A History

OF

Monmouthshire

FROM THE COMING OF THE NORMANS INTO WALES
DOWN TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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The Hundred of Trelech.

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Tintern Parva.

TINTERN PARYA or Little Tintern, so called to distinguish it from the adjoining parish of Chapel Hill or Abbey Tintern, is a small parish with a picturesque village on the bank of the river Wye.

The parish contains, according to the census of 1871, 327 acres; and, according to that of 1901, 795 acres with 16 acres of tidal water and 3 acres of foreshore.

The rateable value in 1801 was £54., and in 1919, 140s. The population has been as follows:—

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The greater part of the parish is covered with coppice woods on the slope of the steep hill which rises precipitously from the river. The woods formerly gave a considerable amount of employment to the inhabitants, who were skilled wood-cutters, hoop-sharers, hurdle-makers, etc. This branch of industry has greatly declined, but the village has become a popular resort for tourists, who come to see the famous abbey which is situated in the next parish.

The earliest mention of the place is in the Liber Laudanensis, when Cyndrefin, son of Cynog, bought of Rhodri, son of Ithel, the land of Louhai which he gave to the see of Llandaff, Cadwared being the see of Rhodri, son of Ithel, the land of Louhai which he gave to the see of Llandaff, Cadwared being the father of Tiutern downwards to the Wye, along it upwards directly opposite to the ridge of Tintern, to the cliff, upwards to the ridge of Tintern, from the ridge of Tintern downwards to the Wye, along the Wye with its weirs to the influx of Catfrut where it began.

Catfrut is the brook now called Catbrook, more properly Cad-ffrwd (the battle stream), which descends from the high ground in the parish of Trelech and enters the Wye at Coed Ithel.

The Manor.

This was a manor held under the Clares, earls of Gloucester and Hertford. In the survey of Wentwood, 1271, it is said that the father of Philip Champeney was first seized of Little Tintern, and the jury are ignorant whether he ought to have housebot and haybot or not.

Gilbert de Clare, who was slain at Bannockburn in 1314, died without issue, his heirs being his sisters. In the Inquisition post mortem of this nobleman, dated 28 September, 8 Edw. II. [1315], among much other property was:—

Little Tintern, 17 acres of land, etc., with the fisheries at Lynuwere and Browere, and a rent called "kigh."

The chief estate in Tintern Parva belonged in the seventeenth century to Richard Herbert (eldest son of the celebrated Edward, lord Herbert of Chirbury), afterwards the second lord Herbert of Chirbury. He inherited it from his mother's father, sir William Herbert of St. Julians, and, by indentures dated 9 February, 1640, sold it for a sum not mentioned to his kinsman Thomas, afterwards sir Thomas Herbert of Tintern, baronet.

This ind're made 9 Feb., 1640, 16 Car., between Richard Herbert of St. Julians, esquire, and his heir apparent of the right hon. Edward, lord Herbert, baron of Chirbury and Castle Island, of the one pt., and Thomas Herbert of the city of Westminster, esquire, of the other pt., wittnesseth that the st Richard Herbert in common of a competent sum of money, grants, sells, encloths, etc., to the st Thomas Herbert, All that capital messuage and one water corn mill with appurts in Tinterne Magua and Tinterne Parva, now in the tenure of Thomas Berrington, gent., and Tacy his wife, and also all that other mess' in the same late in the occupation of John Williams, dec'd, and now or late in the occupation of the st Thomas Berrington and Tacy, And also all that other mess' in the occupation of the st Thomas Berrington and Tacy, And also all that mess in the occup' of Robert Smith, And also all that other mess' or cottage in the same in the occup' of Elizabeth Jayme, And also all that wood called Kebedicke in the same extent 200 acres in the occup' of John Cebelikie, gent., And also all those six acres of meadow and eight acres of pasture in the same in the tenure of Hester Geathen and Alice Geathen, And also all those several parcels of land in the same hereafter in the occup' of George Harris, and now also in the occup' of the said Thomas Berrington and Tacy, And also all of one acre of meadow in the same, late in the occup' of [blank] Lyons, and now of the said Thomas Berrington and Tacy, with all lands, woods, free warren, heriots, rents, etc., in

1 Liber Laudanensis, pp. 199 and 443, Book of Llan Dilo, p. 209.

1 Cal. of Inq., vol. vii., no. 538.
the said parishes to have and to hold until a good
and perfect estate in fee simple shall be made, etc.,
which said messuages are the right of the said Richard
Herbert or the said Edward, lord Herbert, and dame
Mary his wife, or sir Will'm Herbert, kn., dec'd, late
grandfather of the said Richard Herbert, etc.

