

**SIR GEORGE HOWLAND WILLIAM BEAUMONT,  
10TH BARONET OF STOUGHTON 1851 - 1914**



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## FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH

This photograph is of Sir George Howland William Beaumont, 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet, taken at Coleorton Hall sitting on the steps which lead in a northerly direction, from the rose garden terrace up to the memorial tablet in memory of the dramatist and poet Francis Beaumont. This Sir George was lord of the manor from 1882 to 1914. Photograph thought to be pre 1897.

To the left, on a stone pier, is the coade stone bust of William Shakespeare. To the right, hidden by the bush, is a bust of Milton, again on a stone pier. These are reputedly dated 1817. The photograph came from the family album, and was thought to be the only one to survive.

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## PREFACE

Little has been published about the life of the 10th baronet who could, for his actions in later life, be considered as one of the more infamous of the Beaumont line.

He was born on the 10th March 1851 at Eaton Square, London to Sir George Howland Beaumont, 9th baronet of Stoughton and his wife Pauline Menzies Belli.

He married Lillie Ellen Craster who was the daughter of Major-General George Avton Craster on 24th February 1880 at St. George's Church, Agra, India. He died on 21st June 1914 at the age of 63.

He was educated at Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire from the age of 15, where amongst other subjects he studied Greek Mythology..

The 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet deserted his respected wife, Dame Lillie Ellen (Ellenor) c.1900 and went to France to live with his mistress, Mademoiselle Gabriel Louise Liegeard, where he died.

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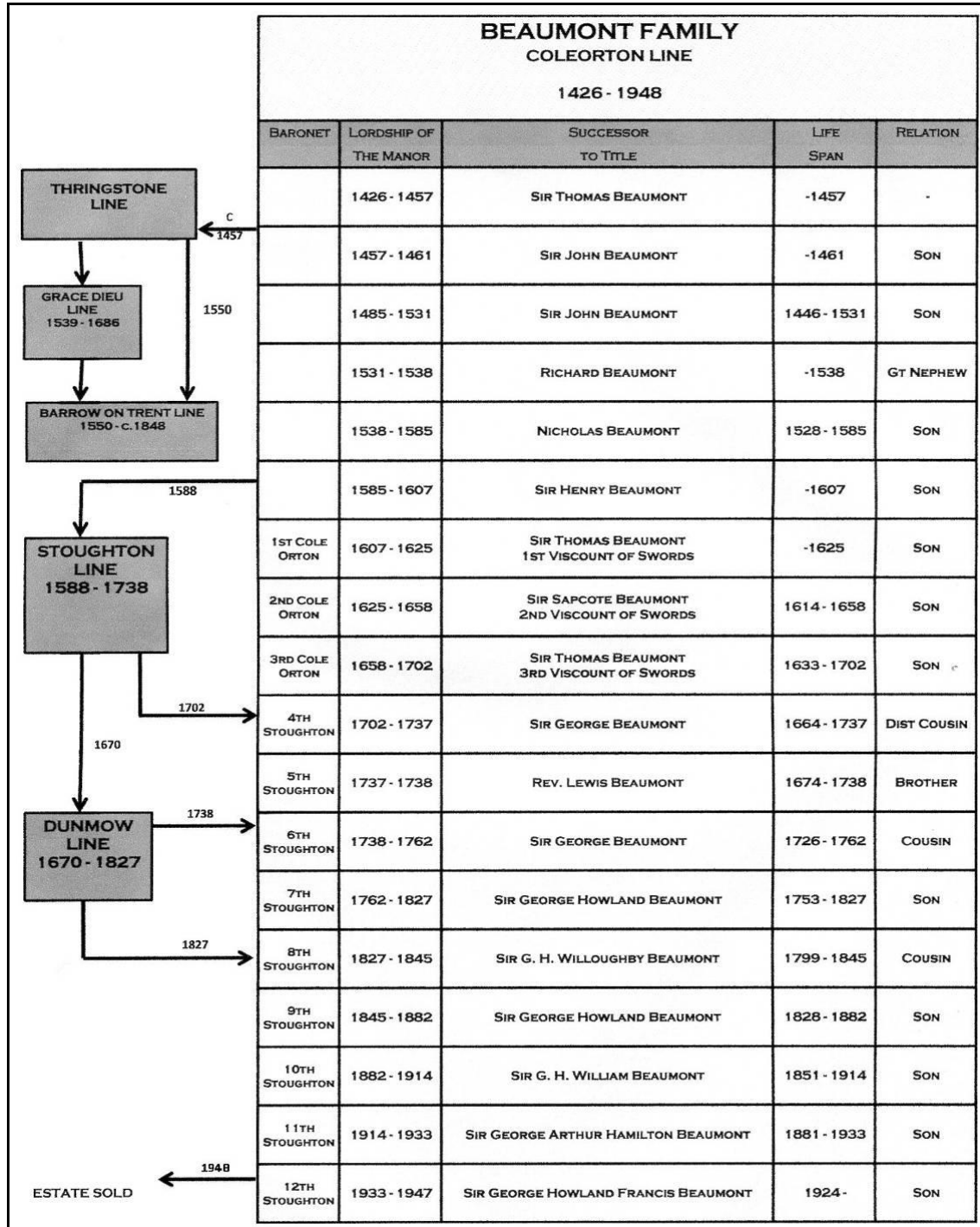
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- THE LIFE AND TIMES OF SIR GEORGE HOWLAND BEAUMONT, 9TH BARONET OF STAUNTON (1828-1882)

