

# PULVERTAFT PAPERS

A Newsletter on the Pulvertofts & Pulvertafts

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## Editorial

*Having introduced illustrations in the last issue, I had hoped to include in this one a half-tone print of a delightful photograph of Thomas Pulvertaft, brassfounder of Cork, identified on page 26 of Issue 4 as Mo10 and surely the "father" of the modern Pulvertaft family.*

*Unfortunately the contrast in the print which I forwarded to the blockmakers was not good enough for their process and I will have to have some work done on it before I can use it in these papers. However, as it is such an important portrait for the modern family, I still plan to use it; perhaps in the next issue. Meanwhile I have dedicated this edition to the Pulvertofts of Fosdyke in the 16th and 17th centuries as I searched the parish registers earlier in the year and the entries which I found complement a number of early Pulvertaft wills which I have had on file for many years.*

*Happy Christmas!*

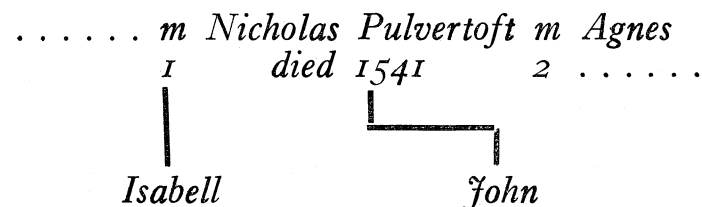
*D.M.P.*

## The Pulvertofts of Fosdyke

A search of the Fosdyke parish registers was prompted partly because of references to the village in several early Pulvertoft wills and partly because the 1981 printout of the International Genealogical Index includes seven Pulvertoft baptisms and two marriages there, making it one of the parishes most densely populated by the family! (see p 47)

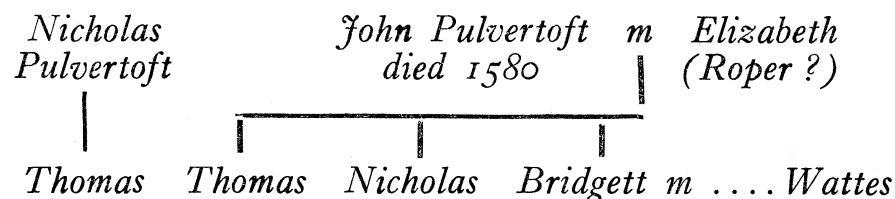
The first relevant will is that of Nicholas Pulvertoft of Algarkirk dated 1541 and proved in the Consistory Court of Lincoln in the same year. He bequeathes household goods, livestock, farm implements and crops to his wife Agnes and his children Isabell and John and appears to have been married twice as he describes several items which he leaves to his daughter as "that was her mothers".

He asks to be buried at Fosdyke. The scrap pedigree which can be drawn from the will is:



The next refererce to Fosdyke is made in the will of John Pulvertoft of Algarkirk, yeoman dated 24 Oct. and proved 22 Nov. 1580 in the Consistory Court of Lincoln. Not only does he leave land, livestock, farm implements and household goods to his wife and three children but also to Thos. son of Nich. Pulvertoft. He names some of his land; "10 acres pastures . . . called Crabden End" and "vij roodes of land lying in a place called Countwade Feld in the parish of Algarkirk". He says that some of his land had been bought from Robert Pulvertoft of Iwerne Minster. (see p 53)

Finally he leaves to his son Nicholas "a seal of silver weyinge 2s 6d being a seal of arms" He asks to be buried at Fosdyke. The scrap pedigree from this will is:



(To illustrate the type of document being described, a section of John's will is reproduced overleaf, the part chosen being both particularly clear and one which includes reference to his wife and his three living children.)

The third will is that of John Pulvertoft of Algarkirk, yeoman, already used as one of the sources for the article on the Pulvertofts of Algarkirk in Issue 2, In his will John says that his father Thomas was buried at Fosdyke and he asks to be buried there as well.

And so to the Fosdyke registers; the first one is a wonderful relic, sewn but without hard covers it is much battered by the years and stained by damp, but when the first page offered a Pulvertoft baptism - previously unrecorded - the start was promising! The first register has christenings from 1559 to 1655, marriages to 1673 and burials to 1694. The second register has only 18 parchment leaves with a mixture of christenings, marriages & burials, some duplicating Volume I, some late additions and the whole spanning the period 1656 to 1696. The third register is not held at the Archives and so the Bishops Transcripts were searched to extend the period to 1718.

From the will of John Pulvertoft of Algarkirk

The rest to be parted and equallie divided betwene Elizabeth  
 my wife and Nicholas and Thomas my sonnes Itm I give to  
 Elizabeth my wife all my Swine and pullen henes butter and  
 cheese wt in my house and all my fewell that is to be burned in  
 and aboute my houses and groundes Itm I give to Bridgett  
 Wattes my daughter x ewes and a milche cowe to be delivered  
 her at may day wt their profites Itm I will boothe my wifes stocke  
 and all other my stocke wch is given her in this my last will  
 remains of my groundes untill maday next cominge and if ther  
 then leve anie haye I will yt remaine to my wife Itm I give to  
 Elizabeth my wife all my pailles and yeate to arraye aboute  
 my groundes The residewe of all my goodes and cattell not

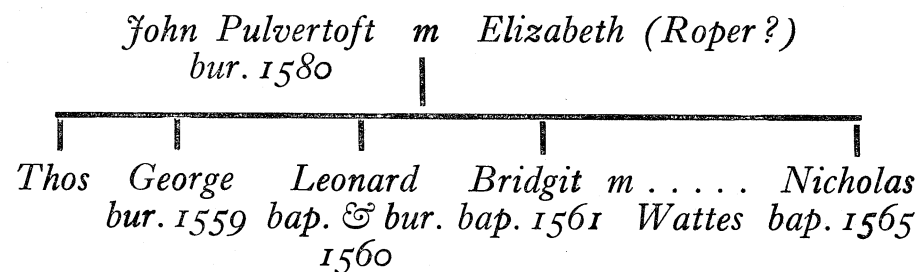
(Reproduced by permission of the Principal Archivist, Lincolnshire Archives Office.)

