la Warr, many of whom do not appear in the peerages, with the names of their sponsors. It is probably the only record of them, as the parish register of Wherwell, of that period, has long since disappeared.





both herself, the Countess of Lincoln, and the Earl of Leicester. She was married at Wherwell, to Herbert Pelham, 12 February, 1593-4, being then only twenty years and five months old, while her husband was about forty-eight. By her Herbert Pelham had the following issue:

4. A daughter, born at Offington, 25 September, 1594.
5. A daughter, born at Michelham, 25 March, 1595.
6. A daughter, born 26 March, 1596.

These three daughters, according to the Bennet roll, all died in their infancy; and, as no Christian names are assigned them, probably at their birth, and hence unnamed and unbaptized.

7. *Thomas Pelham* (eldest son by the second wife, and not, as hitherto stated, by the first wife), who was born at Chichester, 23 Jan. 1597-8. He married at Salisbury, 4 September, 1621, Blanche Eyre, who died in 1667. They lived at Compton-Valence, co. Dorset, and had a numerous family, whose history and alliances are set forth in the Bennet roll, but which are omitted here as possessing no special interest for American readers.
8. *Anthony Pelham*, who was born at Michelham, 5 March, 1599-1600. He became a clergyman. His will, dated at Fordington, co. Dorset, 29 April, 1659, was proved 27 July following. He named his children, but his wife was evidently dead. He was probably minister at Fordington during the commonwealth period, and hence his name does not appear in the official list of incumbents.
9. *Anne* (fourth daughter and sixth child by the second wife, and not, as usually stated, by the first wife), who was born at Hellingly, in Sussex, 22 March, 1601-2. She was married at Fordington, co. Dorset, 2 May, 1621, to the Rev. Edward Clarke, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, co. Somerset, to whom she was second wife. They had three daughters, who all subsequently married clergymen in Devonshire, and a son John who was buried at Taunton, 23 June, 1630. On the 19th of December following she died, and two weeks later he also, both being buried in his church.
10. *Elizabeth* (also by the second wife, though hitherto otherwise stated), who was born at Hellingly, 27 April, 1604. She was married at Salisbury, 4 September, 1621, to John Humphry, Gentleman, usually described as of Chaldon, co. Dorset, but who, according to the Bennet roll, was then living near London.
11. A son, born at Dokinfield, 10 April, 1606, whose christian name is not given, and who probably died in infancy.
12. *Katherine*, who was born at Dokinfield, 22 August, 1607, and buried at Warbleton, 17 March, 1608-9.
13. *Jonathan Pelham*, who was born at Cralle, in Warbleton, 6 Feb. 1609-10, and baptized at Warbleton on the 11th of the same month. He died unmarried, and a creditor administered his estate, the letters being dated 2 May, 1634, when he was described as late of Fordington, co. Dorset.

The time of Herbert Pelham's death has never before been correctly stated (Berry says 30 July, 1625), but I have discovered the Inquisition *post mortem*, which fixes the date as 12 April, 1620, and also the confirmatory evidence of the record of administration of his estate, the letters being granted to his son Herbert on the 27th of May in that year, when he was described as late of Fordington, co. Dorset. After occupying several different residences in Sussex, all, however, in or near Warbleton, he appears to have passed the last few years of his life at Fordington, where some of his children continued for some years afterwards. His widow Elizabeth evidently took up her residence with her own eldest son Thomas, at Compton Valence, Dorset, where she died, 15 January, 1632-3, and was buried. Her monumental inscription describes her as in her 59th year, which perfectly agrees with the date of her baptism as given in the Bennet roll.

We now return to his third child, and second but eldest surviving son, by his first wife, Catherine Thatcher, viz.:





III. HERBERT PELHAM. By his father's Inquisition *post mortem*, dated 9 April, 1621, he was found to be his son and heir, which proves, as has before been said, that his elder brother John died *vita patris*, leaving no male issue. He married, about 1599, Penelope West, fourth daughter of Thomas, second Lord De la Warr, and consequently his stepmother's younger sister. She was born, according to the Bennet roll, 9 September, 1582. When or where she died I have so far been unable to ascertain, but the same authority states that they "had 16 children, most of them born in Sussex or Lincolnshire."\* The roll specifically mentions twelve of them, and adds: "The rest of the 16 children, some of them dead-born, some died unbaptized." I have otherwise identified two not named in the roll, making 14 in all, and the remaining two were probably still-born, a class of children which the compiler always carefully included throughout the entire roll. These children were as follows:

1. HERBERT PELHAM, of whom hereafter.
2. *William Pelham*, second son. He makes a nuncupative will on or about 8 August, 1667, leaving all his possessions to his brother Herbert, who took out letters of administration under it, 7 January following, when the testator was described as a bachelor. He was probably not far from sixty years of age at his death. There can, I think, be little doubt that he was the William Pelham named by Savage as being in New England from 1630 to 1647, and in England in 1652.
3. *John Pelham*, third son, of whom the roll says nothing more, but who was clearly the John Pelham, aged 20, who, with his sister Penelope, emigrated to New England in 1635. He would have been born in 1615. Savage does not dispose of him, and I find no later trace of him in this country.
4. *Anthony Pelham*, fourth son. I find that I have his baptism at Boston, co. Lincoln, 24 May, 1621; but I fail to trace him later.
5. *Edward*, fifth son. No more in the roll.
6. A son, who lived and died in London, unmarried.
7. A son, who also lived and died in London, unmarried.

The roll affords no further information about the last two, and it is clear that the seven sons are not placed in strict chronological order. Probably the last two should come somewhere between the others. I give the daughters as they are enumerated in the roll:

1. *Margaret*, eldest daughter. She was living unmarried at the date of the will of her brother-in-law Ashton, 3 May, 1647, and appears to have been buried at Bures, in Suffolk, in 1661.
2. *Catherine*, second daughter, who was born at Dokenfield, in Sussex, 22 Aug. 1606, and married at Compton, in Dorset, in 1631, to the Rev. James Ashton, of Kilmersdon, co. Somerset. He died before Michaelmas, 1647, aged 52. She died the 19th, and was buried 21 April, 1659, both in Kilmersdon church. They had two sons and three daughters, who all died young except the second daughter, Catherine, who married 25 Aug. 1658, at Kilmersdon, Thomas Shute, Gent., and their second daughter, Catherine, born the 30th, and baptized 31 March, 1661, was married there, 15 May, 1683, to Samuel Bennet, the compiler of the roll referred to.
3. "*Helenor*, third daughter, lived till she was 19 or 20 years old: she had a black Pudding arm." I quote the roll *verbatim*.
4. *Penelope*, fourth daughter. The roll, in another place, says: "My great aunt Penelope Pelham is married to Mr. Bellingham, Gent.: they live in Boston, in New England." She was, of course, the wife of the well-known Governor Richard Bellingham, whom she survived nearly thirty

\* The accounts hitherto have assigned them positively only one son, possibly two more, and two daughters; but certainly there were no less than ten children living at their father's death.



years, dying at Boston, 28 May, 1702. She was born about 1619, her age being given as sixteen at her emigration in 1635.

5. "Elizabeth, youngest daughter, 70 age, lives with her sister Penelope, at Boston, New England." Again I quote the roll *verbatim*, and for a special purpose. The date of the roll is simply 1693, and this entry may have been made anywhere between 25 March, 1693, and 24 March, 1693-4. If her age were given with precise accuracy, she would have been born in 1623, or before 24 March, 1623-4. In the parish register, of Boston, co. Lincoln, under the date of 8 July, 1621, occurs the baptism of "Elizabeth, daughter of Herbert Pelham, Esq.," and there can be no reasonable doubt that this is the entry of her baptism. Neither can there be any doubt that it was she, and not her brother Herbert's second wife, who, according to Savage, died 1 April, 1706, in her 81th year, and was buried at Marshfield, Mass. That it was not the latter will be abundantly proved hereafter. She was really, therefore, not quite 82 at her death.

The two other daughters not named in the roll were :

6. Anne, who was buried at Boston, co. Lincoln, 10 March, 1622-3, and  
7. Martha, who was baptized at Boston, 6 March, 1622-3, and buried there, 19 April, 1624. Both are in each instance described as daughters of Herbert Pelham, Esq.