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# THE COLEORTON BEAUMONTS' LINEAGE



THE 12<sup>TH</sup> BARONET DIED IN 2011

## THE MYSTERY BOOK

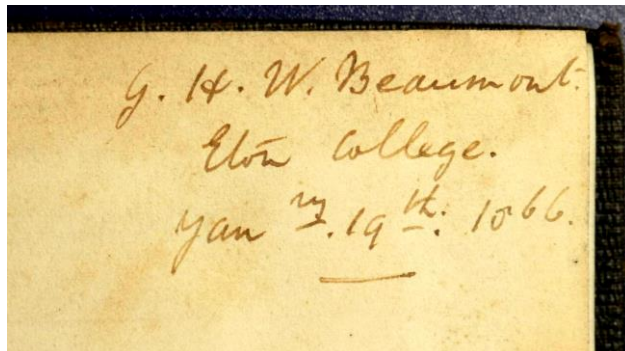
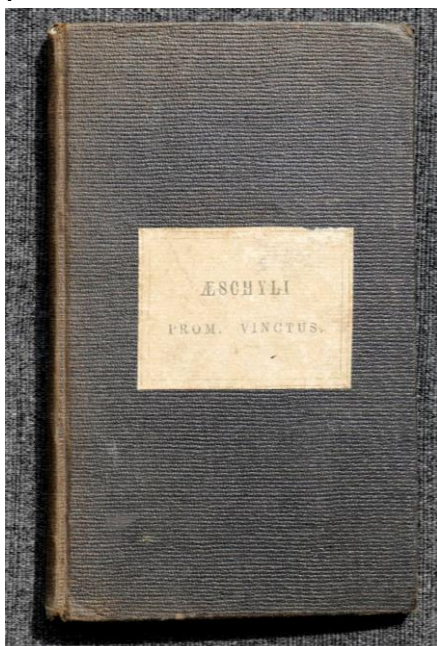
The Eton College text book shown in the following photographs was signed in the inside by the 10th baronet in his first year at Eton College at the age of 15. So, why is it referred to as the "Mystery Book"?

It was found five years ago by the author in his mother-in law's cottages in Stoney Lane, Coleorton. How it had got there is the mystery. The cottages were purchased by her father in the 1920 Beaumont estate sale, so when and who left it there is a conundrum, bearing in mind he hadn't lived at Coleorton Hall from 1901. He died in France in 1914, details of which are recorded later.

### AESCHYLUS PROMETHEUS VINCTUS (THE PROMETHEUS CHAINED)

.....As the new king, Zeus intended to destroy and replace humankind. **Prometheus** frustrated this plan, showing humans the use of fire, which **Prometheus** had stolen. **Prometheus** also taught humanity the arts. For these acts of defiance, Zeus intends to punish **Prometheus** by chaining him to a rock in the **mountains** of Scythia.....

.....Now we have come to the land at the end of the earth to the Scythians' road, a desert where are no mortals. Hephaestus, you must look to the orders Father Zeus laid on you, to fetter this insolent creature to the high-cragged rocks in adamantine-chained unbreakable bonds. For he stole your bloom, the brightness of all-crafting fire, and bestowed it on humans. For this offence he must pay their price to the deities, so that he may learn to love Zeus's rule and cease from his custom of caring for mortal men.....



