



The photos do not show it well, but a silver cartouche engraved with a coat of arms is in the arch. We believe these are the arms of the Egerton family whose presence in Cheshire dates back over a thousand years. (See sketch, right.) A branch of the family lived at Oulton Park where a baroque mansion was built for John Egerton in 1716. This was in the parish of Little Budworth, Cheshire, where the church of St Peter, has a clock by Joseph Smith, dated 1727, the agreement for which was signed by John Egerton and the clockmaker. The mansion burned down in 1926; the grounds now house a motor racing circuit. We believe the bracket clock was made for John Egerton.

