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"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures up and preserves history of his ancestors."—Edmund Burke.

"I have ever had a pleasure in obtaining any little anecdotes of my ancestors."  
—Benjamin Franklin.

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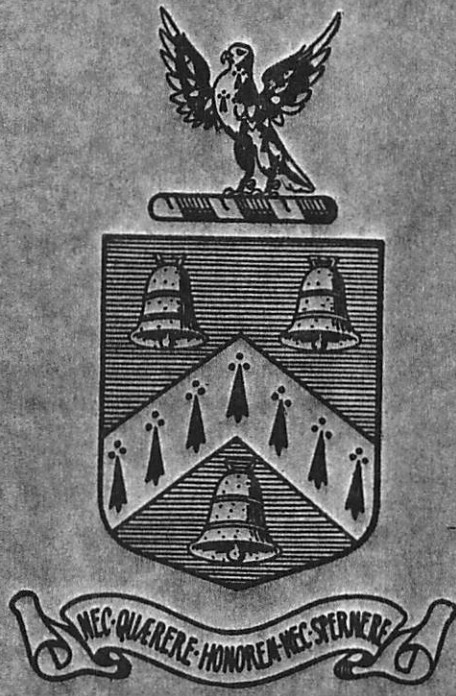
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## (A) INTRODUCTION

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Bells settled in North Ireland as early as 1658, and in the American colonies as early as 1620. They are still coming to America from Great Britain.

In England, Scotland and Ireland the Bells were armour bearing. The following Bell families, who received grants of arms and lands, some of which as far back as the early part of the sixteenth century, are listed in BURTON.

### GENERAL ARMORY:

Belview, co. fermanagh, granted 1819; Overton, co. York; Beck Park, Kent; Thirsk Gall, co. York; Woolsington Hall, Northumberland; Sunderland, co. Durham; Berkshire and Buckinghamshire; Exsex; Essex; Gloucestershire; Jamaica; London; Haughley, co. Suffolk; Lord (C) Baron of the Exchequer, who d. 1577; London; Newcastle; Fawe Park, Cumberland; Northumberland and Cumberland; Westmoreland and Cumberland; Kirkconnel, co. Dumfries; Provosthaugh, co. Dumfries; East 1782; Fortoun, co. Haddington, 1855; Beaupre Hall, co. Norfolk; Yorks

That most of these families were derived from a common stock is shown by the fact that a common feature of their Coats of Arms was three bells, of which their crests a hawk belled. See Chapter (O).

The following is quoted from reliable authorities regarding the meaning, etc., of the name "Bell": "*Bell*: Bellot, Bellison, Izod . . . Is . . . etc., are all supposed to represent the offspring of Isabella or Islot, its diminutive. *Bell* and Bellot may more probably come from the shop or tavern sign "*Bell*: Those who carried off the bell or prize, when used as a sign or an armorial bearing." "*Norman*: La Bel; *Old French*: Le Bel (for 'fine' or 'handsome'); *Old Norse*: Beli; *Frisian*: Bela, Bel, Bele; *Swedish*: Bel; *Dutch*: Bel; *Flemish*: Baele, Beli."

The Bell family has been prominent in the British Empire and in America its members having played important rôles in war and in peace. Family pride is a commendable trait and should be cultivated. All Bells have caused to be proud of their family history and traditions.

Unless otherwise plainly shown, the persons in this volume whose names are accompanied by three figures are sons or daughters of the immediate preceding persons bearing immediately preceding consecutive numbers. All persons in each group, bearing the same letter as a part of their respective numbers are directly related. The generations of the descendants of the bearing numbers of three figures are represented as follows:

Generations.....	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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Generations.....	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Symbols.....	a, etc.	(I), etc.	(i), etc.	I, etc.	i, etc.

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