

Extract from Genealogical Notes - Chichester Family, seen in the West Country Studies Library

"Sir Edward Chichester, 6th son, knighted by James I at Theobalds, 18 July 1616. On the death of his brother Arthur in 1624 he succeeded to his Irish estates and in 1625 was created by Charles I Baron Chichester of Belfast and Viscount Chichester of Carrick-Fergus in the Peerage of Ireland.

He married firstly Anne, daughter and sole heir of John Copleston of Eggesford, co.Devon (by his wife Dorothy, daughter of Sir George Beeston) and thus became possessor of estates in that parish. Lady Chichester died 8 March 1616 but the Viscount survived until 8 July 1648 having married secondly Mary Denham of Wortham in Cheshire, widow of Othwill Hill of Penwart, Cornwall, who died Belfast 2 Feb 1637, s.p. and was buried in the Church at Eggesford.

By Anne Copleston he was the father (amongst other children) of Arthur Chichester, born 16 June 1606, created Earl of Donegal, with limitation to heirs male of his father. The Marquis of Donegal and Baron Templemore descend from Lord Donegal's brother John."

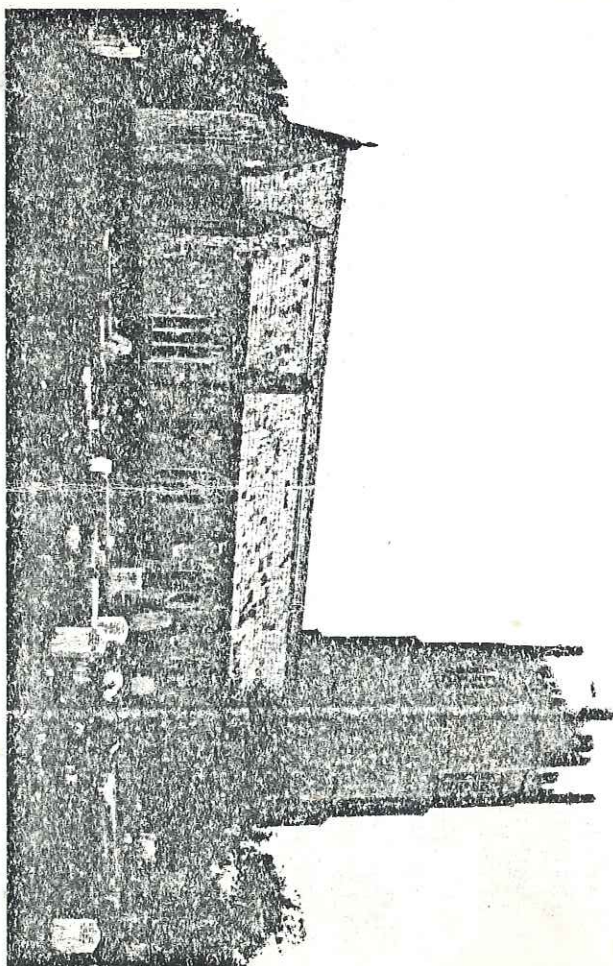
The monuments in the Church at Eggesford to this family are well worth a visit and the countryside around is very attractive. Eggesford is on the B.R. line from Exeter to Barnstaple, on which of course Coplestone village is reached. Colebrooke is about two miles from Coplestone, so all these places could be seen in a day. All who have visited Colebrooke (St.Andrew's) Church have felt the atmosphere of the place which is, of course, (if I dare use the expression) Mecca to the Copleston/e/pp/e family!

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This issue is being sent out early in order to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and to hope that the New Year brings at least some of the things of which you dream! For me the coming year will bring retirement and with it more hours to search for information about our family. Thank you all for your letters over the year which are each read more than once, for your interest and for your kindness.



ST. ANDREW'S - COLEBROOKE

Olive and Reg Copleston of Hadleigh, Essex have made an interesting discovery at Layer Marney, in Essex, regarding the Arundel(1) family.

