NOTES ON THE WOLCOTT FAMILY.

From Eyton (Rev. R. W.), History of Shropshire, 12 Vols. London, 1860, Vol. XI. 221, *Walcot.*

"WILLIAM DE WALCOTE is the earliest member I have met with of the family which held this estate under the Bishops of Hereford. He occurs in November, 1221, as a surety for his neighbor, Grent de Middleton, of Middleton and Linley.

"Roger de Walcote occurs as a juror on several inquests in 1252, 1255, and 1256. The inquest of 1255 states that he hold a quarter of hide of land in Walcote, by a rent of 8*s* payable to the Bishop, by doing suit to the Castle Manor Court, and by doing twenty days ward at Bishop's Castle in war-time by one *serviens* armed with a bow and two arrows and maintained (during the period of service) by the Bishop. Roger de Walcote was probably living in 1270.

"By a fine levied on January 27, 1283, — John, son of Philip de Walcote (Impedient), gives one messuage, 4 virgates of land, 20 acres of bosc, 20 acres of meadow and 12 £ annual rent in Walcote to Reginald Fitz Walter of Monedon. The letter then settles the premises on John, son of Philip, and his heirs by his wife Isolda, — to hold upon a penny rent and by performance of all capital services, with a remainder to the next heirs of John, son of Philip, to hold of the Lords of the Fee."

John, son of Philip de Walcote, was probably identical with John de Walcote, who attests a Linley deed in October, 1291, and sat as tenth Juror for Purslow Hundred at the Assizes of 1292. In the *Nomina Villarum* of 1316 he appears as Lord of the Vill of Walcot.

This is one of the few Shropshire families whose existence can be traced from the thirteenth century to the present day in the male line.[1]

Marshall, The Genealogist's Guide, refers to Burke's "Landed Gentry," Vols. II., III., and IV., and to Publications of the Harleian Society, VI. 310. The latter are not in the Astor Library.

Burke's "Landed Gentry" gives no dates nor particulars about the Wolcott or Walcot family, only mentioning them in connection with the marriages of other families, namely : —

[1] The Rev. John Wolcot, Rector of Bitterly, is the present representative of the family.