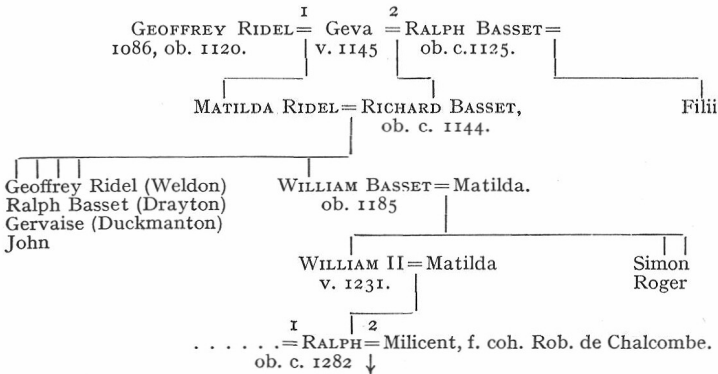


Basset of Langwith, Cheadle and Sapcote, 1086-1282.

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I. In 1086 GEOFFREY held under Ralph f. Hubert a manor of 4 carucates and 2 bovates in Duckmanton. (*V.C.H. I.* 349*a*). In Stoney Middleton Ralph f. Hubert held 1 carucate and 2 parts of Middleton, a berewick of Hathersage. No under-tenant was named. (*Ibid.*, 349*b*, 350*a*). Geoffrey may be identified with Geoffrey Ridel, *Justiciarius totius Angliæ*, who perished in the White Ship on November 5, 1120. (*Itin.* 513). He married Geva, daughter of Hugh, earl of Chester, and left by her an only daughter, Matilda. Geva was remarried to Ralph Basset, also Justiciar of England, and had by him a son, Richard. Ralph Basset had other sons the issue of a former marriage, I imagine. Ralph the Justiciar died about 1125. Such well established facts call for no references to prove them,

but the Stafford Collections (III. i, 187 *seq.*) contain some early Basset charters which should be consulted.

II. MATILDA RIDEL was married by Hen. I to Richard Basset. Before 1144 Richard Basset and Matilda, his wife, founded La Launde abbey and endowed it with the church of Colston Basset. (*D.M.* II, 90). Richard died *c.* 1144-46 leaving 5 sons; Geoffrey Ridel; Ralph Basset de Drayton; William Basset de Cheadle and Langwith Basset; Gervaise Basset de Duckmanton; (*Staff. Coll.* III, i, 187) and I think John. (*Dan.* 337). It is possible that Matilda Ridel was remarried to Sewal f. Fulcher after the death of her husband. (*S. Coll.* III. i, 187).

III. WILLIAM BASSET. I. About 1150 William Basset attested the charter of his brother Geoffrey Ridel granting Colston Basset and other manors to Ralph the brother of both. (*Ib.* 185, 189; *cf.* *J.* 1078). In 1176 Osbert Basewin, a tenant of Robert de Stafford in Lincs. and Staffs., granted Cheadle to William Basset to be held of William de Gretford for the fee of a Knight and a besant. (*Ib.* 225). This grant was witnessed by Philip de Kyme; Richard Basset; and Gerard de Normanville. In 1166 Geoffrey Ridel held 2½ fees of Hubert f. Ralph (*R.B.E.* 343) which included Langwith Basset, Duckmanton and Stoney Middleton. I imagine that he enfeoffed his brother William therein as later extracts will prove that they were held by William's descendants. In 1164 repayment was made to William Basset, sheriff of Leics., of the sum of 60s. 1d. which had been taken from his firm for the debt of his brother Ralph. (*R. Pip.* 10 *Hen.* II, 28). William was sheriff of Leics. from 1162-70 and sheriff of Lincs. in 1177-80. About 1155 William Basset attested a grant of Nicholas de Areci to Newhouse (*Dan.* 213) and *circ.* 1162-70 William Basset, sheriff of Leics., and Richard Basset witnessed a charter of William de Evermu