Roger de Arundel held 28 Lordships at the time of Domesday, then followed five Sir Johns, the last of whom was Sheriff and Admiral of Cornwall and General for Henry VI in the French Wars. One of his daughters, Ellen, married Raphe Copleston.

The Arundels were of Norman origin and a family of them settled in Cornwall in the 13th century and by marriage to the Lanherne heiress acquired the manor of Lanherne. The first Lord Marney was linked with this family and five of Lady Marney's sisters married Daubeney, Copleston, Strangeways, Capell and Courtney.

Having lived on the edge of Epping Forest and the County of Essex for many years, I am quite ashamed that I have never discovered this link between Essex and Devonshire - thank you, Reg and Olive!

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From Reg's family come the Coplestons in Charleston S.C., also descended from John C. and Emma Silles. William Sydney, son of John, founded a drycleaning establishment in Charleston which still exists. His son, Louis Marion m. Ruth Larsen and their son John Larsen m. Agnes Griffith. John died and Agnes is now Mrs. George Wade. John Larsen Jr. m. Donna Wolfe and has a son, John Bradley. John L. Jr.'s brother Peter m. Deborah Jeanne Mackenzie and they have a son, David Stuart.

Quite a dynasty in South Carolina! Olive has been wondering about you for a long time and we are all glad to discover yet more American cousins.

If you know of any others in the South, please let me know.

G.R.O. ENTRIES - Births.

<u>1850</u>	Mary Ann (ppe)	Portsea I.	Sept	7.135
	Frederick (e)	St.Thomas	Dec	10.208
	Frederick Selwyn	Richmond	"	4.433
	Elizabeth (ppe)	Portsea I.	"	7.167
	Matthews Dean	Camberwell	"	4.85
	William Henry	Liskeard	"	9.164
<u>1851</u>				
	William	Maldstone	Mar	5.378
	Esther Sarah(ppe)	Portsea I.	"	7.130
	Arthur	Luton	Jun	6.121
	Mary Bond (e)	Newton A.	"	10.189
	Elizabeth Emily	Maldstone	Sept	5.362
	Mary Ann Wood	Clerkenwell	"	3.108
	Emily (ppe)	Marylebone	"	1.150
	Benjamin William	Portsea I.	Dec	7.195
	Esther (ppe)	Portsea I.	"	7.147
	Matilda Grace	Newton A.	"	10.165
	William Henry	Liskeard	"	9.173
	William(Copplestow)	Hoo	"	5.321
<u>1852</u>				
	Charlotte Jane	Gloster	Mar	6a.250
	Elizabeth Grace	Newton A.	"	5b.143
	Atwell	Luton	Jun	3b.409
	Henry	Honiton	"	5b.20
	Arthur Herbert(ppe)	Liskeard	"	5c.82
	Joseph (ppe)	Marylebone	Dec	1a.354
	Caroline Frances			
<u>1853</u>				
(Female				
(Mau arch Anne *	Richmond	Mar	2a.189	
Thomas	Newton A.	"	5b.115	
Eliza Joy ✓	Edmonton	Jun	3a.97	
Henry Herbert (e)	Newton A.	"	5b.147	
Elizabeth Jane(ppe)	Portsea	"	2b.355	
Emily (ppe)	Portsea	"	2b.341	
Elizabeth Agnes Maria	Plymouth	Sept	5b.219	

* undecipherable ✓ Coriolanus bookseller's family

THE FEET OF FINES for Cornwall gives the following story from Westminster which is oft repeated in our history, with different names and places:

