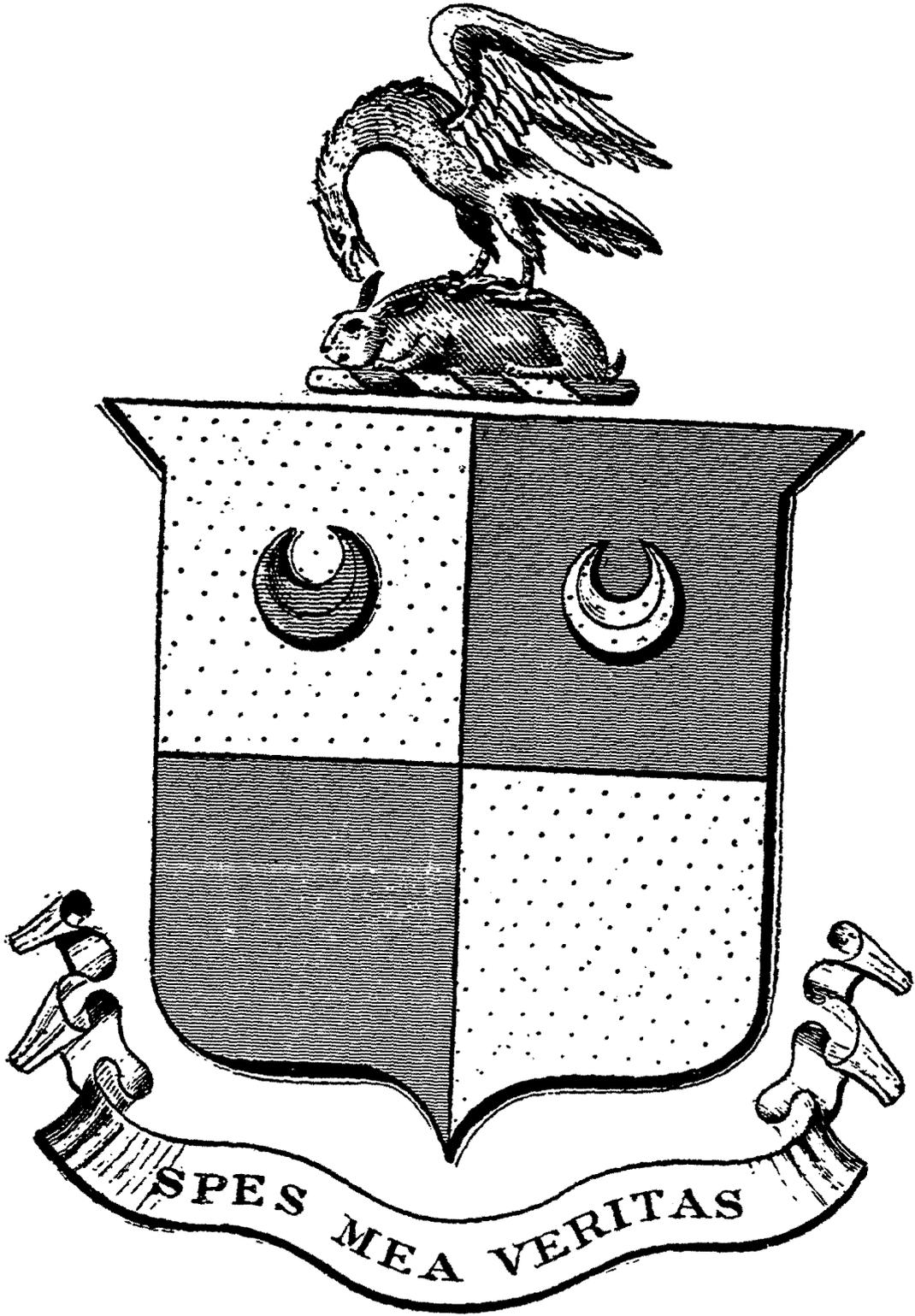


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Arms of Farnham, of Quorndon.

The Sequestration Papers of Edward Farnham, of Quorndon.—
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Edward Farnham, of Quorndon, was in March, 1646, fined £480 as a delinquent, for adhering to the Royalist side in the Civil War. His offence was that in February, 1642-3 he left his dwelling-house at Quorndon, and went to reside at Ashby de la Zouche, "a garrison of the enemeyes," where he was joined by his wife, and where they resided for about 2½ years, until the month of August, 1645, when they returned to their own house at Quorndon. What active part he took in the war, we are not told; but shortly after Michaelmas, 1645, a party of horse from Leicester went over to Quorndon, and took him to Leicester, where he was brought before the Parliamentary Committee, and by them committed to prison for "delinquency" in residing at Ashby. His estate also was sequestered, and his goods seized, and as he states his deeds and evidences were all destroyed by the Parliamentary party. Farnham probably did not take any part in the different engagements and skirmishes, or he certainly would have been charged with so doing; but his going to reside at Ashby, perhaps through his friendship with Colonel Hastings, and his not aiding the Parliamentary party, was quite sufficient cause for his being treated as a delinquent. It is curious that in his petition he states that his younger brother Adrian Farnham died in June, 1642, in the Parliament's service at the fort of Kingsale in Ireland.

