

NEWSLETTER

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Revealing Our Heritage

HUMPHREY WALWYN by David Hodgson



Humphrey Walwyn

“Orange and Lemons say the Bells of Saint Clements.”

We are all familiar with the nursery rhyme Orange and Lemons, one of the following lines “You Owe me Five Farthings say the Bell of Saint Martins” was relevant to a local inhabitant in 1612. ‘Five Farthings’ in 1600 would be around fifty pence today.

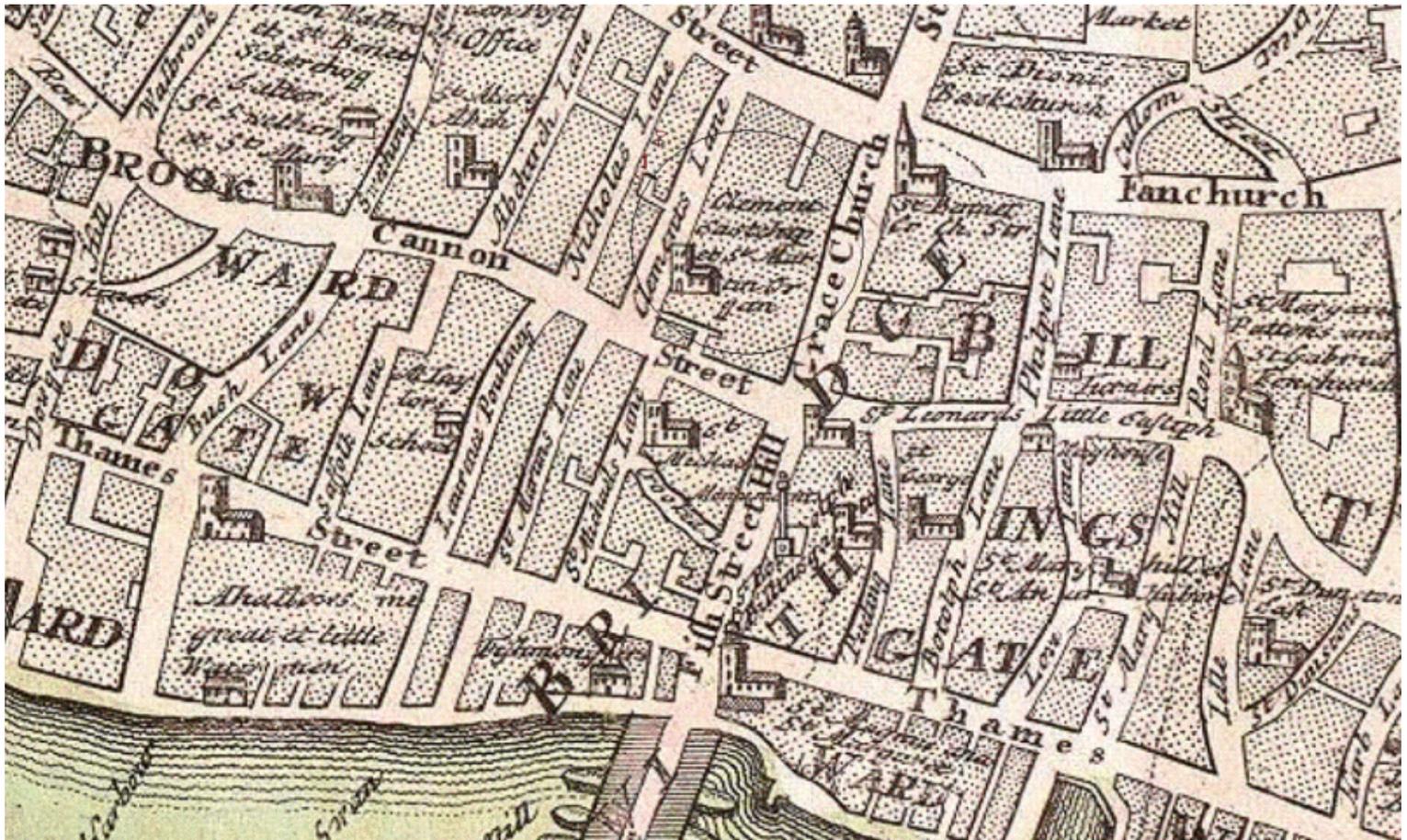
Humphrey Walwyn was the son of John Walwyn of Brockbury Manor born around 1558 in Little Malvern.

