

lions rampant guardant counterchanged. (William Berry, *Encyclopaedia of Heraldry*—London—Vol. II.) There are a number of variations of the coat of arms (Sir Bernard Burke, *The General Armory*. London, 1884, page 111), but there are certain common features in some of the arms which indicate that their bearers all sprang in all probability from the same ancient stock.

Willford of Enfield, Middlesex: Per pale or the gules, three leopards' heads counterchanged. Crest: A bundle of swan's quills argent banded gules.

Willesford or Willford of Devonshire: Gules, a chevron ermine between three leopards' heads or.

Wilford or Wilfoord of Worcester: Gules, a chevron engrailed between three leopards' faces argent. Crest: A stag's head gorged with a laurel crown all proper.

Willesford or Willford of Wosterton, Herefordshire: Argent a chevron sable, in chief two ogresses, in base a cross crosslet of the second.

Wilford of Harteridge and Dover, in Kent: Gules a chevron engrailed between three leopards' heads or. Crest: A leopard's head per pale, or and gules.

Wilford of London: Gules, a chevron engrailed argent, between three leopards' heads or.

THE WILFORD PEDIGREE

First Generation

William Wilsford "of an ancient family near Wilsford, in co. Devon," married Margaret Cornens (Corneus) daughter and heir of Walter Cornens, son of Sir Walter Cornens. The arms used by this family were gules, a chevron engrailed between three leopards' heads or; the crest was a leopard's head per pale, or and gules. (*The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XXIX, page 232.)

Second Generation

Robert Wilsford married and had several children.

1. James Wilsford, Sheriff of London Town.
2. Peter Wilsford, Citizen of London.
3. Edmund Wilsford, Provost of Oriol College, Oxford, from 1507 to 1516. (HBJ)

Third Generation

James Wilford, son of Robert Wilsford of Devonshire, was in 1499 Alderman and Sheriff of London Town. He married Elizabeth Betenham, da. of John Betenham, Esq. of Pluckley.

1. Thomas Wilsford or Wilford of Cranbrook.