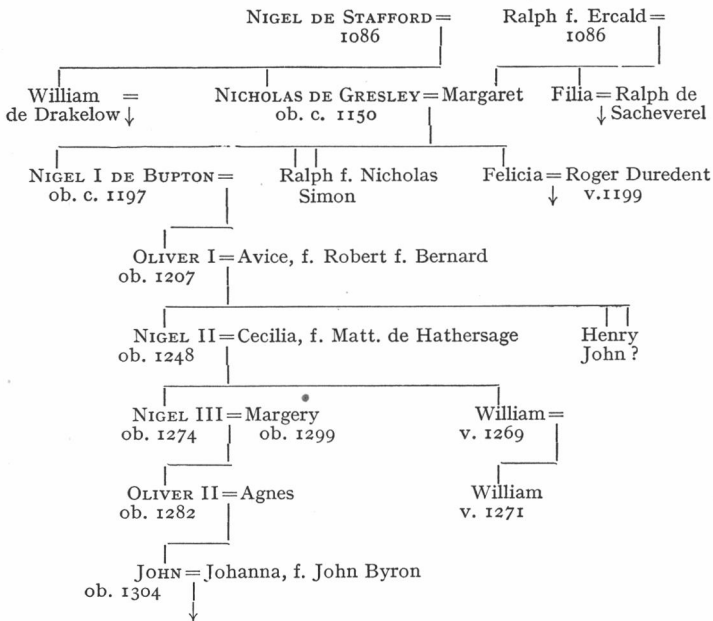


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I. NICHOLAS F. NIGEL. The history of this family commences with Nicholas, the second son of Nigel de Stafford, the Domesday tenant of Drakelow and Hearthcote. William de Gresley, his elder brother, has been fully dealt with by Mr. Maddan in the Stafford

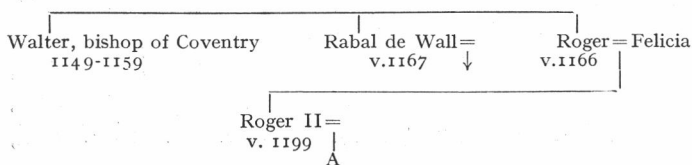
Collections, XIX, who begins his pedigree with Fornjot, King of Finland. About 1140 Nicholas the son of Nigel de Gresley, with the consent of Margaret his wife, granted to Roger Duredent with Felicia, daughter of the said Nicholas, as her marriage portion, 300 acres of land in the manor of Bupton, seven bovates in Thurvaston ("Thurnod") together with the lands previously delivered to him to erect his buildings thereon and to plant his orchards. Roger gave a gold ring to Margaret, in whose inheritance these lands were situated, on the day he married Felicia. The witnesses to the grant were, on the part of Nicholas, William (de Gresley) his brother; Roger the Archdeacon; Alexander the dean; Reginald de Boyleston; Robert f. Geoffrey; William f. Herbert; Ralph de Sacheverel; Robert de Landa; Ralph de S. Quintin; William f. Terri; William de Maneto. On the part of Roger, John, his nephew; Robert de Sumf.; Tero de Tun'; Richard de Frod'; Ralph de Haia; and Andrew f. Edric. (*Lansd. MSS.* 203, 24*b*). Between 1126-29 Margaret, wife of Nicholas f. Nigel, granted in frankalmoign to the church and canons of S. Mary of Kenilworth ("Kining") the church of Longford, situated in her patrimony. Nicholas, her husband, had maintained this her gift for many years; later he had disturbed the canons' possession. Nearing death he restored it to their use and Margaret now confirms her husband's gift. The witnesses were: Simon, her son; Master William "entim"; Ralph de Sacheverel; Roger f. William; Richard de Clifona; Reginald, serjeant of the canons of Calwich priory. (*Harl. MSS.* 3650, 58, 59, *Cf. D.M. II, 119, 1*b**). The grant preceding Margaret's in this manuscript is given as follows in the Monasticon. Nicholas de Grisseleia, with the consent of William his brother and of Margaret his wife, granted to the church of S. Mary de "Kiningwurd," for the soul of his father Nigel, the church of Longford which is of his

