

Nethersole

of Nethersole¹

Arms: Per pale gules and azure, three griffins sergeant, or.
Crest: A dexter arm embowed in armour proper, a scart flotant, azure, holding within the gauntlet a broken tilting spear, or.

John Nethersole, of Nethersole, Womenswold, co. Kent, where family were settled before reign of K. John and H.3, was b. about 1417, and d. at Kingstone, Mar 1471/2,² having had:

William Nethersole, b. about 1444; d. Apr 1512, and had (?with sons Thomas and Robert):

A. **Richard Nethersole**, occurs 1493–1500 (C 1/219/11); b. about 1478; d. Jun 1528, having had (with sons Francis and Edward):

B1. Richard Nethersole, son and heir of Richard; occurs *c.* 1547 as a plaintiff re seizure of church at Womenswold (STAC 3/1/73); ?m. *c.* 1538 **Sylvester** (b. Barham, Kent, *c.* 1524; d. Kingstone, Kent, Mar 1588), dau. of **Thomas Ladd** (b. 1500; d. Barham, Jun 1546), of Barham, Kent,³ by **Elizabeth Mumbray**, and had:

C1. A daughter, who m. Sampson Philpott of Upton Court in Sibertswold.

B2. **Vincent Nethersole**, of Womenswold, b. about 1510; m. 1st about 1538 **Johane [Jana] Redwood** (b. Stodmarsh about 1517; d. Kingston about 1544), and by her had:

C1. Robert Nethersole, b. *c.* 1539.

C2. Richard Nethersole, b. *c.* 1541.

C3. Anne, m. Kingstone about 1566 William Hawke.

?C4.–7. ?John II, Alexander, Christopher and William (given in Visitation 1619, but probably sons by his second wife).

Vincent Nethersole ?m. 2nd about 1547 his brother's widow, **Sylvester Ladd**; and d. Kingstone 3 or 12 Sept 1576 [IGI], having by her had further issue:

C1. Alexander Nethersole, born Kingstone about 1548; he m. 1st in St Alphege, Canterbury, on 15 Oct 1581 Alice Cooper (born *c.* 1560) and m. 2nd in Canterbury about 1595 Parnell — ; and died in Barham, Kent, 1603.

C2. John Nethersole, 'of Barham, yeoman' (stands surety 1616: QM/SRc/1616/52); born Kingstone 1546 (M.I. Kingstone); m. Barham 27 Dec 1581 Peregrina (b. Kingstone, *c.* 1560), dau. of Francis Wilsford, of Nonington (anciently of Wilsford, Devon: see *Visitation of Kent*, p. 53), by his wife Alice (d. 30 June 1581, aged 59; MI in Nonington church), dau. and heir of William Simpson, Marshall of Calais, by Catherine Senicot/Gemcot; and he died Kingstone on 9 Jul 1627 (M.I., listing names of his children; *Thomae, Johannis, Wilsfordi, Francisci, Gulielmi, Annae, Sarae, et Rebeccae*) had:

D1. Thomas Nethersole, listed on his father's M.I.

D2. Anne, b. 19 Mar 1582 (?deceased by 1630: see DCb/J/J/47/33), wife of Thomas Marsh, of Brandred, had:

E1. John Marsh, heir of the Kent estates of his uncle Francis.

D3. John Nethersole, b. 19 Jan 1584; d. May 1623.

D4. Wilsford Nethersole, b. 16 Jan 1586; d. before 1623.

D5. Sir Francis Nethersole, politician and diplomatist; educ Trinity Coll., Cambridge (fellow 1610, MA), University Public Orator 1611; secretary to Jas Hay, Visct Doncaster; ambassador to the German states, and legate of Charles I to his sister, the Electress Palatine, Princess Elizabeth of Bohemia, 1619; served as her private secretary; knighted at Theobalds Sept 1619; MP for Corfe Castle, 1624–8; imprisoned in the Tower of London 1634; founded Nethersole School, Polesworth, 1638. He was bapt Kingswold 26 Feb 1587;

¹ Sources: Visitation of Kent, 1619, p. 32.

² A John Nethersole occurs 'of Ruckinge', in Chancery pleadings 1456–60 (C 1/26/343); 1484 (demise in NA); Inquisition ad quod damnum 1490 (C 142/6/28); deed 1494 (NA); will dated 11 Feb 1505 for JN of Canterbury (PROB 11/14).

