

The Antrobus family of Kent Green, Congleton, & Eaton, from c.1570

In spite of its exotic sound, the Antrobus family took their name from the village of Antrobus in NW Cheshire. The family tradition is that Henry Antrobus of Antrobus sold his estate there to the Venables family in 1460. The main concentration of the surname thereafter was in Over Peover. Edmund Antrobus came to Kent Green from Over Peover in or about 1600, on marrying Jane Cartwright, of either Kent Green or Bank. In fact since the subsequent Antrobus land holdings were mostly to the east of the road through Kent Green & stretched high up the hillside, the probability is that they lived on the lower hillside, not at modern-day Kent Green (the building of the canal in 1831 & railway in 1848 redefining what was called 'Kent Green'), possibly at the original Lower Bank Farm, off the lower leg of Spring Bank (abandoned & rebuilt on a new site further up in the 1840s). For four generations they were important local yeomen, owning (& buying & selling) land, in particular the Great Close on Mole, & involved as partners or financiers in the millstone quarries. The latter continued even after they moved to Congleton, both Philips being partners in the lease of quarrying rights from Sneyd (Tunstall manor) from 1731 to 1780. Philip jnr's son Edmund did very well from his inherited wealth & property, was made a baronet in 1815, & being unmarried divided it between his two nephews, whose parents had both died when they were babies, Eaton & the historic land holdings on the side of Mow Cop passing to Gibbs Crawford Antrobus. The baronetcy also came to the latter's descendants eventually, by a circuitous route. Note that G. C. Antrobus's mother & both his wives died in childbirth, painfully demonstrating that wealth for all its privileges didn't protect them from the most common cause of death in young women.

William Antrobus of Over Peover f.1599 = ?Mary

I **Edmund Antrobus of Kent Green** [?b.c.1570] f.1601, d.1649 ('verie aged' acc will) = c.1600 Jane Cartwright of Odd Rode d.1665 dtr of Richard & Katherine Cartwright (latter d.1633; mentioned in Edmund's will as owner of a moiety of Moale Close, which came to the Antrobus family via Jane); their dtr Jane is b.Feb 1601 NS; Jane snr was in Lawton church when it was struck by lightning in 1652, probably prompting her to make her will in 1653 (spells the name Anterbus throughout; witnessed by ejected Royalist clergyman John Kelsall), proved 1665
3 Jane b.1601, bap.recorded at Astbury Feb 23 & Church Lawton Feb 24

Thomas f.1639 (no bap or m fd) d.1670 eldest son, sold his property to br Edmund; of Buglawton & Congleton = Margery d.1676 of Mossley Moss

4 Thomas d.1713 of Hackney, London, cordwainer (not clear if m'd, no wife or chn in his 1713 will & residual legatees are his 3 sisters, but two add'l br-in-laws are mentioned)

Jane f.1713 = Matthew Holdron or Hordern of Congleton d.1727 tailor

Eleanor f.1713 = Randle Maddocks of Ashfield, Staffs

Mary f.1713 = William Udale of Hackney

3 Mary (1612-1669) (Marie in mother's will) unmarried

William Antrobus of Kent Green (1607-1688) bap.Ast 1607 Sept 29 (no parents given) f.1653,67, wOct 25, 1686 ('beinge aged') prMay 21, 1688; 2nd son; yeoman = Margaret f.1686, d.1702 (no m fd, evidently 1650s, probably during the period of civil m) / just wife Margaret & the 2 dtrs are mentioned in his will

4 Jane f.1677,86 (no bap fd, probably b.c.1658) d.1740 = 1677 Feb 28 at Astbury, James Ford of Ford Green (1656-?1743) youngest son of William & Ellen Ford of Ford Green &

kinsman of William Ford of Bank / their children inc William Ford of Stonetrough (c.1678-1737), & their grandson is James Ford (c.1700-1778) attorney, town clerk of Congleton 1733-76

Mary b.1661 bap.Church Lawton Aug 17, f.1686 = 1684 Oct 18 at Astbury, John Sydebotham or Sidebotham of Congleton (1 of Wm's exors)

3/II **Edmund Antrobus of Kent Green** (1624-1686) purchased land in Odd Rode from his br Thomas & later his farm from Randle Rode 1669, joint owner of Great Close 1669, one of Thomas Rode's appraisers 1670, trustee of Peover's charity 1681, partner in Twemlow's millstone quarry 1683; wAug 10, 1686 ('being sick and weake of Body') prFeb 1, 1687 NS; yeoman = 1671 April 29 at Astbury, Ann(e) Garratt or Garrett of Odd Rode [?b.c.1650] dtr of John & Joan, sister of Mary Garratt or Garret (b.1656) who m'd 1674 Ralph Cartwright of Bank, kinswoman of John Stonier of Scholar Green; f.1716-son Edmund's m agreement; (no bur fd)

