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THE GAWDY PAPERS.

THE collection of letters chiefly relating to the Norfolk families of Gawdy, Knyvet, Hobart, Hare, and Le Neve, the first part of which is calendared in the following pages, has hitherto been generally known under the general title of the Gawdy Papers.

Many of them (i.e., those comprised in this Calendar,) certainly relate to the Gawdy Family and passed, by the marriage of its heiress with Oliver Le Neve, into the hands of Peter Le Neve, Norroy, to whose industry, it will be remembered, Blomefield was indebted for the greater part of the material for the County History, which bears his name.

Many family papers of the Le Neves and much of the Herald's own correspondence, were, however, added to the collection, the whole, containing 3,276 MSS., being bound up in 17 folio volumes by, I believe, the late owner Mr. Daniel Gurney, of Runcton, who printed 29 of them at pp. 840 and 1029 of his "Record of the House of Gournay."

No arrangement, either chronological or otherwise, was attempted by the binder, so, since the MSS. have been added to my library, I have cancelled the old numbers (the more especially as no references to such old numbers have ever been made), and have re-arranged the papers into as many divisions as families, keeping each division in chronological order.

I should have liked to have included in this Calendar the Gawdy letters which, like many others of Le Neve's MSS., are in the possession of Mr. George Edward Frere, of Roydon, 110 of which were calendared by the late Mr. A. J. Horwood in the Appendix to the Seventh Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, but was unable to do so.

Another volume of Gawdy letters is at Oxford, being Tanner MS. 241, and containing 61 folios of letters to Bassingbourne Gawdy, High Sheriff of Norfolk, from the Lords of the Council and others, with some of his answers, 1576-1589.

The 1,222 documents calendared and indexed in the following pages comprise the Gawdy Letters proper, and range in date from 1509 to 1675, thus forming a welcome continuation of the other and better known county correspondence, the Paston letters, the last dated of which was written in 1506 (ed., Gairdner, iii, p. 403).

It is intended to calendar the letters of the other four families in a future report.

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COLLECTION OF LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS FORMED GAWDY MSS.
 BY PETER LE NEVE, NORROY KING-AT-ARMS (BORN
 1661, DIED 1729), CHIEFLY RELATING TO THE NOR-
 FOLK FAMILIES OF GAWDY, KNYVET, HOBART,
 HARE, AND LE NEVE.—EDITED BY WALTER RYE.

PART I.

CORRESPONDENCE and DOCUMENTS relating to the GAWDY FAMILY and
 their CONNECTIONS, from A.D. 1509 to the death in 1606 of SIR
 BASSINGBOURN GAWDY, *twice Sheriff of Norfolk*.

[Note.—Suggestions and explanations, for which the Editor is
 responsible, are placed between square brackets []. Where no name
 of a county follows the name of a place, the place may be assumed to be
 in Norfolk; the exceptions being well-known localities such as London,
 Hampton Court, &c.]

1509.

- 1.—1 April 1509. *John Gawdy to William Fuller, Thos. Gawdy,*
seur., and Thomas Gawdy, jun., his brother
[sic], and John Fuller, jun.

Copy deed of feoffment of 5 acres (a) in Woodhalefield abutting on
 manor of Haukers, land of John Fuller and lane from Woodhalefield to
 Harleston-market (b) next land of John Fuller (c) between land of
 George Hemingham and Thomas Ward's close (d) abutting on land of
 manor of Bedenhale-hall in tenure of Ward, and lane called Strowbreg-
 lane. Thomas Fyske of Harleston attorney to give seisin. Witnesses,
 Thomas Ward, Robert Cotton, William Oby. Witnesses to seisin,
 Thos. Ward, barber, Robert Warde, Thomas Burgis, jun., John Fuller,
 jun., Will. Oby.

Memorandum; that Thomas Fuller, living in the house of Mr. Copping,
 sometime Jo. Maslie's, afterwards Locke's, at Wortwell, has the
 original deed.

1511.

- 2.—28 May 1511. *Thomas Orwell, late of Aylsham, Radman,*
[i.e., Tallow Chandler] to Henry Reppes late
of Heveningham, Suffolk.

Receipt by Orwell for 24*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* on account of purchase money of
 lands in South Reppes, Thorpe Market, and adjoining towns.

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| 3.—6 June 1512 | } Similar receipts, for 19 <i>l.</i> in all, dated at
Aylsham. Reppes is described as "the
young gentleman" and "late of Thorpe
Market." The land is identified as "late
William-att-Lownds." |
| 4.—5 July 1513 | |
| 5.—27 December 1513 | |
| 6.—25 December 1514 | |

- 7.—26 October 1541. *Bettys or Beterys Reppes [? Beatrice] of*
Walpole, Widow, to Henry Reppes.

