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NEALES OF BERKELEY YATE AND CORSHAM

INTRODUCTION.

THE following lists of Neales of Berkeley, of Yate, co. Gloucester, and of Corsham, co. Wilts—and of others with whom they have been connected by marriage—have been compiled to serve as a key to the records and charters of the family, particulars of the more important of which records and charters follow thereafter. These records are very numerous and contain information as to persons, events and things which Mr. H. Farnham Burke, of the Herald's College, has advised would be of interest to a large number of people outside of the Neale family and would help to restore to life some of the past history of many localities as well as of other families which still survive in and about the districts to which the records relate.

It has been found convenient to divide the above lists under 3 separate heads—the first containing Neales previous to their recorded settlement at Yate, covering a period roughly extending from 1100 to 1500, and for particulars of whom recourse has been chiefly had to the Charters and Muniments of Berkeley Castle—the second containing Neales of Yate, covering a period extending roughly from 1500 to the present time, of whom there is a continuous record, and who have throughout that period continuously held lands in that parish, the records of which are still extant; and shewing their connection with the Belsires of Yate, extending over the greater part of the same period, as well as with other families including the Baynhams of Westbury and Cleerwell, co. Gloucester, the Greens of Milton Clivedon, co. Somerset, the Smiths of North Nibley, the Irelands of Bristol, and the Corbetts of Yate—and the third containing Neales of Corsham and Shaw, Wilts, covering a period of from about

1700 to the present time (of whom also there are continuous records) and shewing their connection with the Arnolds of Corsham, the Smiths of Froome Zellwood, co. Somerset, and of Shaw, co. Wilts, the Selfes of Beanacre, Melksham, the Webbs of Monckton Farley, the Seymours of Seend, the Ducketts of Calne and Hartham, and the Gawlers of Ramridge, co. Southampton, as well as with numerous other families in the neighbourhood of the above places and elsewhere, including Gibbons of Corsham, Goldstones of London, Jackson-Ducketts of Hartham, Burrards of Walhampton, co. Southampton, Nicholas of Roundway, Winchester and Oxford, Chaloners of Roundway, Harveys and Lovells of Cole Park, Malmesbury, Lucas of Shenfield, Methuens of Melksham, Bradford, and Corsham, Norris of Nonsuch, Hanham of Neston, Somner of Seend, Ker and Bellenden-Ker and others.

With regard to the early Neales of whom mention is made in the Berkeley Castle Charters, it will be seen that they appear as witnesses and parties to numerous important documents of early date under the Latin form of the name without addition of place, and that later on the name appears with the place of settlement. It seems clear, beyond any question or doubt, upon a consideration of a large number of the more important of the above charters as well as of other records, that Nigellus filius Arthuri, who married Aldena daughter of Robert Fitzhardinge and who appears first in the following list, was of the distinguished and powerful family of his name already sometime previously settled at Mowbray in Leicestershire. Frequent mention is made of members of both branches of the family in the Berkeley Charters, and it is interesting to note that both the Fitzhardings and the Nigelli are found at a very early period intimately associated with the Priory Church of St. Mary Overie (now St. Saviour's Church and Southwark Cathedral). In 1106 (7 Hen. I.) the two Norman knights, William Pont de L'Arche and William Dauncey, renewed the foundation there for Canons regular of the Order of St. Augustine. In the same reign Mabel, wife of Nigel de Mowbray, gave to the Priory one virgate of land in Benestede. In the reign of Hen. II. Nigel de Mowbray (D'Albini) gave to the Priory the churches of the Manor of Benestede, of Wudemarsesthorpe, of Berghes, and of St. Margaret, Southwark, which latter church had previously been