

Genealogy of the Sheldon Family

Ralph Sheldon of Abberton and Beoley (d. 1546) had four sons, each with his own principal place of residence: –

William (d. 1570) at Beoley and Weston

Baldwin (d. 1548) at Broadway

Francis (d.1559) at Abberton

Thomas at Child's Wickham

Several genealogies can be found in print.

Anthony Wood, ed. Andrew Clarke, *The Life and Times of Anthony Wood*, in volume 3, pp. 97-104 based on information from his patron, Ralph the Great (1623-84) of Beoley and Weston. His original manuscript is in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, Ms Wood F.33, ff. 135-141

Treadway Nash, *Collections for a History of Worcestershire*, 1781, volume 1, pp. 68-70 for the Weston family, pp. 6-8 for the Aberton (Abberton) branch and pp. 144-50 for the Broadway family

The Bigland Pedigree was commissioned by the family from the Herald Ralph Bigland in 1808. It is, with some difficulty, to be found transcribed on-line @sheldongenealogy.com. The original is in Warwickshire County Record office, HR 91

The county by county Visitations based on information from family members given to the Heralds, members of the College of Arms, have been printed by the Harleian Society (see Bibliography)' the Warwickshire visitation for 1682-83 also covers the Sheldon family, *The visitation of the county of Warwick*, (ed) W. H. Rylands, 1911. The custom of Visitation ceased around 1690.