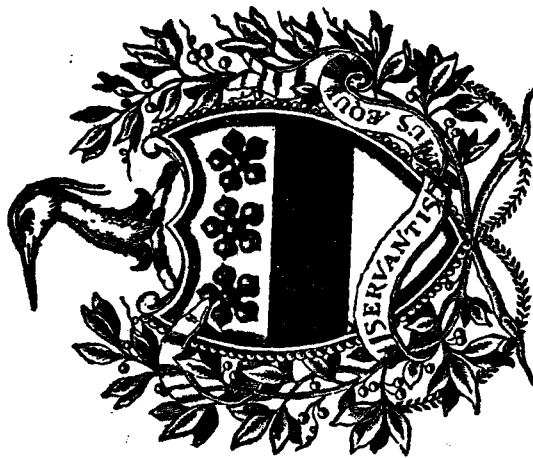




THE ARMS AND CREST OF THE FAMILY OF HALE.

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FACTS RELATING THERETO

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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RICHARD HALE OF GLOUCESTER.

There are marriages at St. Nicholas Church, Gloucester.

1660—January 29th. Richard Hale and Alice Symmons.

1659—May 26th. Richard Hale and Anne Hayward.

One of these might have been the Father of Richard Hale.

This Richard Hale of Gloucester was born about the year 1680. It is uncertain whether he was a native of that City or not. Probably he was not, since on the 16th July, 1705, he was made a Freeman of Gloucester by Act of Common Council.

"July 16th 1705 Richard Hale de Civit: Glouc: Malster-Intrat: hoc anno pr actu Co: Concil." This shows that he was not the son of a Freeman, but that he came from a distance—perhaps from some other part of the County—and that he brought money into the city for the purposes of trade, or in some other way conferred benefits upon the citizens.

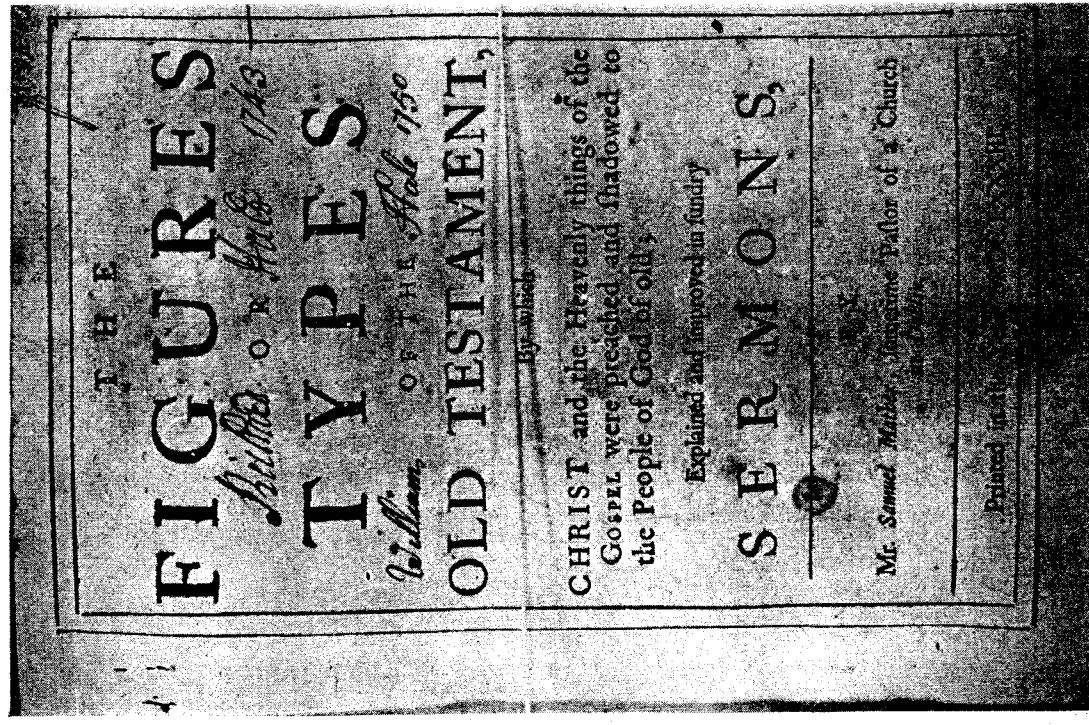
On the 12th May, 1704, he was married in the Cathedral of Gloucester, at that time commonly called "The Colledge," to Judith Stevens.