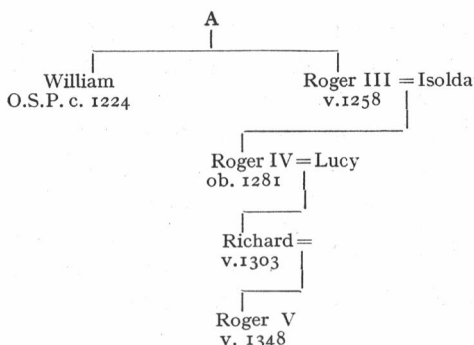
wife's inheritance, which aln Margaret his wife gave them, with the consent of Geoffrey Camerarius, founder of Kenilworth, under whose custody Margaret was for some time. Ralph, prior of Stones; John propheta; and Ralph de S. Quintin attested. (*D.M. II*, 119, 33*a*). In 1130 Geoffrey the chancellor accounted for £4. 16. 8. of the old firm of the bishopric of Chester. (*R.Pip.* 31 *Hen. I*, 140). The see of Chester was vacant from August, 1126 until December, 1129, and its temporalities were in the king's hand. Geoffrey de Clinton was the *custos* and it was during this period that Margaret de Bupton as a minor holding of the bishop became his ward. In 1166 Margaret de Bupton held two fees of the bishop of Chester. (*R.B.E.*, 263). These fees were Ellaston and Stanton Charnes, Staff. and Bupton (Longford) and Hopwell, Dbys. We know that Margaret was one of the two daughters and co-heirs of Ralph f. Ercald, the bishop's tenant of these fees and that her younger sister was married to a Sacheveral, who must have been the Ralph de Saltu Caprioli who attested the charters of Margaret and Nicholas quoted above. In 1197 the lands of Ralph f. Ercald were finally divided between the heirs of the two sisters, of whom Margaret de Bupton was one. (*R.Pip.* 9 *Ric. I*). Oliver f. Nigel, the grandson of Margaret received as his portion Bupton; Mammerton; Thurvaston and Woodhouse Farm; Ellaston with the exception of 8 bovates and the mill; Stanton; Calwich and Prestwood. John Sacheverell as the heir of the other sister obtained Hopwell and the remaining manors in Derbyshire; part of Cheadle; Northwood and 8 bovates in Ellaston. John's lands were to be held of Oliver f. Nigel as the heir of the first-born. (*Staff. Coll. I*, 153). Before 1149 Nicholas f. Nigel founded a Priory of Austin canons at Calwich in the parish of Ellaston. He, with Margery his wife, granted this priory with its lands to Kenilworth. Between 1140-1150 Nicholas attested a

charter of Nicholas de Stafford (*Ib. II, i, 219*). He died about 1150 having had issue by Margaret three sons: Nigel, his heir; (A) Ralph; (B) Simon; and a daughter Felicia. Ralph f. Nicholas is dealt with in another paper. Of Simon nothing is known beyond the reference to him above.

C. Felicia the daughter, married to Roger Duredent, became the ancestress of a family which endured in Derbyshire for a long period. I imagine that Roger was a brother of Walter Duredent, bishop of Coventry in 1149-59. The bishop had a brother Rabel Duredent whom he enfeoffed in Wall, Staffs. and who attested a grant of the bishop in 1150-52. Rabel was living in 1167. (*Staff. Coll. I, 47: II, i, 95: III, i, 182*). Felicia's husband attested a charter of Robert de Bachepus about 1160 (*J. 238*) and was living in 1199 when he and three other knights failed to appear in Court. (*R.C.R. 225*). Roger and Felicia appear to have had a son Roger who in turn had two sons William and Nicholas and a daughter Felicia, living in 1227. (*Staff. Coll. IV, i, 66*). In October, 1201 William Duredent in Sawley was impleading Hugh de Loges and Margery his wife in respect of certain land. (*Ib. III, i, 74*). As a result of this suit Hugh granted William one hide in Fisherwick, Staffs. (*Ib. 76: IV, i, 232*). William died without issue about 1224 and was succeeded by his brother Nicholas, who refused to do homage for his land in Fisherwick to Hugh f. Hugh de Loges. (*Ib.*). Nicholas died in 1236 and Hugh de Loges remitted to Alexander, bishop of Coventry, all claim to the custody of the land and marriage of his heir. (*Ib. 252*). In 1258 Roger, son and heir of Nicholas, released to Nigel de Longford his right of estover in Nigel's park and in his other woods in Longford, and Nigel grants to Roger a marc of annual rent from his watermill in Longford called Bubbedonmiln. (*J. 1557*). Roger held land in Cleyhill, subject to a rent of