Like his father, this Herbert Pelham died intestate, as did his wife, who probably survived him, so that we are without the information that might have been afforded by their wills, and hence the value of the details contained in the Bennet roll. He appears to have been somewhat of a wanderer, and almost as having no settled home, which is the more strange when we consider his very large family. When he administered his father's estate in 1621, he was described as of Hastings in Sussex, but most of his children had been born at other places in that county. He had inherited from his father the manor of Swineshead, in Lincolnshire, but he evidently never lived there, as the register of the parish does not contain a single entry of his family. The last year of his life, and rather more, was spent at Boston in Lincolnshire, and he was buried in the Rev. John Cotton's church, not in 1625 as is usually stated, but, according to the parish register, on the 20th of July, 1624. His Inquisition *post mortem*, dated 20 June, 1625, says that he died "the last day of July last past," a discrepancy of at least eleven days. He was never knighted, as has been hitherto stated. In every record of him that has been discovered, down to that of his burial in the Boston register and the Inquisition *post mortem*, nearly a year later, he is invariably described as "Herbert Pelham, Esquire."

We now return to his eldest son, viz. :

IV. HERBERT PELHAM, of whom the Bennet roll only says : "My great-uncle Herbert, eldest son of my great-grandfather and great-grandmother, Herbert and Penelope Pelham, married Mrs. Waldgrave, of Essex, a great heiress, buried her, married again, and had by both his wives four sons and six daughters." His first wife's name has hitherto been erroneously stated as Elizabeth. Their marriage license, granted by the Bishop of London, describes her as *Jemima* Waldegrave, spinster, aged about twenty, daughter of Thomas Waldegrave, of Bures *ad montem* in Essex, Esquire. Herbert Pelham is described as of Boston, co. Lincoln, Esquire, a bachelor, aged about twenty-six. He was born, therefore, in 1600, and this date is confirmed by his father's Inquisition *post mortem*, when he was found to be son and next heir, and aged twenty-four at his father's death. *Jemima* Waldegrave was not, as has been hitherto stated, daughter and coheir of Thomas Waldegrave by Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Gurdon of Assing-



ton, who were her grandparents, she being the second daughter and coheir of their son Thomas, who inherited Ferriers Court, in Bures. co. Suffolk, and whose wife was Margaret, daughter and heir of John Holmstead, of Halstead, co. Essex, Esquire. By her Herbert Pelham had issue as follows:

1. WALDEGRAVE PELHAM, eldest son, of whom hereafter.
2. *Nathaniel Pelham*, second son, baptized at Bures, 5 Feb. 1631-2. He is said to have graduated at Harvard College, and to have died in New England, in 1657. His father, in his will, dated 1 January, 1672-3, directs that a year's rent of certain premises shall be paid to Josias Winslow, in satisfaction of a debt which "he says my son Nathaniel Pelham owes him," but the rest of the will gives no intimation that he was still alive, and the word was probably a clerical error for *owed*.
3. *Jemima*, eldest daughter. The Bennet roll says that she "married Samuel Kem, called Major, Alesbury, six miles from Oxford." This is one of the very few instances in which I have found the roll not strictly accurate, but I am able to set it right from my own Collections. Her husband was the Rev. Samuel Kem, B.D., Rector of Albury, near Oxford, and the record of the publication of their intended marriage occurs in the register of St. Martin in the Fields, London, under the date of 19 January, 1653-4. In his own parish register of Albury, Mr. Kem made the following entry, under the date of 10 February in the same year: "Mr. Samuel Kem, pastor of this parish, and Mrs. Jemima Pelham, eldest daughter to Herbert Pelham, Esq., of Ferriers Court, co. Essex, in the parish of Bures, co. Suffolk, were published three times in Albury Church, and they were married, and proclaimed husband and wife, by Mr. Jacob Roswell, J. P., in Trinity parish in London, the following 10th of February." She did not long survive, for three and a half years later, Mr. Kem, with his own hand, wrote the following entry in the Albury register: "Jemima Kem, eldest daughter of Herbert Pelham, Esq., of Essex, and second wife of Mr. Samuel Kem, B.D., and Rector of Albury, died the 20th day of August, 1657, and was buried at her father's church, in the chancel, of Bures in Suffolk." Mr. Kem married a third wife in 1659, and buried her in 1661, after which I have no knowledge of him. He appears to have had no issue by Jemima Pelham.
4. *Penelope*, second daughter. The Bennet roll says: "My cousin Penelope Pelham, second daughter, married William Winslow, of Boston, New England, and lives there." This should of course read *Josiah* Winslow. The inaccuracy is, so far, the only serious one I have discovered in the entire roll, and is readily rectified. She was baptized at Bures in 1633, married in New England in 1657, died there 7 December, 1703, and was buried at Marshfield, Mass. Her age could have been only 70, instead of 73, as hitherto stated.
5. *Catherine*. The Bennet roll says: "My cousin Katherine Pelham, youngest daughter by the first wife, lived and was married." She was living at the date of her father's will, 1 January, 1672-3, as Katherine Clarke, but her husband is not otherwise named.