The births of five children by this marriage are entered at the end of one of the Registers of St. Nicholas Church in Gloucester under the head of Dissenter's Children.

They were as follows:—

1705, March 29th. "Gwillim, son of Richard Hale and Judith his Wife."

1706, "John, the sonne of Richard and Judith Hale." Born July 17th.



FACSIMILE TITLE-PAGE OF A BOOK OF SERMONS WITH THE SIGNATURE OF RICHARD HALE, 1743. THIS RICHARD HALE WAS NO DOUBT THE FATHER OF WILLIAM HALE, 1750.

WILLIAM HALE (1750).

THOMAS HALE.

WILLIAM HALE, (THE REV.).

1707, "Ann, () daughter of Richard and Judith Hale."
Born Sept. 26th.

1708 (or 1709), "Mary, ye daughter of Richard and Judith Hale." Born March 19th.

1710, "Richard ye sonne of Richard and Judith Hale." Born August 18th.

At this point the entries cease. It was no doubt an act of courtesy to record the births of Dissenters' Children, and therefore it may be that at that date, viz. 1710, the living of St. Nicholas changed hands, and the new Vicar did not think it necessary to record them. Be that as it may, I have failed to find in any of the Registers of the churches in Gloucester, existing at that date, any record of the birth or baptism of William Hale, my great-grandfather, son of Richard and Judith Hale. Nor have I been able to find any entry of the death or burial of the said Richard Hale, nor of his Wife Judith.

WILLIAM HALE.

Their Son, William Hale, was born about the year 1718-1719 and was a native of Gloucester. When he was 8½ years old he was entered as a scholar of the Cathedral School at Gloucester.

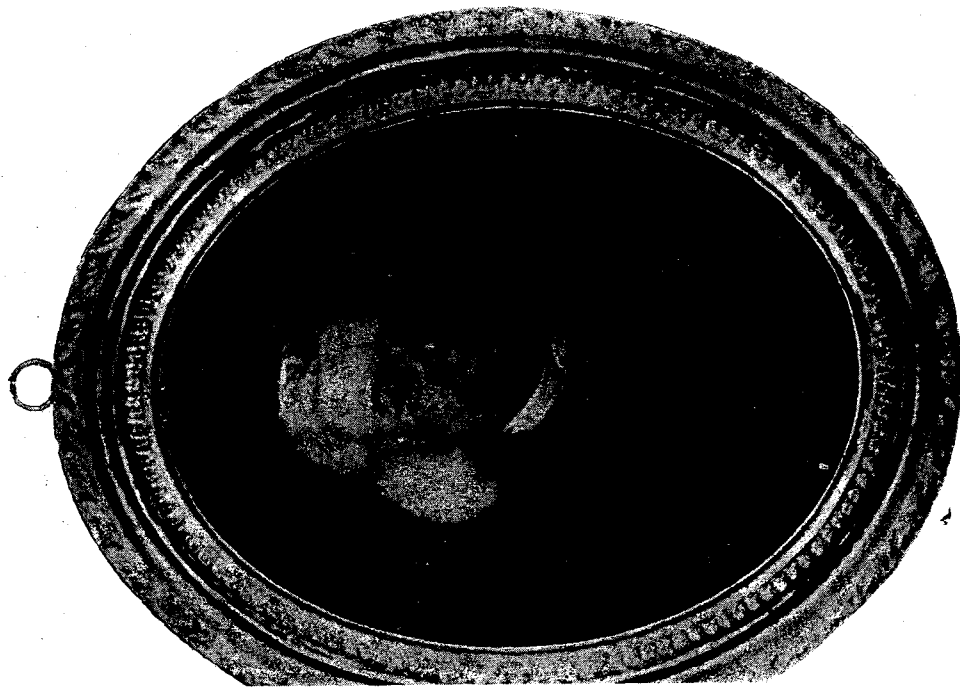
"Gulielmus Hale annor 8½—June 19th 1727. Dom : Ricardi Hale civ : Glocest : Filius."