[Signed] RICHARD HERBERT.

Endorsed—Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Geo. Fletcher.
Richard Herbert.
Tho. Pierfton.
Will'm—W. B.—Blonck's mark.

Sir Thomas Herbert, who thus purchased the
estate of Tintern Parva, was the son of Christopher
Herbert of York, where his family had been settled
as merchants, and was born there in 1606. Descended
from Thomas, a base son of sir Richard Herbert of
Coldbrook (the latter slain at Banbury in 1460), he
in early life renewed his family connection with his
kinsman William, third earl of Pembroke, who,
recognising the relationship, obtained for him a post
in the suite of the British ambassador in Persia.
When the civil wars broke out he at first attached

himself to the parliament, but afterwards became a
staunch adherent of the king, whose sole companion
he was during the last few months of his life, and
whom he accompanied to the scaffold. King Charles
immediately before his execution gave him his watch,
and this and the king's cloak, and the 1632 edition
of Shakespeare, on the flyleaf of which the king had
written *Dum spiro spero*, were carefully preserved by
him, and are still existing. He wrote *A Description
of the Persian Monarchy*, 1634, and other books. His
MSS, he gave to the Bodleian library. On 3 July,
1660, he was created a baronet by king Charles II.,
and died 1 March, 1684. Though he had purchased
the house and estate of Tintern Parva, it is doubtful
if he ever lived here. He had a house in London
and another in York.

Sir Thomas Herbert died in his house at
Petergate, near York Minster, and was buried near
his ancestors in the church of St. Cux. This
church has since been pulled down, and the brass
which was placed to his memory is now preserved in
a room used for parochial purposes.

1 Whether the above sketch represents the mansion of sir Thomas
Herbert is doubtful. It is taken from a water-colour drawing
made by the late Mrs. Bagnall-Oakeley about the year 1860, and is
described as the abbot's house at Tintern Parva. A Dict. Nat. Biogr.
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2 A very full and complete account of sir Thomas Herbert by the
late Robert Davies, F.S.A., will be found in the Yorkshire
Archaeological Journal, 1870, vol. I., p. 182 et seq., where is a reduced
rubbing of the brass. A rubbing of the brass is also among the
collections of rubbings in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries.
THE HUNDRED OF TRELCH.

POSTERITATIS SACRAM

Hic situs sunt reliquiae THOMAE HERBERT,
e nobili et antiqui HERBERTORVM de COLEBROOKE
in agro MONMETHEN familiæ oriundae.

 Qui per totum vitæ dimensum, ob aerum elegiam, vitæm probitatem conquisivit
Historiarum et antiquitatis Antiquitatis indagator sedulus.

Elidit observationes selectissimas
in lucem edidit, quas maturè estate consummavit.

Quique in acceditis gratia HERBERTIæ historiæ.

(Ex Archivis Regii, Authenticis Chartis, incolis Antiquitatis monumentis, manus propria, Historiarum et antiquitatis Indagatore sedulo.

Historems Annae monimentis, annis propriis, effectibus, et Arurum, Sigillum, et Tomulum
Egypisis, Graphico delineato) specimina extenuata perhibuit.

Serenissimi Regis CAROLI, martys, per binos ac ultimam vitæ
tristissimam annos, ab intimis cubiculis Servus et delis,
rerumque memoriam, existitationem, gestarum, commentaria composita,
exstitit per illustrissimam suae Regæe Carolae II. 

in gradum BARONETIK merito evectus est.

