



W H E T H A M S T E D.

The Manor of LAMERE

Stands upon a rising Ground half a Mile off the Church, on the North Side the River. It is said to be named from Pontius Lamere, Lord here in the Time of Henry III. to whom that King granted the Lands of William de Soy of Sabridgeworth, a Minor, in Wardship. But this Pontius was much more likely to take his Name from the Place.

It was the Custom of the Britons to denominate Towns and Houses frequently from Rivers; and this seems to be so from the Lea, which runs below it: And the Saxon Name imitates the British Lay. Thus the Vill at its Rise in Bedfordshire is Laygrave or Legrave; and the Town it passes through Layton or Luton. And this Lordship is called Leamore or Lammer most probably from that Rivulet. Thus again at Cheshunt, from the British Dour Lay came the Roman Darolatum. Sir William Roch, Son of Sir John Roch of Wixley in Yorkshire, had this Manor in the Time of Henry VIII. He left only one Daughter Grizel his Heir, married to Sir John Boteler of Woodhall. They levied a Fine to the Use of themselves and Sir John's Heirs. Philip his Son enjoyed it some time. Afterwards it was purchased by Sir William Garrard of London, Son of William Garrard of Sittingburn in Kent, Esq. His Son John succeeded, who was made a Baronet the 19th of King James I. He married Elizabeth, Daughter of Sir Edward Barkham. Sir Samuel his second Son succeeded him; and upon his Death Sir Samuel his Son came to the Estate, and is present Possessor. He bears, Argent on a Fess Sable a Lyon passant of the Field, with Arms of Ulster.

The Church, dedicated to St. Helen, is in the Deanry of Berkhamsted, and Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, and is a very old Building. It is of Cathedral Fashion, and seems to be the oldest in the County, even elder than Anstie. The Rector of this and Haraden is presented by the Bishop of Lincoln. The Rectory has a Share of the great Tythes with the Church of Westminster. The Church receives Tythe on one Side the River, and the Rector on the other; and they change Sides once in three Years. Mr. Edward Wake is Rector.

The Rood seems to be left in the Church still: A plain Figure of charlie Wood, with the Head almost cut off with a Saw, or some other Instrument, flanting. This image is made the Clerk's Desk, and a Shelf made above it to hold his Book. In the Chancel Window is the Effigie of St. Helen.

BENEFACTIONS.

To the Poor 40s. per Ann. paid from Brocket-Hall, the Gift of - - North (as it's said) Redborn, Sanaridge, Hatfield, Ayot, St. Peter's, and Haraden have the same.

Mr. Kentish of this Parish lately left ten Shillings per Ann. out of an House in this Parish called the Cross.

Ten Pounds per Ann. given to the Poor by one of Sir Samuel Garrard's Family.

MONUMENTS.

In the Chancel, under the Altar, with Ermine 3 Crescents on a Fesse - - a Marble for

William Bristow, Gent. and Agnes his Wife. He died Apr. 17. 1599. She Sept. - - 1590. leaving Issue Luce, Martha, Margarets, their Coheirs.

- - Domini Willielmi Grettewelle quondam Rectoris istius Ecclesie de Whethamstede, ac Canonici in Ecclesia Cathedrali Lincoln. Qui ob. 4 idus Feb. A. D. 1401. His Arms, Or, a Crois crossed Sable.

Uxor charissima Domina Janae Leventhorpe filia Domini Richardi Michell nuper hujus Parochie, qua secundo sibi pregnans febre correpta immatarum prolem, cum animâ maturâ reddidit June 28. 1661. et. 27.

Ob pietatem in Deum singularem; Mores erga omnes suavissimos; amorem in Virum supra multobrem, hoc voluit extare memoriam Staffordus Leventhorpe Pastor Ecclesie de Shephall. Hic unicam reliquit pignus charissimam Thomam Leventhorp, Patris solatium, Amicorum delectamentum, qui quartam post mensum huc Matrem pro dolor sequutus est; et. mensis 12.

Hic juxta Thomas Stubbing, Civis et Mercator Londinensis in ordinem Senatorium ascitus F. Marci (hujus Ecclesie per lustra X Rectoris) ex Eliz. F. Georg. Rotherham de Farley in Com. Bed. Arm. An. felicissimi reditus Caroli 2<sup>o</sup> propter Parentes requisivit; post ibi lapsis 15 annis illam - - Anna maestissima Coniux Liberis 5 superstitibus. Arms, Vert 3 Stags Or, impaling Azure a Chevron Or between 3 Roses of the second.

Hic situs est D. Nathan Vereard apud Cantabr. A. M. Vir pius, prudens, probus et doctus, noxius nemini, singulis benevolus, in vita Religiosus ad exemplum, in tadio morbi et Morte patiens ad miraculum. Ille magno suorum et omnium morori. An. Christi 1685, et. sua 37 improles proli dolor a virus excessit, et his servatoris sui expectat adventum. Abi lectur, Ora et Imitare.

" Here lieth interred the Body of Mr. Tho. Hunsdon, Gent. Son of Mr. John Hunsdon, Gent. who died Oct. 5. 1695."

" Here lieth Eliz. Hunsdon, Daughter of Mr. John Hunsdon, jun. who died 1695."

There are more old Stones, whose Inscriptions and Arms are defaced.

A Stone for Dr. Lamb Dean of Ely. J. L. ob. 10 die mensis Augusti An. Dom. 1708. et. sua 60.

Another, " For Eliz. his Wife, Daughter of Dr. Henry Killygreen, of the ancient Family of the Killygreens in Cornwall, who died Oct. 28. 1701."

In the North Isle. Oratione pro animabus Joannis Heyworth, Gentilman, et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus, qui quidem Johannes obiit vicesimo die Septembris 1526. et. an. Regni Regis Henrici 8<sup>vi</sup> 11mo. Arms of Heyworth 3 Owls expanded Sable.

Another near it with the Man's Arms defaced, the Woman's Heyworth, and this broken imperfect Epitaph.

Hic Pater, his Mater, soror hic jacet, his quoque Frater, Pastoris - - Protomartyris Angligenasis, Boitok Hugo Pater, Marci, Margarettæque Mater, Nomen erat simile, penitus trahit a Genitore, Hæc qui - - 1680 - - - - - Et pariter recubent in pace precare

" Here resteth the Body of Alice late Wife of James Bayly of Makary End in this Parish. Gent. sole Daughter of William Hodson of Bourton in the County of Bucks, Gent. Ob. Feb. 26. 1642. - - - - -"

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