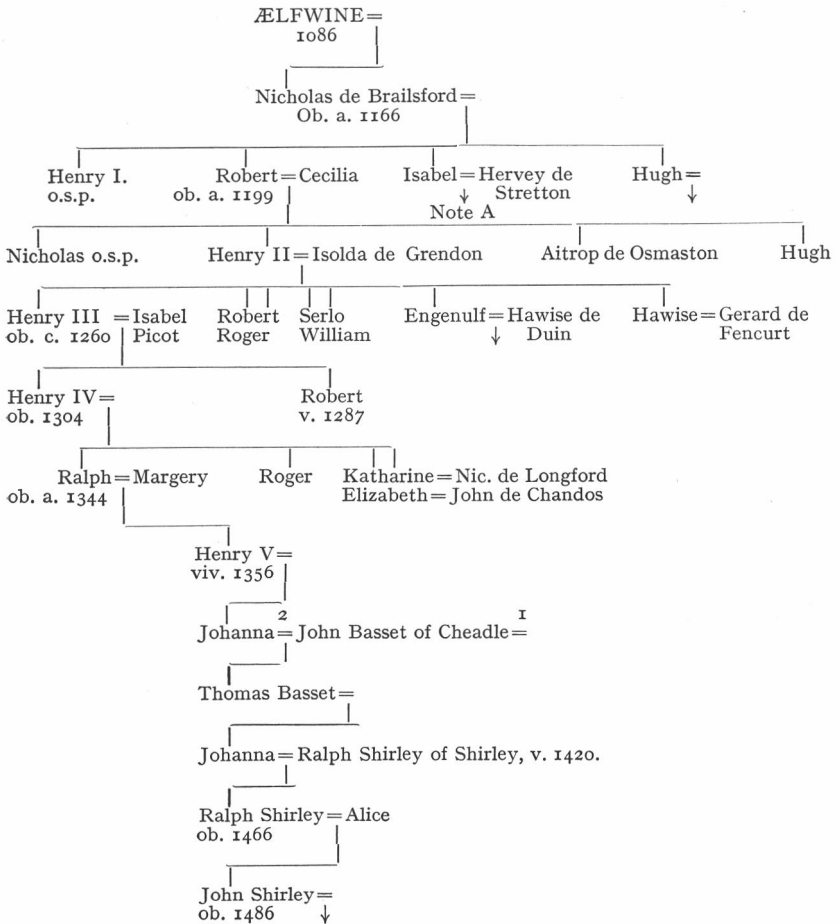


The Brailsfords.

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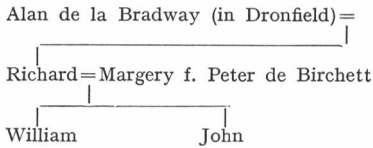


I. ÆLFWINE. In 1086 Elfin held of Henry de Ferrars a manor in Brailsford, with a priest, half a church and a mill, with 3 bovates soc in Hollington and Shirley. Henry de Ferrars also held of the King a manor of $1\frac{1}{2}$ carucates in Hollington, with no undertenant. Elfin also held of Henry 2 manors of a carucate each in Osmaston; and a manor of 5 bovates in Lower Thurvaston and Bupton. (*V.C.H. Derb. I.*, 340a, 342a). The king held, as soc of his manor of Newbold, $\frac{1}{3}$ carucate in Unstone; 2 carucates in Wingerworth; and 1 carucate in Dronfield. (*Ib.* 329b). In 1086 Henry de Ferrars had soc and sac, thol and thaim and the king's dues of the two pennies over Ednaston, Doveridge and Brailsford. As Doveridge was given to Tutbury by Berta, wife of Henry (*D.M. I.*, 354), it would appear to have been part of her inheritance. Earl Edwin held Doveridge in the days of Edward the Confessor and if Ednaston and Brailsford were also portions of Berta's inheritance it would explain her husband's rights in those villis and possibly suggest the family from which she came. About 1139 Robert II de Ferrars confirmed to Tutbury the possession of Osmaston which Alfinus de Breleford gave them with the consent of his lord, Robert's father, and of Nicholas, the son of Alfinus. (*Ib.* 355, 16a). In the Tutbury Chartulary an undated record of a suit in which the priory claimed two parts of the sheaves and stooks pertaining to the demesne of Sir Henry de Braylesford which Elfin de Braylesford formerly gave to Tutbury in the vill of Nether Thurvaston; and two parts of the tithe of a field called le Poughe in the same vill which Robert de S. Quintin gave to Tutbury at a date beyond the memory of man; and two parts of the tithe of sheaves and stooks of the demesne once the earl of Ferrars and later of William Meignell, knight, in the vill of Hollington; and two thirds of the tithe of 'Randolferudding' and 'Wallesley' in the same vill within the bounds of Longford parish; and two parts of the tithe due from a field

called 'Caovelandes' in Thurvaston, also in Longford. (*C. Tut. f.* 144). Nothing has been discovered which directly affects Ælfwine, which I imagine to be the correct form of "Elfin." He probably died early in the twelfth century leaving Nicholas as his son and heir.