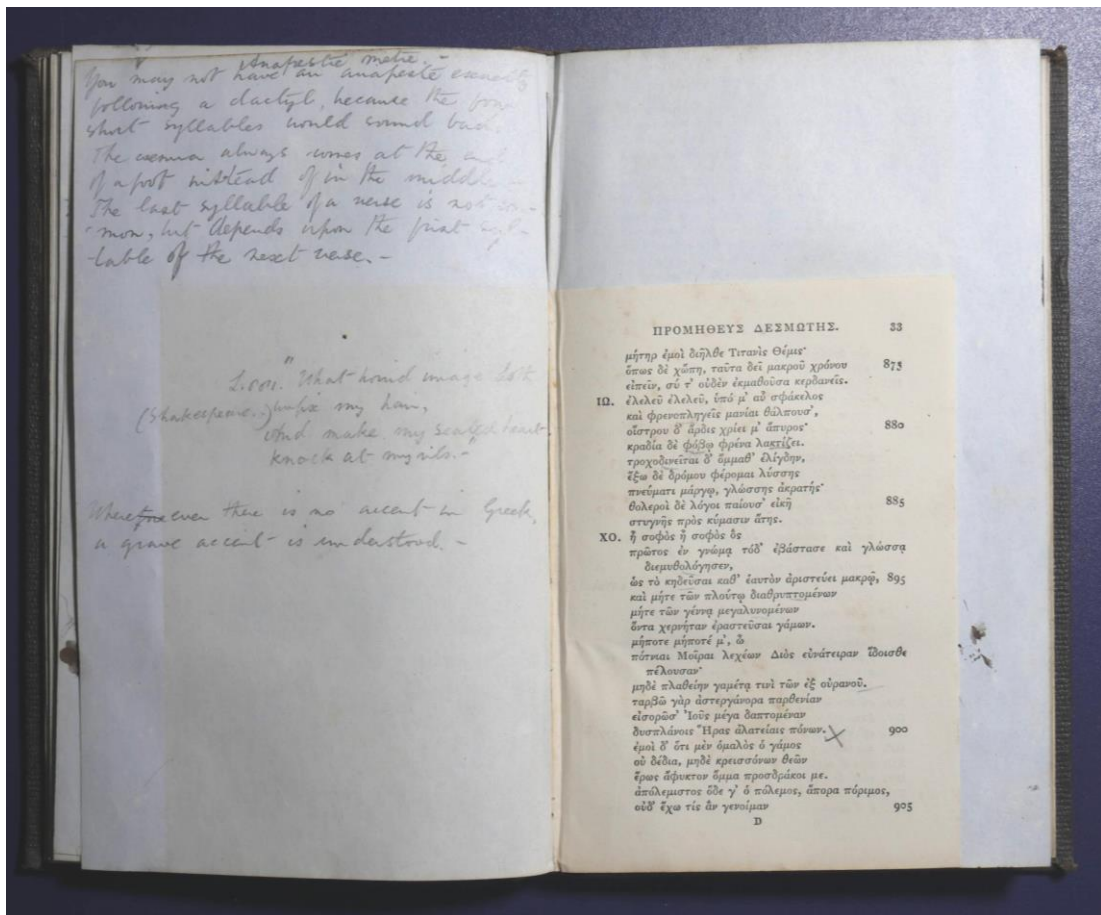
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ΠΡΟΜΗΘΕΥΣ ΔΕΣΜΩΤΗΣ.

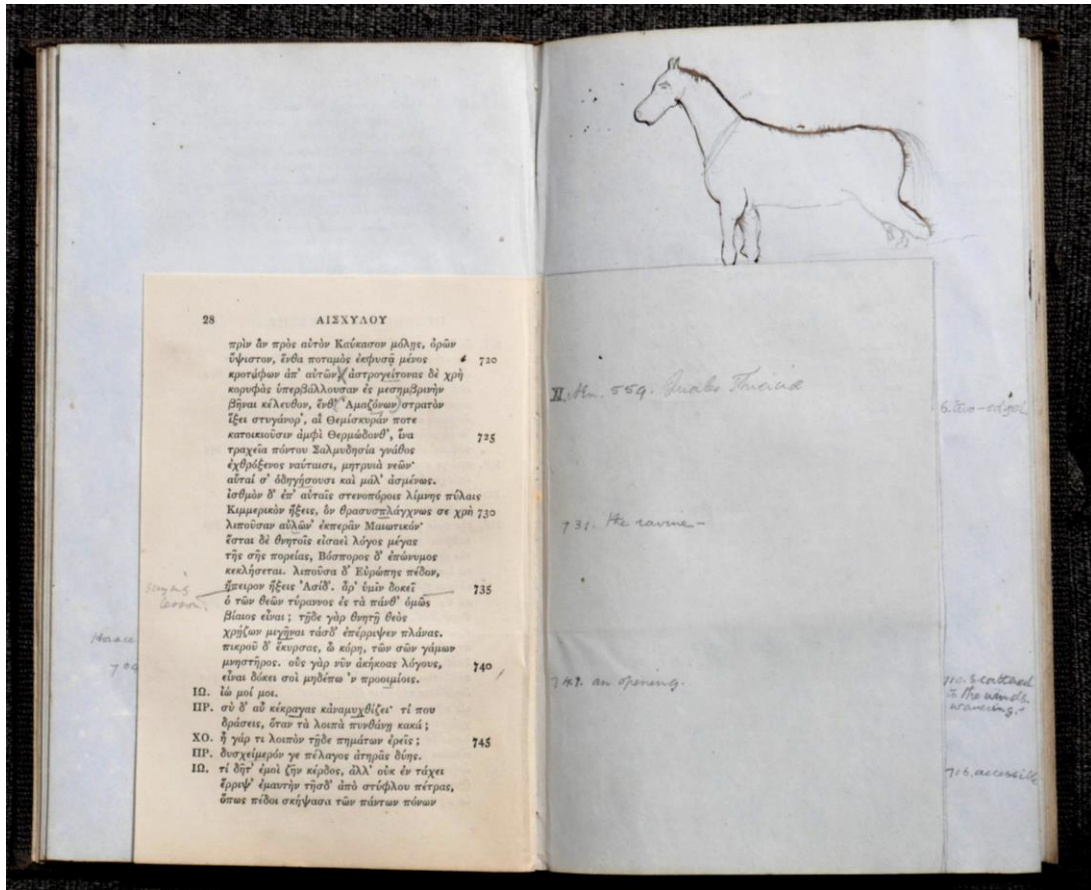
THE  
PROMETHEUS CHAINED  
OF  
ÆSCHYLUS

WITH SHORT ENGLISH NOTES  
FOR THE USE OF SCHOOLS.