'At Westminster, on the Morrow of Souls in the 10th year of the reign of King Henry VI (3 Nov 1431). Between John Copleston & John Mulys, claimants and James Chuddelegh, esquire, & Rade Gund his wife, defendants, as to the manors of Langonet & Manely. Plea of covenant was summoned. James & Rade Gund acknowledged the manors to be the right of John Copleston as those which he & John Mulys have by their gift. For this John & John granted the manors to James & Rade Gund & gave them up to them at the Court. To have & to hold to James & Rade Gund & the heirs of the body of Rade Gund begotten of the chief lords of that fee by the services which to those manors belong for ever. With remainder after the deaths of James & Rade Gund in default of heir of Rade Gund's body, to the heirs of the bodies of James & Rade Gund issuing. To hold as aforesaid for ever. With remainder in default of such heir to the heirs of the body of John Wybury of Wodelond begotten. To hold as aforesaid for ever. With remainder in default of such heir to John, son of the aforesaid James & the heirs of his body begotten. To hold as aforesaid for ever. With remainder after John, son of James' death, in default of such heir, to Hugh, son of Robert Hukelyng & the heirs of his body begotten. To hold, etc. With remainder after Hugh's death, in default of such heir to Nicholas Kaynes & the heirs of his body begotten. To hold, etc. With remainder after Nicholas's death, in default of such heir, to the right heirs of the aforesaid Rade Gund. To hold, etc.

(The language of this kind of document has hardly changed in 600 years!)

A brief St. Vedast 'Tree' :

HENRY DE WARWIC DE ST. VEDAST held 2 knight's fees at St. Vedast in Normandy of the Bishop of Bayeux

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Hugh de St. Vedast b.c. 1110 in 1166 held $\frac{1}{2}$ knight's fee of William de Albini Brito in Leicester

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Hugh de St. Vedast 1212 held 2 knight's fees of the Bishop of Exeter in Quarrington and Old Sleaford in Lincs.

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Roger de St. Vedast held the Manor of Colebrooke
/ Hugh St. Vedast 1223 Colebrooke

It is stated that William de Copleston could be the brother of this Hugh and that his descendants are:

Hugh de Copleston
b.c. 1230

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Richard tempore
Edward II 1307

/
John MP Dartmouth 1366

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Adam. Licence for Chapel
29.11.1384

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and so on as in the Visitations.

This is being investigated and findings will be, hopefully, in our next issue. The expression about 'the mists of time' comes to mind and for me it is thicker than a London fog of the old days, at present! Most of the references I find to St. Vedasts are in Latin, which is all Greek to me, if you know what I mean. My few days in Exeter in March may be of help and of my findings there I will make a report in general.

WILLIAMS AND HARRIETS - Of course, there still may only be one William and Harriet, but it is a mighty peculiar situation we have, Peter Coplestone (who also lives in Waltham Forest) and I. I had taken all the Cops from the microfiche for London and Middlesex and was delighted to find children of William and Harriet, baptised at Shoreditch St. Leonards, St. Alban Wood Street and St. Giles Cripplegate, all in the City of London area and dates which surrounded my Gt. Grandfather Josiah and his sister Sarah (whose parents were William, printer and Harriet).

Peter's Harriet, however, died and was buried in Hammersmith in the 1870's and my Harriet died in Leeds in 1853. My William married again in 1855 and died in Leeds.

The W. and H. in the microfiche had Ellen bapt. 1827, Christopher bapt. 1829, Christopher John bapt. 1833 and Christopher Richard bapt. 1837 (this latter is the first Coplestone in the GRO indexes, by the way). Apparently the first two Christophers died, but Chris. Richard lived to marry three times and by the first marriage had a son named Christopher Manus, who was Peter's Gt. Grandfather. My Josiah was born 1830/1 and his sister Sarah in 1832 in Nottingham. Their father William was only in Nottingham for two years, 1831 to 1832 and did not go to Leeds until 1839, after Christopher Richard was born, so it seemed certain that Josiah and Sarah fitted in the gap between Christopher the first and Christopher John, but on the marriage certificates of Christopher Richard his father is given as a silk salesman and my William was a printer - I thought, however, that he might be filling in between jobs! Christopher Richard's mother is given as Harriet Elizabeth, which is the name in the GRO index as being buried Kensington, which is the registration

district for Hammersmith, which is given on the funeral card in the possession of Peter. I feel the evidence is against Josiah and Christopher Richard being brothers, although there are some coincidences.

