

## ***RICHARD VERITY***

*Son of Isaiah Verity of Ash Hall Cowbridge Glamorgan*

***1788-1857***



Richard Verity, of Dean House, Huntington; *b* 1788 Bristol son of Isaiah Verity of Ash Hall, Cowbridge, Glamorgan, *bp* 13 Jul 1791 St John the Baptist, Cardiff, *ed* Guys and St Andrews, Church warden at All Saints Dean *m* 1. 28 Feb 1820 South Bersted, Sussex, *his cousin by marriage* Charlotte, *daugh* of Sir Rupert George *1<sup>st</sup> Bt* of Park Place and St Stephens Green (*b* Dublin 1748, *d* Dublin 1824), (*see* *Burke's PB, George Bts*), and Margaret *daugh* of Thomas Cochren, (*note: his brother the Hon. Denis George's daugh Dorothea m Richard Steele Fetherstonhaugh of Bracklyn Castle, Co. Westmeath (Burke's LGI, Fetherstonhaugh and Burke's PB. Wicklow. E) and g. son of Sir Richard Steele 1<sup>st</sup> Bt by his second wife Margaret daugh of Sir Michael Smith Bt (later Cusack-Smith Bts of Tuam) (see Steele record)*), she died at Swansea 1822, *bd* St Mary's, Battersea, *m* 2. 31 May 1839 St Georges, Hanover Square, Susannah Werden, (*b* 1809 Westminster, *d* Apr 1843 Kensington) *daugh* of Admiral Sir Henry William Bayntun. KGCB, CBE, (1766-1840) of Walcot, Somerset and Rettendon Hall, Essex (*see* *Burke's PB, Bayntun-Rolf Bts of Bromham and Spy Park, Wiltshire*); and of Susannah co-heiress with her half-sister Charlotte, Lady William Beauclerk (*mother of George, 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Saint Albans*) of Sir John Werden *2<sup>nd</sup> Bt* (*b* 1683, *d* 1758) of Cholmeaton, Cheshire, Leyland, Lancashire and Holyport, Berkshire.

Richard Verity was for many years a travelling companion to William, *6<sup>th</sup>* Duke of Devonshire and of Earl and Countess Granville who records their travels together including Richards' disapproving reaction on a visit to the Brighton Pavilion with the court in full swing! He formed part of Lord Granville's suite in Paris and also lived in St Petersburg and Rome (*see: Marrington Collection, Shropshire Archives; Re Richard Verity and Lord Dover; Royal Society, correspondence from Florence 1840 with Sir John Lubbock (see: Burke's PB. Avebury. B; his grand daugh Evelyn Mary Lubbock m 1897 John Verity, b 1863, JP, High Sheriff London 1900, d 1905, see Burke's PB Avebury B.); British Library, Lieven Papers, correspondence with Prince Lieven 1828; Durham University, Papers of Maria Countess Grey, re Lady William Bentick*). Richard was offered a baronetcy, which he later regretted declining as in 1831 he wished to marry but it was a condition that he should first be a baronet, Lady Granville petitioned Lord Grey, (*see: Levenson Gower, Letters of Harriet Countess Granville and the 'Three Howard Sisters', Letters ed. Lady Leaconfield*). Close friend of *6<sup>th</sup>* Duke and Duchess of Manchester, this possibly accounts for his acquisition in 1825 of the Dillingham Estate at Dean near Kimbolton (*see: Dean Estate Records and Verity-Dalton papers, Bedfordshire Archives*) in 1842 he added a gallery to what is now Dean House to accommodate his collection of old master paintings including pictures by Van Dyke, the Vallombrosa Raphael, *Madonna del Cardellino* (given by the Verity family in the 1995 to Downside Abbey) and a *St Catherine* after Bronzino. In London lived 25 Bolton Street Piccadilly, also maintained a home at Vernlam Place, Hastings. On Richard's death his property was divided between his daughter Charlotte Verity-Dalton (whose decedents inherited the Dean Estate) and Robert eldest son of Richard's brother Abraham Verity (he acted as a trustee to the estate), *d* 18 Mar 1857, *bd* All Saints, Dean, (*commemorative memorial*), *issue* by Charlotte George:

Charlotte Margaret Anne Verity, of Dean House, Huntington; *b* Bolton Street, London, *bp* 20 Jun 1822, St Georges, Hanover Square; following the death of her mother, Charlotte George, she was brought up by her aunt Anne (Verity) Lloyd Evans, *m* 12 Jul 1860 All Saints, Dean, Bedfordshire, Henry Robert Samuel *son* of Henry Dalton, he *ed* Harrow and Christ Church Oxford, (*see* *Burke's LG, Dalton of Thurham Hall*) and Sophia Charlotte *daugh* of Lord Robert FitzGerald (*b* 1765, *d* 2 Jan 1833), *son* of James, *1<sup>st</sup>* Duke of Leinster) (*see* *Burke's PB, Leinster. D*), lived mainly in France and Switzerland, *d* 26 Nov 1896 Tunbridge Wells, *issue*.

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