two shillings and a pair of gilt spurs to the church of Lichfield, and granted it to his son Roger. (*Staff. Coll. VI, 146*). Roger granted to Darley the burgage in Derby which he had bought from Philip Swartbrond out of his and his wife's money for the use of Isolda his wife. (*C. Dar. 61d*). He probably died between 1265-70. Roger his son succeeded him and in 1281 released to Oliver de Longford all his rights in estovers in two woods of the said Oliver, called le Brentewode and le Parrok, in return for which Oliver granted Roger 30 acres in Brentwood. (*J. 1564*). He is found attesting three deeds. (*Ib. 1562, 1629, C. Ryd. 284*). About 1274 Roger Duredent, serjeant of William de Boyvill the escheator, seized the manor of Nigel de Longford into the king's hand. In January, 1282 Lucy, widow of Roger Duredent sought against Richard f. Roger one-third of 10 messuages, nine cottages and 270 acres in Fisherwick as her dower. (*S. Coll. VI, i, 121*). In December, 1282 Richard f. Roger Durdent granted Roger de Mercinton 30 acres in Longford for the rent of a rose. (*J. 1567*). This is suggestive of a marriage with a daughter. Richard was living in 1303 (*J. 1630*) and was succeeded by a son Roger. In 1331 John de Bakepuz conveyed to Roger Durdent 54 acres and a fourth of a messuage in Nether Thurvaston which he held of Richard Durdent Roger's father. (*J. 2321*). Roger was living in 1348. (*Ib. 1576, 1578*). Whether the John Durdent of Sudbury, who signed various charters about 1379-1401, was a descendant of Roger is uncertain. We are able to give the following tentative descent of this junior branch of the Duredent family.

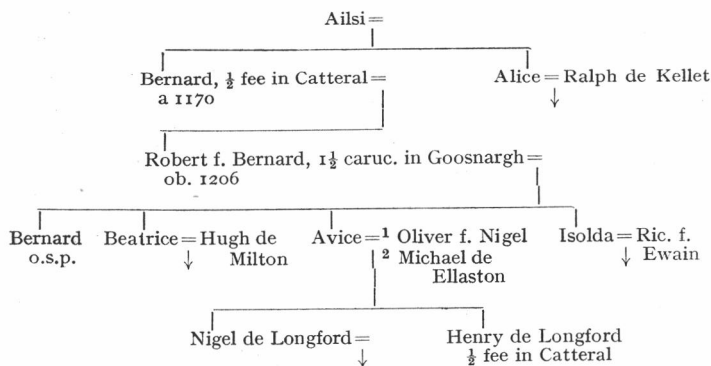




II. NIGEL I. In 1169 Nigel de Bupton was amerced a marc. (*R. Pip.* 15 *Hen. II*). About 1177 Nigel f. Nicholas attested the charter of Roger, abbot of Burton, accepting the homage of Robert f. Uviett for the manor of Leigh, Staffs. (*Staff. Coll.* III, i, 277). He also witnessed a grant by John de Boschervill to John de Bachepuse. (*Dan.* 338). In 1223 the king received from Hugh de Longford, a knight of the earl of Chester, Owen and Griffin, sons of Wenunuen. (*R. Pat. Hen. III*, 19 July). These were the sons of Gwenwynwyn, prince of Higher Powis, who held Ashford of the king and died about 1216. (*A.S. II*, 111). It is possible that Hugh may have been some connection of Nigel's, but I rather doubt it. Nigel was dead before Michaelmas 1197 as his son Oliver participated in the division of the inheritance of Nigel's mother, Margaret.