II. NICHOLAS DE BRAILSFORD was, as we have seen, a consenting party to his father's benefaction to Tutbury. Before 1148 Nicholas de Braylisford and Henry, his son informed Roger, bishop of Chester, and Robert, earl Ferrars, that they had confirmed to Darley the service of their meadow between Derby and Markeaton, which Swanus de Winlega held of them. (*C. Dar.* 137d). In the Ferrar's return of 1166 it is stated that Nicholas de Brailesford had been enfeoffed by Robert I in one fee before 1139 and that Henry his son was holding it in 1166 (*R.B.E.* 338). The Brailsfords certainly held also the one third of a carucate in Unstone, the 2 carucates in Wingerworth and the carucate in Dronfield which appear in 1086 as soc of the king's manor of Newbold, but there is no evidence as to when they were enfeoffed. The carucate in Dronfield appears to be represented by the manor of Birchett, which carried with it the right of presentation to the Church of Newbold. Nicholas was dead before 1166 leaving three sons Henry and Robert, who both held his fees; (A) Hugh; and a daughter Isabel who is dealt with in the note on Isabel de Stretton at the end of this article.

(A) Hugh the son of Nicholas appears once as a witness to a deed of his nephew Henry (*Rut. MSS.* 54). The Peter, nephew of Robert, who attested the Charter of Robert f. Nicholas de Wingerworth was probably his nephew, the son of Hugh. If this be so the following descent obtained from the Beauchief Chartulary (*H.B.* 144) is of interest:



A Peter de Bircheved attested a charter of Ralph, son and heir of Robert de Eccleshale (*ib.* 145) and is possibly the same person who, with Roger, abbot of Beauchief, witnessed a deed about 1268. (*J.* 131, cf. 2341, 2342).

III. HENRY I. Succeeded his father before 1166 and confirmed his father's gift to Darley. (*D.M.* II, 231, 7a). He appears to have died without living issue. His brother Robert attested a charter of earl William Ferrars about 1170. (*C.D.F.* 585, 586. *Round dates* 585 as about 1160, but Henry was certainly living in 1166).

IV. ROBERT succeeded his brother Henry and granted to Tutbury, for the souls of his father and mother and of Henry, his brother, 40 acres in Thurvaston, 35 *wainabiles* and acres of meadow, etc. and all commons which were of the said vill in the time of Dolfin (*sic*), his grandfather, and of Nicholas his father. He also gave 2 bovates in Thurvaston free of all secular services. (*C. Tut.* f. 58). Robert f. Nicholas de Wingerworth, with the assent of Nicholas, his son and heir, granted to Sempringham all his share of a meadow called 'Hawepolerisches' and 4 acres in 'Langgehalekerin' to hold as the brethren there had held them in the time of his brother. He did this for the souls of his father and mother and the soul of Cecily, his wife. The witnesses to this grant included Robert de Alvers; Peter, nephew of Robert; Hugh f. Roger; Robert de Wingerworth; and Stephen the rector. (*Rut. Mss.* 54). Robert died at some date before 1199, his eldest son, Nicholas, having apparently pre-deceased him. He left Henry, his heir, and two younger sons (A) Aitrop; and (B) Hugh.

(A) Aitrop. Before 1160 a Robert, knight of Osmaston, with Ralph f. Geremund and others were on an Inquisition in Derby. (*C. Dar.* 56). This may possibly refer to Robert de Wingerworth, who in 1170 was known as Robert de Brailsford. Between 1191-1211 Henry de Brailsford and Eutropius de Osmundeston attested a charter of Hugh de Okeover. (*S. Coll. VII N.S.* 137). It is suggested that Eutrop was enfeoffed in Osmaston. In a fine enrolled on April 19, 1226, Nicholas, prior of Tutbury, granted to Odinel de Forde the manor of Osmaston in fee at a rent of 30 shillings per annum. Henry f. Ailtrop and Henry de Ryhel, as tenants, vouching to warranty. (*D.F.*). Henry de Ruhall dying without issue his three sisters became his heirs. Emma married a Robert f. Robert de Ruhall; Agnes married a husband whose name remains unknown; and Margaret was unmarried. There was a place called "Ruele" in the demesne of Henry de Brailsford which paid tithe to Tutbury. (*C. Tut.* 152, 247, 248, 262). Between 1268-69 Haytrop de Osmaston and Richard f. Hervey de Stretton witnessed a deed under which Matthew de Kniveton held lands in Bradley. (*J.* 399). This Aitrop, I imagine, was a son of Henry f. Aitrop. In 1287 Adelina, widow of Atropius de Osmaston impleaded Robert de Brailsford for the death of her husband. (*C.I.M. I.* 1416). I have not traced the descent of this manor any further, but in 1431 John Francis of Ticknall held a free tenement here in socage of the value of £4. 13s. 4d.; John Bradshaw held a similar tenement of the value of £3; John Bothe held 3s. 4d.; and John Francis of Kirk Langley held 6s. 8d. (*F.A. I.* 304).