The Farnhams were a family of the very highest antiquity in Leicestershire, and they held lands in Quorndon certainly before the reign of Edward I. Some of these lands have continued in the family ever since, and are now the property of George Francis Farnham, Esq., of Quorn House. The surname is in all probability derived from one of the five places of the name, possibly from Farnham in Yorkshire. In the 15th century the family parted into two branches; John Farnham, the founder of a chantry at Quorndon in 1392, had two sons, Robert and Thomas; Robert, the elder, carried on the line at the Upper or Over Hall, whilst Thomas founded the Nether Hall line. In 1703 these two branches were reunited, by the marriage of Benjamin Farnham, of the Nether Hall, with Sarah, daughter and co-heiress of Edward Farnham of the Upper Hall. From this marriage the present representative of the family is lineally descended. On several occasions its members have served the office of High Sheriff, and have represented the County in Parliament.

One of the most prominent members of this family was Robert de Farnham, who served in France during the French Wars of Edward III., and who fought at the battle of Crecy, and was present during the siege of Calais, in the retinue of the Prince of Wales. He had letters of protection, 20th June, 1346, and a general pardon granted him, 16th November, 1347, on the testimony of the Prince of Wales (1). Major-General Wrottesley styles him a Knight, but there does not seem to be any documentary evidence extant that this was the case. In 1327 Robert de Farnham was assessed 18d., and in 1332, 3s. 4d., to the Lay Subsidy, in respect of his lands in Quorndon (2); whilst in 1346 he was assessed 2s. for a twentieth part of a Knight's fee in Quorndon and Woodhouse (3). This Robert, like so many others of his period, was a somewhat turbulent character. In 1323, when he was probably quite a young man, Hugh le Despencer, the Earl of Winchester, brought a suit against him and others, for entering the Earl's manors of Loughborough, Beaumanor, Quorndon, etc., and taking away therefrom the Earl's oxen, horses, and sheep (4). In 1329, and again in 1331, he entered into a recognizance with the King, for £20. In 1346, he was attached at the suit of Elena, the daughter of Sir Thomas le Rous, for stopping her on Barrow bridge across the river Soar, on Monday, February 21st, 1344-5, and robbing her of 23s. 3d. Elena did not appear at the trial to prosecute, so Robert was quit of her appeal, but was committed to the Marshalsea, from which he escaped (5). He was a second time committed to the Marshalsea, for causing the death of Thomas Chamberleyn of Co. Essex, but again broke out of prison (6). The King, by his Letters Patent, dated 22 September, 21 Edward III., granted him a free pardon for all homicides and felonies, in consequence of his good service in France. Of his subsequent career we know nothing. But in 1348, he and Matilda his wife settled lands in Countesthorp and Blaby on their daughter Isabel, the wife of William de Needham (7).

Another prominent Farnham was John, of the Nether Hall, who was a distinguished soldier, and gentleman-pensioner to Queen Elizabeth, from whom he had grants of sixty manors in various counties. He died in 1587 (8).

(1) *French Roll*, 20 Edw. III., pars. 1, m. 8; 21 Edw. III., pars. 1, m. 11. *Calais Roll*, 21 Edw. III., p. 4, m. 4.

(2) *Lay Subsidy, Leicester*, 133-1, 133-2. (3) *Rot. Aux.* 20 Edw. III.

(4) *Close Roll*, Edw. II., 14 March, 1323.

(5) *Coram Rege Roll*, Easter, 19 Edw. III., m. 7, Rex.

(6) *Coram Rege Roll*, ubi supra; *Calais Roll*, 21 Edw. III., m. 4.

(7) Manuscripts of the Earl of Kilmorey.

(8) See "Leicestershire Pedigrees and Royal Descents," p. 109.