OXFORD,  
AND 377, STRAND, LONDON:  
JOHN HENRY AND JAMES PARKER.

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In order to better understand what happened in the 10th baronets later life, and his shabby treatment of his well respected wife, it is necessary to look back at the parlous financial state the Coleorton Beaumont estate was in during his lifetime.

The 8th baronet of Stoughton, inherited the Lordship of the Manor and the Coleorton estate from his father, the more well known of the Beaumont line, Sir George Howland Beaumont, 7th baronet in 1827.

The 9th baronet, father of the 10th baronet inherited from his cousin at the age of 17 in 1845.

The 10th baronet inherited from his father on his death in 1882. It seems that the only advantage to this was a negative one by saddling him with even more debt following that which the 8th and 9th baronets had accrued.

## THE MARRIAGE OF THE 10TH BARONET

The 10th baronet married Lillie Ellenor Craster on February 24th 1880 in India having met him when she was a nurse and he was her patient. Their only son was Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont, 11<sup>th</sup> baronet of Stoughton who was born on January 18<sup>th</sup> 1881.

The 10th baronet deserted his well respected wife at some point and moved to AIX LES BAINS FRANCE, to live with his mistress Mademoiselle Gabriel Louise Liegeard

The baronet clearly had no intention of returning to Coleorton and the inference seems to be that he was selling off any possible assets even down to trees on the estate.



## **THE BEAUMONT'S PARLOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION, IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 19TH CENTURY**

Although the legal jargon in the researched material is quite complex, it is worth recording some of the basic facts. In the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Beaumonts' were clearly starting to experience financial problems. Two cases were heard in the high court of justice (chancery division) brought by the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> baronets, Sir George Howland Willoughby Beaumont and Sir George Howland William Beaumont respectively.

When the first case was brought by the 8<sup>th</sup> baronet ( c.1840), under the settled land act, he sort to obtain sanction from the court to sell off various chattels from Coleorton Hall. The income from the estate was given as £8,000, but there was a charge of £10,000 on the estate. It was proposed that a sale of chattels including pictures and various other items should be made to set against the debt. At this time, the 8<sup>th</sup> Baronet's only surviving son was an infant. Based on the fact that the chattels proposed were left in trust by the 7<sup>th</sup> baronet, the guardian of the infant (ad litem) strongly opposed the sale of the pictures, which would become the property of the child if he attained 21. In the exercise of his discretion, Mr. Justice Chitty declined to sanction the sale proposed to be made. The application therefore failed, and the summons was dismissed.

As further evidence of the Beaumont's parlous financial situation at this time, the Sherwins', a wealthy Coleorton family, were lending significant sums of money to the 8th baronet before his death.

There appeared to be a period of stability during the 9th baronets time, but it is clear from the following that significant debt must have accrued.

A second case brought in the high court of justice by the 10th Baronet, c. 1885, was similar to that brought by the 8th baronet c.1840, in that an application was made for the court to sanction a proposed sale of chattels, consisting for the most part of pictures at the family mansion house, Coleorton Hall, which had been settled in a previous will as heirlooms.

It was proposed that the sum to be derived from the sale, which was estimated to be about £7,300, should be applied in reduction of charges on settled land. The income of the estates was about £7,500 per annum, and the tenant for life received £2,000 per annum after payment of all charges and expenses for keeping in repair &c.

The trustees opposed the application, and Mr. Justice Chitty said that the 9<sup>th</sup> baronet had settled the proposed chattels as heirlooms. The 9<sup>th</sup> Baronet must be presumed to have been aware of the circumstances of the family when he was providing for it by making his will, and what were the charges upon the estates and what was the income to be enjoyed by the tenant for life. He had also given the present tenant (10<sup>th</sup> Baronet) for life a sum of £17,000.

Justice Chitty said that taking into consideration that fact, which was of some importance in an application which was, in truth, one to disturb testamentary dispositions, and also having regard to the small value of the pictures compared with the value of the whole estate, and also taking into consideration the facts that the pictures were a collection of some completeness, which had been formed by a member of the family, himself an artist (7<sup>th</sup> baronet), and had been in the family for nearly a century, and were a characteristic feature of the mansion house, and that the guardian (ad litem) of the tenant in tail in remainder and the trustees were opposed to the sale, and that since the testator's death there had been no very substantial depreciation of the property, he, in the exercise of his judicial discretion, declined his sanction, and dismissed the application with costs.

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It would have been somewhat of a surprise for many, to see the following advertisement in the April 12<sup>th</sup> 1890 edition of the London Morning Post which advertised Coleorton Hall to be let on a yearly or short term of year's basis. At that time, Sir George Howland William Beaumont, 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet, held the lordship of the manor. Why Sir George decided to let Coleorton Hall is not known, but it is not unreasonable to assume that it was for financial reasons.

