



*Alburgum in Comitatu SURRIÆ vulgo Albury olim mansio frequens Illustratissimo D.D. Thoma Howardi Comitis ARRUNDELLÆ et SURRIÆ etc.  
Occidentem versus.*

*M. Forgher Sculp.*



*A L B U R T*, alias *Alderbury*,

So call'd, say some, from the *Alders* growing about it; but I rather conjecture it was *Aldbury*, i. e. *Oldbury*, and that it was a Place of very ancient Note, as all Places of this same Name seem to be. This Estate and Manour belong'd formerly to the *Greshams*; from whom it came to the *Duncumbes*, and was purchased of them by *Thomas Howard*, Lord High Marshal of *England*, in 1638, and

is now in the Possession of *Heneage Finch*, Earl of *Aylesford*, who, with *George Duncumb*, Esq; is Lord of this Manour; who has pull'd down great Part of the old Buildings of this Seat, (1) which is seated in a most romantick wild Place; it lyes at the Bottom of a Hill, on a sandy Soil, *North* and *South*, cover'd with Oaks; yet wants not all the Assistance Art can give, to render a Retirement desirable. It is adorn'd with a fine Park, and Variety of Fish-Ponds, and large Quantities of Woods; but the most compleat Idea that can be given of it, is express'd by that excellent Artificer *Mr. Wenceslaus Hollar*, who has etch'd twelve different Views of this Place, so very rare, that none but the opposite one could be procur'd; and therefore we doubt not but our Readers will admit of that Apology for our Neglect to gratify him in that Point.

Through

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(1) My Kinsman, Capt. George Evelyn, (who had been a great Traveller) built the great Dining-Room and Apartment for Mr. Henry Howard, (after Duke of Norfolk) in order to a noble Palace, &c. But the Duke (after his virtuous Lady's Death) growing dissolute, neglected this Design, and all other honourable Things. His Grand-father, who purchased Albury, would have sold any Estate he had in England, (Arundel excepted) before he would have parted with this his Darling-Villa, as I can show you in that brave Person's Letters to me from Padua, 1646. J. E. i. e. (John Evelyn.)

Through the *South* Hill his Lordship hath cut a streight Passage quite through the Bottom of the Hill, thirty Perches long, very broad and high, which is very pleasant to behold. Here his Lordship hath a Canal about a quarter of a Mile long, and sixty Foot broad; and above that, a Vineyard of twelve Acres, of the same Length with the Canal, upon the Ascent of the Hill, which faceth the *South*: A good Part of the Hill is digg'd down to make the Elevations easie. The River (or Rivulet) runneth thorough the Garden, which is now bringing into the Canal, and the old Course of the River to be fill'd up. I cannot omit here to let you know, that a Country Fellow seeing them digging the Channel for the new River, (I think that which comes to *Hampton-Court*) said, that he could save them 2000*l.* that is, he would turn up the Earth with a Plough; and had strong Ploughs and Harness made purposely, which was drawn by 17 Horses, and sav'd a vast deal of Expence.

The taking down of this Hill, and the piercing of it through, was done with great Expedition and Cheapness,

by an ingenious Invention of (1) Mr. *Charles Howard*, his Lordship's Brother; which is thus (as well as I can describe it:) They have the Command of a Spring in this Park, which they bring in a Channel to the Place where they would have the Sand taken away; then they under-dig a convenient Part of the Sand under which the Water is to come, and there the Water (as it were) dissolves the Sand, as you see Sugar dissolv'd in Wine. In a little Time after, down tumbles 3, 4, or 5 Loads; as soon as it is down, a Fellow or two falls a stirring of the Sand in the Water, to make the Water, together with the Sand, run the faster.