Edward Farnham, the royalist, was the eldest son and heir of Adrian Farnham, of the Upper Hall, Quorndon, by Constance his wife, daughter of Edward Mundy, of Markeaton, and was baptised at Quorndon 3 March, 1593-4. He succeeded to his father's estates, under his will, in December, 1632, his father charging him to be "both dutifull to his mother and lovinge to his brothers and sisters, for in soe doinge hee shalbe both obedient to his father's precepts, and dischardge a good conscience to God." He was then nearly 39 years of age.

On 16 May, 1636, the Churchwardens of Quorndon petitioned Archbishop Laud, that they had made a levy for the repair of Quorndon Chapel, and Edward Farnham and Thomas Farnham opposed them, and refused to pay, and appealed to the Court of Audience. (1)

In 1641, he was assessed £2 8 0, for his lands in Quorndon worth £6 per annum (2); and on 28 December, 1644, he was made a Justice of the Peace. Soon after the commencement of the Civil War, in February, 1642-3, he left his house at Quorndon, and went to live at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where he resided with his wife and family about 2½ years. Whilst he was living at Ashby, the Committee sequestered his estates, seized his rents, and sold his goods; and, on his return to Quorndon in August, 1645, he himself was captured by a party of horsemen from Leicester and committed to prison at Leicester as a delinquent. On 8 February, 1645-6, he petitioned from prison that he might be released from his imprisonment, and be permitted to compound for his delinquency. This was granted: on the 18th February he took the Negative Oath, and declared his estate, and he was fined £480 on 5 March, 1646, and his suspension was ordered on his paying half his fine. He was, in consequence, very much impoverished, so that in November, 1648, he seems to have been £1000 in debt, and his personal estate was not worth £100. He was not finally discharged till the 21st of April 1648.

An Ordinance of the Parliament, 27 March, 1643, had declared that all who had directly or indirectly assisted the King were to be reckoned as delinquents, and that their property was to be sequestered by the Committee of the County in which it was situated. By a later Ordinance, a portion of the income, not exceeding one-fifth, might be set aside for the benefit of the delinquent's wife and children. In October, 1645, after the capture of Bristol, delinquents who would submit before December 1st were to be admitted

(1) *Calendar of State Papers*, 1635.

(2) *Lay Subsidy*, 134-306.

to compound for their estates. The delinquent had first to appear before the Committee for compounding; and then to take the Covenant, and the Negative Oath by which he bound himself never again to bear arms against the Parliament. After this he had to declare the full value of his estate, and his fine was fixed. This exaction of the Royalist composition was very faulty. It was exceedingly unjust, in the case of Civil War, to mark off one portion of the population as being specially guilty, and to exasperate it by laying special burdens on its shoulders. But the Parliament had before them the precedents of the confiscation of estates of traitors by a long line of Kings, and the fines imposed on Catholics and recusants by Queen Elizabeth; and in their eyes the delinquent was as guilty as the traitor or the recusant had been. (1)

Edward Farnham survived the restoration of Charles II, and in 1662 he subscribed £5 to the free and voluntary present to the King (2). He died in April, 1669, in which year Letters of Administration to his estate were granted by the Leicester Archdeaconry Court. The inventory of his effects was appraised 28 April, 1669, the sum total amounting to £253 2s. 2d.

He married, shortly before 1640, Isabella Bestew (3) of Quorndon, by whom he had ten children:

1. Benjamin, born and died *c.* December 1640.
2. Edward, who succeeded his father; born 1643, and was buried 1 September, 1680; he married Mary, daughter of Peter Chaveney of Quorndon, and had a son Edward who died young, and five daughters his co-heiresses.
3. Charles, who succeeded his nephew Edward, 1690, married Rebecca Lewis, and died without issue 11 July, 1722.
4. Joseph, named in a Chancery Suit of 1680.
5. Benjamin, baptized 15 July, 1656, died without issue in 1680.
6. Susanna, baptized 8 February, 1642, married to George Chamberlain, and had issue.

(1) See Gardiner's "History of the Great Civil War," III, 196-199.

(2) *Lay Subsidy*, 134-317.

(3) Nichols says her name was Vestue, but this is clearly wrong. He also gives the date of Edward's burial wrongly as 11 Jan., 1654, this being the date of the burial of a negro servant of Edward Farnham.

7. Mary, baptised 7 May, 1645, married 1st in 1673 to Isaac Rawlins, and secondly to the Rev. Charles Lewis, Incumbent of Prestwold, and had issue. She died 24 November 1716, and was buried at Quorndon.

8. Olive, born in 1648, married 15 March 1683 to Henry Boss, of Woodthorpe, and died 7 February 1699, aged 51.

9. Barbara, buried at Quorndon 14 March 1653.

10. Phoebe, baptised 29 May 1654, and died young.

Isabella Farnham, the roylist's widow, died in 1702.