William Hale was made a Freeman of Gloucester.

Extracts from Freedom Roll :—

"7th May 1734. Richard Hale son of Richard Hale of the City of Gloucester is entered this year by his Father's copy."

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WILLIAM HALE, SON OF RICHARD HALE OF GLOUCESTER.
1718 or 1719 : Died in Bristol, January 11th, 1781. Father Thomas Hale. (The original portrait in colour was drawn by atard or Batcock, and is dated 1763).

Rental :— " William Hale of the City of Bristol, Coppersmith, tenant in Queen Square and another by lease dated May 5th, 1761, for 40 years from March 25th, 1761."

"22nd May 1741. William Hale son of Richard Hale, late of the City of Gloucester, now of Dublin, sugar baker, was entered this year by copy." From this it appears that between the years 1734 and 1741 Richard Hale, the father, had gone to live in Dublin, and perhaps some record of his Will may be found in the Probate Court there. I have heard it said that William Hale was one of 12 children, and that many of these went to America. It is possible, therefore, that the Father and Mother went there with them. But of this I find no record. From dates written in various old books, I gather that Richard Hale, the father, died about the year 1750.

William Hale came to Bristol early in life and was apprenticed* to John Peirsen. He was made a freeman of Bristol on May 5th, 1746, and started in business (on the Welsh Back?) as a coppersmith and Pewterer, and was also a partner or had shares in the Firm of Isaac Elton and Copper Company. The principal work of the Firm was the making of copper boilers for sugar refining in the West Indies. He married about the year 1746 Sarah (Stephens?) and had issue two sons and one daughter—viz. :—

1. Richard born February 9th 1750 died March 21st 1818.
2. Elizabeth (married Samuel Cox). Born October 19th, 1748, died October 22nd, 1841.
3. Thomas (married Martha Bush) born April 2nd, 1757, died February 22nd, 1829.**

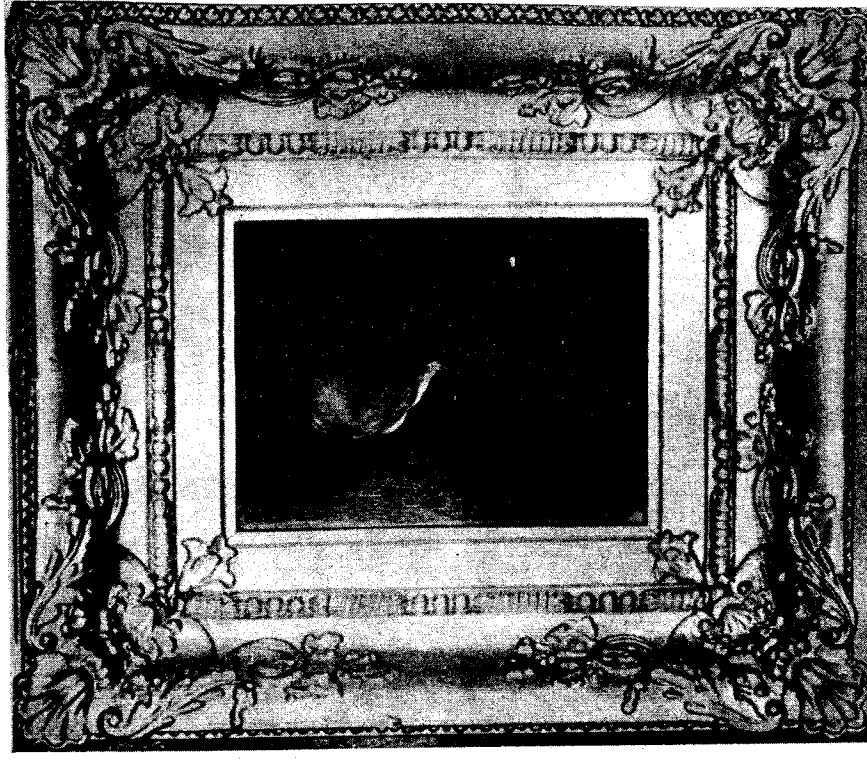
* Apprentice Book, Bristol, under date April 19th, 1733 :— "William Hale, son of Richard Hale of the City of Gloucester, distiller, bound apprentice to John Pierson, brazier, and Hester his Wife for seven years. Paid with the apprentice £45."