The whole Plat of the Garden at *Albery* was made and given by me [7. A.] to Mr. *Henry Howard* (since Duke of *Norfolk*) deceased; as also the Design of the *Canale*, and *Crypta*, since dug through the Mountain. They have wooden Troughs open at both Ends, which they do set in Train, one after another, for this washing away of the Sand;

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(1) This Invention of levelling the Hills by washing down the Sands, was not found out by Mr. *Charles Howard*, but shew'd him by Capt. *George Evelyn*, (a Kinsman of mine) who took away a great Hill of Sand at *Wotton*, which made that large Square for the Garden there. J. E.

Sand; and the Sand and Water will wear them out as thin as Paper. It is admirable to see how fast by this Means they do convey away their Sand. The Passage made thorough the Hill here did cost but 70 *l.* and 3 Men did it in half a Year by the Method aforesaid, which otherwise would have cost *Nemo scit*: So it is clear, that in any sandy Place where one may have the command of a little Fall of Water, one may do great Things in this Kind, for levelling, making of Hills, &c.

I was wont to admire how Lanes came to be worn of so great depth, which is only in sandy Ground, where the Water washes them away, as here; but two or three Labourers assisting, the Work is dispatch'd amain.

Out of the Passage aforesaid was drawn a great deal of Stone, which they call *Raggies*, which looks like cast Iron; and here and there is Sand, as white and fine as the finest powder'd Salt. The like I find in *Windsor Forest*, in the High-Way, in the Road from *Egham* Westwards towards *Salisbury*.

In the Park here is a Spring call'd *SHIRBURN* Spring, which breaks out at the Side of a Hill, over which is  
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built a handsome banqueting House, which is surrounded (almost) with Trees, which yield a pleasant solemn Shade: Below this banqueting House is a Pond, which entertains you with the Reflection of the Trees above.

The Water is very clear; it serves the House, and washeth away the Sand, as aforesaid, in making the Grot, Canal, &c. In the Wilderness adjacent to this Place are close Walks.

As I rode over *Albury Down*, I was wonderfully surpriz'd with those prodigious *Snails* there, as big as two or three of ours. Mr. *Elias Ashmole* (*Windsor Herald*) told me, they were brought from *Italy* by the old Countess of *Arundel*; who did dress them and eat them.

In this Chancel lieth that famous Mathematician Mr. *William Oughtred*; but without any Remembrance or Memorial of him, that was an Honour to the *English* Nation. He was Rector of this Parish many Years: He married Mrs. . . . . *Caryll*, died *Anno Dni. 1660*, buried *June* the *15th*, *Anno Etatis* 88, and odd Days.

There having never been any Memorial plac'd here or elsewhere to the Honour of this celebrated *Mathematician*, take the following Verses under his  
Picture

Picture (so well executed by *Hollar*, that nothing can be more lively express'd; which represents him as a Man of a chearful Air, and dress'd in his Cassock, with a Book shut in his Right Hand, in a studious Posture) as a proper Regard to his Memory, viz.

*Hæc est OUGHTREDI senio labantis imago,  
Italia quem cupiit, terra Britannia tulit.  
Notus erat fama, jam vultu notus in ævum  
Ibit et ingenio vivet imago comes.  
Quod si charta refert, veniet cum justior ætas  
Debitus auratum flare jubebit honor.*

R. S.

I made diligent Enquiry for the Place where he was bury'd; all the Neighbourhood agreed 'twas in the Chancel: At length I met with his Son, Mr. *Benjamin Oughtred*, who was surpriz'd with the Question, and said, that his Grief for his Father was so great, that he did not remember; but after, upon recollecting his Thoughts, he said he believ'd that his Father's Body lies a little on the Left Hand, *North*, near the Chancel.

On a Brass Plate, in a Marble, in the *South* Ile, is this Inscription;

*Hic jacet Johannes Weston de Weston Armiger, qui obiit xxij die Novembris Anno Dni. MCCCCXL. cujus anime propicietur Deus. Amen.*

Round about a Marble, in old Letters, near the former Marble, is this Inscription ;

*Willelmum Ternum de Weston suscipe Christe.*

*Lumen ad eternum quem contegit hic lapis iste.*

*Weston* is a Tything in this Parish.

