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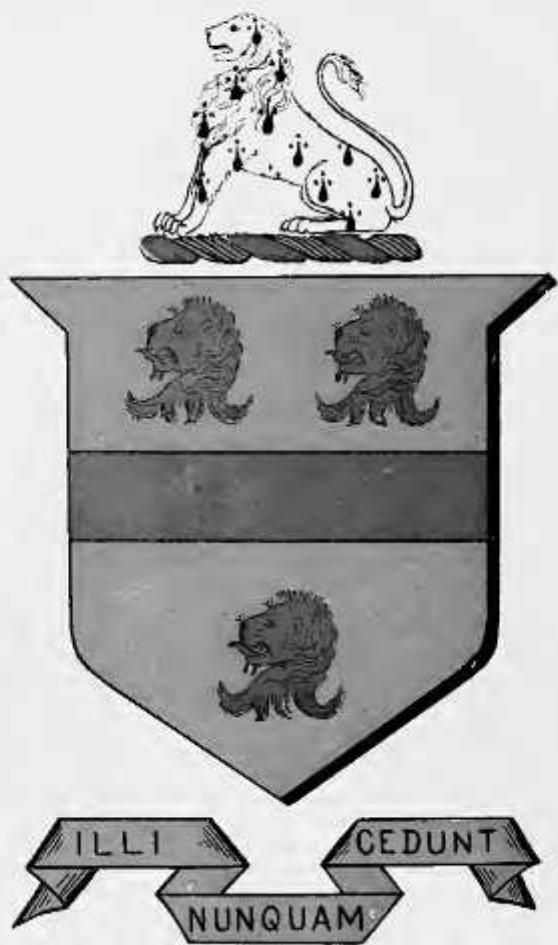
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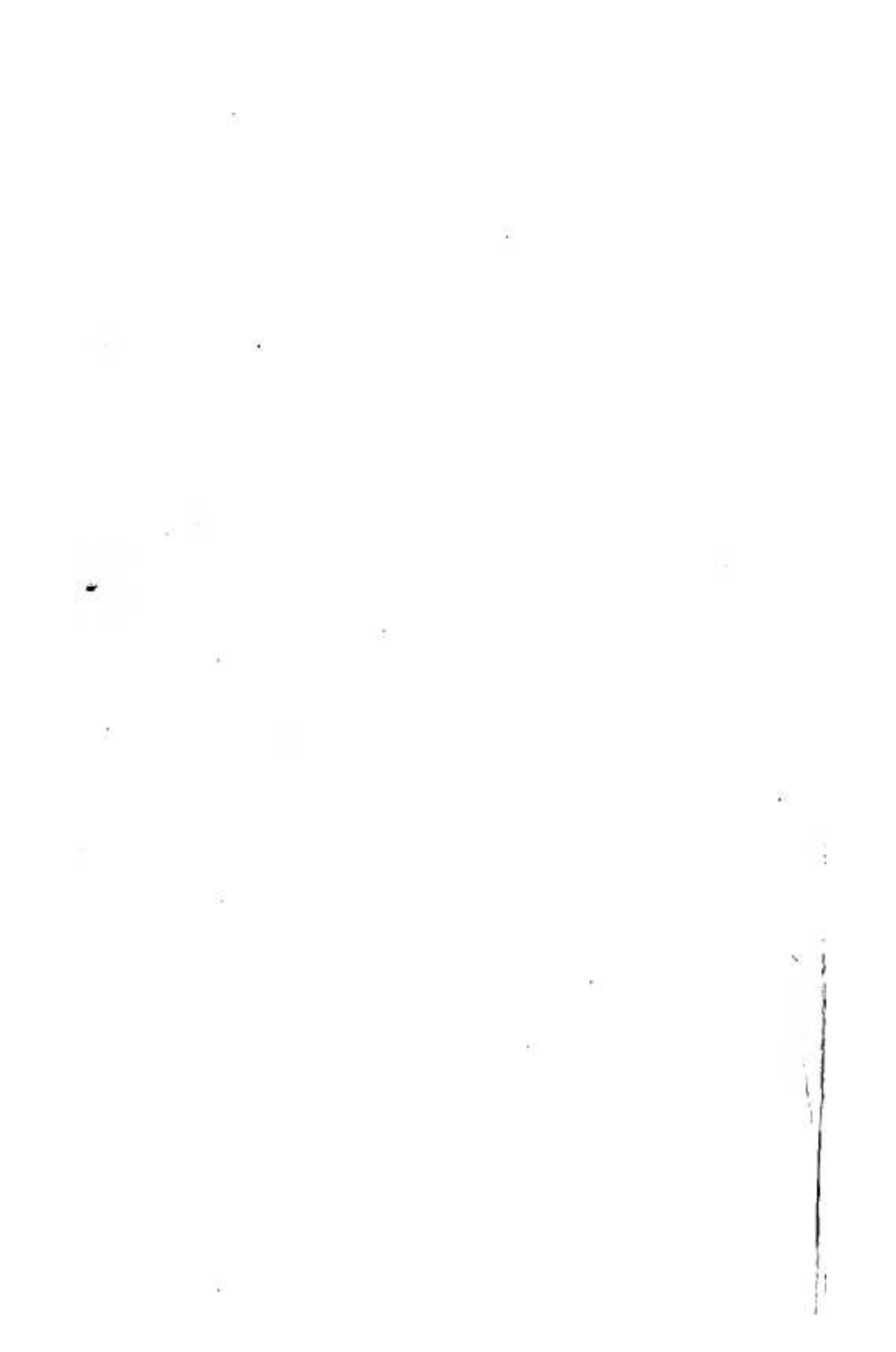
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**PART ONE**



# Sergeant Francis Nicholls

## NICHOLLS OF AMPTHILL

### THE ANCESTORS OF SERGEANT NICHOLLS

*Arms*, Azure, a fesse bet three lions' heads;

*Crest*, a tiger segent. Ermine.

*Motto*, Illi nunquam cedunt.

ROBERT NICHOLLS, of London, married Elizabeth or Isabel, died 1548; they had three sons, Thomas (the elder), John, and Thomas the Younger; these children and his grandson Robert, son of Thomas, are mentioned in his will, dated and proved 20 June, 1548, leaving a mansion in London, and large landed property.

THOMAS, eldest son of Robert, married Eliz. Popplewell, died 1561. By his will, dated 11 October, 1558, and proved 31 January, 1561, leaves real estate in various parishes of London and Tottenhall Court, etc., to his sons, Robert, Antony, Richard and John; and, besides family legacies, £100 to each of the four hospitals in London, and liberal remembrances to other charities.

ANTONY, the second son of Thomas, and grandson of Robert, married Mary Waldron of Say Co., Somerset. Their children were: Francis, Antony, William and Elizabeth. On the monument of his daughter Elizabeth, Antony is mentioned as of Paddington Esq. (Paddington is now a part of London.)

FRANCIS, of Amptill, Bedford Co., the eldest son of Antony, is described in the pedigree of 1628, as of the Middle Temple, one of the squires of the Bath, and lies buried at Amptill, about forty miles from London. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir George Bruce of Carnock. The children of Francis Nicholls and his wife, Margaret Bruce, were:

Edward, born ante 1600.

Francis, born ante 1600.

Bruce (a daughter), born —; married John Frecheville (baron) of Stavely, Derby, and died in 1629. He died in 1682.