

In the same church is a slab to Thomas Leigh, his son :—

“Thomas the Sone of Wolley Leigh Esq. ; and Mary his Wife
was borne June 15 1707 And died July the 4th 1707.”

Mary, his eldest daughter, married, 24th Sept., 1731, John Bennett, Esq., of Aylsham, co. Norfolk, and died 6th Oct., 1746. He survived her, and died on 12th June, 1765, leaving issue.¹

Anne, the second daughter, married, 4th Oct., 1737, Henry Spencer, Esq., of Thorpe, co. Surrey, who died 28th Feb., 1766, aged fifty-two. She died 28th March, 1768, aged fifty-nine, as appears by the monument to them on the north wall of the chancel of Thorpe church, leaving issue also.

In 1767 an Act of Parliament was obtained by which a partition of the estates was made between the families of Bennett and Spencer, the Addington estates being allotted to the latter. In January, 1768, Mrs. Spencer and Wolley Leigh Spencer, her eldest son and heir-apparent, conveyed the manor of Addington, the capital mansion-house, the rectory and advowson, and all the lands, to Barlow Tregothick, Esq., alderman, of London. In 1807 Addington and a portion of the estate were purchased from one of his descendants for the see of Canterbury, and it has continued ever since to be the residence of the archbishops of Canterbury.

Thus ended the connection of the Leigh family with the manor of Addington after a period of nearly four hundred years, during which time it had passed from father to son for eleven generations. At no time was their landed estate a very large one, but they seem to have guarded it carefully, and to have increased their

¹ There is a slab to them in Hevingham Church with the following inscription :—“The entrance to the family Vault of John Bennett, Esq., late of Aylsham, in this County, who died the 12th day of June, 1765, aged 66 years, and is therein interred. Also lies deposited therein, Mary, the wife of the said John Bennett, who was the eldest Daughter of Wolley Leigh, Esq., late of this Parish, and one of the Coheireses of the late Sir John Leigh, of Addington, in Surrey. She died the 1st day of October, 1746, aged 38 years.”