In *DUNCOMBS* Ile, on the *South* Side of the Church, on the *East* Wall, on a black Marble enchas'd in white, is this Inscription ;

**JUDITH DUNCUMBE,**  
late the Wife of George  
Duncumbe of Weston in this  
Parish, Esq; and Daughter of  
John Caryll, late of Tangley in this  
County, Esq; deceased; departed this  
Lyfe the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Dni. 1628.  
being then aged 51 Years.

*And*

*And Mary Coldwell, Daughter of the said Geo. & Judith Duncombe, & the 2d of 12 Children, late the Wife of Daniel Coldwell of Hornden upon the Hill in the County of Essex, Esq; departed this Lyfe the 10. day of February, 1625, at her Age of 24 Years: They both lye here interred, and in their Lives and Deaths gave good Testimony of Religion, and Charity, and hope of a joyful and glorious Resurrection.*

Near the former, on another black Marble enchas'd in White, is this Inscription, in Capitals ;

# SCIO CUI CREDIDI.

*By virtue of his Death, that was the Death of Death, and in the Vigor of his Resurrection, that is the Resurrection and the Lyfe, even her Victorious Jesus.*

*Here rests deposited to the assured Hope of Immortality and Glory, all that was Mortal of that Religious and Christian Matrone, Dame ELIZABETH MERRY, the most beloved and desired Consort of Thomas Merry of Coppeshall, in the County of Leicester, Esq; and the youngest Daughter of George Duncombe, late of Weston in this Parish of Albury, Esq; A Person, whom if either intensive Piety to her God, or extensive Charity to her Neighbour; if Faithfulness to her Celestial, or Fidelity to her Terrestrial Spouse; if the Desire of her Friends, the Prayers of her Children, or the Teares of the Poor, could have embalm'd against*

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*the common Faulty; She had not (Reader) in this  
perishable Posture been the sad Remembrancer  
of their Loss, and thy Mortality. She dyed in Child-  
bed on the nyynth of July, Anno Dni. 1652, being  
in the thyrty nyynth Year of her Age, in which Tyme  
she bare unto her Husband 14 Sons and 5 Daughters.*

*Seeing she's gon go speed thy self frayle Dust  
of a Monument of like permanent Virtues; they  
are the likeliest Marble to transmit thy Memory  
to Posterity, that have perpetuated her to Eternity.*

MARITUS MÆRENTISSIMUS.  
MERENTISSIMÆ POSUIT.

*Though 'tis in vain to raise dead Stones to her  
Whose Vertues her own lyves Inscriptions were;  
Yet not to envy future Tymes their Part,  
Of what a Wyves Loss bath graven in my Heart;  
I have this hardy Pyle inspired to mutter,  
Plaints that would break a widowed Heart to utter:  
The Type of Conjugall Obedience,  
The Patterne of unconquered Patience,  
The Closet of religious Prayer retyred,  
The Altar which devote Zeal daily fyred,  
The Lyfe of discreet Hospitality,  
The Soule of Home-affecting Huswifry,  
The rare Example of maternal Care,  
Dead in this one Urne and concinerate are.  
Press gently Earth, and keep each Grave in Trust,  
Till Heaven revisiteth its most rich Dust.*

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On a black Marble enchas'd in white,  
on the West Wall of this Ile, is this In-  
scription;

GEORGE DUNCUMBE OF

Weston in the Parish of

Albury, Esq; youngest and

only surviving Son of Robert Duncumbe of  
Lithington Park, Esq; & Cicily Daughter of Edm.  
Conquest of Haughton Conquest in Bedfordshire,  
Esq; after many large Experiences of God's Blessings  
in a fair Fortune acquired by himself, and a numerous

