

London. The title-page of his translation of Beza's *Le Sacrifice d'Abraham* informs us that it was "Finished at Pouules Belchamp in Essex, the xi. of August, 1575." Warton thinks that he contributed some verses to the entertainment at Kenilworth in that year, but he bases this opinion only on the strength of Gascoigne's statement that certain verses were written by "Master Goldingham,"—a not uncommon name at that time. On January 6, 1576, Golding was living at Clare in Suffolk.

Between 1576 and 1585 Golding must have spent a great part of his time in Essex, for he was becoming a great landed proprietor chiefly owing to the death of his brothers Henry and George. Morant's *Essex* furnishes us with detailed information regarding Golding's life in this capacity. His brother Henry had become possessed of the manor of East Thorp, part of which he had purchased from Robert Waldgrave on May 6, 1564, and the remainder, together with the advowson of the church, from John Bacon on October 7, 1576 (Lett. pat. 6. 12 Eliz.). "He dyed 6 Decemb. 1576, seized not only of his maner, but also of Oldholt tenement, and several lands and tenements in Bireh and Messing. Arthur his brother and next heir, then aged 40 succeeded him (Inquis. 19 Eliz. Feb. 7)."¹ Golding seems to have intended to dispose of this property almost immediately: "On the 20th of Novemb. (1577?) he procured a license to alienate this whole estate to Richard Atkins, Gent. and Elianore his wife (Book of Alienat.)" As we shall see however, he was still possessed of East Thorp in 1585. Other lands inherited from this same brother he kept in his possession till 1591: "Besides which [Little Bireh and East Thorp] he [Henry Golding] had in this parish Cocks woods; Cocks lands, and Oldholt tenement; a messuage called Moothes containing 50 acres; a tenement and two crofts called Was-selings; and a moiety of messuages and lands called Garlands and Ives crofts, alias Derby lands. (Inquis. 19 Eliz. and 16 Vaco.) His brother Arthur Golding succeeded him, and presented to the rectory 19 May, 1591 (Inquis. 19 Eliz.). Alice Golding widow, paid Ward silver for this maner in the

¹ Morant's *Essex*, vol. ii. p. 180—Lexden Hundred.