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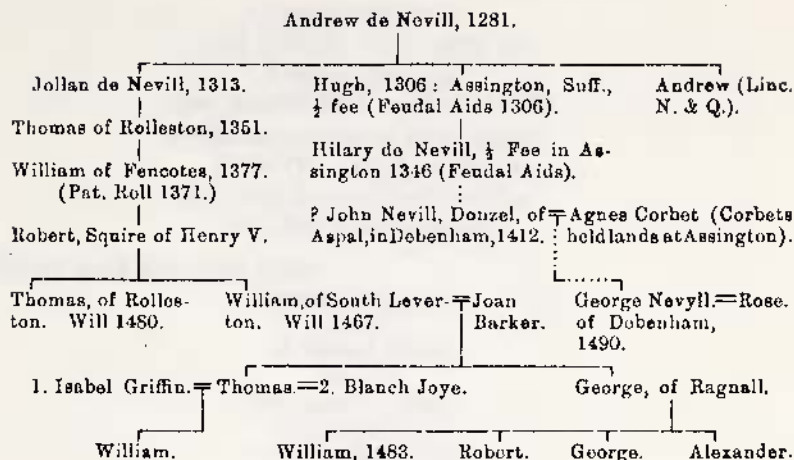
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THE HOULDITCH MONUMENT AT HAMPSTEAD.

The inscriptions on this monument, which stands surrounded by railings on the south side of the Parish Church of St. John, Hampstead, are already much damaged by time and weather, and as they are of some interest it may be well to print them before they become entirely obliterated.

The tomb originally belonged, as will be seen from the wills abstracted below, to Edward Snoxell of Hampstead, whose wife was interred there in 1761, his brother, William Snoxell, in 1748, his son Armine Snoxell in 1764, and he himself in 1766. It subsequently passed to his son-in-law, John Foster of Long Acre, Coachmaker, and later to Richard Houlditch, who had married Mary, sister to John Foster.

I desire to express my indebtedness to Mr. A. Ridley Bax, F.S.A., for his kind assistance in the task of deciphering these inscriptions. Some of the dates on the top of the monument are not quite certain, that part of the tomb being much more worn than the sides.

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On top of monument:

Here lyeth the Body of
Mr WILLIAM SNOXELL of this Parish
who departed this Life the 9 day of
October 1748, Aged 61.

Here also lyeth the Body of
ISABEL SNOXELL wife of
EDWARD SNOXELL Died the
17th November 1761
in the 69 year of her Age.

EDWARD SNOXELL
died April 22, 1766, Aged 75.

ARMINE SNOXELL
died May 29 1764 Aged 28 [or 25]

M^{rs} SUSANNA FOSTER Died January
y^e 26 17 . . (?) Aged 43 (?)

M^r JOHN FOSTER Died October
6th 1785 Aged 59 years.

On the north side of the Tomb :

JAMES HOULDITCH
Esq^e

of Harley Street
son of

RICHARD & MARY
HOULDITCH

died 3rd July 1843
Aged 71 years.

Within an oval, on either side of which is a lozenge shaped shield with the following arms impaled—on the dexter *a chevron between three birds* for HOULDITCH,¹ on the sinister *a chevron between three bugle horns stringed*, for FOSTER.

M^{rs} MARY HOULDITCH
Died Dec^r 16th 1794
Aged 63 years.

She was a loving Wife
An Affectionate Mother
and a Sincere Friend.

Also on the north side :

JOHN HOULDITCH
Esq.

of Harley Street
Son of

RICHARD & MARY
HOULDITCH.

Died 29th Dec^r 1845
Aged 78 years.

On the West side alone, within an oval :

Sacred

to the Memory of

RICHARD HOULDITCH Esq^r
Husband of MARY HOULDITCH

Died Dec^r 14th 1794
Aged 64 years.

¹ The arms of Houlditch are given in Burke's *Armory* as—*Azure, a chevron Or between three seagulls Argent.*

On the South side :

Below a shield with the following arms impaled thereon—on the dexter—a chevron between three bayle horns stringed (FOSTER), on the sinister—a stag's head caboshed, in chief a bugle horn stringed.