I shall have to seek more information about the William and Harriet Elizabeth and find from which branch William springs.

In the Leeds 1851 Census, only William and Harriet and Sarah were at home. Josiah had disappeared after marrying and parting from Ellen King. Now, another thought occurs - the Ellen I found who died in Yorks aged 77 I had always considered must be Josiah's first wife, but the first child of William and Harriet Elizabeth was an Ellen and she might have died a spinster in Yorkshire. Oh, wot a tangled web!

I also discovered fairly recently that Sarah married in Leeds when she was 30, which was quite late in those days. In 1859 she had been at Greenwich and was a witness at Josiah's second marriage, so she must have known if that marriage was bigamous. The elusive Josiah still eludes; I still have neither a record of his birth nor his whereabouts between 1850 and 1859. Having obtained his death cert. I saw that he then called himself 'artist' and not 'wood engraver' as on the marriage certs. I know he did some illustrating of books (also to be found) and that his paintings were hung in the Islington Infirmary, where he died.

I shall in the New Year be delving into Islington archives and hope to come up with information not only on Grandfather Charles and Gt. Grandfather Josiah, but on the family of Rush, of whom my Grandmother Hellen, Charles' wife, was one. They came into London from Suffolk or Norfolk and I cannot find any birth entries at the GRO. Should any of William's descendants know anything at all about them I should be grateful to hear.

The ties have been ordered and hopefully we should have them by mid-February. No money was sent with the order, but if it is sent soon, there may be a discount - however, I should be pleased to have cheques in January from those who have not already paid. I enquired about badges for the ladies and it is possible to get washable ones (lozenge-shaped for us, of course!) with a minimum order of 50. I said I would wait for a response.

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The Coplestone Stores, by the Cross, have T-shirts with the Cross in black and COPPLESTONE in red on white - my Mother brought one home for me and dared me to wear it to my office, which I did, under a blouse, cheat that I am! At £1.99 for the large size, they are a good buy.

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Fifteen pages of diary written on a trip from Rhode Island down to Florida by Rose, when she and Bill went for a recent holiday, fell on my doormat, together with the carton of Camels which I confess I thought they'd forget about in the excitement! Rose had many impressions similar to mine, particularly of the masses of food in the South and their courtesy and kindness down there - "Y'all have a nice day, now"! You all should meet our Rose, she is some character. Which reminds me, some time next year could we not try for a meeting somewhere reasonably central? Other Family Societies do it and I don't see why Copleston Cousins can't. Let me have ideas from you. Coplestone/Colebrooke would be ideal, of course, but too far for many, I fear.

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Could some of us visit Oriel College in the spring, which has interests for us? Those interested let me know and I will arrange a day for us to go.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM VERA L. CAULFORD, nee Copleston, of Layton, Utah.

"Lancelot was born in Wrentham, Norfolk Co., Mass 3 May 1859 to Edwin and Eliza Helen Copleston, nee Attwood. This was Edwin's second wife. They had only one son. From the 1st marriage he had other children who embarked for Australia. I figure Edwin was about 20 years older than Eliza. Edwin was an artist and worked in the London Museum (British Museum?), how long I do not know. He died in England. Eliza lived with her son Lancelot in the Long Island home until her death in Aug of 1918. Edwin came from Luton and I have pictures I can't identify taken around 1860. While Edwin was living in the U.S. he ran and operated a hat factory in Nyack, N.Y. I have pictures of this hat factory. I do not know when Edwin died, but I imagine in the latter 1800's. My grandfather visited England during the early 1900's (Lancelot) and saw relatives in Luton. Lancelot was a successful civil engineer and from 1915 commuted from Long Island to N.Y.C. where he worked. He worked for the Ball Engine Co. selling and installing steam heating plants and electrical plants which he supervised. He put in the whole electrical plant in the Roosevelt Hospital on Long Island. He was a robust, ruddy faced fellow about 5'11" in height. He had very cold steel blue eyes. He was a marvellous speaker and could hold one spellbound with his stories. I used to love it when all the family was gathered around the dining table like Christmas or Thanksgiving and he would narrate his stories - he had many experiences...."