Receipt by Bettys Reppes for 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* due at the feast of St.
 Edmund the King next.

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8.—14 August 1542. *Thomas Gawdy* of Shottesham Hall J.P.Memorandum: *John Haylet* of Ditchingham bound over.9.—4 December 1544. *Beterys Reppes* to *Henry Reppes*.Receipt by *B. Reppes* for 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* due at feast of St. Edmund the King last.10.—April [1547 or earlier?]. *Edmond* . . . of Sybeton, Suffolk,
to *Elizabeth Holland* [daughter of
Thos. Holland of Swinested, Linc.].Receipt (mutilated) for 100*l.* from Mrs. Holland by hands of Mr.
Henry . . . [to be paid] unto my Lord of Norfolk his grace.

1547.

11.—[1547 or 1548?] *Symon Lowe* [of London, see No. 15] to
William Andros, Bechall.

Andros' son *Edmond*, who is with *Lowe*, is in good health. *Harry Reppes* married *Elizabeth Holland* of *Mendham*, who died in childbed, the *Cæsarean* operation being performed. *Reppes* says the child was born alive and claims tenancy by the curtesy in her lands. *Lowe* thinks it impossible and, fearing foul play, asks *Andros* or his friends about *Mendham* or *Harleston* to make cautious enquiry. *Thomas*, *Elizabeth*'s eldest brother and heir, sold the land to *Lowe*, but unthriftily spent the money and more (to the amount of 1,000*l.*) within a year, so cannot defend the title except at *Lowe*'s charges. *Phillips Oon*, of *Mendham*, was the midwife; *Richard Spayne* of *Harleston* was the surgeon who operated; *Edmond Halle*, another surgeon of *Mendham* or *Harleston*, was present but refused to operate. One *William Rochester* of *Mendham* or *Harleston* has been tampering with the witnesses; he is "truly the falsest and craftiest man in the country," for "a forty shilling" he will confess all, if well handled. Get the witnesses to a tavern, make them talk, and have men by to hear them.

[Between these dates *Henry Reppes* married his second wife *Ann Wotton*, relict of *Thomas Wodehouse* of *Waxham*.]

1548.

12.—10 July 1548. *Sir William Woodhouse* to his brother-in-law
Henry Reppes.

Requests payment to his brother *Croppe* (?) of 56*l.* of the debt *Reppes* owes him due next *Lammas*.

13.—30 September 1548. Extract from settlement on marriage of *Thomas* (second son of *Thos. Gawdy* of *Harleston*) and *Awdry Knightley* (niece of *William Pawe* of *Bylow*, clerk). *Pawe* settles land in *Rokelond*, *Bramerton*, and *Surlingham* which came to him as son and heir of *Andrew Pawe* of *Norwich*, deceased. Feoffees in trust, *Thomas Gawdy* of *Harleston*, *Thomas Gawdy* of *Shottesham*, *John Stubbe* of *Buxton*, *Simon Hylle* of *Estbergholt*, *Suffolk*, *Robert Coke* of *Heydon*, *Henry Attemere* of *Norwich*, and *John Plombe* of *Topperoft*. Witnesses to seisin, *Thomas Gedge*, *William Eock*, *Robt. Gedge*, and *John Tory*.

[*Thomas Gawdy* of *Harleston* had three families by three wives, the eldest son in each case being named *Thomas*. From the eldest *Thomas* (of *Shottesham* and *Redenhall*, serjeant-at-law 1552, ob. 1556) sprang the family of *Bassingbourn Gawdy*. The second *Thomas* (his settlement given above) was serjeant 1567, and Judge of K.B. 1574; he died 1588, from him came the *Gawdys* of *Claxton Hall*. The third *Thomas*

changed his name at confirmation to Francis (Co. Litt. 3a.), was serjeant 1577, Judge of K.B. 1588, L.C.J.C.P. 1605 and died 1606.] GAWDY MSS.

14.—8 April 1550. *Thomas Gawdy* [of Shottesham] to *Henry Reppes*.

Receipt for 35*l.* due Gawdy on bond.

15.—3 July 1551. *Thomas Holland* of Swynested, Linc. (son and heir apparent of Thos. Holland, Esq., sen.) to *Simon Lowe*, Citizen and Merchant Scissor-dealer of London.

Statute staple for 40*l.* payable to Lowe next Bartholomew-tide (Radf. Warey, Robert Broke, record).

16.—12 January 1551-2. *Henry Reppes* of Mendham, Esq., to *Sir William Woodhouse* of Hickling, and *Sir Thomas Woodhouse* of Waxham.

Acknowledgment by Reppes of his indebtedness in 100*l.* payable Lady-day next. Receipt for 10*l.* paid by Mr. Banyerde. Receipt for 100*l.* paid by Mr. Gawdy, signed John Gostling.