It seems probable that all these children went with their father to New England in 1638, and that when he finally returned to England he left behind him only Nathaniel and Penelope. I have not been able to ascertain when their mother died, or where she was buried, but it was doubtless before the emigration, as Herbert Pelham's second marriage must have taken place, in New England, the following year. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Godfrey Bosvile, of Gunthwaite, Yorkshire, and widow of Roger Harlakenden, who had died in New England in November, 1638, leaving two young daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret. The Bennet roll does not name her, but after mentioning Catherine, youngest daughter by Herbert Pelham's first wife, says: "Next, his children by a second wife," and enumerates them as follows:





6. "*Edward Pelham*, my cousin, son of my great-uncle Herbert, and brother to Waldgrave Pelham by the father's side, is married and lives at Boston, New England." As he either remained in New England, or returned there after arriving at maturity, his history must there be sought.\* He will be found mentioned in his father's will. I cannot but note, however, that if he graduated at Harvard College in 1673, and died in September, 1730, as is stated, he must have been upwards of thirty years of age at his graduation, and nearly ninety at his death.
  7. "*Herbert Pelham*, my cousin, was second son of my great uncle Herbert, by his second wife." He appears to have been born in New England, 3 October, 1645, and buried 2 January following.
  8. *Mary*, who is said to have been born in New England, 19 Nov. 1640. The Bennet roll says: "My cousin Mary Pelham, the eldest daughter of my great uncle Herbert by his second wife, died in Essex, unmarried."
  9. *Frances*, who is said to have been in New England 9 Nov. 1643. The Bennet roll says: "My cousin Frances Pelham, second daughter of my great uncle Herbert by his second wife, lived and was married in Essex." She was doubtless the wife of Jeremiah Stonnard (or Stannard) whom her father named in his will as his son.
  10. *Anne*, of whom the Bennet roll says: "My cousin Anne, third daughter by the second wife, died unmarried, in Essex." She was living at the date of her father's will, 1 January, 1672-3.
- Besides these ten children, there was clearly another son, viz. :
11. *Henry Pelham*, who is distinctly so called in his father's will. He appears to have been buried at Bures in the latter part of the year 1699, and his widow Elizabeth took out letters of administration to his estate, 10 June, 1700. Her will, dated 30 Dec. 1713, was proved 3 February following. They seem to have had an only son William, who was baptized at Bures in 1677, and whose will, dated 3 February, 1714-15, was proved 16 May following, by his widow Elizabeth. He left two young children, Henry and Elizabeth, the latter being baptized at Bures in 1713.

I can find no evidence that Herbert Pelham had still another son, William, as has been sometimes stated, but it is not impossible. At all events, he was not named in his father's will.

Knowing that Herbert Pelham did not make the slightest allusion to his second wife Elizabeth in his will, I always doubted that it was she who, according to Savage and others, was buried at Marshfield, Mass., in 1706; and, after a careful search, I discovered that on the 25th of August, 1659, letters to administer the estate of Elizabeth Pelham, late of Ferriers, in Bures, co. Essex, were granted, by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, to her husband Herbert Pelham. There can of course be no doubt as to her identity, and thus a double mystery is cleared up, as I have shown when and where she really died, and that it was her husband's sister who was buried at Marshfield in 1706. Of her daughter by her former husband, Margaret Harlakenden, I have found no trace, but her other daughter, Elizabeth Harlakenden, will be mentioned hereafter.

Herbert Pelham does not appear, as suggested by Savage, to have been a lawyer, but simply a country gentleman. Certainly he was not educated at Oxford. The Herbert Pelham who matriculated at that university in 1619, and accepted by Mr. Savage as the emigrant, is distinctly declared in the register to have been the son of a Knight, which his father never was. They were distant kinsmen, the Oxford student being the son of Sir William Pelham, of Brocklesby, co. Lincoln.