4 Mary (1675-1749) bap.Astbury Feb 23, 1675 NS (gravest implies b.1671/2), bur.Astbury April 19; called of Cheam in her PCC will (made 1737, pr1750), presumably living in 1737 with m'd sister Jane, but leaves a bequest 'to the poor Inhabitants of odd Rode not paupers', her exors br Philip & his son John, witnesses John Vardon snr & jnr of Congleton; of Congleton, spinster at bur; will proved 1750 by neph John A (Philip dying just a few weeks after her); unmarried

III **Edmund Antrobus of Kent Green & Wychnor** (c.1680-1732) f.1686-father's will, underage (no bap fd), bur.Barton-under-Needwood Aug 19, 1732; partner in millstone quarries 1703; m agreement June 2, 1716; PCC will 1732 pr1734 (his exors Thomas Webb, Daniel Sanxay of Cheme [br-in-law], Philip A of Od Rode [br]); inherited all or most of property in Odd Rode but moved to Staffs*; of Wychnor, nr Barton-under-Needwood = 1716 June 21 at Tatenhill, nr Burton-on-Trent, Mary Webb of Blakenhall, in Tatenhill psh (c.1694-1728) dtr of Thomas Webb of Blakenhall; bur.Barton Dec 18 / called M^r & M^{rs} in 1716,17,22; *still in OR 1701 when he's an exor of Randle Tompson, 1703 millstone partner with John Twemlow & John Deane, both of Mow Cop; called of Whichnor (Wychnor) in 1716 m lic & 1732 bur, of Alrewas (next village to Wychnor) in baps of 1720-21-22, but calls himself & br Philip 'of Od Rode' in his 1732 will (pr1734)

5/IV Edmund (1717-1787) bap.Tatenhill, f.1737, bur.Cheam Oct 19; PCC will 1787; of Spring Gardens, London & Cheam; unmarried (said to be of Eccleshall but no refs fd, no Antrobi in Eccleshall psh reg) obviously a wealthy man; his will makes bequests to neices Mary Sanxay & Fanny Maria Davenport (nee Sanxay), br-in-law Edmund Sanxay, cousins Philip A & Ann A of Congleton, Philip's chn Edmund, Philip, John, Mary & Jane, & cousin John A's chn John & Edmund

Mary b/d.1718 bap.Tatenhill Dec 11, bur.Dec 16 latter recorded in both Tatenhill & Barton psh regs

Thomas (1720-1737) bap.Alrewas, bur.Barton

William b.1721 bap.Alrewas, f.1737-aunt Mary's will; d.unmarried (no bur fd)

Maria (1722-1777) bap.Alrewas Nov 24, f.1737, called of Ridgley (Rugeley) on m = 1744 at Somerset House Chapel, London, Edmund Sanxay or Sanxey (1715-1787) her cousin, son of Daniel & Jane (below) / their chn inc Fanny Maria (b.London 1746, m.1769 at Cheam, Richard Davenport of London) one of main beneficiaries of her uncle Edmund's 1787 will

4 Jane (1683-1767) bap.Astbury May 30, f.1686 youngest dtr (acc will), f.1737 = 1711 Daniel Sanxay or Sanxey of Cheam d.1770 clergyman / their chn inc Edmund, named after his grandfather, who m'd his cousin Maria (above), & Hannah who m'd her cousin John (below)

I **Philip Antrobus of Kent Green & Congleton** (1677-1749) bur.Astbury June 6; of Odd Rode (1711), moved to Congleton after m, tho called of Odd Rode in br Edmund's 1732 will; acquired or inherited Odd Rode property from his br Edmund; partner in millstone quarries from 1731; dyer ('tincter' in the Latin psh regs 1714 etc) = 1711 Ann(e) Vardon of Congleton (1687/8-1775) (b.from gravest) dtr of John Vardon / his exors were Edmund Antrobus gent [neph (above) presumably] & br-in-law John Vardon gent / 1st Philip in the Kent Green branch, but the name is used in the Over Peover branch from the 16thC eg 1610 will & 1617 Astbury m (see note at bottom)

5 John (1711-1775) of Congleton & Cheam = 1748 Dec 26 at Sutton, Surrey, Hannah Sanxey (1718/19-1772) his cousin, dtr of Daniel & Jane (above) / both are called of Cheam in the m record

6 John (1750-1813) bap.St Clement Danes, London Sept 29, f.1777,83, 87 (see br Edmund below); a bachelor until 1809; bur.Cheam March 9; PCC will 1810 pr1813 = 1809 at Astbury, Charlotte Bence, widow; she m 2ndly 1815 at Cheam, John Harry Willard of Eastbourne; ?probably the Charlotte Willard who d.Petersfield, Hants 1842 aged 57 [b.c.1785]; at 1809 m he's of Cheam & Charlotte of Astbury psh