Shortly before his death, Edward Farnham joined with his son Edward in a settlement of his messuages and lands in Quorndon, Mountsorrell, and Barrow-on-Soar, in order to make some provision for his five younger children, Joseph, Benjamin, Susanna, Mary and Olive. By their deed, dated in 1668, they granted these premises, which included the Ley Close, Long Close, Pingle, Carr, Woodyard, Rucklewood, Katherine's Close, and Oxe Close, and 100 acres of land, to Peter Chaveney and Bartholomew Wollock, to the use of Edward Farnham senior for his life, remainder to John Danvers and Henry Farnham of the Nether Hall for 500 years, to provide £200 portions for the five younger children on their attaining twenty-one years of age, remainder to Edward Farnham junior for his life, remainder to the heirs male of his body, remainder to Charles Farnham in tail male. Edward Farnham junior in 1669 succeeded his father, but died in August 1680. Shortly after this Mary Farnham, the widow of Edward Farnham junior, on behalf of her son Edward, an infant of eight years, commenced a suit in Chancery against Henry Farnham, the trustee, to compel him to sell some of the lands to raise portions and pay her husband's debts. This Henry Farnham declined to do, as he asserted that little Edward was "a sickly weakly child," and in case he should die young it would prove prejudicial to Charles, the next heir, should he sell the lands. What was the result of the suit does not appear. Young Edward did die, in February 1690, at the early age of nineteen, when he was at Repton School, and his uncle Charles, the royalist's third son, succeeded to the Quorndon estates.

The Farnhams entered their pedigree at the Visitation of Leicestershire in 1563; in 1619 the Heralds endorsed this early pedigree, but it was not entered at this second Visitation. It was, however, entered at the Visitation of 1682, by

Captain Henry Farnham of the Nether Hall. The Arms of Farnham are: Quarterly or and azure, in the two first quarters a crescent counterchanged.

The family have been seated at Querndon for eighteen generations, a longer period than any other existing Leicestershire family.

Transcripts from the Royalist Composition Papers relating to the Sequestration of the Estates of Edward Farnham, of Querndon, co. Leicester, Esquire, during the Civil Wars. (Fined £480.)

(From the original papers of the Committee for Compounding now in the Public Record Office.)

I.

EDWARD FARNHAM BEGS LEAVE TO COMPOUND, 8 NOVEMBER, 1645.

To the honoble Committee att Goldsmiths Hall London for Compositions for Delinquents Estates.

The humble Petition of Edward ffarnham of Querndon in the County of Leicester.

Sheweth

That in ffbruary 1642 your Petitioner went from his house in Querndon aforesaid to Ashby de la Zouche in the said County 9 miles distant from his said house and afterwards his wife went thither alsoe. And there both resided till about August last past when they both returned to Querndon aforesaid to reside there again. That aboute 2 months after their returne your Petitioner was by a partie of horse from Leicester fetch thither and brought before the Committee and by them Committed to Prison for delinquency against the Parliament in residing at Ashby aforesaid for which cause alsoe his estate hath beene sequestred aboue 2 yeares and an halfe last past his rents received and his goods sold by the said Committee without any Allowance to his wife and children.

That your Petitioner being nowe prisoner at Leicester and being informed of the Parliaments offer of ffavour to such persons as before the first day of December next shall come in and accept thereof to compound according to their Delinquencie.

Your Petitioner humbly prayeth he may have liberty to attend this honoble Committee and bee discharged from his

imprisonment and sequestration in such wise as this honorable Committee shall think fitt.

And your Petitioner shall dailie pray, etc.

8 Nov. 1645.

Edward Farnham

18 feb. 1645 Tooke ye Oath

II.

CHARGES ON HIS ESTATE.

Rents and Charges issueinge out of the before mentioned estate of the said Edward ffarnham and chardgeable thereupon.

Impris.

fower small Annuities of Twentie pounds per an. a peice due to his fower Brothers viz: Thomas Robert Adrian and ffancis duringe their severall and respective naturall lives given by the last will of Adryan ffarnham their father deceased;

Of which fower brothers the said Adryan dyed in the moneth of June 1642 in the Parliament service in Ireland in the fort of Kings Sale and his Annuitie is by the said will continued to Elizabeth his wife duringe her naturall life.

And the said Thomas ffarnham dyed about a year since att Querndon aforesaid. Item one Lease made by the said Edward ffarnham to the said ffancis ffarnham dated the 22nd of May 1637 of all his howses and lands in Mountsorrell with certaine meadow ground in Querndon aforesaid to the value of about £60 per ann. to commence the next day after the death of the said Edward ffarnham and to continue for 99 yeares thence next ensueinge and fully to be compleate and ended.