** There were four other children of William and Sarah Hale, viz. : Mary, William, and Jane. These seem to have died young.

Extracts from Sketchley's Bristol Directory, 1775 :—

"Hale 25 St. Michael's Hill." (This house no longer exists, being in all probability amongst those that were pulled down in 1868 when Perry Road was constructed. Moreover the houses left standing have been re-numbered since then more than once.—A. M. H.)

"Hale, William and Son, Copper-smiths and braziers, 2 Charlotte-street, Queen-square, their warehouse, 32 Welsh-Back."



THOMAS HALE OF BRISTOL.

DIED FEBRUARY 22ND, 1829.

AGED 71 YEARS.

Mathews's Bristol Directory, 1801.—"Hale, Richard & Thomas, Co smiths, Pewterers, etc., Back and 1 & 2 Charlotte Street."

Mathews's Annual Bristol Directory, 1824.—"Thomas Hale, Ger Kingsdown Parade."

William Hale died January 11th 1781 aged 63, and was buried in a vault in the crypt of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

Extract from the Bristol Gazette, January 18th, 1781 :—

“ Last week died at his house on St. Michael's Hill Mr. Hale senior, a most worthy and truly benevolent man, universally respected by all who knew him whilst living, and whose death is generally and deeply lamented.”

Sarah the Wife of William Hale died in January 1787, aged 68* and was buried in the vault at St. Michael's Church, Bristol.**

The business of Coppersmiths and Pewterers was carried on by RICHARD AND THOMAS HALE after their father's death. Richard lived during the latter part of his life at Frenchay near Bristol. Thomas lived in the City in Queen Square and afterwards on Kingsdown Parade. “ Richard Hale, brazier, son of William Hale was made a freeman of Bristol, October 1st, 1774.”†

“ Thomas Hale, brazier, son of William Hale was made a freeman of Bristol, 19th February 1781.”

(* Extract from the Bristol Gazette, January 25th, 1787 :—
“ On Sunday last died, after a long and painful illness—which she bore with the most submissive resignation to the Divine Will,—Mrs. Sarah Hale relict to Mr. William Hale, coppersmith on the Back. In whom were happily united the tender parent, the sincere friend, and humble Christian; her amiable disposition greatly endeared her to all her acquaintance, in whose memories she will long survive. Her departure was in perfect peace, in confidence of an happy immortality.”)

** Benefaction collected for Hagen Church in Westphalia, March 10th, 1760.
[Collected among the parishioners of St. Michael's Church (City) Bristol].
Subscription List.—1st entry—top of list. Mrs. Hale 10s. 6d.

† Bristol Poll Book, February 8th, 1781. “ Richard Hale, Brazier, St. Nicholas Parish, voted for Cruger (Whig).”

THOMAS HALE.

Thomas Hale was also made a freeman of Gloucester by his Father's copy, May 12th, 1783. He was married on the 5th day of June 1783 in the parish Church of Doynton, Gloucestershire, to Martha Bush, eldest Daughter of Robert Bush of Tracy Park, and had issue one son and two daughters.

1. Ann died without issue.
2. Martha—died at Claverton near Bath without issue.
3. William—baptized at St. Nicholas Church, Bristol, Sept. 2nd 1793.

There were also four other children of Thomas and Martha Hale, viz.: Sarah, William, Robert and Helen. All of these died young.

Thomas Hale died February 22nd 1829 aged 71 years,* and was buried in the family vault at St. Michael's Church, Bristol.**

Martha, his Wife, died on February 5th, 1837.

THE REVEREND WILLIAM HALE.

Some time before the death of Thomas Hale, the business was sold, and his son William who had been educated at private schools went to Oxford, entering as a Gentleman Commoner at Magdalen Hall. The Principal at this time was Dr. Macbride. William Hale took his degrees of B.A. and M.A. and was subsequently ordained. After several other curacies he became curate to the

* See facsimile of Cheque opposite page 11 and Note.