**LEICESTERSHIRE, near Ashby de-la-Zouch (2½ miles from Ashby Station).—To be LET, with the use of the Furniture therein, either on a yearly tenancy or for a short term of years, and at a very moderate rent, a handsome Stone-built FAMILY MANSION, known as Coleorton Hall, standing high and commanding extensive views; the residence is surrounded by extensive pleasure grounds and park lands, is approached by a carriage drive with two lodges at entrance, and contains about 30 bed and dressing rooms, principal and secondary staircases, drawing and dining rooms, library, and picture gallery (these four rooms are each over 30ft. long, and open into one the other by folding doors, forming a magnificent suite of entertaining rooms), billiard-room with full sized table, handsome Doric portico entrance leading to entrance and inner halls, butler's pantry, and other domestic conveniences; stabling for about 17 horses (five or six loose boxes), harness-room, coach-houses, and cottage for coachman; the grounds are inexpensive to keep up, the kitchen garden, with vinerias, &c., having been separately let; shooting over nearly 4000 acres, about 500 acres of which are woods with conveniently interspersed spinnies, affording every facility for the rearing of a large stock of pheasants; the Atherstone Hounds meet about five miles distant; the Meynell Hounds also hunt the locality, which is likewise the forest side of the Quorn Hunt; the church is in the grounds, about 10 yards from the house; the village is about half a mile distant, and Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a good market town, where all supplies are obtainable.—To view and for particulars apply to Fisher, Jesson, and Wilkins, solicitors, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.**

The following advertisement which is for the sale of the entire cellar of fine old wines from Coleorton Hall on the instruction of Sir George Howland William Beaumont, 10<sup>th</sup> Bart., appeared in the Leicester Chronicle dated February 19<sup>th</sup> 1887, and states that Sir George has already let the mansion at this time, although the preceding 1890 advertisement confirms it was for let again.

By Messrs. LUDLOW, ROBERTS, and WELLER.

ON THURSDAY NEXT,  
AT THE SALE ROOMS, No. 18, NEW-STREET,  
BIRMINGHAM.

Important Sale of the Entire Cellar of FINE OLD WINES, from Coleorton Hall, Leicestershire, by direction of Sir George H. Wm. Beaumont, Bart., who has let the mansion. Also, by permission, a FEW OTHER BINS of CHOICE OLD WINES and SPIRITS.

Messrs. LUDLOW, ROBERTS, and WELLER  
WILL SELL BY AUCTION,

At their Sale Rooms, No. 18, New-street, Birmingham, on Thursday next, February 24th, at Two o'clock precisely,

THE above Choice and Valuable WINES, comprising Large Bins of OLD-FASHIONED SHERRIES, bottled in the years 1847, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1858, 1860, 1865, 1868, and 1874, and supplied by Lambeth, Butler, Jubber, Iveson, Cosens,

&c. EAST INDIA MADEIRAS, Old Sercial and Tinto Madeiras, bottled 1830, 1860, 1870, 1876, and 1884. FINE OLD PORTS, consisting of 1847 (Lambeth's); 1851, bottled in 1856, 1852, 1853, 1855, and 1858; 1859, bottled by E. T. Hamp, of Ashby; rich port, bottled by Butler, 1860, and others. CLARETS, Chateau bottled and others, include Chateau Lafite, 1875; Mouton Rothschild, 1869; Margaux, 1869; Paveil Margaux, 1874; Palmer Margaux, 1875; Fourcade Malexot, 1875, and many others. FINE OLD BURGUNDIES, SAUTERNES, HOCKS, including PRINCE METTERNICH'S Johannisberg, CONSTANTIA, HERMITAGE, and a variety of other light wines in small quantities. The CHAMPAGNES include Geo. Goulet's, 1874; Wachter's, 1880; Louis Roederer's, 1880; Fred Meyer's, 1874, landed 1873; and others. Sparkling HOCKS include Johannisberg, 1874; old Moselles and Burgundy, 1868. VERY OLD BRANDIES, including Justerine and Brooke's Martello, 1865, &c. FINE OLD IRISH and SCOTCH WHISKIES. Rare old LIQUEURS, including Curacao, Noyaw, &c.

Note.—The Wines were principally laid down by Sir George Howland Beaumont, Bart., and have remained undisturbed in the cellars from twenty to forty years. The Auctioneers themselves have drawn the samples, and will superintend the delivery of the Wines from the bins direct to the purchasers. See conditions of Sale.

The samples on view the day prior to and morning of the Sale, or may be had on the usual terms, and Catalogues may be obtained of

Messrs. FISHER, JESSON, and WILKINS,  
Solicitors, Ashby-de-la-Zouch;  
Or of the Auctioneers, No. 18, New-street, Birmingham.

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There follows another advertisement from the Leicester Chronicle dated April 14<sup>th</sup> 1888 which is for an auction of a significant amount of trees grown on the estate.