³ See Lade of Warbleton, Sussex, cr. Baronet 17 Mar 1759. Descent from John Ladd of Eleham, d. 1527, given in William Betham, *Baronetage of England*, 1767, vol. 3, p. 266.

- m. 12 Feb 1619/20 (marriage sermon preached by John Donne⁴) Lucy Goodere (b. 1593/4; d. 9 July 1652), eldest dau. and co-heiress of Sir Henry Goodere (1534–95), of Polesworth Hall and of Monks Kirby, nr Rugby, Warwicks; he died s.p., aged 72, in August, 1659 (TNA: PRO, PROB 11/307; will dated 1655, devising his estates in Kent to his nephew, John Marsh, above). For biography, see B.C. Pursell, *ODNB.*, 2004.
- D6. William Nethersole, 3rd son, b. 28 Sept 1589.
- D7. Sara, bapt Kingstone, 25 Apr 1596; m. c. 1617 Philip ?Chits of London.
- D8. Rebecca, b. 10 Sept 1598.
- C3. Amy Nethersole, b. Kingstone, c. 1554; m. (licence) at Capel Le Ferne, Kent, on 18 Jan 1577 Andrew Smytheot.
- C4. Mary Nethersole, born Kingstone, about 1557.
- C5. Sara Nethersole, born Kingstone about 1559; married Kingstone 10 Aug 1578 Francis Burden (born Dover about 1553), and died in Kent, before 1603.
- C6. Aphra Nethersole, born Kingstone about 1560; married in Womenswold on 4 May 1584 Francis Rickarde (born Postling, Kent, about 1559).
- C7. Christopher Nethersole, b. Kingstone c. 1561 and died Dover, Kent, in 1597.
- C8. **Vincent Nethersole**, of Kingstone, gentleman (grants surety, 1596: QM/SRc/1596/22); b. Kingstone, c. 1563/4; m. Kingstone 3 Jun 1588 **Elizabeth Denne** (b. Kingstone c. 1566; living as 'widowed mother' 1622 (DCb/J/J/30/15); d. Womenswold Sept 1637), dau. of **Vincent Denne** by **Joanna Kittall** (see *sub* Denne). He died in Womenswold in Jun 1602, leaving six children: Vincent, Elizabeth, Mary, Christopher, Alice and William:
- D1. Vincent Nethersole, born in Womenswold on 23 Feb 1589; died Ickham in Mar 1613/4.
- D2. **Elizabeth Nethersole**, b. Womenswold, 10 Oct 1592; m. Womenswold, 27 Jul 1612 **Robert Austen** (b. Adisham, 13 Apr 1583 [or 23 Nov 1585]), son of **Valentine Austin** by **Margaret Solly**; she occurs as widow by Jul 1622 (DCb/J/J/30/16) and had:
- E1. **Bennet Austen**, b. 1622; m. 1st at Adisham 16 Sept 1648 **Thomas Neame** (b. 1627; d. Rowling, Goodnestone, Kent 1664); she m. 2nd 1674 William Gibs, and died 26 Nov 1677. For issue by first husband, see *sub* Neame.
- D3. Mary Nethersole was born Womenswold 9 Oct 1594; married Womenswold on 20 Jun 1614 Richard Austin of Ickham (born Adisham on 23 Nov 1585 and died Ickham on 22 Dec 1647), son of **Valentine Austin** by **Margaret Solly** (above); living 1622; she left three children.
- D4. Christopher Nethersole, born Womenswold on 20 Jun 1596; living 1622.
- D5. Alice Nethersole, born and baptised Womenswold on 5 Nov 1598; m. Womenswold 28 Jan 1614 Michael Denne of Littlebourne (b. 1589), son of Thomas Denne by Margaret Pett (see *sub* Denne); and died in Littlebourne, having had nine children: Martha, Mary, Ann, Margaret, Michael, Alice, Jane, Elizabeth and Christopher:
- E1. Martha Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1617.
- E2. Mary Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1619.
- E3. Ann Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1622.
- E4. Margaret Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1625.
- E5. Michael Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1629; married 1st in Littlebourne about 1652, and by his first wife had:
- F1. Alice Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1653; married David Denne (born Littlebourne c. 1647), son of David Denne and Elizabeth —. She died Littlebourne, about 1682, having had five children: Elizabeth, Michael, John, Mary and Anne.
- G1. Elizabeth Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1673.
- G2. Michael Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1675.
- G3. John Denne, b. Littlebourne c. 1677.