Md. all the before mentioned estate lyes still under the power of the Kings Garrison at Ashby de la Zouch and the tenants are forced to pay great taxes to the said Garrison Monethly and they doe pay to the Garrison of Leicester alsoe and little or noe stock is kept upon the said grounds.

That he hath sold parte of the estate his father left him.

The Condition of the said Edward ffarnhams Estate.

About twelve yeares since Adrian ffarnham his father dyed leavinge him aboute £1000 in debts to pay parte thereof yet unpaid and £100 per ann. of his Estate in joynture to

his mother whoe died aboute sixe yeares since; and his Estate hath beene sequestred and his rents received by the Parliaments Officers for almost three whole yeares last past his goods evidences and writings taken away and destroyed and himself imprisoned; only for his removinge from his house in Querndon aforesaid (beinge att the tyme of his removall under the command of the Kings Garrison att Ashby de la Zouche), and goinge and resideinge with his wieffe in Ashby aforesaid in the said countie aboute 9 miles distant from his said house in Querndon And that long before the ordinance of sequestration came forth.

Alsoe his wiefe never received penny of the fifth part allowed by ordinance of Parliament shee haveing petitioned the Committee att Leicester for the same to mainteyne her and her children.

Whereby he is much indebted for his and his wife and childrens maintenance during the said sequestration.

EDWARD FFARNHAM.

III.

HE IS FINED £480. HIS SUSPENSION IS ORDERED ON HIS PAYING
HALF HIS FINE, 5 MARCH, 1645-6.

5 March 1645.

Edward Farneham of Querendon in the County of Leicester Esqr. fined £480.

A letter to the Committee of Leicester to let them know that Mr. Farneham affirmes that he hath sould 80 acres of his land, and to knowe whether they tooke notice of it and whether the land which now he holds seaven yeares since were worth besides that £300 per an.

paying the Moyety to have a letter to suspend

4 November 1645.

Edw. Farnham of Querndon in Com. Leicister letter to ye Committee.

18 August 1646.

Fines past in the House

Edward Farnham £480.

IV.

A PARTICULAR OF HIS ESTATE.

A true Perticuler of all the Messuages houses Lands Tenements and hereditaments of Edward ffarnham of Querndon in the County of Leicester and of the full yearely values thereof accordinge to the profitts and rents by him made and received about sixe yeares since or att any tyme (Communibus Annis) since the said estate fell to him.

In Querndon		£	s	d.
Impris. his dwellinge house with the outhouses yard orchards and garden thereto. Three en- closed grounds viz., to the Ley Close the wood ground. Alsoe Three acres called the Carr with meadow and arable land thereto belonginge		50	0	0
One ferme called Griffins ffarme		20	0	0
One Tenements in the possession of Adrian Stables		8	0	0
One Tenement in the occupation of John Sareson		3	0	0
One Cottage in the tenure of Rich. Greesley		1	10	0
One Cottage in the tenure of Henry ffukes		1	0	0
One Cottage in the tenure of Thomas Myers		1	0	0
One Cottage in the tenure of Isabell Sherman		0	6	8
	Summe	84	16	8
In Mountsorrell.				
One ffarme in George Thornton's possession		32	0	0
One Cottage in Edward Marriott's possession		3	0	0
One Cottage in Thomas Jarritts possession		3	0	0
One Cottage in John Chandlers possession		3	0	0
One Cottage in Rich. Samsoms possession		1	0	0
One Cottage in Thomas Jessons possession		0	10	0
One Cottage in ye widdow Normans possession		0	16	0
One Cottage in Thomas Hills possession		0	10	0
One Cottage in George Hodons possession		2	0	0
One Cottage in William Peakes possession		0	10	0
One Cottage in the widdow Peakes possession		1	10	0
	Summe	47	16	0
In Woodhouse				
One close called Thorney close let to Mr. Bode- man for		15	0	0
Rushall feild and howse		15	0	0
Ransicke Close		6	0	0
Ralphe Copestake for Shipp Close		5	0	0
The sixe acres Close		5	0	0
Brand Close		6	0	0
Mr. Smyth for Calvercroft and Hungerhill		8	0	0
Robert Tufton one Tenement		4	0	0
John ffisher one Cottage late Hudsons		0	6	8
John Smaley one Tenement		8	0	0
John ffouldes one Cottage		1	10	0
Henry Bush one Cottage		4	0	0
Robert Honeye one Cottage		2	0	0
Clement Tallam one Cottage		2	0	0
	Summe	81	16	8

