

## GALPIN OF DORCHESTER

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To ALL AND SINGULAR to whom these presents shall come, Sir Albert William Woods, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Garter Principal King of Arms of the South East and West Parts of England from the River Trent Southwards, Send Greeting. Whereas Francis William Galpin, Vicar of Hatfield Regis in the County of Essex, and of Trinity College in the University of Cambridge, Master of Arts in the said University, son and heir of John Galpin, late of Dorchester in the County of Dorset, Gentleman, and grandson of William Galpin, late of Dorchester aforesaid, Merchant, both deceased, hath represented unto the Most Noble Henry Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter and one of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, that being desirous of bearing Armorial Ensigns duly recorded to his family in the College of Arms, he therefore requested the favour of his Grace's Warrant for Our granting and assigning such Arms and Crest as may be proper, to be borne by him and his descendants, by the other descendants of his father, the said JOHN GALPIN deceased, as also by the descendants of his uncle, WILLIAM GALPIN, late of Dorchester aforesaid, Gentleman deceased, who was the elder brother of the Memorialist's father, the said JOHN GALPIN, deceased, according to the Laws of Arms, AND FORASMUCH as the said Earl Marshal did by Warrant under his hand and seal bearing date the thirtieth day of November last authorise and direct us to Grant and assign such Arms accordingly. KNOW YE THEREFORE, that We, the said Garter and Clarenceux, in pursuance of His Grace's Warrant, and by virtue of the Letters' Patent of our several Offices, to each of us respectively granted, do by these Presents grant and assign unto the said FRANCIS WILLIAM GALPIN the Arms following, that is to say

Per Chevron Gules and Or two Cock's feathers in chief of the last and a Bear's head erased in base sable, And for the Crest On a Wreath of the Colours a Cock's head erased Sable, combed and wattled Gules, charged with a Galtrap and between two Cock's feathers Or as the same are in the margin hereof more plainly depicted, to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him, the said FRANCIS WILLIAM GALPIN, and his descendants by the other descendants of his father the said JOHN GALPIN, deceased, as also by the descendants of his uncle the said WILLIAM GALPIN, deceased, with due and proper differences according to the Laws of Arms, AS WITNESS whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our names and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices this seventh day of January in the sixty second year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, etc. and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

Albert W. Woods, GARTER. G. E. Cokayne, CLARENCEUX.

#### THOMAS DIXON GALPIN

Thomas Dixon Galpin was born at Dorchester on the 15th November 1828. He was the second son of William Galpin of Dorchester, the first Chairman of the Wilts and Dorset Bank, and his wife Hannah, daughter of Thomas Dixon, and was the grandson of William Galpin, a Freeman of the Borough of Dorchester, and his wife Charlotte Clare. His elder brother died in infancy and Thomas Dixon Galpin was left the eldest surviving child, having one brother and four sisters younger than himself, a fifth sister dying when only a few months old.

He was educated by the Reverend William Barnes, the Dorset poet, and at the Owenite Settlement at Harmony Hall, near Stockbridge, Hants. When this settlement was broken up his father farmed at Bentley and later joined the White Quakers, afterwards going, with his children, to Ireland. The

children were brought back to England by relatives, and Thomas Dixon was placed with his uncle, John Galpin, at Dorchester for a time, his trustee being a Mr. Law, his mother's brother-in-law. Later he attended another Owenite school for boys and girls which had been founded by Robert Owen, the social reformer, at Queenwood College, in Hampshire, and of which William Pare, an ardent follower of Robert Owen, was Acting Governor from 1842 to 1844. While at this school Thomas Dixon Galpin first met Emma Amelia Pare, the daughter of the Acting Governor and his wife Ann, daughter of John Oakes of Market Drayton in Shropshire, who, some years later, was to become his wife.

As a boy he had always been fond of the sea, and for a few years he went to sea in the Mercantile Marine, and made several voyages to India and Australia.

In 1844 William Pare and his family left Queenwood and moved to London, where they remained for two years, and then went to Clontarf, near Dublin, where they lived from 1846 to 1865, during which period William Pare was engaged in the management of various ironworks at Clontarf, Liverpool, and Chepstow. About this time Thomas Dixon Galpin left the sea, and on the 18th October 1851 his marriage to Emma Amelia Pare, who was born on the 4th February 1831, took place at St. John's Church, Clontarf.

After their marriage they lived for a time in London, and Thomas Dixon Galpin entered into partnership with a Mr. George William Petter, and set up a printing business as Petter and Galpin. In 1859 they entered into partnership with Mr. John Cassell, who died in 1865, and the firm became Cassell, Petter and Galpin. At their first meeting Mr. Cassell is believed to have said to Thomas Dixon Galpin: "Young man, I like your face and I will make your fortune." Thus was founded the great publishing business now known as Cassell and Company, of which for many years Thomas Dixon Galpin was the directing brain. He was a wonderful business man and had great organizing ability and foresight, and steadily built up a remarkable publishing business from comparatively small beginnings. Among other ideas he started the first halfpenny newspaper—"The Echo"—and was a pioneer of publishing educational works at a reasonable price. He was a Member of the Stationers' Livery, and in addition to his publishing activities he also

went in for real estate and ranching in British Columbia on an extensive scale.

In the year 1860 he and his wife and children left London and settled at Datchet Lodge, Datchet, near Windsor, where they resided until 1870 when they moved to Bristol House, Roehampton.

On the 5th February 1897 his wife Emma Amelia Galpin passed away, leaving a family of thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters. She was buried at Putney Vale Cemetery, and a very fine memorial was erected to her memory in the churchyard at Roehampton, which was designed by her eldest son, William Dixon Galpin, and executed by Mr. George Frampton, A.R.A., afterwards Sir George Frampton, R.A.

Shortly after the loss of his wife Thomas Dixon Galpin left Bristol House and moved to 1 Palace Houses, Kensington Gardens, where he remained until his death on the 25th April 1910, being buried beside his wife at Putney Vale Cemetery at the age of eighty-one.

W.S.G.

#### CHILCOTT

of Breedy, Swyre, and Burton-Bradstock in Dorset and Milverton and Wiveliscombe in Somerset.

Chalcote, William. 1 Ric. III (1485).

Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem for Dorset.

William Chilcott of Breedy and Burton-Bradstock (Will dated 1643, proved 1650), left sons William and Robert.

In 1654 John Chilcott begs as executor of William to compound (for sequestrated estate).

Committee for Compounding, 20 June 1650

Estate of William Chilcott, late of Milverton, co. Somerset, and Breedy, co. Dorset.

Mabella Chilcott of Breedy, widow, said her husband died in 1644 and the estate descended to her son then ten years old.