

the bounds between the lands of Ric. Coffin, lord of the manor of Alwington and Coekementon—(did not this prove that the deed was much later?)—and the Abbot of Tavistock in lands in Abbotsham.

"Some of the terms and articles of which agreement are these, that the Abbot and Convent should give to the said Ric. Coffin and next heir full fraternity in his Church of Tavistock, to receive the habit of religion, whensoever (God so inspiring) they would, and that in the meantime he should have the privilege of one monk there," &c.—Exmagno MS. D. Gul. Pole, p. 203.

"Of this family, from the time of King Henry I. (1100 to 1135), unto the age of King Ed. II. (1307—1327), all were called Richard; of whom divers were knights.

"And to speak of later times, Sir Wm. Coffin was Master of the Horse at the Coronation of Anne, Queen of Henry the VIII., in the 25th (1534) of his reign, and of the Privy Chamber to that king, and High Steward of the Manor and Liberty of Stondon, co. Herts, where he lyeth buried.

"In this parish is Yeo, an ancient seat sometime of the Giffards, but now (1620) the inheritance of Sir Ed. Cary, whose ancestor matched with the heir of that name. The house is fair, according to the ancient building of those times.

"In a private chapel whereof is a tomb thus inscribed:

"Orate pro anima Willielmi Giffarde, Arm.

Qui obiit 22 die Decembris, A.D. 1400.

Cujus animæ propitiatur Deus."

Westcote, p. 314—

"Allington, Alwington, Alwinton, and in Domesday Book, Hanitine, for by all these names it is written, was possessed by David de la Bear.

"Portledge therein was held by one of the name, by the heir of which race it came to the ancient and dignous family of Coffin, which in former times were of great estate, for in the time of Richard I. (1189—1199), I find Sir Hugo Coffin de Combe Coffin; in Henry III., (1216—1272), Sir Geoffry Coffin, of the same place.

"Several other places retain yet the name, as—Coffin in Countesbury, Wm. Coffin of Coffinwell. The last married Harding.

"Yeo was the inheritance of Giffard, whose heir was first married to Berro (Bury), and Secondly to Cary.

"Tradition delivers that the Wm. Giffard (of the mont.) was one of the Justices of the King's Bench."

Sir Wm. Pole, p. 586, probably from whom Risdon got his information above, speaks thus of Portledge—

"Adjoynt unto the Northsea.

"Ric. Coplan. Henry II., held two knights' fees of Rob., the king's sonne, of the honour of Okehampton.

"Rich. Coffin, 27 Henry III., two knights' fees in Alwington of Henry Herringe.

"Ric. C., 21 Ed. I.

"John C., 8 Ed. II.

"David C., 19 Ed. III.

"Michael C., 40 Ed. III.

"William C.