10 THE SEQUESTRATION PAPERS OF EDWARD FARNHAM.

In Barrowe.	£	s.	d.
Impris. Adrian Duckett one Tenement	2	6	8
Robert Browne one Tenement	10	0	0
Widdow Barnard one Cottage	0	10	0
Thomas Hallams one Cottage	0	10	0
John Lindsay one Cottage	0	10	0
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Summe	13	16	8
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Summa totalis	£228	6	0

This is a true and just perticuler of all my estate reall and personall for which I only desire to compound to free it out of sequestration and doe submitt unto and undertake to satisfie such ffine as by this Committee for Compositions with delinquents shall be ymposed and sett to pay for the same in order to ye freedome and discharge of my person and estates.

V.

PETITION OF EDWARD FARNHAM, 8 NOVEMBER, 1645.

To the Honoble Committee att Goldsmiths Hall London, for Compositions for Delinquents Estates.

The humble Petition of Edward Farnham of Querndon in the County of Leicester.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner being prisoner att Leicester for his Residence in the Kings Quarters in the same County was lately informed of the Parliaments offer of ffavour for such offenders as should embrace the same within the tyme by them limited of which your petitioners desires to partake.

Humbly entreateth this Honoble Committee That you will be pleased to give order to the Committee at Leicester that your Petitioner may come up and attend you herein and that the said Committee may cerifie you of your Petitioners crymes and the values of his Estate that you may doe therein as to you shall seeme iuste.

And your Petitioner shall daylie pray, etc.

EDWARD FFARNHAM.

8 November 1645

A letter to certify according to ye Petition.

VI.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AT LEICESTER, 22 JANUARY, 1645-6.

By the Committee at Leicester.

According to an order from the honorable Committee at Goldsmiths Hall London of the 7th of November last on the behalfe of Mr. Edward farnham of Querndon in this county.

Wee Certify that hee having lived at Ashby delazouche A garrison of the Enemeyes for the most parte since the warrs began, untill about Michas. last past he was brought prisoner to Leicester and there detayned vntill such time as security was given for his liberty to repaire to the said Committee to compound for his estate according to the Ordinance of Parliament in that behalfe, His estate in lands, lying and being in Querndon, Barrowe, Mountsorrell and Woodhouse in this county, about seaven yeares agoe were worth three hundred pounds per ann. As we have received information of the severall Tenants and others upon their oathes.

And wee further Certify that the said Edward Farnham (as appears) the 22nd of May 1637 did make a lease unto Francis Farnham his brother of all his messuages houses land and ttenements and hereditaments in the towne and ffields of Mountsorrell aforesaid in this county and of some parcells of meadows and pasture to the messuage belonging lying in Querndon atoresaid, To hold the same unto the said francis farnham, his executors administrators and assignes from the next day after the death of the sayd Edward farnham for and during the full end and tearme of fflower score and nineteen yeares paying for the same one pepper corne yearly which said Messuage and lands were worth in the best times £62 or thereabouts per an. and that there are three annuities issuing and going out of the sayd Edward farnhams lands in this county of threescore pounds per ann. viz: to the sayd francis farnham Robert farnham, two of the brothers of the said Edward and unto Elizabeth farnham the relict of Adrian farnham deceased another of the brothers of the said Edward farnham viz: to each of them twenty pounds per ann. during their severall lives, which sayd Annuities have not bine payd by us since the said Edward farnhams estate hath bine sequestred, because they were not demanded of us till after the moneys was paid out to the soldiery.

And for any personall estate that the sayd Edward farnham hath in this county or elsewhere wee know not of. All which wee referre to the sayd Committees consideration.

Edm. Cradock Maior Jo. Stafford Vic.

Will. Hewet fr. Smally Jo. Browne Ric. Ludlam.

22 January 1645

ffor the honoble Committee at Goldsmiths Hall Leic. 22d.
 Jan. 1645 present these
 certificate per ffarneham.

VII.

WILL OF ADRIAN FARNHAM, OF QUORNDON, THE DELINQUENT'S
 FATHER, 1628.