Herbert Pelham survived his last wife fifteen years, dying at the age of 73, and was buried at Bures, 1 July, 1674. He made his will on the first of January, 1672-3, but for some reason it was not proved until 30 March,





1676. As the last record of one whose name is closely connected with the early history of New England, a full abstract of it may prove acceptable. The incorrect orthography of it must be attributed to the scrivener who wrote it. Omitting only the mere verbiage, it reads thus :

I, Herbert Pelham, of Ferrers, in Bewers Hamlet, in the County of Essex, Esquire, etc.—To my son Waldegrave Pelham all those lands, tenements, &c. with the rents and arrearsages, which belong to me by virtue of a settlement of James Thacker [rightly *Thatcher*], late of Perist-Hawes [i. e. *Priesthawes*] in Sussex, Esq., or by virtue of any settlement of William Thacker or John Thacker, sons of said James Thacker, or by any other ways or means whatsoever, which were settled by him or them upon Katherine Pelham my grandmother, sister of said James Thacker, and descend upon me as heir of said Katherine Pelham—Whereas I have settled my manor of Swinstead *alias* Swinestead [rightly *Swineshead*] in Lincolnshire, on my said son Waldegrave and his heirs male, I now confirm the same—Whereas, by my Indenture dated 12 December 1667, I have settled, after my decease, a certain farm in Swinstead North-End, my will now is that the yearly rent of said farm be paid as follows: to my sister Penelope, wife of Richard Bellingham, Esq., £30. per annum for her life; to Elizabeth Pelham my sister £10. per annum for life; and the remaining £10. per annum to my daughter Penelope Winslow for life—If my son Edward Pelham survive my sister Bellingham, he to have, after her decease, £10. per annum thereof, and, after the death of both of my said sisters and my said daughter, he to receive the whole of said rents for life, and, at his death, the whole of said lands to come to my said son Waldegrave and his heirs male, with remainder to the heirs male to Edward Pelham, remainder to Henry Pelham and his heirs male, remainder to my right heirs—Whereas I have settled by my deed upon my said son Edward, for his life, my lands at Smeeth Hall, being 480 acres, part of the Eight Hundred Fenn, and a house and land in Chapel Hill, in Lincolnshire, my will is that he shall not receive any rents thereof until my debts are paid, and then the first year's rent shall be paid to my daughter Anne Pelham; the second year's rent to my sons Henry Pelham and Jeremiah Stonnard (viz. £20. to my son Stonnard and the residue to my son Henry); the third year's rent to my son Josias Winslow, in satisfaction of a debt which he says my son Nathaniel Pelham owes [*sic*] him; the fourth year's rent to my daughter Penelope Winslow, if living, or to her children if she be dead; the next three year's rent to be paid “into the hands of my son Winslow for the use of my son Edward Pelham, to be paid unto him in New England, if he reside there, upon the conditions hereafter expressed, that is to say, if he said Edward Pelham so behave and demean himself that he can procure either the hands of the Governor and four of the Magistrates or Assistants of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, or of New Plymouth Government, that he is now grown serious, sober, and solid, and follows his study, and avoids all idle and profuse company, and that they verily conceive there is a real change in him for the better, and not only to attain his ends thereby, then, upon such certificate,” &c., said three years' rent shall be paid to him by my son Winslow, and afterwards said Edward shall receive said rents for life; “but, if in all these years he will not be reclaimed,” &c., then the first year's rent after said three years shall be paid to my said son Waldegrave, the second to my daughter Winslow, the third to my daughter Clarke, the fourth to my daughter Anne, the fifth to my son Henry, and then to begin again with my son Waldegrave, &c.—All my lands in Oweneboy, in the barony of Kirricurry, co. Cork, Ireland, to my said son Henry and his heirs male, with remainder to Edward Pelham, remainder to my said son Waldegrave, remainder to my right heirs—My daughters Katherine Clarke and Anne Pelham, each to have £25. per annum for life out of my lands in Wigtoft in Lincolnshire, and my son Henry Pelham the residue of the rents thereof for life, and, at the death of either, his or her part to be paid to the use of Waldegrave Pelham and Herbert Pelham, my grandchildren, for their lives—To my son Edward Pelham all my lands, tenements and hereditaments in New England, in the Massachusetts Bay in America, situate, lying and being in Cambridge, Watertown, Sudbury, or elsewhere within the said Colony, which are laid out unto me, as also all other which are due to me from any of the said towns, or from the country, which are not laid out unto me, together with all



such rents and arrearages of rents as shall be due unto me at the time of my death for any lands letten within the said Colony"—All my plate in New England to my said son Edward, with one great silver tankard which was given him by his grandfather Godfrey Boseville, Esquire—All other brass, bedding, linen, with all my books, and other utensils and moveables, which I have in the Mattachusetts Bay in New England, to be divided between my son Edward Pelham and my daughter Penelope Winslow—To my daughter, the wife of Mr. Guthlach Tolliot, the cabinet that was her mother's, and to her daughter Elizabeth a silver cup—I appoint my son Waldegrave Pelham my sole executor.

