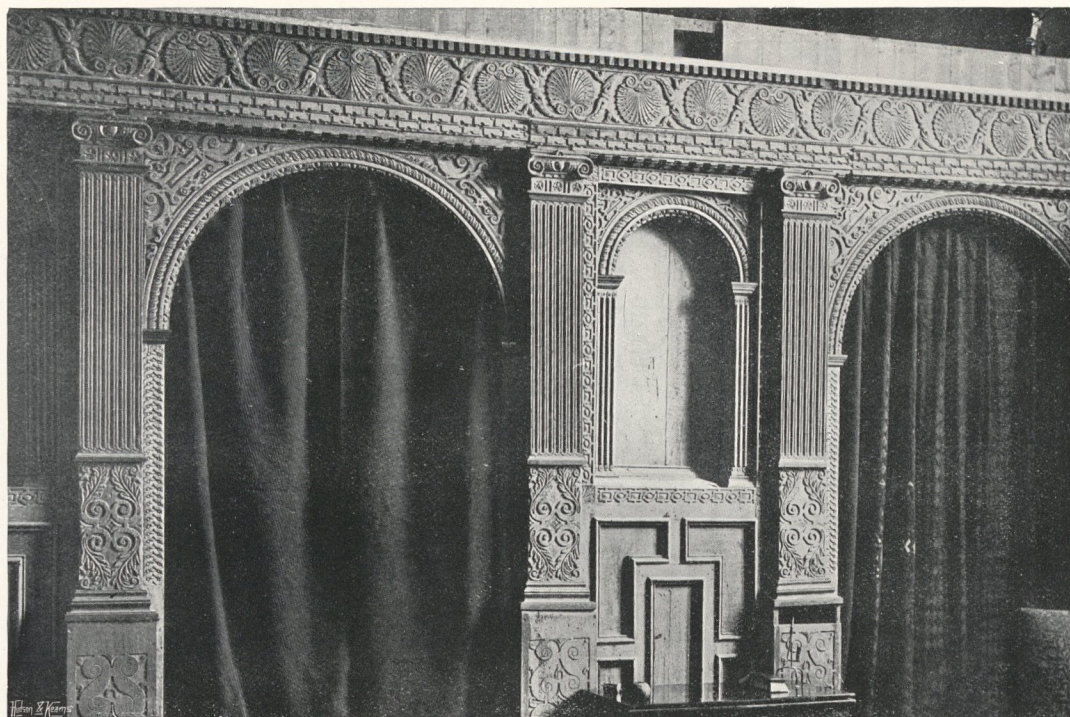


Syr Henry and Syr Richard were the sunnes to this Thomas."

The first recorded possessor of the manor house is Robert Long, who was on the Commission of the Peace in 1426, and represented Wiltshire in Parliament in 1433. It is reasonable to conclude that in or about this time the house was enlarged and reconstructed. Certainly some of its fine features belong to that period, and the illustrations show the later work of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when much was done to the structure internally. Indeed, the great mantel-pieces and other more important adornments are in the fully developed style of the English Renaissance, and date from about 1575 to half a century later. The house has thus been preserved and beautified by representatives of the family of the first recorded possessor, and is now the property of



*A PORTION OF THE SCREEN IN THE HALL.*

the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P., of Rood Ashton House, who is the chief landowner thereabout.

Our pictures do not show much of the earlier work at South Wraxall, but it will be noticed that the Hall is lighted by a window



*THE DINING-ROOM CHIMNEY-PIECE.*