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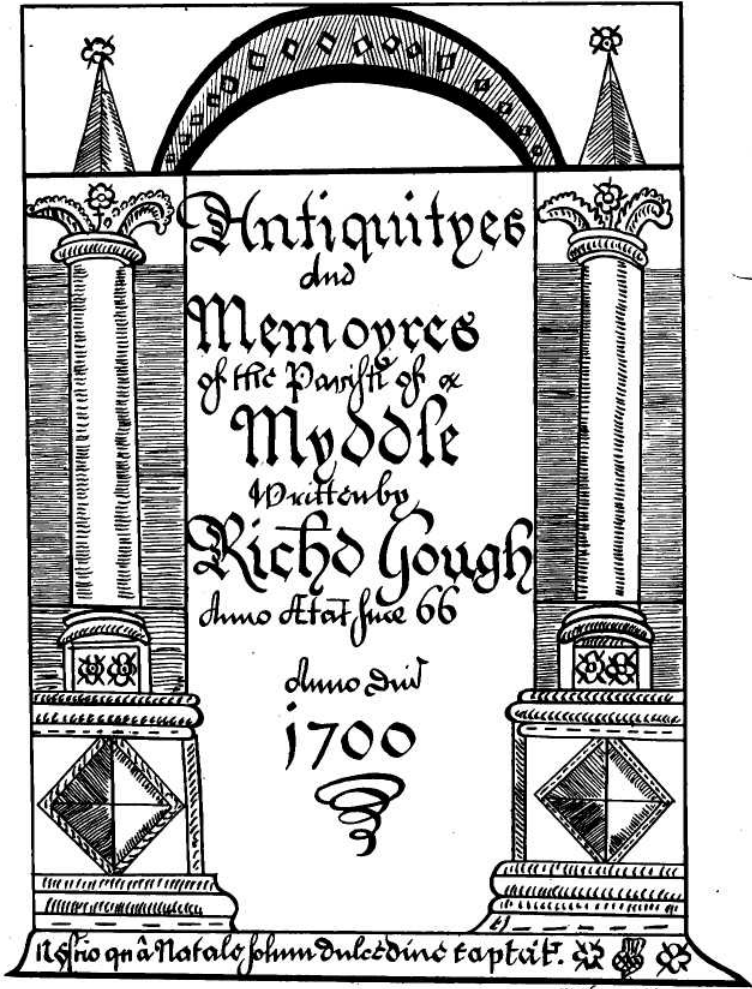
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## PREFACE.

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Mr. Richard Gough, the Author of this remarkable work, lived on his own freehold Estate at Newton-on-the-Hill, in the parish of Middle. He was evidently a man of some genius and must have received a good classical education. He was born in the year 1634 and died in 1723.

This History was written in 1700-1, and is described by the Editor of the Edition printed in 1834, as "one of the most extraordinary topographical and genealogical works ever written." It purposes to be the History of his own Parish. After he has very fully described the Parish itself and the various objects of interest in it—such as the Church, the Castle, &c., he proceeds to give an account of the different families that had resided in the Parish. For this purpose he introduces a plan of the Parish Church, and taking each Pew in turn, gives a genealogical account of its occupants.

A few copies of this work were privately printed in 1834, by Sir Thomas Phillipps, at the Middle Hill Press, Worcestershire, under the title of "Human Nature displayed in the History of Middle, by Richard Gough." It was however an imperfect copy and could not have been printed from the original MS.S. as several pages are wanting in it, which are found in the MS.S itself.

The present Edition is printed from one of these copies, lent to the Publishers by the late Rev. H. Burton; but to ensure accuracy the proof sheets have been carefully compared with the original manuscript and revised by the Rev. Prebendary Egerton, Rector of Middle.

The old manuscript itself is in the possession of Mrs. Bickerton, of Newton-on-the-Hill, whose family inherited, and are in possession of, a part of Mr. Gough's Estate. The thanks of the Publishers are due for her kindness in permitting the reviser of the press to have ready and constant access to the manuscript, and also to the Rev. Prebendary Egerton for the great care and attention he has bestowed in revising and correcting the proof sheets.

It only remains further to state that the title pages, plans of church, &c., are fac-similes, and that the spelling of the original manuscript has been carefully adhered to.

*The Square, Shrewsbury,  
January, 1875.*



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THE SITUATION OF THE PARISH OF MYDDLE.

**M**YDDLE PARISH is whoaly in the hundred of Pimhill, in the county of Salop. Neverthesse part of the said parish is in the allotment of Myddle and Loppington, and part of it is in the libertyes of Shrewsbury. That part of the parish which is in the allotment of Myddle and Loppington contains Myddle Lordship, and the towne and township of Balderton, and is commonly called this side of the parish. (Now the Lordship of Myddle contains the townes and townships of Myddle, Marton, Newton on the Hill, and Houliston.) That part of the parish which lyes in the Libertyes of Shrewsbury, contains Hadnalls Ease, the towne and towneship of Alderton and Shotton Farme, and is called the further side of the parish. Hadnalls Ease contains the townes and towneships of Hadnall, Haston, Smethcott and Hardwick Farme. It is not very needful to observe, that according to the computation of geographers, the middle of this parish is distant northwards from the world's Equator 52 deg. 53 min., and is in longitude from the meridian of the Isles Azores or Fortunate Islands 21 deg. 37 min.

THE BOUNDS OF THE PARISH.

Myddle Parish is bounded on the east, with Wem parish, Broughton parish, Clive Chappelry, Greensell parish, and Shawbury parish; on the south, with the Chappelry of Astley; on the west, with Battlefield parish, Adbrighton parish, Preston Gubballs parish, Baschurch parish, and Petton; and on the north, with part of Petton, Loppington parish, and part of Wem parish.