

## ALSTON COURT, NAYLAND THE HERALDRY IN THE WINDOWS

There are two separate sets of arms in the windows of Alston Court, distinguished here as SET 1 and SET 2.

The heraldry of SET 1 illustrates connections between the PARKER family (occurs 10 times), the JERMY family (occurs 7 times) and a family labelled as PAYN (occurs 6 times) – with the PAYN family at the centre of the links. However there are no recorded arms for a Payn family which bears three boars' heads, but the arms recorded for the ABELL family of West Bergholt in Essex (but originally clothiers of Nayland) at the Heralds' Visitation of Essex in 1664 were: quarterly: 1 & 4: argent, a fess purpure between three boars' heads coupéd gules, armed or; 2 & 3: argent, a chevron between three mascles sable. A contemporary sketch of the arms<sup>1</sup> firmly identified the quarters as '1. Abell, 2. Payn', however the Abell arms are almost identical to those labelled as 'Payn' in Alston Court, the only difference being the addition of the fess in the 'Abell' version of the arms, but the 'Payn' arms are identical to those labelled as 'Parker' in Alston Court. The contemporary sketch has a further note that the Abell arms were granted 'To John Abell of West Barholt in Essex p[er] Cooke 16 Aprill 1573'.<sup>2</sup> This strongly suggests that the Abells adopted a version of the arms of the Payns, either because they deemed themselves to be the heirs of that family, or because those arms were displayed in their house in Nayland.

The identity of the PAYN family, as represented at Alston Court, is not absolutely certain, but the relationships shown in the windows strongly suggest that this was the Payn family of Roudham, near Thetford, in Norfolk. The arms attributed to this family are, however, different: argent, on a fess gules between three martlets sable, as many mascles or, in chief a fleur-de-lis of the second.<sup>3</sup> These arms are similar to those of the unrelated Payne family of Hengrave in Suffolk and it is probable that there has been confusion between the families.<sup>4</sup> The Payns of Roudham were of gentry status in the 15th century, but appear to have died out in the early 16th century. Roudham is a Breckland parish and its church is now a ruin; Roudham Hall, which was probably the seat of the Payns, was extensively rebuilt in the second half of the 18th century.



Roudham church, Norfolk



Roudham Hall, Norfolk

<sup>1</sup> British Library Harleian MS. 1085, fo. 9 – this is a 'Heraldical Book' that contains, *inter alia*, the 'Arms of the Essex Gentry, A.D. 1664, when the County was visited by Sr Edward Byshe Clarenceux'. Sir Edward Bysshe was Clarenceaux King of Arms 1650-8 and 1661-84. See also W.H. Rylands, *Grantees of Arms*, Harleian Soc. vol. LXVI, 1915: p. 1.

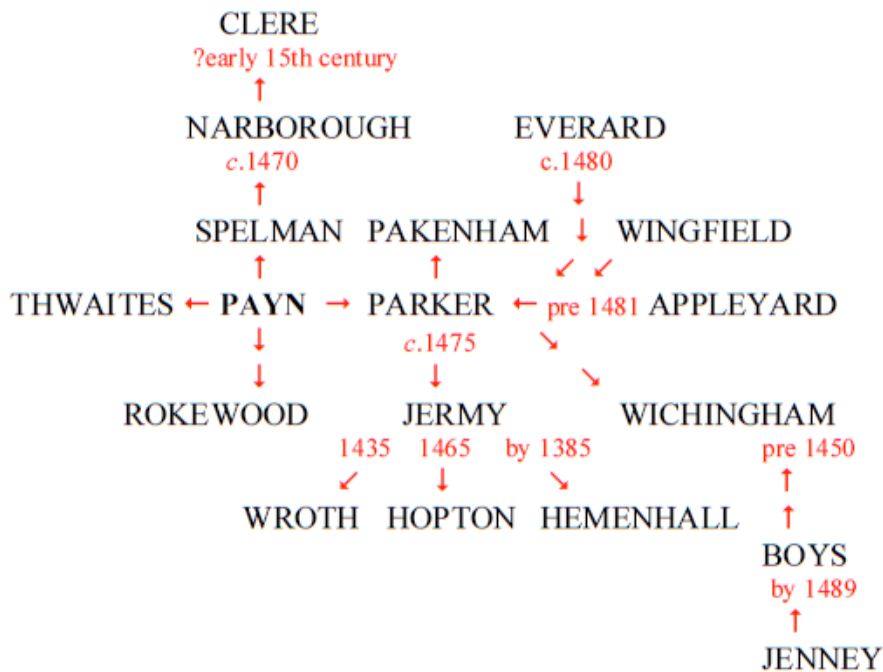
<sup>2</sup> 'Cooke' was Robert Cooke, Clarenceaux King of Arms 1567-94.

