

SCIPIO SQUIRE.

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MR. FAWTIER asks for further information concerning Scipio Squire at the end of his note on the antiquary on p. 191 (Vol. 6) of the BULLETIN of the John Rylands Library, so I venture to forward a few notes I have collected.

His father Edmund Squire was a clergyman, the Rector of King's Nympton, Devonshire. There is a will, in the Consistorial Court at Exeter of Henry Tucker of that parish, husbandman, dated 3 June, 37 Elizabeth [1595], of which an abstract is given in Charles Worthy's *Devonshire Wills*, p. 109, which is witnessed by

Edmunde Squer, Pastor of King's Nympton and Scipio Squier his sonne the writers hereof.

This would have been when the Antiquary was about fifteen years old.

In a long note Mr. Worthy traces the Squire family to a certain Roger Le Squier who obtained Little Fulford, which lies partly in Crediton and partly in Shobrooke, in the time of Edward II. He then quotes a pedigree of Squier of Heanton Punchardon from the *Visitation of Devon*, 1564, from which he shows that Agnes, daughter and heir of William Squier and granddaughter of Thomas, the first mentioned in the pedigree, married William Marwood and her daughter and heir Joane was the mother of the famous Sir Lewis Pollard, a Judge of the Common Pleas, born about 1465, and points out that the Pollards were patrons of King's Nympton, so that there was probably a connexion between Edmund Squier and the Heanton Punchardon family.

It has been accepted on the authority of Westcote that Sir Lewis Pollard's mother was the daughter of one Lewknor of Sussex, and no modern pedigree of Pollard or Marwood confirms the above quotation from the 1564 Visitation.

Tracing the Slader family, to which Scipio's mother belonged, we find in Vivian's *Visitations of the County of Devon*, p. 686, that

Martha third daughter of Marke Slader of Bath, and Catherine Wood, was married 17th June, 1576, at North Tawton to Edmund SYNGER

—an obvious misreading of SQUYER—the reference being to the registers of that parish.

Concerning Scipio himself there is a note made in one of his heraldic MSS. which belonged to the Rev. Jeremiah Milles, the antiquary and Dean of Exeter [1762-84], and which is now British Museum, Additional MS. 14,262,¹ which gives a little more information. The note is in the Dean's handwriting and reads as follows :—

Mr. Scipio Squier, the collector of the arms in this book, was one of the Vice-Chamberlains of the Exchequer in y^e year 1656. He was descended from Henry Squier, of Handsworth, Stafford, whose daughter Joan was married to William Harman, y^e father of John Harman, alias Voysey, formerly Bishop of Exeter. This Scipio Squier was a gentleman of great knowledge in antiquity, and a singular friend of Sir William Dugdale, who gives this account and character of him, and owns that he was a special furtherer of his *History of Warwickshire*. See Dugdale's *Warwickshire*, under the title *Sutton Cofeild*,² p. 667 of y^e edition printed in 1656.

Worthy adds the further information that his father, Edmund Squier, died in 1620, and that Sir Elias Ashmole notes in his diary under 24th May, 1659, that he made the acquaintance of Scipio Squier. He also says that Scipio visited Exeter in 1607 recording heraldic matters connected with the Guildhall and Polsloe Priory—probably this was found in Dean Milles' MS.

¹ See *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, XXIII., p. 165.

² Coldfield.