 Edmund (1762-1827) bap.Congleton Oct 13, f.1777,83,87, bur.St Martin in the Fields; John & Edmund of Strand, London, 'Tea Men' [ie dealers or merchants] are mentioned in the will of their father's cousin Edmund d.1787

5 Mary b.1714 bap.Congleton Feb 9, 1714 NS; probably d.inf, d.pre1737 as her aunt Mary's will 1737 mentions only John Philip & Ann as br Philip's (no bur fd, only Astbury burs are 1749 her aunt & 1791 Philip's wife)

 Edmund b.1717, d.inf

 Ann(e) (1727-1807) bap.Astbury March 3, 1727 NS, youngest child; mentioned in wills of aunt Mary 1737 (pr1750) & cousin Edmund d.1787; of Congleton; unmarried

II **Philip Antrobus of Congleton** (1720-1788) mayor of Congleton 1764-65 & 1780-81; partner in millstone quarries till 1780; dyer = 1746 May 9 at Biddulph, Mary Rowley of Overton, Biddulph (1720-1791) bap.Biddulph Jan 27, 1720 NS, dtr of Thomas & Anne & sister of William Rowley of Overton (1715-1757), who became Philip's partner in the millstone business / they had 8 or 9 known chn

6 William (1747-1750)

 Mary (1748-1802) bap.Congleton Aug 26 (Mary in Cong reg, Martha in bishop's transcs; bur & gravest Mary), bur.Astbury May 14; PCC will pr1802; lived with sister Jane at Antrobus House, Congleton; unmarried

 Jane (1750-1828) PCC will 1827, pr1828; lived with sister Mary at Antrobus House, Congleton; unmarried

V **Sir Edmund Antrobus of Eaton Hall** (1752-1826) bap.Congleton March 17, 1752 NS; bur.Cheam Feb 14, age given as 74; first Baronet 1815, & first of several Antrobi to be associated with Coutts Bank, London; inherited properties from br Philip 1816 & purchased further inc 1824 the Amesbury Abbey estate (wch included Stonehenge); unmarried, his wealth & property divided between his 2 orphaned nephs Edmund & Gibbs

 Frances d.1753 bur.Astbury Sept 25 (no bap fd, see next)

 Frances b.1753 bap.Congleton Sept 29 (no bur or further ref fd, not mentioned in will of Edmund d.1787 which mentions all Philip & Mary's living chn); bur & bap are correct & both dtr of Philip & Mary, implying a new baby was named Fr only days after d of previous Fr, but I suspect it's an error (ie 1 of the dates wrong) & there's just 1

III **Philip Antrobus of Congleton & Cheam** (1754-1816) bap.Congleton Dec 27; bur.Cheam Feb 3, age given as 62; purchased property inc at Cheam (1780s, built new Lower Cheam House, East Cheam c.1795) & Eaton (pre1807) (the family connection with Cheam going back at least to his grt-aunt Jane's 1711 m), his heir being br Sir Edmund; PCC will pr1816; called of London in will of Edmund d.1787; unmarried; stock broker / acc Kingsley's web site he also acquired property in Rushton, but this is more likely to be Philip Antrobus of Bollington (in Prestbury psh) who m'd Jane Whillock of Rushton [a descendant of the Whillocks/Wheelocks of Beacon House & Mow Cop] 1776 Aug 5 at Leek (mother church of Rushton), baptising their son Philip (1777-1829) at Rushton April 13, 1777, she d.1783 bur.Rushton Feb 2 as of Bollington; 1777 bap & Jane's 1783 bur are the only Antrobi in Rushton psh reg; Philip jnr's 1829 will refers to his estates in Staffs; the name Philip doesn't imply close relationship as the name has been traditional in the family since the 16thC (eg Philip of Over Peover will 1610)

6 Thomas b.1757, f.1781-British India Office & 1783-father's will, d.in China, not mentioned in will of Edmund d.1787

John (1761-1794) youngest ch of Philip & Mary; of Spring Gardens, London (see Edmund d.1787 above); followed his br as a partner of Coutts Bank, London; PCC will pr1794 calls him of London; d.following a riding accident aged 32 = 1791 Anna Crawford (1770-1793) bap.St Clement Danes May 29; d.in childbirth 1793 aged 25, bur.East Grinstead (where her parents lived); dtr of Gibbs Crawford MP & his wife Anna (nee Payne, m'd 1760); she & her mother were named Anna (not Anne as in some accounts)

7 Sir Edmund (1792-1870) b.May 18, bap.St Martin in the Fields June 15; 2nd Bart 1826, succeeding his uncle Sir Edmund from whom he also inherited the Cheam & Amesbury properties = 1817 at St George Hanover Square, Anne Lindsay (1800-1885) dtr of Hugh Lindsay / they had 10 chn inc