(*Rut. MSS.* 5). In 1177 William f. Ralph, William Basset and Michael Belet accounted for the aids of burghs and vills in the county of Derbyshire and the Honour of the Peak. (*R. Pip.* 23 *Hen. II*). William held Pleas as a Justice Itinerant during 1168-82 and sat in the Curia Regis when not otherwise employed from 1168 to May 31, 1185. (*D.N.B.*). Rounds states that he settled at Sapcote and was the father of Simon Basset, Justice Itinerant in 1197-8. (*Ib.*). William died about 1185 having had issue by his wife Matilda, William, his heir and (A) Simon and (B) Roger. His wife may possibly have been a sister of Robert Walensis. (*C.R.R. III.* 113).

(A) Simon. A full account of this son belongs to the Avenel pedigree. It is probable that the Roger f. William and Simon his brother, who, with Roger de Amundevill and Alan f. Mainfeninus and others, attested a charter of Bertram de Verdun before 1192 refer to William's sons. (*G.C.M.* 5).

(B) Roger. We are told that William de Ferrars enfeoffed Roger Basset with 2 virgates in Stapleford for 2sh. and that Roger transferred them to William de Harston who gave them to Henry, rector of Stapleford. Henry died in seisin thereof and Roger de Eston, his brother, inherited them. (*Nicholls, Leic. II, i, App.* 87b).

IV. WILLIAM II. comes into notice in 1194 when Hugh Bardolf, as the escheator, returns account of 16sh. for the issue of Metherringham of William f. William Basset for $\frac{1}{4}$ of a year. (*R. Pip.* 6 *Ric. I*, 15). In the same year in Staffs. Hugh accounted for 35sh. for the rent of William Basset in Cheadle for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year. (*Ib.* 14). In the same year also the sheriff accounted for 23sh. for corn sold in Langwith. (*Ib.* 81). In 1195 the escheator accounted for 38sh. 7d. of the issue of Metherringham of William f. William Basset in Lincs. (*R. Pip.* 7 *Ric. I* 33), and in Staffs. for 40sh. of the rent of William Basset in Cheadle.

(*Ib.* 32). In the same year William Basset owed 80 marcs for 20 librates in Lincs, having been disseised because he was in the service of earl John (*Ib.* 166). In Notts and Derbyshire William Basset accounted for 40 marcs for having seisin of all his lands in Derbyshire. He paid 10 marcs and owed 30 marcs. The reason given for his disseisin was that he had been with earl John. (*Ib.* 21). No reference is made to any seisure of land in Leics., but he certainly held land in that county because his debts to Aaron the Jew in Staffs. are referred to in 1196 as being required in Leics. (*S. Coll.* III, 58). In 1194 Osbert Luvele owed $2\frac{1}{2}$ marcs in Lincs. by charter of William Basset to Aaron the Jew. (*R. Pip.* 6 *Ric.* I. 97). In 1195, under Leics., William is returned as owing $8\frac{1}{2}$ marcs to Aaron by one charter, 100sh. by a second and 100sh. by a third. (*Ib.*, 7 *Ric.* I, 187). In 1201 William Basset owed for the debts of Aaron 20 marcs and he was not quit of his debt until 1207. (*S. Coll.* III. i, 81, 93, 102, 108, 120, 125, 135). In 1202 William Basset and Matilda his wife, quitclaimed to Roger, prior of Kime, the advowson of Metheringham. (*Ib.*, III, i, 35). In 1197 Alice de Bec sought against him the advowson of Cheadle Church. (*Ib.*). In 1205 William Basset accounted for 15 marcs in Derbyshire. (*R. Obl.* 258). After the death of his brother Simon he obtained possession of Copecastel mill in Derby and sold it to Robert le Bey. (*C. Dar.* 5). In 1212 William Basset held 2 fees in Metheringham of the heirs of Oliver de Aincurt, and Baldwin Wake held $\frac{1}{3}$ fee in the same vill which Emma de Lisuris then held. (*B.F.* 178). In 1230 William f. William Briwere granted to William Basset certain holdings and men in Newbold and Barlow with 65 acres in Chesterfield. (*R. Chart.* I 116). In 1219 William f. William Basset and others held inquisitions for the forests of Derbyshire. (*R. Pip.* Y. 23 *Hen.* III). In 1225 the prior of Lenton, William Basset, William de Vernon and Walter de Eastwood were