⁴ *The Sermons of John Donne*, ed. George R. Potter and Evelyn M. Simpson, 10 vols., Berkeley, 1953–62

- G4. Mary Denne, b. Littlebourne *c.* 1679.
 G5. Anne Denne, b. Littlebourne *c.* 1681.
 Michael Denne married 2nd St Mary Bredin, Canterbury, on 21 Aug 1666
 Afra Blackslad (born Wickhambreux *c.* 1645; died Littlebourne, Apr
 1683); he died Littlebourne Nov 1680, leaving by his second wife:
 F6. Elizabeth Denne, b. Littlebourne *c.* 1667 and died Littlebourne in
 Jun 1683, about age 16.
- E6. Alice Denne, b. in Littlebourne, *c.* 1632.
 E7. Jane Denne, b. in Littlebourne, *c.* 1635.
 E8. Elizabeth Denne, b. in Littlebourne, *c.* 1637.
 E9. Christopher Denne, b. in Littlebourne *c.* 1639 and died in Canterbury
 Aug 1691. Christopher married 1st in St Mary Bredin, Canterbury, on 19
 Oct 1673 Elizabeth (born Canterbury about 1640); he married 2nd and
 had two further children:
 F1. Christopher Denne, b. Preston, Faversham, *c.* 1662.
 F2. Michael Denne, b. Preston, Faversham, *c.* 1664.
- D6. William Nethersole, b. 3 Sep 1601 Womenswold; married Christchurch,
 Canterbury, on 16 Sep 1622 Margaret Everard (born Canterbury *c.* 1601; ?her
 will dated 24 Sept 1650 PROB 11/213), daughter of Valentine Everard and
 Mary — ; he died Womenswold in Dec 1638, having had:
- E1. William Nethersole, born Womenswold 3 Aug 1623; Merton Coll., Oxon;
 barrister Inner Temple; m. Dorothy Proude, dau. of Serle[s] Proude of
 Garington by Anne Denne, and died Womenswold in Aug 1654, aged 31
 (M.I. Womenswold churchyard).
 E2. Margaret Nethersole, born Womenswold on 19 Mar 1626 and died
 Womenswold in Aug 1650.
 E3. Valentine Nethersole, b. Womenswold on 27 Feb 1627 and died before
 Feb 1633.
 E4. Vincent Nethersole, 'of Canterbury, gentleman' (lease of capital message in
 Womenswold, 1662: NX 4614/9/2/37); born Womenswold on 29 Jun
 1628; m. Canterbury on 13 May 1661 Elizabeth Denne (born
 Canterbury about 1631; died Womenswold Jun 1709), daughter of
 Thomas Denne and Susan Honeywood. He died Womenswold Jun 1673,
 having had:
 F1. Elizabeth Nethersole, b. Womenswold, in 1652.
 F2. Stephen Nethersole, was born Womenswold in 1654 married in St
 Mary Bredin, Canterbury on 1 Oct 1695, Mary Denne (bapt St
 George's, Canterbury, on 3 Jan 1659; died Womenswold in Mar
 1711, aged 52), dau. of Vincent Denne and Mary Denne; he died
 Womenswold in Dec 1730.
 F3. Mary Nethersole, born in Womenswold 1657.
 F4. Margaret Nethersole, born Womenswold 1664.
 F5. Katherine Nethersole, born Womenswold in 1668 and died Barham,
 in 1709.
- E5. Elizabeth Nethersole, was born Womenswold 29 Sep 1629.
 E6. Christopher Nethersole was born Womenswold 7 Nov 1630.
 E7. John Nethersole, b. Womenswold on 3 Jan 1633.
 E8. James Nethersole, b. Womenswold, on 24 May 1635.
 E9. Henry Nethersole, b. Womenswold, 3 Oct 1637 and died Womenswold,
 before Dec 1638.
- C9. William Nethersole was bapt. Kingstone on 16 Jan 1566 and died Kingstone on 30
 Apr 1576.