

THE GREAT AND THE GHASTLY

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[Elizabeth has been '3 months ill']

Farewell

With the following letter we end and say goodbye to Elizabeth, hoping that the 'joyfull Summons' was a good way off for her and is so for those of us who have valued her vivid impressions of London life in the mid-eighteenth century.

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Dear Madam

I was very much obliged to you for your last favour & more so for your kind Concern for my Cousin & me & desirousness of hearing often from us am glad you have no Coughly Disorder hope you will have a good winter & may your precious life be spared for much good - valuable people cant be parted with there is so few of them we have been at home a month & I find the cold weather dont agree with me having Returns of my Disorder very often but I desire allways to acquiesce with the Divine will concerning me may I be ready when Called for to obey the joyfull Summons while I do live I only desire to do my best to please all my friends & to have as few enemies as my Dearest Aunt who is gone before me. I own I miss her much that is her good advice & company for she was the life of every place I thank good I want for nothing & do what I like nobody can be happier for I have the best of Cousins he is a good young man , the good wishes of my friends but all is nothing without health ...

Yours to Command
Eliz Badham



Badham Delvings is the culmination of fifty years' research by the author and many others into the origins, history and development of the Badham surname. From 13th-century ap Adam beginnings in Gwent and the Welsh March, the book charts 700 years of family dispersion and migration around the world. Placing the development of the surname firmly in the context of local and national history, the author also tells the stories of some of its key figures ranging from the disreputable to the distinguished. Some of the topics covered are:

Where Badhams were found • Early Welsh roots of the surname • Badham surname variants • Distribution from Gwent into Herefordshire • The feudal context and disentangling genealogies • West Country ap Adam migrations • The West Wales enclave and Irish connections • Across the pond to USA and Canada – Black Badhams, Mormon Badhams, Hereford cattle • Hereford to the Antipodes – the Badhams of Essex, Suffolk and New South Wales • Medieval lawyer and chronicler Adam Usk • Walter Badham, Groom of Henry VIII's Chamber • Badhams on both sides of the law • Letters, 1741–53, of companion Elizabeth Badham, daughter of smuggler John Badham.

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Seal of Hamund ap Adam, about 1350