<sup>3</sup> *The Visitations of Norfolk 1563, 1589 and 1613*, p. 252, *sub* Smallpece of Hockering.

<sup>4</sup> *The Visitations of Suffolk 1561 & 1612*, p. 55. This family claimed descent from a Sir Thomas Payne of Market Bosworth in Leicestershire; the Paynes of Worlington and Nowton claimed a similar descent – *Visitations* p. 156

The shields of SET 1 are a distinctive shape with concave sides and a small notch, called a *bouche*, in the upper left corner that was intended as a lance rest. This shape is characteristic of a period c.1450 to 1520.<sup>5</sup> In this set the shields are shown as suspended by a strap held by a hand issuing from the sky – a similar device is employed for two of the shields on the gatehouse of Hengrave Hall, dating from the 1530s. An early 16th-century dating for this set of glass would agree with the family relationships displayed in the glass, as set out below:

#### RELATIONSHIPS – SET 1 GLASS



#### Other relationships (not shown in the glass)

- Appleyard –post 1513: Clere –post 1513: Dade –?c.1480: Everard – 1493 & by 1506: Rokewood – by 1503: Thwaites
- Clere –post 1513: Appleyard –c.1490-1500: Brampton –by 1503: Thwaites –?pre 1380: Wichingham
- Jermy –1490: Brampton
- Pakenham – by 1495: Dade
- Rokewood –1493 & by 1506: Appleyard –?1530s-40s & by 1558: Wichingham
- Thwaites –by 1503: Appleyard –by 1503: Clere –?c.1510: Jermy
- Wichingham –by 1496: Brampton –?pre 1380: Clere –?1530s-40s & by 1558: Rokewood

The heraldry of SET 2, found only on the south side of the hall, seems to relate to the possibly connected families of HALTOFT and the Lords WILLOUGHBY de Eresby. The shield shapes suggest a 16th-century date.

<sup>5</sup> G. Grazebrook, *The Dates of Various-shaped Shields with coincident dates and examples*, Liverpool 1890, 37.



**IMPALED ARMS** indicating marriages (husband in capitals) – *SET 2 are in italics*

PAYN & Parker (no. 20)  
PAYN & Rokewood (nos. 17 & 21)  
PAYN & Spelman (no. 13)  
PAYN & Thwaites (no. 25)  
APPLEYARD & Parker (nos. 24 & 31)  
Boys & JENNY (no. 23)  
BOYS & Wichingham (no. 12)  
Clere & NARBOROUGH (no. 10)  
EVERARD & Parker (no. 29)  
Hemenhall & JERMY (no. 1)  
Hopton & JERMY (nos. 9 & 28)  
*?Hotot & WILLOUGHBY* (no. 8)  
JENNY & Boys (no. 23)  
JERMY & Hemenhall (no. 1)  
JERMY & Hopton (nos. 9 & 28)  
Jermy & PARKER (nos. 16 & 26)  
JERMY & Wroth (no. 18 & 22)  
*?PAKENHAM & Parker* (nos. 27 & 32)  
NARBOROUGH & Clere (no. 10)  
Narborough & SPELMAN (no. 15)  
Parker & PAYN (no. 20)  
Parker & APPLEYARD (nos. 24 & 31)  
Parker & EVERARD (no. 29)  
PARKER & Jermy (nos. 16 & 26)  
Parker & *?PAKENHAM* (nos. 27 & 32)  
PARKER & Wichingham (no. 11)  
Parker & WINGFIELD (nos. 2 & 19)  
Rokewood & PAYN (nos. 17 & 21)  
Spelman & PAYN (no. 13)  
SPELMAN & Narborough (no. 15)  
Thwaites & PAYN (no. 25)  
Wichingham & BOYS (no. 12)  
Wichingham & PARKER (no. 11)  
*WILLOUGHBY & ?Hotot* (no. 8)  
WINGFIELD & Parker (nos. 2 & 19)  
Wroth & JERMY (no. 18 & 22)

**UNIMPALED ARMS**

PAYN (no. 14)  
*HALTOFT* (no. 3)  
*?HOTOT* (nos. 4 & 6)  
*??MOLYNS* (no. 7)  
*WILLOUGHBY* (no. 5)

HALL, south side – all SET 1 unless otherwise stated



1. Labelled: *...me / Helnalle*. Argent, a lion rampant guardant gules [JERMY of Metfield, Suffolk] *impaling* Or, on a fess gules between 2 chevrons gules, 3 escallops argent [HEMENHALL of Hemenhall Hall in Cotton, Suffolk]

Sir William Jermy (d. 1385) married Elizabeth, daughter of John Hemenhall – grandparents of the Sir John in no. 18).

