

Thomas Gerard



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Born: 1537 Westbury, ENG

Married: Elizabeth Port

Died: 1620 Lancashire, ENG

Parents: Thomas Gerard & Jane Leigh

Thomas III Gerrard of Kingsley and Bryn also got into trouble as did his father for dallying in politics. During his life, there was a plot to rescue Mary, Queen of Scots when she was imprisoned at Tutbury, Staffordshire, a few miles from Bryn, and to take her to the Isle of Man. The beginnings of the plot to place a Scottish monarch on the throne of England can be traced to the year 1569 when Thomas III got involved at the age of 29. Two years later, Thomas III was imprisoned in the Tower of London. On Thomas III's release in 1573, he took his children back to Bryn. The price he paid for his freedom was the enforced sale of his Manor at Bromley to his cousin, **Sir Gilbert Gerard**, the Attorney General.

From August 1586 to October 1588, Sir Thomas III was again imprisoned for supposed complicity in the Babbington plot to kill Queen Elizabeth and place Mary on the throne. On his release, he seems to have given up the practice of his faith, though he returned to it before his death in 1601. The family thereafter remained staunchly Catholic and loyal to the Stuart cause.

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