Humphrey became a member of the Worshipful Company of Grocers in London in the late 1500’s. He married Pernel Handford in 1598 at Saint Mary Woolchurch, Haw in London; in 1600 the couple had a son Humphrey, who was baptized at Saint Mary,

Humphrey died around 1612 and in his will he wished to be buried at St Martins Church Orgar in London, where three of his children were also buried.

St Martin’s Church was destroyed in the great fire of London in 1666, but the tower and part of the nave were left standing. The church was re built and merged with St. Clement Eastcheap. The church was in the City of London in St. Martin’s Lane, off Cannon Street.

After the church was restored it was used by French Protestants until



Map of 1736 showing St Martin’s Lane and Cannon Street

1820. Most of the remaining building was then pulled down, but the tower remained and was rebuilt in 1851 as the campanile of St Clement, Eastcheap. The churchyard of St. Martin's remains to the south of the campanile. Sadly records are only available from 1625 for Saint Martins.

In his will Humphrey entrusted the Worshipful Company of Grocers to carry out a generous bequest. This involved the building of a Free School in Colwall; later split into The Elms - a fee paying Prep School - and a public Elementary School. The Elms, still in existence, is the oldest Prep School in the country. Inside the school, remains of the 17th century School are still to be seen, as well as a number of cannonballs fired in the Civil War. Today the charitable aims of Humphrey are continued by The Walwyn Foundation.

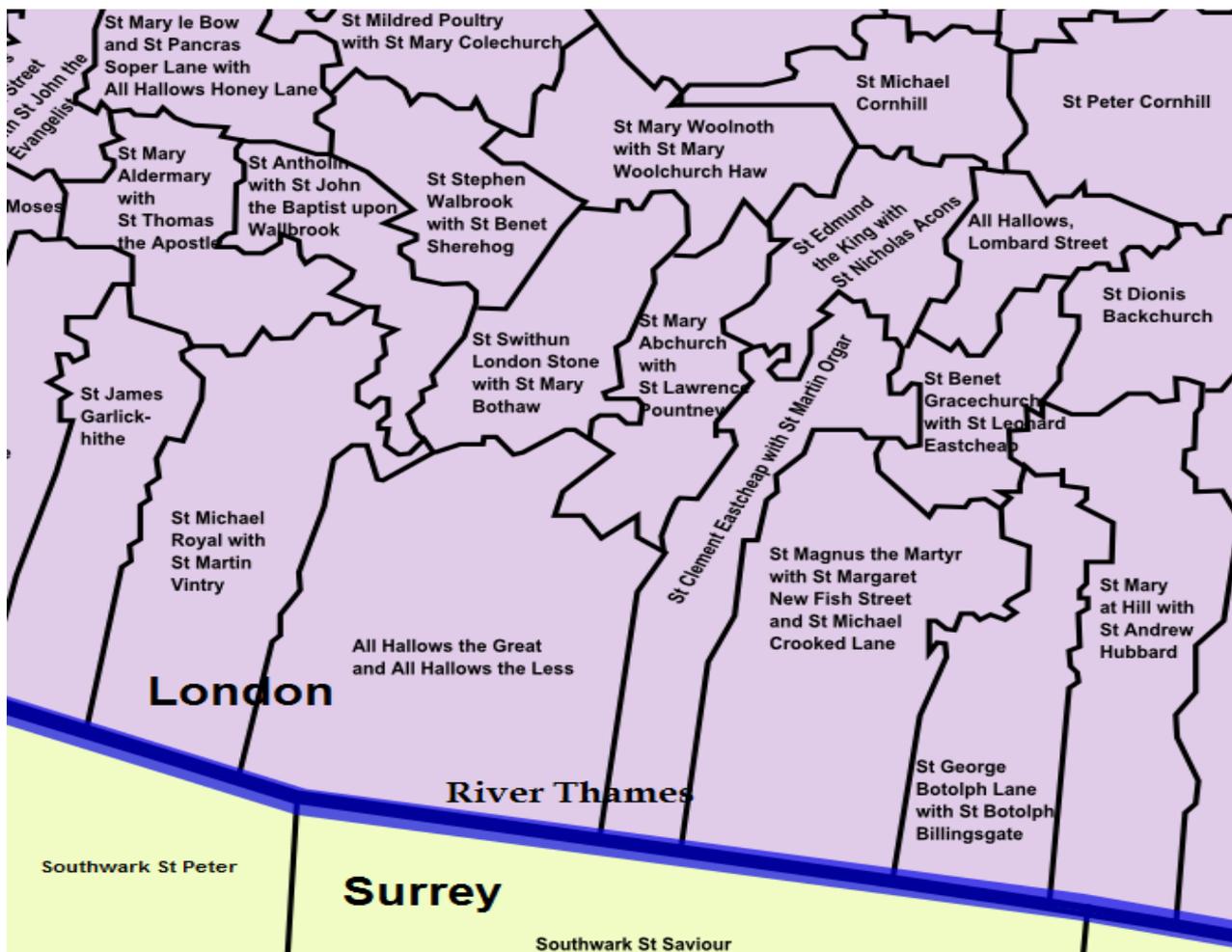
Humphrey requested the poor children of the parish of Colwall where his father and mother lie buried and the poor children of Little Malvern where he was born be taught freely without any payment.