17.—5 March 1551-2. *Thomas Gawdy* of Shottesham to *Henry Reppes* of Mendham.

Receipt by Gawdy for 25*l.* due him on bond.

1554.

18.—10 September [1554]. *Thomas Gawdy* of Shottesham to his son *Bassingbourn Gawdy*, "at my Lord Chancellor's, Black Friars, Norwich."

My Lord of Norfolk has written to the Lord Chancellor for the latter's pleasure concerning the late Duke his grandfather's burial; let Bassingbourn get himself sent back to my Lord from the Chancellor. Urge the Chancellor that it is "most meetest" for Lady Surrey to have the ordering of her daughters Ladies Jane and Margaret Howard. Brooke has untruly informed the Lord Chancellor and my Lord of Norwich that Thomas Gawdy was present when the late Duke was asked if he would have "my Lord that now is" to be one of his executors and "at the holding up of his hand." Gawdy in fact neither saw nor spoke with him within ten days before his death. Will wait on the Chancellor on Saturday. Commendations to my Lord of Ely.

19.—August 1556. Extract from p. 180 of Plowden's Commentary on the death of *Thomas Gawdy* of Shottesham and *Richard Catlyn*, both of Norfolk, both of the Inner Temple, both made serjeants-at-law 19 May 1552, both burgesses for Norwich in the Parliament of 1553, and both died this month. Cites epitaph, commencing

"Munere Gaudco junctus, virtute, labore,
Temporibus, patria, fortuna, moribus, annis,
Funere conjunctus, terras Catilina reliquit,
Felices ambo," &c.

1558.

20.—[March 1557-8.] Fragment of account of funeral expenses of *Henry Reppes* of Mendham who died 10 February 1557-8, by *Ann Reppes* his widow and executrix.

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	£	s.	d.
Further for 3 yards of black cloth for my gown and my hood.	3	0	0
Item for 2½ yards for my maid - - -	1	13	4
Item for 14 yards for my men - - -	3	19	2
Item for 17½ yards for the hearse - - -	0	13	0
Item for 6 "cutchings" - - -	0	4	0
Item for 4 "stafe-torches" - - -	0	4	0
Item to the doole at the burying - - -	15	0	0
Item to the Priest and Clerk that day - - -	0	5	0
Item to the Vicar for his mortuary - - -	0	10	0
Item to the doole at the 30th day - - -	5	0	0
Item to the Priest and Clerk that day - - -	0	3	0
His Bequests.			
Item to the Church of Mendham - - -	1	0	0
Item to the poor people of Stowe - - -	1	0	0
Item to John Balles - - -	2	0	0
Item to John Barmie - - -	1	0	0
Item to William Bonet - - -	1	6	8
Item to Mother Purdye - - -	0	6	8

[26 September 1558 Anne Reppes married Basingbourn Gawdy, and on 19 May 1560 their eldest son Basingbourn Gawdy, junr., was born.]

21.—3 July 1561. Memorandum by P. Le Neve that *Anthony Gawdy* of Mendham, Suff., was a party to deed of this date; refers to deed of 31 January 1564-5 in his possession.

1561.

22.—9 October 1561. *Charles Framlingham* of Debenham, Suff. Esq. and *Philip Tylney* of Shelley, Suff. Esq.

Post-nuptial settlement on Anne only sister and heir presumptive of Framlingham. Recites birth of son. On Framlingham's decease without issue the manors which came to him from his father Francis are to go (after his widow's death) to issue of Anne Tylney. Similarly, Tylney's manor of Shelley-hall and other lands (to amount to 120*l.* a year) are to go to his son. The parties to enter into cross recognizances in sum of 2,000*l.* &c.

[Basingbourn Gawdy's second son Philip born about this time.]

1562.

23.—7 May 1562.—*Thomas Gawdy* [of Claxton Hall] to *Sir Thomas Gresham*.

Receipt by Gawdy for 14*l.* fees due last Michaelmas; viz. 2 years fees for receivership and stewardship of Mileham granted him by Lord Maltravers at 5*l.* a year and 2 years like fees granted him for life by Sir T. Gresham (including services as Counsel) at 2*l.* a year.

24.—5 October 1562. *Charles Framlingham* to his father-in-law *Sir Clement Heigham* [formerly L.C.B. Exch.].

Receipt by Framlingham for 30*l.* by the hands of Lady Heigham in part of a larger sum.

25.—20 March 1562-3. *Thomas Hampton*, of Inner Temple, to *Edward Flowerdew*, of Inner Temple, gent.

Recites a report that Hampton had given or lent Flowerdew 20*l.*, 30*l.* or 40*l.* Confesses all such reports are false, untrue and unjust.