

LITTLE HALE.

LITTLE Hale always appears to have been associated with Great Hale, as it is at present.

Circa 1200-10 Gilbert de Gant was holding a sixth part of a knight's fee here, then in the tenure of Simon Camerarius. "Testa de Nevill."

In 1418 died Thomas Geene, Kt., of Norton, Northants., seized of a capital messuage here. "Inq. p. m. 5 H. 5."

In 1590 died Robert Carre, of Aswarby, seized of the manor of Little Hale, which he had bought with many others.

In 1603 died William Callis, yeoman of this place, seized of lands and tenements here, having a young son and heir, William. "Hael. MSS. 758."

In 1629 died Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Horsman, who held this manor, leaving a son and heir living—Thomas, born 1615.

William Burton, the faithful steward of the Carres, thus instructs his young master, Sir Robert Carre, 2nd Bart., in 1627, respecting Little Hale. "This is a manor whereof divers free tenants hold their lands by rents service: You have there not above 14 acres of inclosed land; all ye rest of yor lands, being arable & meadow, lie in ye open fields, intermixt with ye freeholders; and part of them have bin so long held by freeholders, together with their owne landes, that they cannot be distinguished there from ye other; soe you may by incroachments & concealments be much wronged in this place, and likewise in Great Hale, if yor officers look not ye better about them. I hold it therefore very requisite that a survey be taken of all yor lands & meadows in those 2 Townes."

Subsequently the Cawdron family was established at Little Hale for some time. Now the principal landed proprietors here—as in Great Hale—are the Marquis of Bristol and Colonel Packe.