Humphrey's father was John Walwyn and he was buried at Colwall on March 4th 1586. John Walwyn had several Manors including Brockbury in Colwall, Shelwick near Hereford and Powick.

John Walwyn a wealthy man was also a great benefactor ensuring the poor of the parish of Colwall were looked after. There are references to Robert Walwyn being Humphrey's father, this is not so. Robert was his brother who married Penelope Lygon, daughter of Robert Lygon of Madresfield in 1587. When Penelope passed away she was buried in the High Chancel in Malvern Priory in 1596. Robert remarried to Elizabeth Westphaling the daughter of the Bishop of Hereford and had several children, one of whom was a Humphrey, had this been Humphrey the Grocer he would have only been around 12/ 16 years old in 1614.

The Walwyn pedigree can be traced back to the 14th Century, at one time they were at Hellens at Much Marcle, Longworth Hall near Hereford and Brockbury. Brockbury and Flapgate were at one time part of Coddington Parish but are now of Colwall Parish.

There are several memorials related to the Walwyn family, the Humphrey Walwyn Library at Colwall, Walwyn Road Colwall, and 'The Walwyn Arms' at Much Marcle.



Map showing St Mary Woolchurch Haw and St Clement Eastcheap with St Martin Orgar.

Humphrey Walwyn's brother Robert inherited the Manor of Newland from his father John. The second son of Robert was William who was baptised at Newland in 1600.

William Walwyn was a Silkman in London who took the parliamentary side in the English Civil War. He advocated religious toleration and emerged as a leader of the Levellers in 1647 which led to his imprisonment in 1649.

- Sep. 16. Thomas Yonge and Jone Clarke.
 Oct. 2. Allan Baker and Jone Carter, *by banns*.
 Oct. 9. Thomas Burton and Mary Wilkinson, *by banns*.
 Nov. 20. Robart Brooke, *Minister*, and Susan Perpoint.
 Dec. 12. Vincent Gunson and Margere Taylor.
 Feb. 13. William Wiseman, of Steventon in barkshire, and Sara Crowche.
 Feb. 13. John Bargar, of Kent, *Gentleman*, and Jane Crowche.

1598

- May 21. Rice Maddocks and Alice Salter, *by banns*.
 Aug. 8. Thomas Maxfield and Joyce Morris, by Mr. Biddle.
 Oct. 8. John Smashie and Margerie Bland.
 Dec. 1. Richard Tumber and Mary Kennard, both of Kent.
 Jan. 9. **Humfrie Walwyn and Pernel Handford.**
 Jan. 15. Henrie Archer and Anne Crowche.
 Jan. 21. Thomas Sherle and Elizabeth Lacke.
 Feb. 19. John Jakson and Francis Laman both of Greenwich.
 Mar. 20. Philip Browne and Sara Evered, both of Walsingham.

