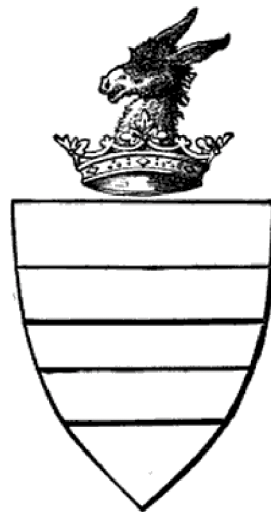


Mainwarings of Peover and Whitmore, England

With links to the Venables, Breretons, Grosvenors and others



According to a description given by Sir Bernard Burke in 'Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England, Ireland, and Scotland' the Mainwaring Coat-of-arms, is as shown above: 'two bars gules'.



Arms: Two bars Gules (? a mullet argent for difference).
Crest: An ass's head proper, issuant from a ducal coronet.

The Crest of the Mainwaring family is identified as: out of a ducal coronet, 'or' (gold) an ass's head in a hempen halter, 'ppr' (proper – usually refers to a change in natural colour)

NOTE: The crest shown above is that of the Mainwarings of Kermicham

The Motto is "devant si je puis" (forward if I can)



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I was born in Canada, daughter of Albert (Bert) Lionel Brereton and Mabel Doak. Dad's paternal grandparents, James Westropp Brereton and Ursula Caroline Elizabeth Harnett (along with four children) arrived in Canada from Listowel, Ireland in 1878 after the Captain had been appointed a Dominion Commissioner of Police by Queen Victoria. Dad's maternal grand-parents were Dan Martin of Northern Ireland and Julia Crowley identified as of the Province of Munster, Ireland.

My mother's great grandparents, both the Willis and Doak families, also immigrated to Canada from Northern Ireland. So it is little wonder that I went in search of my Irish ancestors.

I have been researching and writing history about the Brereton family for about 18 years and to date have completed twelve individual histories of the Breretons of Cheshire, Wales, Canada, the United States and Ireland.

While not a Brereton history per se, this new story about the Mainwarings does include a Brereton or two as well as many other gentry families. In fact during the writing of history I followed a few Breretons women, and by doing so I have expanded the history to include stories about the Venables, Grosvenors and many others.

The following histories can be found on my website breretonhistory.ca.

In Search of my Family

Breretons of Cheshire, England

Brereton Hall, Sandbach, Cheshire, England

Breretons of Bedford

Brereton Family of Ireland (Vol I) - Edward Brereton of Loughtioge

Breretons of Ireland (Vol II) - David Brereton of Killurin

Brereton Family of Ireland (Vol III) - Pennsylvania Breretons

Brereton Family of Ireland (Vol IV) William Henry Brereton of Dublin & Hong Kong

Canadian Family of Abel Brereton - Cloudesley Brereton

Breretons of Malpas and Burrosham, Wales - Randulphus Brereton

Breretons of Helmingham, England

History of Edward Brereton of Knock, Ireland

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The Breretons were a fascinating family who travelled the world, were knighted and held positions of power and in the case of William Brereton of Malpas his power led to his death along with Anne Boleyn. As with many Landed Gentry families, their sons went into the clergy (some rising to senior positions), became involved in local politics and certainly there were many in the Military throughout the centuries. So there is lots of interesting reading which is becoming so much more available thanks to the digitization of library collections.

Since launching my website, in 2015, I often received emails from Brereton ancestors looking for information about their descendants or offering new information about their Brereton branch. This was the case with my foray into the Mainwaring family. My research began when I received an email from Geoff Ashworth, a descendant of Hugh Brereton of Hassall Green, Sandbach, England. Emails were exchanged as we attempted to document the lineage of Hugh Brereton. Later Geoff mentioned his interest in the Mainwarings of Peover; I started gathering information about this family and at some point decided that given all the historic information available, it would be a shame if I did not gather the various stories into a history. Many sources/resources accessed during the preparation of this Mainwaring history are listed below or added as footnotes:

- *'The History of the Ancient Parish of Sandbach, co. Cheshire'* by John Parsons Earwaker,
- *'Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage of Great Britain and Ireland', Volume II, By Sir Bernard Burke*
- *Historical Antiquities of 1673, by Sir Peter Leicester*
- *'A Short History of the Mainwaring Family' written by R. Mainwaring Finley of Temple in April 1890 published in London in April 1890 and printed by Woodfall and Kinder – it was intended for private distribution*¹.
- *George Ormerod's The History of County Palatine and City of Chester, Vol I, p. 480, County Families of Lancashire and Cheshire, p. 374*
- *Ashmolean collection, Bodleian Library, Oxford, England*
- *'Family History of the Mainwarings' compiled by Sir William Dugdal, in 1640*
- *'The Administration of the County Palatine of Cheshire' 1442-1485 (by Dorothy J. Clayton and Edward Moore Bennett, printer 1990)*
- *The Cheshire Sheaf*

While I am very careful with respect to the integrity and veracity of the information provided in the histories and make appropriate references to source documents, my work is not intended as an authoritative guide nor should it be used for commercial purposes. Basically, the stories are being made available on my website in the hope that others may enjoy them and perhaps we can begin a dialogue which will help write yet another story.

Within the narrative portion of the history individual members are identified by numbering the generation, for example: 1) first generation, 1.1) second generation, 1.1.1) third generation etc. The numbering continues within each family as information becomes available.

While I am happy to share this history with others. I would ask that it not be used for commercial purposes without the written permission of the author. Further, when using information for your personal histories I would appreciate your referencing the source.

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¹ *The original subscribers to the history, as identified in the forward were W. T. Beeby, Esquire M.D; Mrs. Finley; Miss Finley Major Hall-Stephenson; Mrs. Hall; Rev. Algernon Mainwaring; Rev. C. W. Mainwaring; Ernest Mainwaring, Esq.; Colonel E. P. Mainwaring; Captain F. G. L. Mainwaring; Commander Guy Mainwaring R.N; Mrs. Randle Mainwaring; Mrs. Sweedland Mainwaring; J. Keir Moilliet; Esq; Rev. J. L. Moilliet; Reginald W. Robinson, Esq.; Messrs. Robinson and Turneull; E. R. Stable, Esquire & D. Wintringham Stable, Esquire.*