The only portion of this will not already referred to, and necessary to explain, is that relating to the mysterious daughter, wife of Guthlach Tolliot, who, in the only account of the Pelham family in which I have seen him mentioned, completely loses his identity by being strangely metamorphosed, no doubt from accidental causes, into *Cuthlac Elliott*.\* She was not Herbert Pelham's own daughter, but his second wife's eldest daughter by her former husband, being no other than the Elizabeth Harlakenden who was born, according to Savage, at Cambridge, Mass., in December, 1636. I find among my Collections the record of their marriage, at St. Augustine's, London, 2 February, 1659-60, he being described as of St. Mary le Bow, London, and she as "Elizabeth Harlackinden, of Bures St. Mary in Essex."

It now only remains to follow out briefly the history of Herbert Pelham's eldest son by his first wife, Jemima Waldegrave, viz.:

V. WALDEGRAVE PELHAM, who was baptized at Bures, 26 September, 1627. The Bennet roll says: "My cousin Waldgrave, eldest son of my great uncle Pelham, by his first wife Mrs. Waldgrave, lives at a house called Ferriers, near Buers Town in Essex." He was admitted to the Inner Temple in November, 1647, and married Abigail, daughter of Thomas Glascock, of Hedingham Sible, Essex. She was buried at Bures in 1698, and he late in 1699. Letters to administer his estate were granted, 28 February following, to his brother Edward Pelham, who, it thus appears, was then in England. Their children were as follows:

1. *Waldegrave Pelham*, who was baptized at Bures 6 June, 1667, and evidently died in infancy.
  2. HERBERT, of whom hereafter.
  3. *Waldegrave Pelham*, second of the name, who was baptized at Bures in 1670. He died unmarried, and a creditor administered to his estate, 19 May, 1703.
  4. *Penelope*, who was living unmarried, 28 February, 1699-1700, when she renounced administration to her father's estate.
  5. *Margaret*, who was also living unmarried at her father's death, but who renounced administration to her brother Waldegrave's estate, 19 May, 1703, then as Margaret Jenison.
  6. *Jemima*, who died unmarried, and was buried at Bures in 1721.
  7. *Abigail*,
  8. *Elizabeth*,
  9. *Mary*,
- } who apparently all died young.

The second but eldest surviving son, viz.:

VI. HERBERT PELHAM, died in 1746, and, according to his monument at Bures, in his 77th year. His widow, Sarah, was buried there in 1748.

\* The author of the account of the Pelham family in the *Heraldic Journal* for April, 1867 (iii. 81-2), to which we suppose Col. Chester refers, quotes this name as from the will of Herbert Pelham, and probably obtained it from the copy communicated to the REGISTER for April, 1864 (xviii. 172-5), where the name appears, "Cuthlach Elliott."—EDITOR.



They appear to have died intestate, as I can discover no will or record of administration of either in any of the courts of London or Essex. Their issue were as follows :

1. *Waldegrave Pelham*, who was baptized at Bures in 1703. He died, apparently unmarried, and was buried at Southwell, in Nottinghamshire, 20 May, 1763.
2. *Sarah*, who was baptized at Bures in 1705, and buried there in 1714.
3. *Herbert Pelham*, who was baptized at Bures in 1707, and buried there in 1729.
4. *William Byatt Pelham*, who was baptized at Bures in 1709, but of whom I can discover nothing further.
5. *Nathaniel Pelham*, who was baptized at Bures in 1713, and buried there in 1736.
6. *Elizabeth*, who was baptized at Bures in 1716.

It may, I think, be assumed with tolerable safety, that unless there are descendants of Edward Pelham of New England, the male line of Herbert Pelham became extinct in the last generation recorded, and probably on the death, in 1763, of the last Waldegrave Pelham.

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