III. OLIVER I or Oliver de Bupton, has already been mentioned and the extent of his inheritance made clear. The division of the Fitz Ercald lands was made at Nottingham before William Briwerre, the Sheriff, and confirmed by a final concord in which John de Sacheverel quitclaimed to Oliver f. Nigel de Bupton all his rights in Bupton, Mammerton in Thurvaston and Ellaston (not Allexton, Leics. as Mr. Jeayes suggests). The witnesses included,

Henry, the sub-Sheriff; William de Leake; William de Rouen, Hubert f. Ralph; Simon Tuschet; Robert de Muschamp; Thomas Dispenser; Sewal de Munjai; William de Verdun and Hugh de Okeover. (*J.* 1554). At Michaelmas, 1203, Oliver f. Nigel with other knights elected twelve knights to form a great assize. (*R.C.R. III*, 35). From the Cockersand Chartulary we learn that Oliver's wife was Avice, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Robert f. Bernard de Catteral. (*C. Cock*, 324*n.* 1, 248). The following chart gives the connection with this family. (Cf. *R.Obl.*, 353).



Oliver died in 1207 for in that year Henry, archdeacon of Stafford, gave 50 marcs and two palfreys for having the custody of the lands and heir of Oliver f. Nigel and for the marriage of Avice, widow of Oliver. (*R.Obl.*, 378: *Staff. Coll. II*, i, 143). Oliver appears to have left two sons, Nigel, his heir and Henry, noted above. The John f. Oliver who gave 20 shillings for a writ *de recto* may have been a son also. (*R.Obl.*, 409).

IV. NIGEL II DE LONGFORD, must have been quite young at the date of his father's death, as in 1219 Philip Mark paid 20 marcs for having his marriage. (*R.Pip. Y. 3 Hen. III*). He was married to Cecilia,

daughter of Matthew de Hathersage I, and sister and co-heir of her brother Matthew II. In 1242-3 Nigel de Longford held one fee in Hopwell of the old enfeoffment. (*B.F.* 984). He was dead by October, 1248, for in that month the king received the homage of Nigel de Longford for the four bovates in Goosnargh which Avice f. Robert f. Bernard, the grandmother of Nigel, held in chief. (*Exc. II*, 44). A William de Longford, in July, 1255, and Johanna his wife gave 20 shillings for an assize of novel disseisin in Withington. (*Exc. II*, 212). William is found with Nigel de Longford and Richard Fitun de Bentley, witnessing a deed of Robert de la Milneton. (*J.* 2009). In 1269 William de Longford released to Roger de Mercinton common of pasture and permission to enclose lands between Yeaveley, Rodsley and Longford. (*Ib.* 2711). Some years later William, son and heir of William de Longford, granted to William de Meygnill, lord of Yeaveley, the homage and service of Thomas Golding and Johanna his wife. (*Ib.* 2712). In 1271 William de Longford attested a charter of William f. Herbert. (*C. Ryd.* 284).

V. NIGEL III DE LONGFORD received a grant of free warren in 1252 in Longford and Ellaston. (*J.* 1555). In 1258 he obtained from Roger Duredent the release of rights of estover in his park at Longford. (*Ib.* 1557). About 1260 he made a grant of lands in Didsbury, Lancs. (*V.C.H. Lancs.* IV, 288). In 1269 he covenanted with Roger de Mercinton and Elianor his wife not to sell Brentwood wood in Longford without the said Roger's permission. (*J.* 1558). Roger de Mercinton and Eleanor his wife had received from Nigel a grant of the whole vill of Mammerton for life at some date anterior to 1272. (*Ib.* 1629). Nigel f. Nigel de Longford granted to Michael de Longford land in Burley in Longford. (*Ib.* 1563). In 1259 the king took the homage of Nigel de Longford



and Matilda de Goushill as the nearest heirs of Matthew de Hathersage. (*Exc. II*, 299). Other references to Nigel will be found in *Chart. Ruff.* 273: *F.H.D.* III, 205: *J.* 332, 1559, 1560, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008. He died in 1274 for his manor of Longford was taken into the king's hand in that year by the escheator. (*R. Hund. I*, 59a). His wife's name appears to have been Margery, for in 1299-1300 the lands of Margery de Longford were taken into the king's hand. (*R.Orig.* 111b).