In the yeare of our Lord God 1628 and in the yeare of
 our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the 4th November the 17th

In the name of God Amen. I Adrian ffarneham of
 Querndon in the county of Leic. being in perfect memory and
 good health thanks bee given to God for this his benefitts doe
 make this my last will and testament in manner and forme
 followinge first I commend myselfe soule and body to the
 mercyes of Almighty God maker and Governor of all things
 and to the mediation of Jesus Christ the onely mediator
 of and for mankind and his onely redeemer through whose
 passion and meritts I hope to be a partaker of Gods mercyes
 and soe of mercys perdurable with the ioyes therevnto belong-
 inge humblie entreatinge the sanctification of the holye Ghost
 in this life and ioyes eternall in the life to come and when it
 shall please God to separate my soule and body then I com-
 mend my body to the earth from whence it was taken and for
 my temperall estate first my will is that my loveinge kinsmen
 and ffriends my brother ffancis Mundaye my cozen ffancis
 Danvers my cozen John Hackett and my sonne John Osborne
 they and every one of them the survivor of them or any of
 them shall stand seized of all my lands and tenements in
 Querndon Barrowe, Mountsorrell Rotheley Rushall and
 Woodhouse in as full compleat and effectuall estate as I nowe
 doe for the performance of my last will and testament and to
 noe other use effect or purpose first my will is that all acts
 done for a joynture for my beloved wife shall stand good in
 every point according to the true intent and meaninge of the
 same.

And alsoe my Will is that all actes done by me by leases
 or other demises shall stand good to the true intent and
 meaning thereof.

Alsoe my will is that my sonne Thomas ffarneham beinge
 my second sonne shall have £10 yearlie paid to him out of my
 said lands by even portions at the feasts of St. Michael the
 Archangel and the Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin
 Mary or within twentie one daies after either of the said
 feasts the first to begin at Michaelmas next after my decease
 to be paid in the porch of the Chapell of Quarendon duringe

my wives life and after her decease my will is that my said sonne Thomas shall have £20 by the year duringe his naturall life to be paid to him in manner and forme aforesaid.

Alsoe my will is that after my wives decease hee my said sonne Thomas shall have the Lease which I have from Mr. Robt. Noone for soe much of as concerned the house and the ground belonginge to the house where Henry Bush nowe dwelleth my sonne Thomas passinge all his right in the lands which I bought of Thomas Hood of Mountsorrell in my sonne Thomas his name to my sonne Edward at the cost of my sonne Edward.

Alsoe my will is that my sonne Robert beinge my third sonne shall have £10 yearely duringe my wives life and after her decease £20 by the yeare duringe his naturall life in manner and forme as I have formerly bequeathed to my sonne Thomas.

Alsoe my will is that my sonne Adrian beinge my fowerth sonne shall have £20 by the yeare duringe his naturall life to be paid to him in manner and form as I have bequeathed to my two former sonnes.

Alsoe my will is that if please God that Elizabeth now wife to my sonne Adrian doe survive my sonne Adrian that then the said legacy given to my sonne Adrian shalbe given in manner as before to her to be paid duringe her naturall life. Alsoe my sonne ffrancis shall have by this my last will bequeathed to him £10 by yeare duringe my wives naturall life and after my wives decease then £20 by yeare duringe his naturall life to be paid to him in manner or forme as to my former sonnes and I desire that hee may be brought upp in learning if it please God that I doe not live to performe it.

Alsoe my will is that my said ffeoffees shall have power and liberty by this my last will or any by their appointment to sell fell and carry away any of my woodes growinge upon my lands for a portion for my daughter Jane ffarneham to the summe of £333 6s. 8d. to bee paid to her within three yeares after my decease and if my said woods will not amount to the above named summe then my will is that my ffeoffees shall have power to sett or sell any lands where they shall thinke good for the makeinge vpp of the same provided alwaies that if my sonne Edward give sufficient security to my daughter Jane and such as my daughter Jane shall thinke good or such as shall be approved of by my said ffeoffees for the payment of the said summe that then my sonne Edward

shall have the said woodes and lands assured to his owne use furthermore my will is that my said sonne Edward shall pay to my daughter Jane for the said three yeares if hee doe not pay the above named summe towards her maintenance £10 by the yeare yearlie from my goods.

My will is that my debts shalbe paid out of them and if it should exceed my goods my will is thay my lands shall be liable both to the payment of my debts and alsoe to the performance of my will in every parte.

First I give to the poore of Quarendon 40/ to bee distributed amongst them. Alsoe I give to the poore of Barrowe 20/. Alsoe I give to the poor of Mountsorrell 20/. Alsoe I give to the poore of Woodhouse 20/.

Alsoe I give Cislie daughter to my late Uncle George Eyre 40/.

I give to my Cozen Richard Eyre 20/.

I give to my Cozen Constance Eyre £20 to bee paid to her within one yeare after her marriadge.

I give to my servant George Neuton 40/.

I give to my servant Thomas Hudson 20/.

I give and my will is that whereas I doe pay to the Minister and scholemaster for the tyme beinge of Quarendon out of those lands which I purchased of my Cozen Mathew ffarneham 10/ by the yeare.