** Bailey's Western and Midland Directory, 1783.—"Hale, Richard & Thomas, Coppersmiths, Pewterers, and Brassfounders—Back."



THE REV. WILLIAM HALE, RECTOR OF CLAVERTON, NEAR

Foster's Alumni Oxonienses, Vol. II (1715-1886) page 585:—
only son of Thomas Hale, of St. Nicholas, Bristol (City) Gent.
matric: 27, 2, 1823, aged 29: B.A. 1827, M.A. 1829."

Rev. John Bond, Vicar of Weston near Bath, where he remained until 1852, when he was presented to the Rectory of Claverton near Bath then in the gift of George Vivian, Esq., of Claverton Manor. This living he held until his death in 1868. The Rectory House was almost entirely rebuilt and much enlarged by him, and during his incumbency the Church was restored and some stained glass windows added.

William Hale married in the parish Church of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, on September 27th 1827, Sarah Oldham daughter of William Edwards of Redland Court, Bristol, one of the partners in the Bristol Old Bank.* The issue of this marriage was two sons and three daughters, viz:—

1. Sarah Ann. Born August 6th, 1828, died June 12th, 1893. Married in 1864 William Jerdone Braikenridge of Newton House, Clevedon, Somerset, second son of George Weare Braikenridge, of Broomwell House, Brislington, Bristol. She died without issue.
2. Thomas, died in infancy.
3. Martha Bush, born March 18th 1831.
4. William Matthew, born August 27th 1837.
5. Mary Emma, born August 25th 1839.

The Rev. William Hale died March 28th 1868 and was buried in a vault** in Claverton Churchyard. A tablet to his memory is placed in the Chancel of the Church.

* She died at 10 Raby Place, Bath, on February 17th 1887, and her remains are interred in the same vault as those of her husband in Claverton Churchyard. See the death of Arthur William Matthew Hale her grandson.—A. M. H.

** See the death of Arthur William Matthew, his grandson.

ODD NOTES.

1. Some years ago my Father gave me in a letter the following details concerning William Hale, Coppersmith and Pewterer who died in January 1781, aged 63 years and whose remains rest in the vault at St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

"Yes, William Hale was he who challenged the Highwaymen and it is also said that he bade good morning to a young lady to whom he was engaged, when he heard her speaking disrespectfully to her parents! He was greatly esteemed in Bristol."

"Challenged the Highwaymen." The story I have heard my Father tell is as follows. Mr. Hale was riding on horseback from Bristol to London, when he found himself followed just outside Bristol by two Highwaymen who were obviously waiting for the opportunity of a sufficiently lonely part of the road to attack him. But Mr. Hale was one too many for them, and turning round on his horse called out, "Come on you fellows. I'm quite ready for you." Whereupon they made off at once and left him alone.

2. Bristol Poll Book, 1754. "William Hale, Brazier, St. Nicholas Parish, voted for Nugent (Whig)."

3. From the Obituary Notice of William Hale that appeared in the Bristol Gazette of January 18th, 1781. See page 5.

"Ah rest, dear man, beyond the wrecks of time,
Where heav'nly joys and sweetest peace combine;
No troublous seas shall e'er disturb thy peace,
Thy pains are o'er, and all thy sorrows cease."

4. Note by the Revd. William Hale, Rector of Claverton near Bath.
"Examined the old Register book of Castle Green Meeting Bristol, March 29th, 1833, and found that all the children of Wm. and Sarah Hale were baptized there except William, Born January 1755. Some are wrongly entered as children of Mr. Henry Hale, Brazier, of Thomas Street."

A. M. H.

FACSIMILE OF A CHEQUE DRAWN BY THOMAS HALE A MONTH BEFORE HE DIED

(see page 6).

[Note:—According to an old Account Book the firm of Coppersmiths and Pewterers was carried on from 1816 under the joint names of Richard, Thomas and William Hale: This William Hale being doubtless my Grandfather, who subsequently after the business was disposed of, went up to Oxford and was in due course Ordained.—A. M. H.]