Issue of twelve, born to him by Judyth,  
Daughter of John Caryll of Tangle, Esq; and Lettice, sole  
Daughter of Thomas Lane of the County of Gloucester, Esq;  
his Wife, after he had lived to see five of his Children  
worthily match'd, (who hereby multiplied him into Grand-children  
of the fourth Generation) and some of them buried here  
before him, especially John Duncumbe, His Eldest  
join'd in Marriage with Mary, third Daughter  
of Sir Edward Onslow of Knoll, Knt.

and Elizabeth, Daughter of Sir Thomas Sherley of  
Suffex, Kt. who died the 17<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1640. in  
the fortyeth Year of his Age, leaving amongst  
diverse other Children, George the present Heire  
of the Estate. He dyed himself in a good old Age,  
having compleated 74 Years, on the 21. day of March,  
in the Year of our Redemption 1646, and most religiously  
resign'd his Lyfe into the Hands that gave it.

Chronogram 1646.

Res Vrgent VLsto pVLVere qVI Ibi sepVL-1(1) DorMIVnt.  
My Body pawn'd to Death doth here remaine,  
As surety for the Soules returne again.

Francis Grigs fecit.

Upon

Upon a Marble in the upper End of the Chancel, under the Communion-Table, in Capitals, is this Inscription ;

*HERE lyeth interred the Body  
of HENRY WICKS, Esq; a Man pious,  
just, wise, and very charitable ;  
a true and reall Christian, who  
in his Lyfe Time served three  
Princes of this Land, Queen Elizabeth,  
King James, and King  
Charles in the worshipful Office  
of Pay-master of their Majesty's Workes,  
who departed this Lyfe upon the  
third of Octob. 1657, being  
aged 77 Years : That which in him  
was mortal rested here, in  
expectation of a blessed Resurrection of his immortal Soule  
in the Hands of his Redeemer.*

On a Brass Plate, on the North Wall of the Chancel, placed very high, because the Chancel is designed to be wainscotted by the present Earl of Aylesford, is this Inscription in Capitals ;

Phæbus

*Phæbus ab oppositis, licet obrutus, eminet umbris,  
Noctis et è tenebris emicat alba dies.  
Sic mea (1) Cimeriis nunc ossa recondita terris,  
Cum vocet omnipotens inde, vel inde ruent,  
Sic tua membra brevi tua membra valentia, Lector  
Ista forent morbis, victaque morte forent,  
Imo reposta (2) forent tumulo, tumuloque resurgent,  
Cum Deus extremam jussit adesse diem,  
Crede, precor, meditare precor, modo vera sepulto  
Veraque sollicitè quæ tibi missa vides  
Vera vides quæ corda procul tellure movebunt,  
Quaque animam si vis credere ad astra ferent.*

Made English thus.

*From gloomy Clouds the Sun still glides away,  
And from black Night results the breaking Day.  
Thus my dead Bones will quit this dark Abode,  
Rais'd by the Voice of an Almighty God ;  
And you, hail Reader, must resign your Breath,  
Shatter'd by Sicknefs, and subdu'd by Death,  
Must to the Grave descend, and thence must come  
At the great Audit to receive your Doom :  
Go then, believe, go, lay these Truths to Heart,  
Truths from my Tomb I solemnly impart ;  
And Truths which from that World will wean the Love,  
And guide the Soul to yon blest World above.*

*Tabellam quam spectas hic infixam reliquit, et exuvias  
usque ad Resurrectionem subter deponendas, exoptavit  
A D (3) Gene. qui de vita decessit 17 die Feb.  
Anno Dni. 1709.*

On

(1) Sic Orig. (2) Sic Orig.  
(3) Ant. Dunscombe.



On a rough greyish Free-stone, in the South Cross-Isle, in Capitals, is this Inscription;

*Depositum*

Henrici Duncumb Armigeri, qui diu  
afflictus est, et tandem fractus,  
Æquissimo animo e vita decessit  
Lond. XX. die Novembris 1688.  
Ætatis suæ XXIII. ab omnibus  
bonis ex animo deploratus, præ-  
sertim ab uxore Charitate,  
(filia natu maxima Tho. Duncumb  
S. T. P.) quæ Memoria, amoris, &  
Observantiæ ergo Monumentum  
Hoc posuit.

