

SIR ROBERT DE CORNWALL. Bar.^①

Prov. G.M. of the Combined areas of
Worce. Glos, Herefordshire and
Shropshire 1753-1756.

Born: 1700

Died: 1756.

Will: dated 8th April 1756

: proved 20th April 1756 by
Charles de Cornwall Esquire,
sole executor and witness
of deceased.

The will described Sir Robert de
Cornwall as Baronet of Berrington
Castle, Co: of Hereford.

The beneficiaries are:

Elizabeth Hodges, widow,
who receives The Straw

House, in the village of Moston, in
the Parish of Eye. ⁽²⁾

Property ^{to be} held during her lifetime
Then held by her daughter Anna
Spencer.

"In recompense for the great care
she hath taken of me during the
time I have lodged at her house".

After decease of Anna the property
~~and the residue of the estate~~ passes
to nephew Charles de Cornwall
who is also the residuary
legatee.

- Copy of Will obtained from P.R.O. Jan 1971.

A Hall answer:-

(a) Relationships with Cornwall of Bedford.
- But - no evidence in Bedford Parish Register

(b) That - Sir Robert de Cornwall lived at - Bemington House, Teubury.

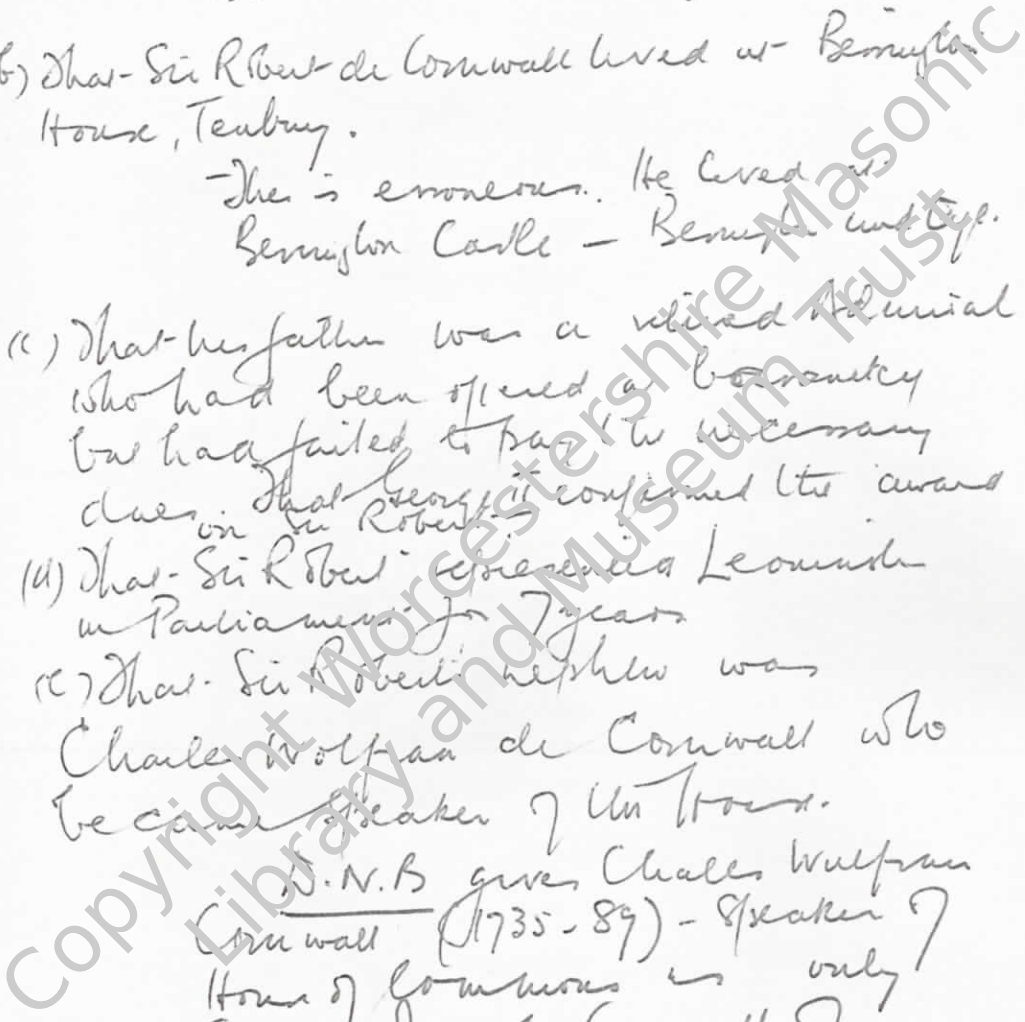
- This is erroneous. He lived at Bemington Castle - Bemington and Dept.