PHILIPVM, HENRICVM (Poloniæ honoris horædem superstitem)
MONTGOMERIæ, THOMÆ, OTILII, et THOMÃ, 
signo aspero suscepti; 

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in Agro Evis, nepotem; 

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LYCIA, PRIMARIS JOSEPH FRATRIS DE CLAPHAM DE CONSIST, 

HERBERTI, ROBERTO PHERI DE ROCSTOLE IN HIBERNE;

diebusque annis quatuor acceptis,

ex indiis per illustrissimum nunc Regem CAROLVM II 

ex hac beneficiis 

ABOVE THE INSCRIPTION IS A SHIELD WITH HERBERT.

Here the remains of Thomas Herbert,
descended from the noble and ancient family of the Herberts
of Colebrooke in the county of Monmouth. To whom in his youth
there was such a strong love of travelling that he undertook in the
year 1626 in the well-known parts of Africa and of Greater
Asia (principally of Persia, the East Indies and the
adjoining islands), which in later life he elaborately com­
piled. Who, through the whole course of his life, 
conspicuous an account of the excellence of his manners and the
uprightness of his life, was a diligent investigator of
history and of deep antiquity, of which he produced an
excellent example in the exact history of the race of
Herbert (extracted with his own hand from the royal
archives, authentic deeds and other monuments of undoubted
antiquity, and graphically drew sketches of arms, of walls
and tombs).

Above the inscription is a shield with Herbert
in the centre. On the dexter: Per pale arg. and sa.,
a chevron between two mullets in chief, and in base a
crescent, all counterchanged (ALEXANDER); on the
sinister: Az., three dragons' heads erased, or (CUTLER).

Crest.—A chief of arrows, banded.

[Shaded to posteriority.]

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He was a faithful servant of the household to the most
serene king Charles the most generous king Charles II. He married as his first
wife Lucy, daughter of Walter Alexander, knt., who died in
1671. By her he had issue Philip, Henry (the surviving
heir of his father's honour), Montgomery, Thomas, William
and four daughters, Teresa married to

LYCIA, MARIAN iovANNEVER ALEXANDER, ETIPRIA, autræ

in Tenorum præstans ductit;

quia, fuit cessit à D. i. MDCLXXXIII

ex hac

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elizabeta filia david Cutler de stainer

modo superstitum acceptis tuos suplices;

et quæ

ELIZABETHAM, TRIOCESTROS Feb. XXI. A D. i. MDCLXXIII

nominem sumvit. 

Tom celebris et charitatisa Mariti amantisimæ viduæ
ut moris sui, et virtutum sui insignia Viri
Laudemus probedam Testamentum, 
Hercis Monumentum L.L.M.3 sumvit.

ex hac tace piantissimae estinanciæ

per mortem Mariti A D. i. MDCLXXIII. 

Elizabeta estiam.
Thomas had compiled. This is preserved in the Free Library at Cardiff, and is a folio MS. book containing much valuable information, with beautifully executed water-colour drawings of tombs, and sketches of seals, etc.

Thomas Herbert, the ancestor of this family, with his son Richard first went to Yorkshire with the countess of Northumberland, Maud, daughter of William, first earl of Pembroke of the first creation, wife of Henry, earl of Northumberland, and there they continued until sir Thomas moved southwards and rose to fame.

The estate afterwards became the property of William Popham, whose only child and heir Elizabeth married John Curte of Rosergane Grange in St. Arvans. This gentleman dying without issue in 1777 left Tintern Parva to the person who should be heir to his wife. The estate in 1787 was owned by Nathaniel and John Osborne, the latter gentleman having married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of George White, brother of Richard White, who had the iron-works at Abbey Tintern.

Anne Herbert, ob. 1687.

Herbert, ob. juv.

1. Philip, knt. 1st wife.

Walter Alexan-

Lucy, dau. to sir Richard Herbert of Coldbrough, bart., by Jane, Elizabeth, dau. to sir Christopher and lord mayor, ob. Newark, 14 Oct. 1614, s.p. 60. 2nd wife.

Mary, mar. to sir Henry Herbert of York, esq., alderman to Peter Bast, esq., ob. Newark, 16 Oct. 1616, s.p. 60. 2nd wife.

Christopher Herbert, s.p. Hedworth.

Henry, Christopher, s.p. to John Herbert, esq., by Anne, dau. to John Herbert of Acroyd, co. York, s.p.

Sir Thomas Herbert, 4th bart., born 1700; ob. coel.; bur. at St. James's, Westminster, 13 March 1721.

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