2. Labelled: *Wyng[feld] / Parkyr*. Argent, on a bend sinister gules, 3 pairs of wings argent [WINGFIELD, but with a bend sinister] *impaling* Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER].

3. SET 2: Unlabelled. Sable, 3 lozenges ermine within a bordure engrailed ermine [HALTOFT or HAULTOFT of Outwell, Cambs.]

Gilbert Ha(u)ltoft of Outwell in Cambs., a lawyer (probably of Gray's Inn), appointed as second baron of the Exchequer 1447.<sup>6</sup> Will proved 1458 PCC.<sup>7</sup> Married Margaret ...; three daughters: 1) Margaret married Thomas Kervill of Wiggenhall St Mary, Norfolk; 2) Alice married Thomas Derham of Crimpleham, Norfolk; 3) Alienor (Eleanor) married Simon Batiscroft (Batchcroft) of Bexwell, Norfolk.<sup>8</sup>

F. Blomefield, *An Essay Towards a Topographical History of Norfolk*, vol. VII, 284: Barton [Bendish], St Mary's church: 'in this church there were anciently the arms of ... *Carvil* [ie Kervill], ... *azure*, a cross ... fitché between cinquefoils, *argent* ... three lozenges *ermine*, in a bordure, ingrailed *argent*, *Haltoft*. – *Carvil* sideth *azure*, a cross bud'd fitché int. three cinquefoils, *argent*. [?the arms in no. 4, below] – *Carvil* sideth, three lozenges *ermine*, in a bordure, *argent*. [Haltoft] – ... *Ufford* and *Beak* quarterly ...]

<sup>6</sup> E. Foss, *Judges of England*, vol. IV, London 1851, 322-3.

<sup>7</sup> Gilbert was one of the executors of the will of Sir Robert Hakebeche (d. 1445) of Hackbeach in Emneth, Norfolk, and he made provision for prayers for his soul in his will.

<sup>8</sup> She is sometimes stated to have married a Walpole - *Norfolk Archaeology: Or Miscellaneous Tracts Relating to the County of Norfolk*, 1849, 100-1 (this also contains the text of Gilbert's will). Henry Walpole (d. 1554) of Harpley, Norfolk, is said in the *Visitations of Norfolk* pedigree (p. 301) to have married 'Margaret da. & coh. of ... Holtofte of Whaplod in co. Linc.', but she was probably the daughter not of Gilbert (*contra* History of Parliament *re* Henry's son John) but of a William Haltoft of Whaplode, probably a descendant of Gilbert's kinsman (mentioned in his will) William Haltoft (A. Jessop, *One Generation of a Norfolk Family*, London 1879, 31.)





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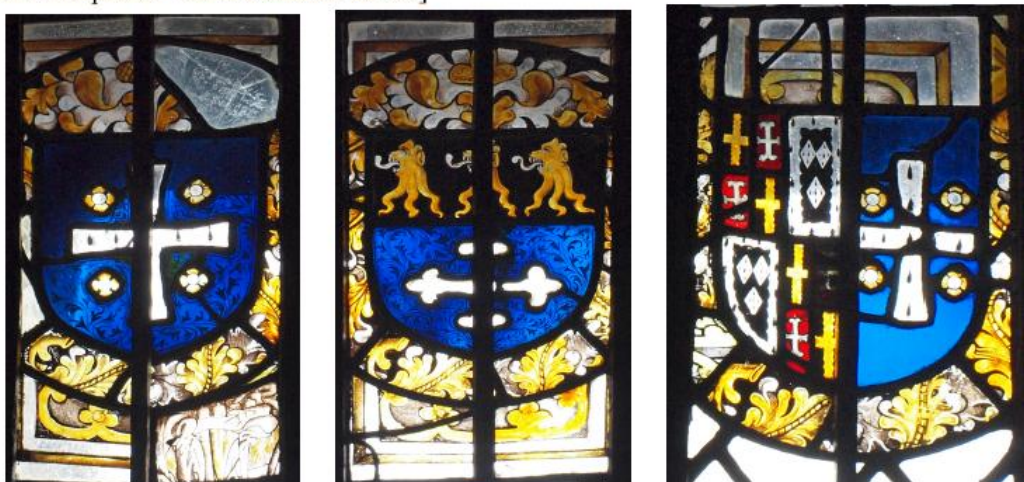
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4. SET 2: Unlabelled. Azure, a cross couped ermine between 3 [roses] or and argent [HOTOT of Turvey, Beds.– azure, a cross formy between four cinquefoils (or roses) or; there was also a Hotot family at Columbyne Hall in Stowupland, Suffolk that bore these arms: Azure, a cross moline (or paty) argent (or or)] *impaling* Azure, a cross flory argent and on a chief sable 3 lions' heads erased or, langued argent.