**By Messrs. GERMAN, GERMAN, and COOPER.**

**GERMAN, GERMAN, & COOPER,**  
**AUCTIONEERS and ESTATE AGENTS**

**Offices: Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and Market-day street—  
and at Loughborough, Derby, and Atherstone. wa888**

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*Coleorton Estate. — Important Sale of Timber.*

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**GERMAN, GERMAN, and COOPER**  
**Are instructed by Sir G. H. W. Beaumont, Bart.,**  
**TO SELL BY AUCTION,**  
**On the above Estate, on Wednesday, April 25th, 1888,**  
**343 LOTS of OAK, ASH, ELM, SPRUCE,**  
**and LARCH TIMBER TREES and**  
**POLES (including 82 Oak, 263 Ash, and 137 Spruce),**  
**Cordwood, &c.**

The Timber is all coppice grown, and the greater part of large dimensions, the Ash and Spruce being particularly worthy the attention of the Trade. It all lies in close proximity to good roads, and is in easy reach of several railway stations.

Mr. J. Hough, of Coleorton, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, will on application appoint a man to show the lots, which can be viewed in one day.

The company is requested to meet at Lot 1, near the bottom lodge, on the Belton-road, at eleven o'clock.

Dinner will be provided at the Beaumont Arms Inn, Coleorton, at the close of the Sale, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, which will be returned to purchasers.

Further particulars and catalogues may be had from the Auctioneers, Ashby-de-la Zouch. wa880

## THE LEASING OF COLEORTON HALL BY THE DONISTHORPE FAMILY 1891 TO 1901

From c.1891 to 1901 the Donisthorpe family were leasing Coleorton Hall.

Mr. A. R. Donisthorpe was the owner of a company of wool-spinners, and their factory in Bath Lane, Leicester is believed to date back to between 1794 and 1820. This building, was Leicester's oldest surviving factory building, but was badly damaged by fire in 2012.

From the 1820s, this area of Leicester was the centre of a thriving worsted spinning industry and the processes housed in the early mill buildings would have included wool preparation (carding and combing) and spinning, the final product being prepared for framework knitting.

The Donisthorpe's employed a considerable number of staff at the hall and the photograph below was thought to have been taken of some of their staff outside the hall, possibly on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 1897 although we have no concrete evidence for this. Alternatively it could have been when their daughter got married in 1893.



A complete list of the Donisthorpe's staff in 1901 can be found in the 1901 Coleorton census.

## A FASHIONABLE WEDDING

**Burton Chronicle - Thursday 30th November 1893**

At the local church on Tuesday afternoon, Miss Beatrice Minnie Donisthorpe, second daughter of Mr. Donisthorpe at Coleorton Hall and Leicester, was married to Capt. W. Wanby Griffin of the Royal Artillery, at present stationed at Woolwich. The service was performed by the Rev. R. E. Griffin, brother of the bridegroom and Vicar of Halserown, St Ives, Cornwall assisted by the Rev. Canon Beaumont, Rector.

A large concourse viewed the wedding procession from the hall to the church. An awning 40 yards in length had been erected, under which the wedding party gained access to the church. The awning was of white calico, relieved with scarlet twill and adorned with evergreens, creating a pretty effect when viewed from the grounds of the hall. The church was filled before the wedding party arrived. The bride accompanied by her father, arrived at the church punctually at one o'clock, the hour fixed for the ceremony. The floral decorations were simple but effective, chrysanthemums decorating the altar table and the pillars near the chancel. The many guests invited to the wedding breakfast were present in the church and included Sir Edward and Lady Sieverking, Lady Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. John Beard (Linton), Canon and Lady Beaumont, Miss Fane (Melbourne), Capt. Gordon (93rd Highlanders), Lieut. Logan (Chatham), Canon and Mrs. Denton, the Rev and Mrs. Vandeleur (Ravenstone), Rev. Terry (Ellistown), Lady Cave and Miss Cave, Dr. C. R. Williams (Ashby), Mrs. St. John (Ashby), Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Galer (Leicester). Mr. E. Clephan (Leicester) and many others.

The service was fully choral. The "Best Man" was Doctor F. T. Griffin, brother of the bridegroom. The bride who was given away by her father wore a rich white satin costume, trimmed with old Brussel's point lace., a wreath of orange blossoms, and a long veil, and carried an exquisite bouquet of white exotics and orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were the sisters of the bride, Miss F. E. Donisthorpe, Miss I. M. Donisthorpe, and Miss C.M. Donisthorpe. They were attired in pink silk, trimmed with deep flounces of white lace, and wore large "picture" hats trimmed with silk to match and carried bouquets of red chrysanthemums tied with pink satin ribbon. They also wore gold safety pins with monogram in pearls, presented by the bridegroom, and the bride wore a diamond pin,, gold links, gold broach, and a diamond ring, also presented by the bridegroom.

The bride's dress was an admirable specimen of the costumer's art, and was made by Madame Oliver Holmes of London, while the bridesmaids dresses, neat and pretty, were made by a local hand.

No less picturesque was the attire of the neice of the bride, Miss Madeline Howard, who gracefully carried a shower bouquet of chrysanthemums and formed one of the wedding party - there were numerous wedding presents

## **THE LEASING OF COLEORTON HALL BY THE ABEL - SMITHS 1901-1926**

**The Abel-Smiths' leased Coleorton Hall for 25 years after the Donisthorpe's. A history of the Abel - Smiths' time at the hall is included in the publication by the author entitled "Coleorton Village History (as seen through the eyes of the newspapers)".**

During the period from 1901 to 1926 when the hall was being leased by the Abel - Smiths', the Beaumonts clearly enjoyed a good relationship with them as numerous Beaumont functions were still held at the hall.. Lt. Col. Francis Abel - Smith died in 1908 but the family still kept the lease on.

When Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont, 11<sup>th</sup> Baronet, married Renee Northey, they went to live in "The Gables" at Coleorton, as the Abel-Smith's lease still had three years to run, and they then moved into the Hall after the expiry of the lease. The Gables was owned by the Beaumonts at that time. After leaving the hall in 1926, the Abel-Smiths went to live at "Rotherwood House", Measham Road, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.

The author is of the view that after the death of her husband Francis, who was an "extremely" wealthy banker, Mrs. Abel-Smith, saw herself as the "Lady of the Manor", during her time at the Hall. It is understood that they had moved from Papplewick Hall, Notts to Coleorton. They certainly played an interesting part in Coleorton History, and their son Capt. Henry Abel Smith married into Royal circles. There is ample evidence that the Able-Smiths appeared to be extremely well liked by the people of Coleorton.

**THERE WERE NO BEAUMONT'S LIVING AT THE HALL FROM  
1887 TO 1926.....A PERIOD OF 39 YEARS**

## THE DEATH OF SIR GEORGE HOWLAND WILLIAM BEAUMONT, 10TH BARONET OF STOUGHTON

### Grantham Journal – June 27<sup>th</sup> 1914

Death of a Baronet – Sir George Beaumont, died at Aix-les-Bains on Monday. Sir G. H. W. Beaumont of Coleorton Hall was the 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet, the title having been created in 1661. He was once a captain in the Royal Horse Artillery, was 63 years of age, and owned 4,000 acres (*more like 2,000*). His son and heir, Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont, 11<sup>th</sup> baronet of Stoughton, is a lieutenant of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps, and was born in 1881. The 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet had not lived at Coleorton Hall for a number of years.

### The Times – Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 1914

#### OBITUARY

#### Sir George Beaumont

News was received at Ashby de la Zouch of the death on Monday at Aix-les-Bains of Sir George Beaumont, of Coleorton Hall, Ashby de la Zouch.

Sir George Howland William Beaumont was the 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet and represented an ancient family, whose surname was derived from the French City of Beaumont. Born in 1851, He married Lillie Ellen, daughter of the late Major-General G. A. Craster, R.E., and he is succeeded by his son, Captain. G. A. H. Beaumont, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. The late Baronet, who was formerly a captain in the Royal Horse Artillery, had resided abroad for many years.

#### A subsequent entry in The Times – Lady Beaumont sends to us the following for publication:-

*I have been most deeply touched by all the love and sympathy which have been shown to me by the people of Coleorton in the great sorrow which has come into my life; and I want to thank them all from the depth of my heart. Much of the sympathy has of necessity, been unspoken: but I have known it was there, have read it in every face, and felt it all around me. It has helped and supported me in my sorrow more than I can ever say, and all my life I shall remember it. I count as one of God's richest gifts to me, the love of the people of Coleorton that has never failed me in all of the thirty five years I have lived amongst them, and without it my life would lose one great source of happiness. The link that binds us together has held fast through generation after generation of our forefathers, and will ensure, please God, for many generations yet to come.*

#### Newspaper article from 1914 re the will of the 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet

Captain Sir George Howland William Beaumont, Bart., of Coleorton Hall, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, formerly of the Royal Horse Artillery, who died at Aix-le-Bains, France on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 1914, aged 63 years, left unsettled property, in the United Kingdom, of the gross value of £3,042 11s 10d., of which the net personalty has been sworn at £2,421 17s 10d. Probate of his will, dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 1910, with two codicils, has been granted to Mr. John Fisher Jesson, solicitor of Ashby de la Zouch, and power is reserved to grant probate also to Mademoiselle Gabriel Louise Liegeard. The testator left £150 to Mr. John Fisher Jesson of the executorship and “in recognition of



the kind and able manner he has always managed my affairs" (this is in addition to professional charges, and all other property in his own disposition to Mademoiselle Gabriel Louise Liegeard).

Supplementary information – Lady Beaumont’s husband had deserted her in the early 1900’s and went to live in France presumably with his mistress Mademoiselle Lisgeard who features in his will. Coleorton Hall was leased to the Abel Smiths from 1901 to 1926 and Lady Beaumont went to live at Swannington House.

No. 105.  
 Sir George Howland  
 William Beaumont  
 Bart.

Pour extrait conforme  
 AIX LES BAINS (Savoie)  
 le 12 février 1999

L'Officier de l'Etat-Civil  
 Délégué

Mairie d'Aix-les-Bains  
 (SAVOIE)

Le vingt-un Juin mil neuf cent quatorze,  
 onze heures et demie du matin  
 Sir George Howland William Beaumont Bart, né à  
 Londres (Angleterre) le dix mars mil huit cent cinquante-un,  
 veuf, fils de Sir George Howland Willoughby Beaumont  
 Bart et de Paulina Menzies Belli, son épouse, tous deux  
 décédés. Epoux de Lillie Ellen Craster, sans profession,  
 domiciliés au château Coleorton Hall, à Ashby de la  
 Zouch, province de Leicester (Angleterre),

est décédé Boulevard de la Roche du Roi villa Russie.  
 Dressé, le vingt-deux Juin mil neuf cent quatorze,  
 neuf heures et demie du matin, sur la déclaration de  
 Max Guillemet, cinquante-quatre ans, négociant et  
 Alexis Etorand, cinquante-sept ans, garde-champêtre,  
 tous deux domiciliés à Aix-les-Bains,  
 qui, lecture faite, ont signé avec Nous, Albert Antoine Marty,  
 Maire d'Aix-les-Bains.