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When the Pulvertoft entries from these three sources are arranged in chronological order, the result is:

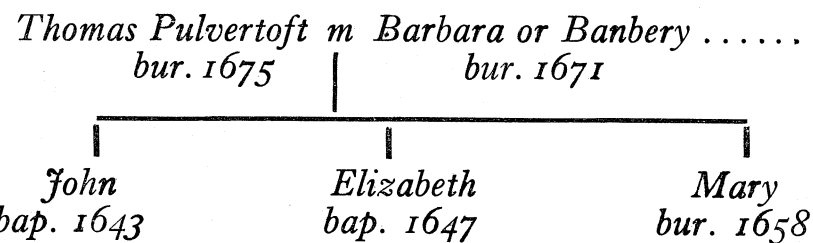
- 9 Sept 1559 George, son of John P., bapt.  
 2 May 1560 Leonard, son of John P., bapt.  
 28 May 1560 Leonard, son of John P., bur.  
 12 Oct 1561 Brigit, dau. of John P., bapt.  
 25 Mar 1565 Nicholas, son of John P., bapt.  
 8 Jan 1566 Jone P. bur.  
 21 July 1567 John Grantan married Anne P.  
 25 Oct 1580 John P. bur.  
 5 May 1605 Eliz. dau. of Thos. & Eliz. P. of Alg'k. bapt.  
 10 Nov 1607 Thomas P. of Algarkirk bur.  
 2 May 1608 William & Thomas, children of Thomas P. late of Algarkirk, yeoman deceas'd, bapt.  
 30 Oct 1608 William, son of Thomas P., bur.  
 2 Mar 1614 Thomas, son of Thomas P. of Alg'k., bur.  
 21 Nov 1624 John P. of Algarkirk bur.  
 14 Jan 1643 John, son of Thomas & Barbara P., bapt.  
 19 Mar 1647 Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas P., bapt.  
 22 Aug 1658 Mary, dau. of Thomas & Banbery P., bur.  
 24 Sept 1670 John, son of Thomas jun. & Sarah P., bur.  
 19 Feb 1671 Banbery, wife of Thomas P., bur.  
 21 Feb 1675 Mr Thomas P. senior of Algarkirk bur.  
 24 Sept 1678 Margaret, dau. of Thomas P. of Algarkirk gent. & Margaret, bapt.  
 21 Apr 1678 John Hickson married Elizabeth P.  
 16 Nov 1681 Eliz., dau. of Mr Thomas & Eliz. P. bapt.  
 5 Feb 1684 Mrs Elizabeth, wife of Thomas P., bur.  
 29 Aug 1689 William, son of Thos. P. gent. & Mary, bapt.  
 15 Mar 1690 Robert, son of Thos. P. gent. & Mary, bapt.  
 17 Oct 1690 William, son of Thomas P. gent., bur.  
 2 Nov 1694 Mr Thomas P. of Algarkirk gent. bur.

Although the registers do not start early enough to record the burial of Nicholas Pulvertoft in 1541, the early entries confirm John's will and allow the scrap pedigree on page 67 to be redrawn as:



Similarly John Pulvertoft's request to be buried at Fosdyke made in his will of 1624 (see p 10) can be seen to have been honoured and a number of additions can be made to the pedigree on pages 12 & 13; Elizabeth bap. 1605, Thomas bur. 1607 and William and Thomas bap. 1608 - though they were not shown previously because they died in 1608 and 1614 respectively.

The register entries between 1643 & 1675 suggest:



which is sufficiently similar to the final part of the pedigree on page 12 to allow them to be assumed the same. The last four entries suggest a small scrap pedigree relating Thomas, Mary, William and Robert but exactly how they are connected with the earlier Pulvertofts is not yet clear.

## Notes and Queries

### A Pulvertaft Marriage Discovered

*In Issue 2 of these papers a list was printed of the Pulvertaft marriages found in the General Register Office Index of Marriages between 1837 and 1975 which was thought to be comprehensive. It was a surprise therefore to find in the 1984 printout of the International Genealogical Index a marriage between Mary Pulvertaft and William Bryan at Shoreditch on 12 February 1839 which had not been included in the GRO summary.*

*The indexes at St Catherine's House have been re-examined and the omission is now understood as it is incorrectly listed there as "Mary Pulvert" and was not therefore recorded in the Pulvertaft: Pulvertaft search. A copy of the marriage certificate was bought and was found to describe the marriage between William Bryan, bachelor, grocer of East St., Shoreditch, son of Timothy Bryan, boot-maker; and Mary Pulvertaft, widow, dressmaker of East St., Shoreditch, daughter of James Stewart, carpenter.*

*Although there is no mention of Cork in the certificate and research in Ireland has not yet shown a marriage of Mary Stewart into the Pulvertaft family, the partnership "Bryan & Pulvertaft", already recorded in Issue 4 page 31, implies a connection between the two families and might suggest that Mary followed William to London after the death of her husband.*

### Obituary

*It is with deep regret that the death is recorded of Elizabeth Lilian Mary Pulvertaft on 28 July 1985 at Ely.*