8 Sir Edmund (1818-1899) 3rd Bart = 1847 Marianne Georgiana Dashwood (1823-1903) dtr of Sir George Dashwood / they had 6 chn inc

9 Sir Edmund (1848-1915) 4th Bart of Amesbury Abbey; succ'd by his br Sir Cosmo = 1886 Florence Caroline Mathilde Sartoris (1859-1923)

10 Edmund (1886-1914) only child; killed in the War

9 Sir Cosmo Gordon (1859-1939) 5th Bart succeeding his br, succeeded by cousin Sir Philip Humphrey; unmarried

8 Hugh Lindsay (1823-1899) = 1859 Kathryn Mary Adam (1829-1900) / they had 4 dtrs, & a son who d.inf

Robert Crawford (1830-1911) = 1873 Emily Edwardes, wid (nee Blackburne) (c.1849-1936) / they had 2 dtrs & 1 son

9 Sir Philip Humphrey (1876-1968) 6th Baronet; of Amesbury; succeeded as baronet by Sir Philip Coutts below = 1919 Olive Geraldine Emma Dumaresq, wid (nee FitzGibbon) no children

7 **Gibbs Crawford Antrobus of Eaton Hall** (1793-1861) the middle name (his mother's maiden name) is often spelled conventionally as Crawford, but the best original records for himself & his mother give -furd; inherited Eaton & Kent Green properties from uncle Sir Edmund 1826, built Eaton Hall 1829-31 (demolished 1981), owner from 1826 of the Antrobus land on the Cheshire side of MC; lawyer, diplomat & politician = (1) 1827 Jane Trotter (1805-1829) d.in childbirth Nov 24, 1829; dtr of Sir Coutts Trotter; 1 child (2) 1832 Charlotte Crofton (1804-1839) dtr of Sir Edward Crofton; d.in childbirth at Leamington aged 35, bur.Astbury Oct 7; 4 chn

8 **John Coutts Antrobus of Eaton Hall** (1829-1916) b.Nov 23, bap.1832, only son by first wife Jane who d.following his birth; he had 3 wives & (acc Kingsley's web site) 14 children born over 35 years 1856-91, Eaton Hall descending eventually to the youngest son, who sold it for gravel quarrying! = (1) 1855 Fanny Swettenham of Somerford Booths (c.1831-1863) 4 chn, the last Crawfurd John b.1862 (2) 1865 Mary Caroline Shakerley (1836-1872) 4 chn, the last Ralph Edmund b.1871 (3) 1875 Mary Egidia Lindsay (1851-1911) 6 chn

9 the 14 children inc
 Crawfurd John Antrobus of Eaton Hall (1862-1943) b.June 12, last child by 1st wife = 1900 Maria Pearce, wid (nee Hamilton) (c.1865-1930) ?no children
 Geoffrey Edward (1867-1958) = 1898 Mary Atherstone Barber (1874-1954) of S Africa

10 Sir Philip Coutts (1908-1995) 7th Baronet, succeeding his father's second-cousin Sir Philip Humphrey 1968 = (1) 1937 Dorothy Mary Davis d.1973 (2) 1975 Doris Primrose Dawkins, wid (nee Watts) d.1986 (3) 1991 Esme Florence Bayes Mawer, wid (nee Windsor)

11 Sir Edward Philip b.1938 8th Baronet, lives in S Africa
9 Ralph Edmund (1871-1927) b.Sept 4, last child by 2nd wife; d.in S Africa = 1901 Millicent de Morgan (1875-1937)

 Cecil Hugh (1877-1915) killed in the War
 Charles Alexander (1880-1915) killed in the War
 Ronald Henry Antrobus of Eaton Hall (1891-1980) 9th son & youngest child; inherited Eaton Hall from his eldest br 1943, & sold it for gravel quarrying (subject to life tenancy of the hall, demolished 1981) = 1921 Muriel Kathleen Chetwynd-Stapleton, wid (nee Gosling) (1891-1980)

10 John Ronald Lindsay (1926-2000)

8 Edward Crawfurd (1835-1864) d.in Auckland, New Zealand; unmarried

 Charles (1836-1905) of Odd Rode; unmarried
 Susan Emily (1837-1913) d.at Nice, France; unmarried
 Anna Maria (1839-1915) = 1864 Francis Richard Bryans (1835-1909)

⌘note⌘

Philip Antrobus of Over Peover = 1617 Oct at Astbury, Joan Shaw of Astbury psh / one might assume this was a br of the 1st Edmund, but there was also at this date a Philip son of the Philip of OP who d.1610 & a Philip son of William of Alderley; the 1610 Philip had a br William which seems to be William of Alderley