

Original construction:

Ward family claim descendancy from Edward III Of England; the Ward family coat of arms has the motto sub cruce salus (salvation under the cross).

Rev Thomas Ward who became rector of Old (Ould) in Northamptonshire in 1668, married Elizabeth daughter of Henry Lucas esq of Guilsborough, and died in 1706; he has 3 children of whom eldest was John Ward b 1675, married Mary daughter of Caldecott of Catthorpe Hall; had 4 children, of whom Ann (b 1724) married John Lucas and had a son William-Zouch Lucas who also adopted, additional surname Ward.

John Ward purchased manors of Guilsborough and Norton in 1710 served in office of Sheriff of Northamptonshire died 1731.

His son Sir Thomas Ward b 1717, was high sheriff of Northampton, died unmarried in 1778, survived by nephew Richard Ward (husband of his daughter Elizabeth) who also died without issue, so estates devolved to William Zouch-Lucas (Ward) whose coat of arms is:

Arms - Cross Patonce arg

Crest - A wolfs head erased

Motto - sub cruce salus

Estates: Guilsborough, Addington, Spratton, Hollowell.

Seats: Guilsborough Park and Great Addington Hall.

William Zouch Lucas-Ward had a Son, John Ward, of Guilsborough Grange, John Ward married in 1811 Theodosia de Malsburgh Leigh, b 1792, who was the daughter of Sir Egerton Leigh (2nd Bt) and Theodosia Anna Maria Boughton; John Ward changed his name to be John Ward-Boughton-Leigh . He died 1868. They had a son Edward Allesley Boughton

Ward-Boughton-Leigh.

John Ward and Theodosia de Malsburgh lived at Brownsover Hall but Guilsborough Hall after the death of his father (Zouch Lucas Ward) in 1837 In 1831 John took additional names Boughton and Leigh.

In separate doc, the Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales Of 1870 - 1872 Describes Hollowell thus:

"The manor belongs to John W B Leigh Esq. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Peterborough. Value 155. Patron, R Hitchens, Esq. The church was built in 1840 and is in the early English style".

Check out reference in Northampton family archives on Hitchens family, Guilsborough (spelt wrong sic):

The Rev Thomas Sikes (d. 1834), the son of a London banker, purchased the Guilsborough' vicarage in 1792. It passed in succession to his two nephews the Rev John David Watson and the Rev Thomas Sikes Hitchens (d. 1916).

Therefore this must be the Rev Watson who lived in Beech House in mid-1800's and who built Hollowell church, and after whose death it passed to his brother/cousin Rev Hitchens (till 1916).

Remember that Beech House only became the vicarage when Rev Watson lived there; formerly it was the dower house then a farmhouse.

Thomas Underwood b 1807 d 1867

In 1838 age 30 living in Hollowell Vicarage, formerly a farmhouse, with his brother John, at time of sale

in 1838 to Rev J D Watson, who made it the Vicarage.

Aged 41, in 1849, he is a tenant of Hollowell Manor and farm; by 1851 he is a farmer of 230 acres employing 5 labourers.

At death in 1867 he leaves land to brother Edward.

From probates records:

Underwood, Edward 1826 Hollowell

Underwood, John 1832 Hollowell

(But no mention of Thomas ...).

Preceding this(?), there was a Thomas Lucas of Holywell (Northamptonshire), who had a daughter Martha Lucas. Martha married Charles Heygate b 1745 d 1808 (REW: Highgate house ???) Charles's father Nicholas Heygate is listed as living at West Haddon. Northamptonshire.

From Northamptonshire and Rutland probate index

Lucas, Richard 1537 Hollowell

Lucas, John 1548 Hollowell

Lucas, John 1558 Hollowell

Lucas, Robert 1559 Hollowell

(Lucas, Thomas 1696 Guilsborough)

Lucas, Agnes 1630 Hollowell

Lucas, Alice 1646 Hollowell

Lucas, Edward 1617 Hollowell

Lucas, John 1671 Hollowell

Lucas, William 1712 Hollowell

Lucas, Elizabeth 1804 Hollowell

Lucas, John 1819 Hollowell

Pictures Of the Village Hall as a school are kept at the Hall. contact Chrystal Baker-Bates.

Rev Watson was vicar Of Guilsborough.

For more documents, see Warwickshire county record office, nationalarchives.gov.uk has a whole list

of documents listed, which includes original mortgage documents and maps etc. relating to Lucas and Ward families.

Note Northamptonshire record Office has village plans ref 1703 Of Creaton and Cottesbrooke.

Northampton's record office has a copy of will of John Lucas the elder of Creaton Magna dated 1681 ; to son John 2 half yardlands in Creaton and close in Hollowell, leaves house to son Richard, and room each for daughters Mary and Ann. One pound to grandson (by who?) Thomas Lucas.

1830 Langham correspondence; Mr F Lucas jr intends to set out land at Hollowell for allotments ; in letter to Sir Langham at Glyndebourne.

In 1648 dean of Christchurch Oxford complains about proposed enclosure of land at Hollowell.

1757 John Ward was lord of manor at Hollowell.

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