

Stuart times, and, generally speaking, the internal fittings conform to that period. Through a marriage with a daughter of the family of Goldwell of Godinton the place passed to Thomas Toke of Bere Court, and by the Tokes the old house was built and adorned.

Toke of Godinton, great-grandson of this John Toke, was Sheriff of Kent in 1663, and lived until 1680, when he died at the age of ninety-three. He is buried in the chancel of the church with his five wives, the last of whom was Lady Diana, fourth daughter of Thomas



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John Toke of Godinton died in 1513, and was succeeded by his son, another John, who died at the age of eighty in 1565. The wife of the latter was a daughter of Sir Thomas Kempe of Ollantigh, and some objects from that place were brought to Godinton. Captain Nicholas

Earl of Winchilsea. A local tradition avers that, at the age of ninety-two or ninety-three, this redoubtable veteran, having lost Lady Diana, walked all the way from Godinton to London in quest of a successor. Fate, however, was against him, and he was taken ill and died.