Sacred to the memory of
RICHARD HOULDITCH, Esq^r
of Hampstead
son of the late
RICHARD & MARY HOULDITCH
died Aug^t 31st 1848
in the 90th year of his Age
An affectionate Husband
And tender Father.

Within an oval :

JOHN FOSTER Esq^r
Died Oct. 6th 1785
Aged 59 years
Much lamented
by all who knew
him.

Below a shield of arms with the same impaled coat :

Sacred to the memory of
MARY ANN HOULDITCH
Relict of the late
RICHARD HOULDITCH Esq^r
of Hampstead
died July 7th 1855
Aged 85
Much lamented by
her affectionate children.

On the East side alone :

Sacred
to the Memory of
Cap^t THOMAS HOULDITCH
of his Majesty's Navy Son of
RICHARD & MARY HOULDITCH
lost in the East Indies 1790
Also to the Memory of
Cap^t HENRY HOULDITCH of the
Queen's 2 Reg^t son of RICH^d
& MARY HOULDITCH who died
in the West Indies of the
Yellow Fever April 14th
1795.

Richard Houlditch, who died 14 Dec. 1794, aged 64, and was interred in this vault, is believed to be identical with a Richard Houlditch, who possessed a freehold estate at Hayes in Middlesex, left to him by his

father, Abraham Houlditch, of Beaufort Buildings, in the parish of St. Clement Danes, Gent., whose will dated 4 Sept., was proved 7 Sept. 1763 (P.C.C. 435 Caesar). This Abraham Houlditch was probably son of another Abraham, who was the elder of the two sons of Captain Abraham Houlditch, R.N., Governor of Cape Coast Castle. Captain Houlditch² was of Mile End in Stepney and Totnes, co. Devon. According to his marriage licence (Faculty Office, to be mar. at St. Magnus, London), he was 23 years of age 12 Nov. 1661, and so was born about 1638. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Moorcocke, of Ratcliff, co. Middx., Gent., by Elizabeth his wife; she, who was aged 18, 12 Nov. 1661, survived her husband, and proved his will, dated 1 Feb. 1677-8, on 20 Feb. following, as executrix (P.C.C. 14 Reeve). Captain Houlditch was buried at Stepney 7 Feb. 1677-8.

Richard Houlditch of Hampstead, who died 14 Dec. 1794, by his wife, Mary Foster, who died 16 Dec. 1794, and was buried at Hampstead, had issue:—

1. Richard Houlditch of Hampstead, born about 1759, died 31 Aug. 1818 in his 90th year, buried at Hampstead; mar. Mary Anne . . ., she died 7 July 1855, aged 85, buried at Hampstead. They had with other issue, a daughter, Mary Anne, mar. 1st at St. John's Hampstead, 6 Aug. 1833, James Mallock of 78 Harley Street, London, who was born 1796, and died 25 Oct. 1846. She married 2dly in 1847, Charles Petersdorff, Serjeant-at-Law, afterwards of 78 Harley Street.
2. John Houlditch, of Harley Street, Esq., born c. 1767, died 29 Dec. 1845, aged 78, bur. at Hampstead. He probably entered the business of his uncle, John Foster (see will of the latter).
3. James Houlditch, of Harley Street, Esq., born c. 1769, died 3 July 1843, aged 74, buried at Hampstead.
4. Thomas Houlditch, Captain R.N., lost in the East Indies, 1790.
5. Edward Houlditch; he probably entered the business of his uncle, John Foster (see will of the latter).

² On 18 May 1667 Captain Houlditch was Commander of the Royal Company's ship "Goulden Lyon" (see will of William Harrison, seaman, proved P.C.C. 27 Jan. 1667-8, 5 Hene). He may have been son of William Houlditch of Totnes, whose wife Agnes administered to his estate P.C.C. 12 Feb. 1645-6. The will of another Abraham Houlditch, of Totnes, merchant, dated 18 March 1666-7, was proved P.C.C. 8 June 1667 (P.C.C. 81 Carr.). He died s.p. His will mentions his manor of Broadwayne, co. Dorset, his manor of Gaston in Totnes, his brother Master Jacob Houlditch, and Philip, son of the said Jacob; also "my loving kinsman Mr Phillip Houlditch, son of Mr Walter Houlditch, my late brother deceased." The will of Walter Houlditch, who was of Exeter, merchant, dated 11 Sept. was proved P.C.C. 26 Oct. 1660 (185 Nabbs) and that of his son Philip, dated 25 Sept. 1673 was proved P.C.C. 29 Oct. 1684 (126 Hare). This Philip was also of Exeter; he left to his half-brother Walter Houlditch their father's signet ring, and "the Coat of Arms of our family." Admon. of the goods of Isaac Houlditch was granted P.C.C. 8 June 1657 to his brother Abraham Houlditch; whether this was the merchant of Totnes, or the Commander of the "Goulden Lyon," is uncertain.

