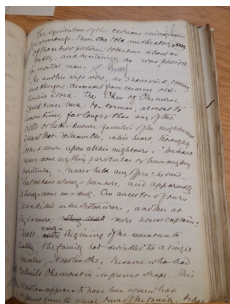


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Transcription the equivalent of this curious unimaginative earnestness. Then Oke told me the story ~~xxx~~ of those two pictures; told it me about as badly, and hesitatingly as was possible for mortal man.

He and his wife were, as I have said, cousins, and therefore descended from the same old Kentish stock. The Okes of Okehurst could trace back to Norman, almost to Saxon times, far longer than any of the titled or better-known families of the

neighbourhood. I saw that William Oke, in his heart, thoroughly looked down upon all his neighbours. "We have never done anything particular or been anything particular, never held any office" - he said - "but we have always been here, and apparently always done our duty. An ancestor of ours was killed in the Scotch wars, another at Agincourt; ~~xxxx-xxxx~~ mere honest captains."

Well, ~~xxxx~~ ^early in^ the beginning of the seventeenth century, the family had dwindled to a single member, Nicholas Oke, the same who had rebuilt Okehurst in its present shape. This Nicholas appears to have been somewhat different from the usual run of the family. He had

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