1599

- April 15. William Hawlie and Elizabeth Bye.
 May 16. William Water and Elizabeth Hoopes.
 June 21. William Brewster and Mary Welles.
 July 29. Samuel Browning and Elizabeth Salsberie.
 Aug. 16. Edmond Chamberlaine and Anne Moulton.
 Sep. 24. Rafe Davenant and Jane Herring.
 Jan. 20. John Richardson and Anne Foster.
 Jan. 26. Richard Best and Elizabeth Encrones.

1600

- May 1. William Carter and Mary Kenrick.
 Aug. 10. Robart Smith and An Chrichloe.
 Sep. 14. John Elmer and Susan Jones.
 Sep. 22. James Ford and Elizabeth Johnson.
 Sep. 29. John Squire and Mary Averill.
 Dec. 2. Thomas Godfrie and An Ewer.
 Jan. 1. William Leeche and Margerie Shawe.
 Feb. 12. William Hall and Elizabeth Edmondas.

1601

- July 15. Thomas Heaton and Marie Jarvis.
 Nov. 24. Christofer Price and Elizabeth Sleventon.
 Dec. 2. Robart Hutchinson and Elizabeth Shepard.
 Dec. 15. Robert Walthew and Elizabeth Lanman at Grenewich, in the Quenes Chappell.
 Feb. 7. Thomas Stockelie and Martha Jakson.

1602

- May 16. John Woollison and Agnes Ward.
 June 29. William Fermor and An Brooke.
 June 29. Edmund Awsten and An Bennet.

- Oct. 14. [*sic*] Marie, daughter of William Crosselie.
 Dec. 9. Elizabeth, daughter of William Harrison.
 Dec. 24. Richard, son of William Nicholas.
 Jan. 20. William, son of John Colte.
 Feb. 13. Francis, son of Michael Tempest.
 Mar. 9. John, son of John Peerson.

1600

- April 13. Martha, daughter of William Legate, Anabaptiste, baptized by my Lord Bishop his comandment in the fyfte yeare of her age.
 April 16. Robart, son of William Keale.
 June 22. An, daughter of William Mathewes.
 July 20. Rebecca, daughter of George Belie.
 Sep. 20. **Anthony, son of Edward Greente.**
 Sep. 21. **Humfrie, son of Humfrie Walwin.**
 Oct. 5. Roger, son of Rowland Sadler.
 Oct. 12. Marie, daughter of John Balie.
 Oct. 19. Robart, son of Garret Ward.
 Nov. 9. Martha, daughter of Thomas Faldoe.
 Nov. 16. John, son of John Nevel.
 Nov. 30. Robart, son of Robart Dodson.
 Dec. 7. Millicent, daughter of William Nichols.
 Dec. 13. Judith, daughter of Dudlie Hawkes.
 Dec. 28. Elizabeth, daughter of William Harper.
 Jan. 4. Thomas, son of Mr. John Culpepper, of Fointon, in Sussex.
 Mar. 15. James, son of Criamour Shawe.

1601

- April 19. Sara, daughter of Humfrie Handford.
 April 26. Marie, daughter of John Pedlie.
 May 3. Peter, son of William Harrison.
 May 14. Samuel, son of Clement Webster.
 June 28. Katherin, daughter of John Peerson.
 Aug. 2. Marie, daughter of James Forde.
 Aug. 16. Thomas, son of Robart Androwes.
 Aug. 23. Thomas, son of Isaak Kilburne.
 Sep. 20. Elizabeth, daughter of William Crosley.
 Oct. 14. Philip, daughter of Edward Greente.
 Oct. 18. Susan, daughter of William Wilson.
 Oct. 23. Elizabeth, daughter of Rowland Sadler.
 Nov. 11. Thomas, son of John Dewaters.
 Nov. 29. Marie, daughter of John Squire.
 Dec. 20. Henrie, son of Christofer Mitchel.
 Dec. 27. William, son of James Sharlie.
 Feb. 1. Robart, son of William Goffe.
 Feb. 7. John, son of Thomas Faldo.
 Feb. 21. Katherin, daughter of William Harper.