6. Henry Houlditch (youngest child), Captain Queen's 2nd Regt., died in the West Indies 14 April 1795.
1. Anne, mentioned in the will of her uncle, John Foster, and probably identical with "my grand-daughter, Ann Houlditch, daughter to my son Richard Houlditch," mentioned in the will³ of Abraham Houlditch of Beaufort Buildings, dated 4 Sept. 1763.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS.

Will of WILLIAM SNOXELL, dated 3 April, and proved P.C.C. 21 Oct. 1748 (311 Strahan).

I William Snoxell of West End in the parish of Hampstead, co. Middx. To Elizabeth Moore now living with me £5 a year during her life, as augmentation of the £10 a year given to her by my late Wife, to be payable out of my Lands &c. at West End aforesaid. I give all such Lands at West End to my Brother Edward Snoxell. My Neice Susannah Snoxell dau. of said Brother—My Nephew Armine Snoxell Son of my said Brother (under 21 years). Cottage at Kilburn within the Manor of Hampstead, to which I was admitted on death of my Father to my Nephew William Chandler and the heirs of his body, rem^r to his two Sisters, my Neices Susannah and Mary Chandler and their heirs. Nephew John Walmsley, Neices Elizabeth Kemp and Susanna Kemp. Neice M^{rs} Priscilla Slade, Late Bro.-in-law M^r Daniel Kemp dec^d. Residue to said Brother and make him e^xor. Witn^s. Thomas Cowley, Sarah Cowley, Mord: Hilton. Proved by Edward Snoxell, Brother and e^xor.

Will of ARMINE SNOXELL, dated 24 May, proved P.C.C. 7 June 1764 (241 Simpson).

I Armine Snoxell of Long Acre, London, Upholder. Debt of £600 upon Bond [due] to my brother in law M^r John Sleatly (*sic.*, ? Sleath), for which my flather is bound with me, to be paid. To wife Jenny Snoxell £20 for Mourning, and to my Brother Sleath & my Brother and Sister Foster £10 a piece for Mourning. Settlement made upon my Wife upon my Intermarriage with her—the expenses of her admission to copyholds to be paid. In case my Wife shall be ensient at time of my death residue of my estate to such after born child; if not, the residue to my Honoured Father Edward Snoxell and his heirs e^xors and assigns. Said Father to be sole Executor. Witn^s. Rich. Freelove, John Wingfield. Proved by Edward Snoxell the Father of dec^d and e^xor.

³ A John Foster was witness to this will.

Will of EDWARD SNOXELL, dated 5 June 1764, proved P.C.C. 21 May 1766 (201 Tyndale).

I, Edward Snoxell of Hampstead, co. Middx, Gentleman. To be buried at discretion of my Executrix. To my daughter Susanna Foster wife of Mr John Foster of Long Acre, Coachmaker, and to her heirs and assigns my two Copyhold Messuages at Kilburn in the Manor of Hampstead in the said county of Middx, with the garden & Smiths Shop thereto and which I have surrendered to the use of my Will. I give to my Son in Law Mr John Heath [Sleath] £10 and to my Grandsons Mr John and Mr Edward Sleath £5 each. To my Son-in-law the said Mr John Foster and my Cousin Mr Richard Frelove £10 each, all which legacies are for Mourning. Residue unto said daughter Susanna Foster for her own use and benefit, notwithstanding her Coverture. She to be sole exix. Witns. James Macklellan, Jno Wingfield, C. Jackson. Proved by the executrix.

Will of JOHN FOSTER, dated 4 April, proved P.C.C. 12 Oct. 1785 (504 Ducarel).