I will theare shalbe paid to the Minister and scholemaster that there then shalbee alwise hereafter to the said Minister and scholemaster an increase of 30/ by yeare soe that there shalbe paid to him yearely 40/ by yeare quarterlie as his other wages bee out of the lands which I purchased of my Cozen Mathew ffarneham.

I doe give to my beloved daughter Brimslye and her daughters for a remembrance of my love to them £10.

I give to my loveinge Aunt Sutton for a remembrance a ring of 20/.

I give to my sister Burnell a ring of 20/.

I give to my loveing kinsmen and friends whome I nominate ffeoffees every one of them a ring of 20/.

All my lands my debts funeralls legacies devises and annuities performed I give to my eldest sonne Edward ffarne-

ham whoe I hope wilbee both dutiful to his mother and loveinge to his brothers and sisters for in soe doinge hee shalbe both obedient to his fathers precepts and discharged a good conscience to God.

For all other my goods further I will that my daughter Elizabeth Osborne shall have a ring of 20/.

I make my wife Constance and my sonne Edward my full executors. And if my wife shall not thinke good to ioyn in probate with my sonne that then my will is that my wife shall have 2 beds and bedsteads furnished the one of the best and the other of the second sort. And that my sonne Edward shall pay unto her £40 wishinge my estate had beene to have dealt much more liberallie with her further my desire is that if anie controversie shall arise betwixt my wife and anie of my children or any controversie doth arise betwixt any of my children amongst themselves that they will referre themselves to the hearinge doome and determination of my above-named feoffees or to the survivors of them.

In wytnes I have herevnto sett my hand and seale

ADRIAN FFARNEHAM.

Probat. etc. apud Leic., 12 die Januarii Anno Dni. 1632.

Concordat cu. originalis fca. collacom.

E. L. Palmer

Regs.

francis ffarneham of Graies Inne gen. maketh oath that this coppie of a will conteyning three leaves of paper is a true coppie of the will of this deponents father Adrian ffarneham of Quarendon in the County of Leicester Esq. remayning of record in the Registry at Leicester and that Robert ffarneham and Elizabeth the wife of Adrian ffarneham gen. therein named were both living within five weekes last past

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FRANCIS FFARNHAM.

Edward ffarneham of Quarendon in the County of Leicester maketh oath that Constance ffarneham relict of Adryan ffarneham late of Querndon aforesaid Esqr. and late mother to this deponent departed this life at Querndon aforesaid in or about ye month of february 1639.

EDWARD FFARNHAM.

24 February 1645.

Cor. me. Edm. Rich.

VIII.

CERTIFICATE THAT HE HAS TAKEN THE NATIONAL OATH
AND COVENANT, 18 FEBRUARY, 1645-6.

February 14th 1645.

These are to certify whom it may concerne that Edward
farnham of Querndon in the County of Leicester Gentle.
hath taken the Nationall Oath & Covenant in the Honoble
Society of Graies Inne accordinge to the Ordinance of Parlt.
in testomonie hereof I have herevnto subscribed.

Isaac Reynolds, Hospitii
Graiensis Capellanus

18 feb. 1645. Jur.

IX.

COUNTY COMMITTEE TO CERTIFY WHETHER THEY TOOK NOTICE OF
HIS SALE OF 80 ACRES OF LAND, &C., 17 MARCH, 1646-7.

At the Committee for Compositions with Delinquents.
Gent.

Wee lately received from you a certificate of the estate
of Edward farnham upon which wee have proceeded to a
composition and have proposed a fine according to the value
returned by you Mr. farnham hereupon affirms that hath
sold 80 acres of his land certified by you wee desire you
would speedilye sattisffye whether you take notice of any
such sale or whether the estate hee nowe holdes were seaven
yeares since worth £300 per ann. & for what it was then
lett. And in the meane tyme to take notice of the enclosed
from your verve loveinge friend

John Steyrlens.
Antho. Irbye.
David Watkins
Robte. Jenner.
Jerom Alexander.
Sam. Moyer

17 Martii 1646.

It remains only to add that in the "List of persons dis-
charged by the Committee for Compounding," under the date
21 April, 1648, occurs the name of "Edw. Farnham, Quarndon."
(Vol. G., ccxlvii. 78) The reference to the Volumes of State
Papers in which these various proceedings are given, will be
found in the printed *Calendar of the Committee for Compounding*,
vol. ii., page 941. The correct chronological order of the fore-
going Sequestration Papers is as follows:—V., I., IV., II., VI.,
VIII., VII., III., IX.