5. SET 2: Unlabelled. Quarterly, 1 & 4: grand quarter 1 & 4 : Gules, a cross moline argent [BEKE], 2 & 3 : Sable a cross engrailed or [UFFORD] – these quartered arms were used by the WILLOUGHBY family, Lords Willoughby de Eresby of Eresby in Lincolnshire and Parham Hall in Suffolk, as heirs of the Beke and Ufford (earls of Suffolk) families]; 2 & 3 : Sable, 3 lozenges ermine within a bordure engrailed ermine [HALTOFT – see no. 3]

6. SET 2: Unlabelled. Azure, a cross couped ermine between 3 [roses] or and argent [HOTOT – see above no. 4].

7. SET 2: Unlabelled. Azure, a cross flory argent and on a chief sable 3 lions' heads erased or, langued argent [MOLYNES – or (or ermine), a cross moline and in chief 3 leopards' heads erased sable]



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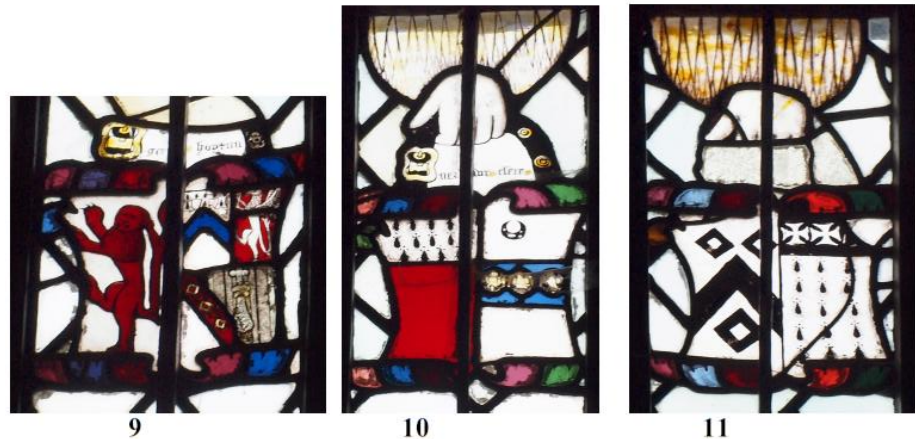
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8. SET 2: Unlabelled. Quarterly, 1 & 4: grand quarter 1 & 4 : Gules, a cross moline argent [BEKE], 2 & 3 : Sable a cross engrailed or [UFFORD] – this grand quarter representing WILLOUGHBY (see no. 5); 2 & 3 : Sable, 3 lozenges ermine within a

bordure engrailed ermine [see above] *impaling* Azure, a cross couped ermine between 3 [roses] or and argent (see no. 6)

**HALL, north side – all SET 1**



9. Labelled: *Ger.. / Hoptun*. Argent, a lion rampant guardant gules [JERMY of Metfield, Suffolk] *impaling*, quarterly, 1: Argent, a chevron azure, a label of three points in chief [SWILLINGTON alias HOPTON of Westwood in Blythburgh, Suffolk], 2 : Gules a griffin segreant argent [ROSS or ROYS of Wissett, Suffolk or WYSSETT<sup>9</sup>], 3 : Argent, on a bend gules 3 mascles or [PERTE of Yorkshire], 4 : ?an odd infill.

See no. 28 for a near duplicate, but this has the arms of Swillington – the Hoptons were an illegitimate branch of the family.

Sir John Jermy of Metfield (son of couple commemorated in no. 18; d. 1504) married, 1465, Isabel(la), daughter of John Hopton of Westwood in Blythburgh.