L'Officier de l'Etat Civil,

M. Guillemet  
 Mayor

Marty

French death certificate for  
 Sir George Howland William Beaumont 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet.

Translation of above death certificate:-

No.105 –

Sir George Howland William Beaumont, Bart.

21<sup>st</sup> June 1914

11-30 in the morning.

Sir George Howland William Beaumont, Bart, born in London (England), 10<sup>th</sup> March 1851. Son of Sir George Howland Willoughby Beaumont, Bart and of Paulina Menzies Belli, his wife, both deceased. Husband of Lillie Ellen Craster, without profession, resident country-seat Coleorton Hall, in Ashby de la Zouch, in the shire of Leicester (England).

Died – Boulevard, de la Roche du Roi villa Russie.

Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1914, 9-30 in the morning on the declaration of Marc Fuillermet, 54 years, merchant, and Alexis Morand, 57 years, village policeman, both residents of Aix-Les-Bains, who, after reading, has signed with us – Albert Antoine Marty, Mayor of Aix-Les-Bains.

***In an interview with his grandson, the 12<sup>th</sup> and last baronet in 2003, he said that he had recently visited his grandfather's grave in the "Cimetiere du Pere-Lachaise, Paris and photographed his tomb.***

## DAME LILLIE ELLEN (ELLENOR) BEAUMONT

Dame Lillie Ellen (Ellenor) Beaumont was the estranged widow of the Sir George Howland William Beaumont, 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet. She died at "Swannington House" on August 17<sup>th</sup> 1946, although her tombstone in St. Mary's graveyard, Coleorton records her death as August 18<sup>th</sup> 1946. She was aged 87 years at her death so would have been born in 1858 / 59. She was the second daughter of Major-General George Ayton Craster (Army) who was born on June 9<sup>th</sup> 1830 and died November 25<sup>th</sup> 1912. Major-General Craster joined the army in 1849 and retired in 1888. His wife was Charlotte Amelia Vincent (daughter of Colonel Vincent) who died in 1892

Lady Lillie Ellen married the 10<sup>th</sup> baronet on February 24<sup>th</sup> 1880 in India, having met him when she was a nurse and he was her patient. Their only son was Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont, 11<sup>th</sup> Baronet who was born on January 18<sup>th</sup> 1881.

### **Leicester Mercury – March 20<sup>th</sup> 1947**

#### **Wills –**

Dame Lillie Ellen Beaumont of "Swannington House", near Leicester, who died August 17<sup>th</sup> last, was the widow of Capt. Sir George Beaumont, 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet, of Coleorton Hall, Ashby de la Zouch, and daughter of Major-General G. A. Craster. She left £8,988 – 13s – 2d gross, with net personalty £6,910 – 18s – 11d. Probate has been granted to Graham D. Heath, Solicitor of 1 The Sanctuary, S.W. 1.

She left £50 to her "dear friend" Helen M. K. Peberdy, and the residue upon trust for her for life **and then** to her grandson Sir George Howland Francis Beaumont, 12<sup>th</sup> Baronet. Mrs. Peberdy, widow of a clergyman, was a friend and personal companion of the Dowager Lady Beaumont for many years and resided with her at Swannington House.

### **SWANNINGTON HOUSE**

On the following page are a photograph and a painting of "Swannington House" where Dowager Lady Beaumont went to live after she was deserted by her husband the 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet who went to live with his mistress in France. The preceding will of the 10<sup>th</sup> Baronet confirms he had gone to co-habit with a lady by the name of Gabriel Louise Liegeard. Swannington House was situated almost opposite the "Fountain Inn" which has recently been converted into a private residence. Swannington House was eventually demolished due to serious mining subsidence.

Raymond Walker who was the 11<sup>th</sup> Baronet's (son of the Lady Dowager) chauffeur, used to take his two children to Swannington House every day in the early 1930's.

The Lady Dowager apparently called her son "Sammy". Ironically her granddaughter Brienne also had a dog called "Sammy" !!



**Front of Swannington House**



**Painting of rear of Swannington House and gardens  
by Miss F. E. Fullager – c.1917**



The upper 1919 photograph is thought to show the Lady Dowager Beaumont sitting to the left of her son (11<sup>th</sup> Baronet) with her friend and personal companion Mrs Peberdy on his right. The lower photograph is of Ernie Yates who was the Lady Dowager's chauffeur with her car.

Margaret Bannister, a past senior resident of Stoney Lane Coleorton, and mother of the author's wife, vividly remembered the Lady Dowager walking from Swannington to Coleorton church and around the village in her long black dresses.