

From the reign of Edward II. on, the name appears frequently in public documents. In a paper dated July 6, 1345, "de protectione pro quibusdam personis, qui cum Rege in obsequium suam ad partes transmarinas profecturi sunt," we find the name of Thomas Goldyng.¹ Another document which bears the date 1374 "de marinariis arestandis pro navibus et bargis Regis" has the following item: "Johannes Goldyng, magister navis Regis vocatæ La Mighel de Hull, ad sexaginta et decem marinarios in comitatibus Suffole' et Essex'. Toward the close of the fifteenth century Thomas Golding of Grays, in Cavendish, Suffolk, and of Beauchamp St. Paul in Essex, married Agnes, daughter of Edm. Lutton.² On her death he "married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and co-heirs of John Worthie [or Wortley?] of Blamsters in Halstead, Esq., . . . and had by her John Golding, Esq. of Pauls Beauchampshall and Halstead."³ This was Arthur Golding's father, and the following quotation from Morant regarding the lands which he held shows that he was a very prosperous gentleman: "He held a tenement here called Spicer's, 2 acres of arable in Chapel-feild, and several parcels of land of the Dean and Chapter in socage. He had also estates in Beauchamp Otton and Beauchamp St. Ethelbert and in Halsted, Worthies Place, Blomsters Maner, Aylewards Place, Pascalls, Pichards, Wynde Wells, etc., in Hempsted, a messuage called Blagden, and 86 acres of arable, 15 of meadow; in Bumpsted-Helion the maner of Boblowe."⁴

⁽¹⁾ Inquis. 2 Ed. VI., Nu. 78."⁵

John Golding's possession of such extensive properties is the more noteworthy in view of the fact that his elder brother, Roger, had been Thomas Golding's heir.

John Golding's first wife, Elizabeth, widow of Reginald Hammond of Ramsden Belhouse, was the daughter of Henry Stowe, Knt., and heiress of West Malling in Kent. She died on December 26, 1527, leaving to John Golding four children—

¹ Rymer's *Fœd. et*

² *Ibid.*

³ Hunter's *Chorus Vatum* on the authority of a Harleian MS.

⁴ Morant, *op. cit.*

⁵ *Ibid.*