On another, like the former, at the Entrance of the same Isle, in Capitals, is this Inscription;

Here lyeth buried the  
Body of William Duncumb,  
late of Albury in the  
County of Surrey, Esq;  
Ætat. suæ XX<sup>mo</sup>. Anno, Mensæque viij<sup>mo</sup>.  
Obiit  
xvi die mensis Oct. annoque Dni.  
1690.

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The Rector is the Reverend Mr. Joseph Peters, to whom the Benefice is said to be worth about One hundred and sixty Pounds *per Annum*.

The Manour of *Weston* (where is a fair Seat and Gardens) in this Parish, belongs to *George Duncumb, Esq;*

In this Parish is Part of *BLACK-HEATH*, whereon is the Toft (as the Lawyers term it) of a *Roman Temple*; it is on a Plain, a Stone's throw distant from the Road to *Cranley, Eastward*.

Mr. *Elias Ashmole* (who lived at *Weston* in his first Wife's Time) told me, he doth remember very well not only the Ground-pinning of the Square, but also the Ground-pinning of the Circle of it. Some of the *Roman Tiles* here are of a pretty Kind of Moulding, with 8 Angles; and there are some Lumps of Stone with *Roman Mortar*. Mr. *Benj. Oughtred* says, that 40 Years since (1639) one might have seen the Ground-pinning plainly, which was as high as the Top of the Banks are now. I saw by a Piece of the Ground-pinning extant, it was square, for it goes streight at an Angle. Within these two Years (1670) the Ground-pinning was digged up for the Stone and Brick, and 'tis so mangled that I can't tell what to make of it;  
but

but it seems to me to be square. Some Pieces of *Roman* Tiles and Brick I found on the *Heath*, where has been a great deal of Building in old Times; and this is all can be discovered concerning this Temple. 'Tis Pity a Draught of it had not been taken some hundreds of Years since: But there were in *Britain* many more *Roman* Temples, whereof now remain no *Vestigia* at all. The Tradition by the old People hereabouts is, that heretofore a River ran in the Bottom below the *Roman* Temple.

The Parsonage House is at *Weston*, half a Mile from the Church: It is an indifferent good old Parsonage House; in the Windows are several Brakes, (as in the Chapel at *Windsor*) which was the Device of the Lord *Bray*. It is in the Gift of the Earl of *Aylesford*: It stands opposite to the chief Manour-House, (which belong'd to *William Boothby*, Esq; who married the Daughter of *Herbert Aubrey*, Esq; of the *Black Fryers* at *Hereford*) who was very assistant to me in resolving my Queries. He was also Mr. *Benj. Oughtred*'s great Patron, who caress'd him, and gave him his Diet, and a little House near to lie in. In Mr. *Benj. Oughtred*'s Time, were digg'd up at *Black-beath* aforefaid (the greatest Part whereof

whereof is in that Parish, and Part in *Chilworth*) and heaved up by Moles, several *Roman* Coins.

In this Parish are some Gun-powder Mills, and the Charcoal that blacks the Gun-powder is made of the *Alders* that grow here; but Mr. *Evelyn* tells me, that the strongest Powder is made of *Dog-wood* Coals.

### E W H U R S T

Is a Rectory in the Deanery of *Stoke*, so called, I conjecture, from the vast Quantities of *Ewe Trees* which formerly abounded here, but are much diminish'd within these few Years. Lord of the Manour is *Edward Bray*, Esq; of *Shere*: Patron of the Benefice is the King; present Incumbent, the Reverend Mr. *Charles Eaton*, to whom it is worth about One hundred and twenty Pounds per Annum. The Church is built of Stone, in the Form of a Cross; stands pleasantly on a rising Ground in the Vale, from whence is a good Prospect. In it there is nothing worthy of Notice, ancient or modern.