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# The Alingtons and Bromleys – Owners of Horseheath Hall

## The Alingtons – Barons of Killard

### William Alington, 1st Baron Alington of Killard

b. 14 March 1610/11, d. circa October 1648

#### Pedigree

Father Sir Giles Alington b. circa 1572, d. circa December 1638  
Mother Lady Dorothy Cecil

William Alington, 1st Baron Alington of Killard was baptised on 14 March 1610/11 in Horseheath, Cambridgeshire, England. He was the son of Sir Giles Alington and Lady Dorothy Cecil. He married Elizabeth Tollemache, daughter of Sir Lionel Tollemache, 2nd Bt. and Hon. Elizabeth Stanhope, before 1 October 1631. He died circa October 1648. He was buried on 25 October 1648 in Horseheath, Cambridgeshire. William Alington was created *1st Baron Alington of Killard, Co. Cork [IRELAND]* on 28 July 1642. He lived in Great Wymondley, Hertfordshire, England and in Horseheath, Cambridgeshire.

#### Family

Elizabeth Tollemache b. before 1616, d. circa April 1671

#### Children

1. William Alington, 3rd Baron Alington of Killard b. before 1641, d. 1 Feb 1684/85<sup>2</sup>
2. Giles Alington, 2nd Baron Alington of Killard b. 1641 - 1648, d. c Mar 1659/60<sup>3</sup>
3. Hildebrand Alington, 5th Baron Alington of Killard b. 3 Aug 1641, d. 11 Feb 1722/23<sup>2</sup>

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## Sir Giles Alington

b. circa 1572, d. circa December 1638

Pedigree

Father unknown Alington b. before 1556

Mother Margaret<sup>2</sup>

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Sir Giles Alington was born circa 1572. He was the son of unknown Alington and Margaret. He married, firstly, Lady Dorothy Cecil, daughter of Sir Thomas Cecil, 1st Earl of Exeter and Dorothy Neville, before 1601. He married, secondly, Dorothy Dalton, daughter of Michael Dalton and Mary Elrington, on 2 December 1630 in West Wrating, Cambridgeshire, England. He died circa December 1638. He was buried on 23 December 1638 in Horseheath, Cambridgeshire, England. In 1631 he was censured and fined £32,000 in the Star Chamber for marrying his neice by the half-blood, and did penance. On 7 January 1633/34 the offenders had "pardon for incest, provided they shall not hereafter cohabit." He lived in Horseheath, Cambridgeshire.

### Family 1

Lady Dorothy Cecil

Children

1. Giles Alington b. c 1601, d. Feb 1613/14
2. Susan Alington b. b 1609, d. c Sep 1681
3. William Alington, 1st Baron Alington of Killard b. 14 Mar 1610/11, d. c Oct 1648

### Family 2

Dorothy Dalton b. circa 1606, d. before 24 September 1638

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## The Bromleys, Lords Montfort of Horseheath

**Baron Montfort of Horseheath** was a title in the Peerage of Ireland created on 20 August 1741 for Henry Bromley. (The Peerage of Ireland is the term used for those peers created by British monarchs in their capacity as King of Ireland. Before 1801, Irish Peers had the right to sit in the Irish House of Lords, but after the Union in 1801, Irish peers only elected representative peers to the House of Lords. This practice ended with the creation of the Irish Free State in 1922.)

On the death of the 3rd Baron in 1851, the barony became extinct.

- Henry Bromley, 1st Baron Montfort of Horseheath (1705–1755)
- Thomas Bromley, 2nd Baron Montfort of Horseheath (1733–1799)
- Henry Bromley, 3rd Baron Montfort of Horseheath (1773–1851)

**Henry Bromley, 1st Baron Montfort of Horseheath**  
by George Townshend, pen and ink, 1751-1758

National Portrait Gallery, not on display in 2007



### **BROMLEY, LORD MONTFORT**

**THOMAS BROMLEY**, Baron Montfort of Horseheath; high steward of the borough of Cambridge, and doctor of laws. This nobleman was born February 1733, and succeeded to the title upon the death of his father 1 January 1755. Lord Montfort married 1 March 1772 Mary Anne, sister of sir Patrick Blake of Langham in the county of Suffolk; by which lady he has issue Henry, born 14 May 1773.