10. Labelled: *Nerbor / Clere*. Gules, a chief ermine [NARBOROUGH of Narborough in Norfolk] *impaling* Argent, on a fess azure 3 roundels with ?birds argent/or, a crescent in chief for difference (indicating a second son) [CLERE – argent, on fess azure 3 eagles displayed or].

William Narborough of Narborough married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Clere of Stokesby, Norfolk

11. Unlabelled. Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER] *impaling* Ermine, on a chief sable, 3 crosses paty argent [WICHINGHAM of Wichingham in Norfolk]

<sup>9</sup> E. Farrer, 'Alston Court', *East Anglian Miscellany*, 1912, p. 52.





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12. Labelled: *Boy / ...ham*. Argent, 2 bars and a canton gules, overall a bend sable charged with an annulet [BOYS of Honing in Norfolk] *impaling* Ermine, on a chief sable, 3 crosses paty argent [WICHINGHAM of Woodrising in Norfolk]  
Robert Boys of Holm Hale, Norfolk (d. 1450; will proved 1450 NCC) married Joane daughter and heir of Edmund Wichingham of Woodrising in Norfolk (a junior branch of the family at Wichingham) – for their daughter Katherine see no. 23.

13. Labelled: *...yn / [?]Wathatys*. Argent, 3 boars' heads coupes gules [PAYN] *impaling* Sable, 11 plates between 2 flanches argent [SPELMAN of Norfolk]. *Payn* and *Spyllman* set into the top of the shield.  
William Payne of Roudham, Norfolk in 1466 appointed Henry Spelman (see no. 15) as one of the executors of his will – was Christian his wife a Spelman?

14. Unlabelled. Argent, 3 boars' heads coupes gules [PAYN] *impaling* ?? with a crescent



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15. Labelled: *Spe... / Nerbowr*. Sable, 11 plates between 2 flanches argent [SPELMAN of Norfolk] *impaling* Gules, a chief ermine [NARBOROUGH of Narborough in Norfolk].  
Henry Spelman, Recorder of Norwich (named in the will of William Payn of Rowdham, Norfolk, 1466); died 1496, brass in Narborough church, Norfolk), married Ellen, daughter and heiress of William Narborow of Narborough in Norfolk. Sir John Spelman (c.1480-1546), Judge of King's Bench, was their son.

16. Labelled: *Park.. / Grme*. Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER] *impaling* Argent, a lion rampant guardant gules [JERMY]

Nicholas Parker of Honing, Norfolk (d. 1496; brass in Honing church, Norfolk) married, ?1475, Margery, daughter of Sir John Jermy of Metfield – see no. 18. Duplicates in nos. 26 and 30.

17. Labelled: *Payne / ..kewod*. Argent, 3 boars' heads coupes gules [PAYN] *impaling* Argent, 3 chess rooks sable [ROKEWOOD]

?Connection: Edmund Rokewode of Euston, Suffolk (will 1524) married, 1493, as his 1st wife Anne Appleyard, daughter of John Appleyard of Bracon Ash in Norfolk. Edmund is named as a 'very kynd frend' of William Rammysbury esq. of Rowdham in Norfolk and named as a co-executor of his will 1515 – Rammysbury married Elizabeth, the widow of Peter Payn of Roudham. ?Was Elizabeth Payn/Rammysbury a Rokewode.

?Connection: Agnes, daughter of William Rokewode of Warham in Norfolk married Sir Nicholas Appleyard of Bracon Ash (d. c.1518; son of the John above).

Duplicate in no. 21.

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18. Labelled: *Germey / Worthe*. Argent, a lion rampant guardant gules [JERMY of Metfield, Suffolk] *impaling* Argent, on a bend sable 3 lions' heads erased argent, crowned or [WROTH of Enfield]. Duplicate in no. 22.

Labelled below: *E: DERNEY*

Sir John Jermy (grandson of the Sir William in no. 1; d. 1487) married Elizabeth, daughter of William Wroth of Enfield, Middlesex (d. 1470) – parents of the Sir John in no. 9 and the Margery in no. 16.

19. Labelled: *Wyngfeld / Parkyr*. Argent, on a bend sinister gules, 3 pairs of wings argent [WINGFIELD, **but with the bend sinister instead of the normal dexter**] *impaling* Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER]



REAR PARLOUR/DINING ROOM – all SET 1



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20. Labelled: *Payn / Parkyr*. Argent, 3 boars' heads coupé gules [PAYN] *impaling* Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER]  
Peter Payn of Roudham in Norfolk appointed John Parker of Honing as one of the executors of his will (dated 1485, proved 1508). Was Peter's wife Alice a Parker?