VI. OLIVER II DE LONGFORD. Oliver de Longford, son and heir of Nigel de Longford had livery of his lands in 1274. (*H.K.F.I.* 177, where the date is misprinted as 1294). At Easter, 1281, Adam de Stanel' and Cassandra his wife granted to Geoffrey de Beighton and Johanna his wife a messuage, 2 carucates of land and six shillings rent in Whitwell. Oliver de Longford, Simon de Goushill and Walter de Goushill put in their claims. (*D.A.J. XII*, 34). Oliver, son and heir of Sir Nigel de Longford and Simon de Goushill, son of dame Matilda de Goushill, confirmed to Welbeck the gifts of Matthew de Hathersage. (*C. Welb.* 122d, 123). Oliver died in or before November, 1282, holding the manors of Barborough, Hathersage, Killamarsh, Longford, Whitwell and Totley. (*I.P.M. I*, 78, 83. See also *H.K.F. I*, 177: *J.* 1198, 1565, 1566: *R. Hun. I*, 59a). In June, 1284, Agnes, widow of Oliver de Longford, sued William de Caverswell for one-third of 13 marcs rent in Ellaston. (*Gen. XXI*, 260: *C.Ryd.*, 279, 286). Oliver was succeeded by his son John, who was a minor at his father's death and the custody of whom was given to Sir John Byron. John held Withington, Lancs., for life and his daughter, Johanna, married John de Longford. John was dead in 1304 and for further information concerning him and his descendants the following references should be consulted. (*V.C.H., Lancs. IV*, 288, seq. which carries John's issue

to the failure of heirs male: Ab.Pl. 222, 228: B.F. 1320: D.M. New. V, 113: F.Aids: I.P.M. IV, 127: Q.W., 377: Thor. III, 145).

Ab.Pl.	Abbreviatio Placitorum. Record Com., 1811.
A.S.	Antiquities of Shropshire. R. W. Eyton.
B.F.	Book of Fees. Rolls Series.
C.Cock.	Cockersand Chartulary, Cheetham Soc.
C.Dar.	Darley Abbey Chartulary. Titus C. IX, B. Museum.
C.Ryd.	Rydware Chartulary. Staff. Collec. XVI.
C.Welb.	Welbeck Chartulary. Harl. MSS. 3640.
Dan.	Danelaw Charters. F. M. Stenton.
D.A.J.	Derbyshire Arch. Journal.
D.M.	Dugdale's Monasticon. Ed. 1655.
Exc.	Excerpta e Rotulis Finium. Record Com.
F.A.	Feudal Aids. Dep. Keeper Records.
Gen.	The Genealogist.
Harl. MSS.	Harleian MSS. B. Museum.
H.K.F.	Honors and Knights Fees. W. Farrer.
I.P.M.	Inquisitions Post Mortem. Dep. Keeper Rec.
Lans. MSS.	Lansdown MSS.
Q.W.	Placita de Quo Waranto. Rec. Com.
R.B.E.	Red Book of the Exchequer ed Hall.
R.C.R.	Rot. Cur-Regis. Pipe Roll Soc.
R.Hund.	Rot. Hundredorum. Rec. Com.
R.Obl.	Rot. de Oblatis et Finibus. Rec. Com.
R.Pat.	Rot. Lit. Patentium. Rec. Com. etc.
R.Pip.	Pipe Roll Soc.
Staff. Col.	Salt Society.
Tho.	Thoroton's Notts.
V.C.H.	Victoria County History.