(c) That his father was a retired Admiral who had been offered a baronetcy but had failed to pay the necessary dues in that regard. It confirmed the award in Robert's name.

(d) That - Sir Robert represented Leominster in Parliament for 7 years.

(e) That - Sir Robert's nephew was Charles Wolfran de Cornwall who became speaker of the House.

J.N.B gives Charles Wolfran Cornwall (1735-89) - speaker of House of Commons is only son of Jacobs Cornwall of Bemington, Herefordshire.



R.N.B. also gives:

Cornwall, Charles (1669 — 1718)

Son of Robert Cornwall, Bemington, Kent
Navy 1683 (who died 1701) - 1708.

Member of Parliament, Bewdley 1709-10
Woolley 1717-18

Advanced to Vice-Admiral 1717-18

Kea Lisbon 7 Oct 1718

Left, among other children a son
Jacob, (the father of Charles Wolfran
Cornwall, (q.v.))

His younger brother was Frederick (d. 1748)
Vicar of Bromfield for 46 years. He
was father of Captain Frederick
Cornwall R.N., father of Foliot H.W.
Cornwall. (q.v.)

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Other sources:-

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History of Burford House and Castle.
— also Cornwall Monuments.

ii. Reader House of Cornwall (Shrewsbury B.C.)

iii ? D'Cranaque.

? Lord Liverpool.

iv. Parish Register of Eye.

v. History of Glouc. ? etc.

Herefordshire

Shropshire

Worcestershire ?

vi. D. N. B.

vii. Gentleman's Magazine.

viii The Family — Cornwall Leqh. of
High Leqh, Cheshire.

(1913. Colonel Cornwall Leqh was a descendent
of the only daughter of the last male
owner of Burford House, Francis Cornwall
(died 27 Feb 1726)

Masonic Year Book 1971:

Ch. S. Cornwall - Leqh., D.L. J.G.D. 1960.

Sources (could)

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Soc: Vol III, 4th Ser.

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Genealogy of Shropshire, George Mann
Vol IV. pp. 375-375.

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Bennington Hall (formerly Castle) ⁽⁷⁾

Belonged to Comwall family from the 14th Century.
Sold to R. Hon Thomas Harley, Alderman of London and Lord Mayor in 1787, who built the present Hall. (Architect: Henry Howard)
(History of the Bedfordshire Borders - R.H. George 1914)

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Extract from typescript m/s in Grand
Lodge Library.

from "Proc. G. Lodge of Gloucestershire"
Part I. Chapter I

- that "Sir" Robert de Cornwall was the first P.G.M. in 1753 during the Grand Mastership of Lord Carysfort. (John, 1st Lord Carysfort - G.M. 1752-3 - died 1778)
- that he took no active interest in the Province.
- that he presided at the Annual Communication of G.L. in Nov of the Year Gloucestershire became a Province and is described with Constitutions for 1756 as P.G.M. of the 5 Counties (Glouc, Worces, Herefords, Devonmouth, Shropshire)
- "Sir" Robert de Cornwall was

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descended from Richard de
Cornwall, illegitimate son of
Richard, Earl of Cornwall, second
son of King John — and a brother of Henry III
(d. 1272)

The Cornwalls were titular Barons
of Bedford and by reason of the
fact Robert appears to have assumed
and was conceded the style of
Baronet, without a legal claim to the
rank.

His nephew, who succeeded to the
estates became Speaker of the House of
Commons. Charles Wolfran Cornwall
did not use the prefix.

When "Sir" Robert was appointed
P.C. he was an M.P. for
Leominster.

Freemasonry in Worcs 1753-6

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Only one Lodge - Talbot, a Dog (119) w-
Stourbridge Existed 1733-1769.

In Gloucestershire (apart from Bristol): -

The Swan at Gloucester - 1738

In Herefordshire: -

The Three Horse Shoes at Hereford - 1742

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Freemasonry in Wores 1756-1792 (11)

4 more Lodges formed :-

Hope. 421 Stourbridge - erased 1828

St. Johns 397. Bromsgrove - " 1811.

Harmonic 252. Dudley restored 1827

Worcester 280 - Warrant. 1790.

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Extracted from Genealogy of
George Morris, Vol. IV

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?^① = Charles Cornwall = Do
of Berrington, Esq.
Bp E. Aug 9 1669.
Admiral in Navy

Ob
S.P.

Henry 6ed 1698	Thos 6ed 1699	Sir Robert Bp Apr 21 1700 C & Bar	Henry 1700-1708	Charles 1702
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Job 1705	Jane 1707	Jessie = 1709	Robert Emma =
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Charles Wulfrun
Speaker of House
of Commons
Sold estate to
Thos Harley.

Anabella 1713	Mary 1714	Charles 1715
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