21. Labelled: *Payn / Rookewud*. Argent, 3 boars' heads coupé gules [PAYN] *impaling* Argent, 3 chess rooks sable [ROKEWOOD].  
Duplicate in no. 17.

22. Labelled: *Germey / Worthe*. Argent, a lion rampant guardant gules [JEREMY of Metfield, Suffolk] *impaling* Argent, on a bend sable 3 lions' heads erased argent, crowned or [WROTH of Essex]  
Duplicate of no. 18.



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23. Unlabelled. Ermine, a bend gules cotised or [JENNEY of Knodishall in Suffolk] *impaling* Argent, 2 bars and a canton gules, overall a bend sable charged with an annulet or [BOYS of Honing in Norfolk].  
Sir Edmund Jenney of Knodishall (will 1522 NCC) married, by 1489, Katherine, daughter and heiress of Roger Boys of Holm Hale – see no. 12.

24. Labelled: *Happel harde / Parkyr*. Azure, a chevron or between 3 owls argent [APPLEYARD], a crescent for difference *impaling* Argent, a chevron between three mascles sable [PARKER]. Duplicate in no. 31.  
William Appleyard of East Carlton in Norfolk (will 1481) married Elizabeth Parker.

25. Unlabelled. Argent, 3 boars' heads coupéd gules [PAYN] *impaling* Argent, on a fess sable 3 bezants between 3 fleurs-de-lis gules [THWAITES of Hardingham in Norfolk]



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26. Labelled: *Parkyr / Germe*. Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER] *impaling* Argent, a lion rampant guardant gules [JERMY]. Duplicate of nos. 16.

27. Labelled: *Paknon* [?Pakenham, but the arms do not fit with any recorded Pakenham arms]/ *Parkyr*. Gules, a garb or *impaling* Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER].

28. Labelled: *Germey / Hopton*. Argent, a lion rampant guardant gules [JERMY of Metfield, Suffolk] *impaling*, quarterly, 1: Ermine, 2 bars sable, on each 3 mullets or [HOPTON of Westwood in Blythburgh, Suffolk], 2 : Gules a griffin segreant argent [ROSS or ROYS of Wissett, Suffolk], 3 : Argent, on a bend gules 3 mascles or [PERTE of Yorkshire], 4. Ermine, 6 (?) mullets (3 & 3) on 2 bars sable [?]

A near duplicate in no. 9, but this with the Hopton arms.

Sir John Jermy of Metfield (son of couple commemorated in no. 18; d. 1504) married, 1465, Isabel(la), daughter of John Hopton of Westwood in Blythburgh.



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29. Labelled: *Hev... / .....r*. Gules, on a fess argent between 3 estoiles argent, 3 mullets sable [EVERARD of Linstead in Suffolk] *impaling* Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER].

Henry Everard of Pond Hall in Linstead Magna, gent. ('of Suffolk' will (two versions) dated 18 May 1498, one proved 25 Nov. 1498 and the other 28 Nov. 1499 PCC – PROB 11/12/18 & PROB 11/11/511), married Olive, daughter of William



Parker of Honing, Norfolk (she living 1524). Requested burial in the church of [St Mary] Aldermary in London, mentions his wife Olive, sons Ralph, Henry and Robert, daughter Johane married to Thomas Gavell of Kirby Cane in Norfolk; among his executors were John Dade (one John Dade married a Pakenham and his son, another John, married a daughter of Sir Nicholas Appleyard).<sup>10</sup>

30. Unlabelled. Azure, a chevron or between 3 owls argent [APPLEYARD], a crescent for difference *impaling* Argent, a chevron between three mascles sable [PARKER]  
Duplicate of no. 24.

31. Labelled: *Paknon / Parkyr*. Gules, a garb or *impaling* Argent, a chevron between 3 mascles sable [PARKER].

#### GROUND FLOOR ROOM

Arms of the Company of the Merchant Adventurers of London (founded 1407)



Modern version to show the colours

#### NAYLAND CHURCH

Arms of PAYN and PARKER impaled.



Edward Martin, 26 April 2014

<sup>10</sup> IPM John Dade, Suffolk, 1510-11: C142/25/54 & E150/613/3; Thomas Dade, Suffolk, 1619-20: TNA C142/377/42.