

## **Croome Collection Coventry Family History**

### **Thomas Coventry, 2nd Baron Coventry**

Born 1606, the first son of Sir Thomas Coventry (1st Baron) and his first wife, Sarah. He succeeded as Baron Coventry in 1640. Married to Mary Craven, daughter of Sir William Craven, Knight in April 1627. Together they had two sons: George (later the 3rd Baron Coventry) and Thomas (later the 5th Baron Coventry), and two daughters, both of whom died young. Thomas served as MP for Worcestershire and in 1633 became Councillor for Wales. During the 1630's he was to purchase some of the most important additions to the Coventry estate, including lands in Pirton, Powick, Mitton and Severn Stoke. In the 1640's there was a fire at Croome court, which resulted in some major rebuilding work under the 2nd Baron. Thomas died 27th October 1661. He was buried at Croome D'Abitot.