1602

- June 6. John, son of Humfrie Handford.
 June 13. Elizabeth, daughter of William Harrison.
 June 20. Katherin, daughter of Thomas Harwar.

Marriage of Humphrey Walwyn in 1598

Baptism of Humphrey Walwyn's son Humphrey in 1600

In 1617 Humphrey's widow Pernel married Sir George Gunter, Knight of Rackton, in the parish of Lislewood in Sussex.

Some Robert or his assigned ymediatly after my decease owte of my barne of Brockbery and Woodstfeld aforesaid doe, and shall from time to time deliver or cause to be delivered unto my saide wyfe his mother or to her assigned sufficient corne and grayne to serve for the full fynding of her house untill her best next after my decease. Item vppon condicion that my sonne Gabriell doe peaceably and quietly permit and suffer his brother Robert to receive perrenie and take the rent yssues and pzooffitt of the premises in manner and forme at before I have willed that he shall receive to thirtenthy aforesaid And also vppon condicion that he the saide Gabriell doe assigne convey sett over and assure unto his brother Robert, John, James and Humphrey Walweyn all furthe righte title, interest, terme, use & possession of in and to sathes Leases for terme of his lyfe or yeares, or any other interest vsd title righte or possession whiche he the saide Gabriell hath or maye have of or in furthe Landed tenement, tithes or other hereditament whiche if the said John Walweyn therie father by this my last will and testament have given and bequeathed or in or by the same doe give and bequeathe to my saide sonne

Extract from will of John Walwyn of Brockbury listing some of his children.

"I do give unto my faithful servant, Humfrey Tomkins, twenty-five pounds of current money of England. And I do freely forgive the use of it unto him for the time he had the use thereof in Trade. I do give our faithful Servant, John Tucker, five pounds who hath likewise done us faithful and good service. I do give to my Brother[s] Gabriel, John and James and my Sister Katherine, to make them Rings of Remembrance if they outlive me, three pounds apiece to each of them. Also to my Sister Joan in the like sort, forty shillings."

Transcription of part of Humphrey Walwyn's will listing some of his brothers and sisters.

It is interesting to note that Humphrey would have been around at the time of the Gunpowder Plot. Also how did he travel to London in the late 1500's possibly by boat down the Severn?

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**Reminiscences by Barbara Eagles
October 1940**

At about 8 o'clock at night there were two huge explosions – our front door was blown half way up from the bottom and there was a huge blue flash. The door went back, it was fitted with a Woolworths lock a few months before!! The bombs fell on Knell farmland at the Wyche, killing Walter Powell's horse. He used it to do the local milk round, so later people collected money to buy him a new one.

There was a whist drive going on in the Institute under the Church close by, everyone rushed out – some with their playing cards still in their hands.

At the Wyche a lot of damage was done to roofs and windows in quite a large area. There was a huge hole at Knell Farm, we went to see it. I have heard it is still to be seen. There was also an unexploded bomb buried in the bank by the School and Free Church, I think it was exploded later but caused a lot more damage.

In 1942 a German plane was shot down over Malvern Wells. The pilot was captured by the local Home Guard. He had broken a rib – one of his boots came down in my uncle's garden in a pear tree. He was taken to Malvern Police Station, a friend of mine was on duty there, she was a civilian clerk there. She told me he spoke good English and said he knew where he was as he went to Malvern College!! He was Austrian – they had been going to bomb Liverpool. I don't recall hearing what happened to the rest of the crew.

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Future Talks

20th April 2015 AGM

followed by 'Natural History in Colwall'
By Tim Dixon

14th September 2015

NB: Cancelled due to ill health

16th November 2015

An Auden/Britten/'Night Mail' evening.
(Film, Music and Narration)

25th January 2016

Cora Weaver on the History of Malvern Water.

18th April 2016 AGM

Proposed talk by Ron Shoesmith on Alfred Watkin.

Notice from the Society's Secretary

Would any member wishing to table an item for consideration at the AGM and/or who wishes to nominate someone either to serve on the committee or as one of the Society's officers, please contact the Secretary [REDACTED] by 6th April 2015. As mentioned by the Chairman at the meeting on 26th January, new members of the committee would be very welcome.

From the Editor

There are no new articles for our next newsletter, surely someone must have something of interest?

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