Vera works for the US Govt. as a secretary with the Air Force. Her secretarial experience no doubt helped her in encompassing so much information in one paragraph. Her son, Edwin, is very interested in the family and I look forward to hearing from him, too.

EXTRACT OF THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER COPLESTON
OF ALVERDISCOTT, Gent., dated 20 Oct. 1637

Proved 9 Nov 1637.

To poor of Alverdiscott.

To Mary Copleston my wife my mansion house called Kingdon and justments called Kingdon Ground, Ketshame and tenement late in ten. of one Griffie Forde and a ten. called Okery in Alverdiscott and a ten. in Wear Gifford and ten. called Warmington in Bideford; also a house in Bideford where Mr. John Webber now liveth.

To Christopher Coplestone my son £500.

To Lancelott Coplestone my son all my lands in Alverdiscott, Horwood, Westputtford, Wolfardisworthy and Hartland and in Morwinstow after death of Mary my wife.

To Thomas Copleston my son a close part of the barton of Bideford called the Easter Culverparke and all my goods at Eastwood and my lands in Bideford.

To Launcelott my son all debts due from Hugh Stowley of Fremington esq. and John Slowley gent. his brother.

To Anthony Berrell £10.

Residue to Mary my wife executrix.

Witnesses: Hugh Knowlinge, John Stapledon and Fabian Richardes.

Invent. by George Bellew of Hunshawe gent., Hugh Knowlenges of Alverdiscott, gent. and Thomas Gay of Hunshoven yeom., 3 Nov. 13 Chas. I. 1637.

Sum £2,168.6s.

(Archd. of Barum)

(Note various spellings of the same names - and I wonder if Lancelot collected the debts? - and is it Stowley or Slowley??)

LAUNCELOT COPLESTONE of Alverdiscott, bapt. 28.4.1597, had of his first marriage to Letitia Hungerford, daughters Mary and Elizabeth and sons Christopher and Lancelot. The two latter became merchants in London and Lancelot had a son, also Lancelot, who married Hakell Walraven, dau. of Matthias, brewer. They appear, as far as I can gather, to have had 12 children between 1688 and 1713: Walraven, Lancelot, Matthias, 'Child', Mary Hakell, John, 'Stillborn', Elizabeth, Susannah, Hakell, Lancelot and Lancelot. It may be that two of the Lancelots died, but sometimes parents did give more than one child the same name. Walraven had between 1711 and 1718 five children I have so far traced: Waller, 'Child', Hungerford Henry and Lancelot. In the Guildhall manuscripts room in the City of London is a register of Sun Fire Policies in which Walraven is given as a brewer who had a policy on his goods in Rotherhithe. His wife was Sarah (Hexle?) who died in 1721 at Rotherhithe. The second marriage of 'Launcelot' of Alverdiscott was to Wilmot, whose maiden name still eludes us, and who had Panthea, Wilmot, Caesar, Abdolominus and the first Coriolanus, progenitor of the enormous family which has been discovered in various parts of England and Wales.

Of the three Lancelots buried at Rotherhithe in 1713, 1715 and 1728 I do not know which was which, but suspect that two of them were Walraven's brothers. His brother Hungerford of Lambeth died aged 76 and was buried in 1791 in Beckenham Churchyard, as was his gt. Grandfather Lancelot in 1663.

There must be descendants of the children of the 1st marriage, although I have not yet found any living - perhaps the Lancelot born in Wrentham, Mass., was of this family and I am now trying to get back from him. We welcome in the descendants of this Lancelot who live in Utah and California. I have a copy birth record of Lancelot's son Edwin, b. Franklin, Mass, March 31st, 1878. (See page 9)