I John Foster of Long Acre in the parish of Middlesex Coach Maker. To be buried in the vault of the late Mr Snoxall in the Church yard of the Parish Church of Hampstead in the county of Middlesex. Unto my Brother in Law Richard Holditch £100 for Mourning. Unto Miss Sarah Hanbury spinster, £600, and to my Relation Elizabeth Child who now lives with me £100. To my Nephew Richard Holditch the Son of my said Brother in law by my sister Mary £300, and to my Niece Ann Holditch £300 and to my Nephew Edward Holditch £500, and to my Nephew John Holditch £500, and to my Nephew Thomas Holditch £300, and to my Nephew James Holditch £300, and also to my Nephew Henry Holditch the youngest child of my said Sister Mary £300. To Mrs Jane Higgins now living with me £600. To John Exley of Lincoln's Inn Fields co. Middx, Gentleman, £100. To Mrs Mary Hewit of Wakefield, co. York £200. To Mr William Child of Robert Town in said County of York £200. To Richard Child his Brother £100. To John Child, another Brother of the said William Child, £50. To my cousin Captain William Child £200, and to his son William Child £100, for Mourning. To Mrs Rebecca Watkins of Long Acre aforesaid £100. To Margaret Regnier £20. To John Slade £20. To Priscilla Taylor Mary (?) White and Sally Thrupp £10 apiece. To Henry Sowley £50. To Fisher Sowley £30 and to each of his daughters £15 apiece. To Robey Sherwind and his son—Sherwind £20 each. My Leasehold estate in Tottenham Court Road in the parish of St. Pancras co. Middx. Plate to be divided between my Sister Mary Holditch for her separate use, my said Niece Ann Holditch, the said Sarah Hanbury and the said Elizabeth Child. Said Leasehold Messuage in Tottenham Court Road and my three Leasehold Messuages in Long Acre and Hanover Street in said parish of St. Martin in the Fields aforesaid,

and my Freehold Messuages at or near Bow in the parish of Bow co. Middx to the use of Robert Crispin of Chancery Lane in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, co. Middx Gent., John Benwell and Henry Keppell [Capell] of St. Martin's Lane in the said parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, my executors, upon Trust for my said Sister Mary Holditch for her life, remainder to said Nephews and Nieces the said present Children of said sister Mary Holditch, and all and every child and children of my Sister Mary Holditch begotten and to be begotten. To my said trustees my Messuages, Tenements or Farms held on Lives of the Prebendary of Wilsden co. Middx, now or late in tenure of John Wilshere, John Millett and Peter Mattam, and also my Freehold Messuages containing 14 acres, with Barn &c. situate at West End Hampstead co. Middx, and my 8 acres of land in the parish of Wilsden co. Middx, and my Copyhold Messuage and 6 acres of land in or near Pond Street, Hampstead, and my Copyhold Messuage and land at Kilburn held of the Manor of Hampstead and my Copyhold Messuage and 20 acres of land held of the Manor of Hendon co. Middx., all which I have surrendered to the use of my will, To hold the same Upon Trust to pay yearly £230 to said Sarah Hanbury spinster, and £140 yearly to said Elizabeth Child, and subject thereto on trust for my said Nephews and Nieces. Trustees to grant demise or lease the said three Messuages in Long Acre and Hanover Street to the said John Benwell and my said Nephews Edward and John Holditch their exors and assigns for any term not exceeding 21 years. Signed J^{no} Foster. Witn^s. John Tennant, W^{no} Jones, John Loader. Proved by Robert Crispin, John Benwell and Henry Capell, by mistake in said Will called Keppell, the Executors.

THE ASPINWALL AND ASPINALL FAMILIES OF
LANCASHIRE.

By H. O. ASPINALL.

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PART V.

The pedigree of Houghton of Pendleton shows that two marriages were contracted during the latter half of the sixteenth century between members of the Houghton and Aspinall families. A portion of the pedigree, as given by Dr. Whitaker,¹²⁰ will be found below: a few dates have been added from a later history.¹²¹

¹²⁰ *History of Whalley*, vol. ii, p. 28.

¹²¹ *Victoria History of Lancashire*, vol. vi.