the Justices in Eyre at Nottingham. (*J.* 682, 1697). In 1229 he with Geoffrey de Musters, W. de Heriz and Roger de Aincurt were appointed Justices of assize. (*R. Pat. Hen. III.* 9, 11, 1229). In 1231 William Basset de Langwith and three others were appointed Justices. (*Ib.* 444). William Basset granted with his body 1 marc rent in Newbold and Barlow to Welbeck to be paid by Robert f. Robert de Newbold out of his rent. Matilda, William's wife, is named in this grant. (*C. Welb.*, 3). William died after 1231 and was succeeded by Ralph, his son, who in 1234 as Ralph Basset son and heir of William Basset offered £30 for the firm of Bolsover. (*R. Pip. Y.* 18 *Hen. III.*). In 1242-3 Ralph Basset held the following fees: 1 in Langwith of the old enfeoffment of Oliver de Aincurt; 2 fees of old enfeoffment in Metheringham of the same Oliver; $\frac{1}{3}$ fee of old enfeoffment in Metheringham of Hugh Wac; 1 fee in Stapleford, Lincs., of earl David; 1 fee of old enfeoffment in Norton Disney of the same earl; and 1 fee, as Ralph Basset of Sapcote in Cheadle. William Dyseney was his tenant both in Stapleford and Norton. (*B.F.* 981, 989, 1042, 1046, 1078, 1085). In 1245 Ralph Basset of Sapcote had a grant of free warren in his manors of Langwith and Cheadle. (*R. Chart. I.*, 287). In 1284-6 Henry Pierpoint held Langwith for life for $\frac{1}{2}$ fee of Simon Basset and he of Edmund de Aincurt. (*F.A. I.* 260). For a full account of this Ralph and his descendants see the Complete Peerage. For an account of the Disney family see Honors and Knights' Fees. (*II*, 310, 415).

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ABBREVIATIONS.

B.F.	Book of Fees, Rolls Series.
C. Dar.	Chartulary of Darley Abbey, Titus c. ix, Brit. Museum.
C.R.R.	Curia Regis Rolls, Deputy Keeper Records.
C. Welb.	Chartulary Welbeck Abbey, Harl. MSS., B. Museum.

- Dan. Danelaw Charters, F. M. Stenton.
 D.M. Dugdale's Monasticon; Ed. 1655-83.
 D.N.B. Dic. National Biography.
 F.A. Feudal Aids, Dep. Keep. Records.
 G.C.M. Charters and Muniments of Gresley Family;
 I. H. Jeayes, 1895.
 Itin. Itinerary Hen. I, W. Farrer, Eng. Hist.
 Review xxxiv, 383-505.
 R.B.E. Red Book of the Exchequer, ed. Hall.
 J. Derbyshire Charters, I. H. Jeayes, 1906.
 R. Chart. Rot. Chartarum, Rec. Com. & Dep. Keep.
 Records.
 R. Obl. Rot. de Oblatis et Finibus, Rec. Comm.
 R. Pat. Rot. Lit. Patentium, Rec. Com. & Dep.
 Keeper Records.
 R. Pip. Magna Rot. Pip., Rec. Com. & Pipe Roll
 Society.
 R. Pip. Y. Yeatman's Extracts in Feudal Hist., Derby-
 shire.
 Rut. M. Rutland MSS., Hist. MSS. Commission IV.
 Staff. Coll. Salt Society Publications.
 V.C.H. Victorian County Hist., Derbyshire.