The family of Bromley has been traced back to the reign of king John. William Bromley, in the reign of king Edward the third, had issue,

1. John.
2. Richard, father of John, who served in the wars of King Henry the fifth for the crown of France, and distinguished himself by his gallant behaviour in recovering the standard of the Duchy of Guienne, which had been lost, in the battle of Corbie in the year 1417.

Roger, third in descent from John son of William, had issue,

1. William.
2. Roger, father of Thomas, who was constituted by queen Mary 4 October 1553 lord chief justice of the court of king's bench.

George, son of William, had issue,

1. George, father of Edward, who was constituted 6 February 1609 one of the barons of the court of exchequer.
2. Thomas, who in the beginning of the reign of queen Elizabeth was elected recorder of the city of London, which office he exchanged 14 March 1569 for that of solicitor general to the queen. He was farther promoted 25 April 1579 to be Lord High Chancellor of England, and died 12 April 1587.

Mercy, sixth in descent from lord chancellor Bromley, married John Bromley of Horseheath esquire, representative for the county of Cambridge; by whom he had issue Henry, who was created by king George the second baron Montfort of Horseheath, and married Frances, sister and heiress of sir Francis Wyndham of Trent in the county of Somerset baronet; by which lady, who died 11 February 1733, he had issue,

1. Frances, married to Charles Sloane, Lord Cadogan. She died 20 May 1768.
2. Thomas, present and second Lord Montfort.

#### **Creation**

Baron Montfort of Horseheath in the county of Cambridge 4 May 1741

#### **Chief seats**

Horseheath in the county of Cambridge;  
Holt Castle in the county of Worcester; and  
Drayton in the county of Middlesex.

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## Knights Fees

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**SUMMARY:** The document below likely dates from late 1562 or early 1563, and lists 103 knights' fees belonging to the 16th Earl of Oxford at his death. A knight's fee was a military tenure by which land was held from a lord in return for military service. In the feudal period, the military obligation was real, but by the 16th Earl's time, tenants were rarely called upon to come armed into the field to fight for their lord. The total value of the fees listed for Essex is £3 19s 2d, for Suffolk 17s 8d, for Cambridge, 10s 8d, for Hertford 4s, for Norfolk nothing, and for Buckingham 10s 4d, for a total of £6 1s 10d. As indicated in the document, nothing at all was paid for 49 of the 103 fees.

Valuation of the fees, which lately belonged to John Vere, Earl of Oxenford, deceased, appertaining to divers honors in the county of Cambridge, as follows:

- Horseheath** Giles Alington holds a half fee in Horseheath called Limberies.  
[+but pays] nothing
- Horseheath** The same Giles holds one fee there & lands called Lays, but pays nothing
- Wickham** The same Giles holds two knights' fees in Wickham
- Stretle** Stretle (probably Streetly End), but pays nothing
- Ashley** Lord North holds one fee in Ashley, & pays in respect thereof by year 2s
- Ashley** Robert Coleman holds the 6th part of one fee in Ashley,  
& pays in respect thereof 4d
- Balsham** Thomas Foster holds one fee in Balsham, & pays in  
respect thereof by year 20d
- Landwade** Robert Cotton holds one knight's fee in Landwade, but pays nothing
- Burwell** William Stanley holds one fee in Burwell in the said county, but pays nothing
- Wilburham** John Bemont holds one fee in Wilburham in the said county, & pays 12d
- Bartlow** William Hurlston holds the 4th part of one fee in Bartlow, & pays 12d to ox [sic?] the manor of Camps, as it is said
- Shudy Camps** Bartholomew Minot holds one fee in Shudy Camps, & pays by year 3s
- Shudy Camps** Thomas (blank) holds a half fee in Shudy Camps in the said county, & pays 12d
- Hildersham** Robert Paris holds one fee in Hildersham near Linton, & pays 20d
- Fowlmere** Tenements [+&] lands lately of Thomas Hutton in Fowlmere are held of the said Earl by service of half a knight's fee, but he pays nothing