(B.) Hugh. At Michaelmas 1199 Henry de Brailsford returned account of 50 marcs as surety for his brother Hugh accused of robbery and burglary and whom he did not produce. He paid into the treasury £7 and owed 39½ marcs. (*R.Pip.* 1, *John*, 208, 209). The full amount was

paid before the following Michaelmas. Adam de Edensor Robert de Sacheverell, David de Calvin, Aitrop de Brailsford, Maurice Hastings, Adam de Offerton, Robert de Chatworth, Nicholas de Cavelunt, Adam de Tuppeton and Adam de Huleton all providing certain sums. (*Ib.* 2 *John*, 15). He is found attesting a charter of his brother Henry. (*Rut. MSS.* 54). He was apparently the rector of Dronfield and was succeeded in that benefice by Thomas his son. Henry f. Robert de Brailsford granted to Thomas the clerk, son of Hugh the church of Dronfield. The grant was witnessed by Hugh, rector; William, clerk of Grendon; Walter de Aincurt; Ingeram de Brampton; Maurice Hastang; Nicholas de Caveland; and Aitrop his brother. (*H.B.* 94). The Hugh de Dronfield who attested a letter of Ivo, archdeacon of Derby, was evidently the rector. (*J.* 1080). Nicholas de Caveland which I imagine represents Culland in Brailsford, was most probably a younger brother of Aitrop of whom nothing is known.

V. HENRY II. The date of his accession to his father's estates is uncertain. It certainly occurred before 1199. He confirmed his father's grant to Sempringham the witnesses being Hugh f. Nicholas (de Culland?) and Hugh the grantor's brother (*Rut. MSS.* 54). A Henry de Brailsford occurs in 1188 among the witnesses of a grant by Serlo de Grendon. (*J.* 396). In 1216 he and Robert de Vernon were with earl Ferrars in the king's service and were especially protected from any molestation by the king's writ. (*R. Lit. Claus.* 17 *John*). Early in the thirteenth century William, earl Ferrars; Reginald de Karliolo, dapifer; Henry de Brailsford; William de Grendon; Nicholas de Cavelonde and others witnessed the agreement made between B(artholomew), prior of Tutbury, and Hugh de Okeover with respect to the latter's grant of Snelston to his brother Geoffrey. (*C. Tut.* *cccv*)

J. 2125). Henry's association with the Grendons arose from his marriage with Isolda, one of the three daughters and co-heirs of Serlo de Grendon. (*H.B.* 94). It is possible that after Henry's death his widow was re-married to Elias de Jorz, for, in 1259, Elias de Jorz and Isolda, his wife, granted to Ralph Bugge $3\frac{1}{2}$ bovates in Woodthorpe. (*D.F.* 1259). In 1235-6 Henry de Brailsford granted certain lands to Mary, widow of Ralph de Brailsford, of whom I know nothing. (*F.H.D.* I. 449). Henry appears as a witness to various deeds. (*J.* 135, 1351, 1520) and died about 1242-3. He left four sons; Henry, his heir; (A) Engenulf; (B.) William, Roger and Serlo. He had also a daughter Hawise (C.).

(A.) Engenulf married Hawise f. Robert de Duin. (*H.B.* 94), and dowered her with land in Bradley, part of his mother's inheritance I presume. Hawise appears to have been thrice married, for after 1233 she was the wife of Walter de Stretton, and about 1258 was re-married to Alexander de Ramsey. After the death of Serlo f. Serlo de Grendon Engenulf f. Henry de Brailsford confirmed to Dale the gift which William de Grendon and Serlo his brother, Engenulf's uncles, had made of land in Ockbrook. (*C. Dale* 15). About 1232 Engeluf de Brailsford attested a grant by William f. William le Burgulun to Thomas de Curzon. (*J.* 1503). He also witnessed a charter of Nicholas, prior of Tutbury, with Sir Robert de Ashbourne, seneschal of earl Ferrars, Nicholas de Caveland and Adam his brother. (*F.H.D.* IV, 159; *J.* 2718). He appears to have had a son of the same name as, before 1259, Richard f. Hervey de Stretton remitted to Engenulf all his rights in the advowson of Dronfield Church. This grant was witnessed by Matthew de Haversegg; Leodegar de Dive; Robert de Duin and others. (*H.B.* 93). Pegge states that Engenulf was the brother of the existing rector. An entry in the Tutbury chartulary supports this as Sir Henry f. Engelard de Brailsford remitted to the priory all

his claims in the vill of Osmaston, except the patronage of the Chapel there which pertained to the mother church of Brailsford. (*C. Tut. cc*). Henry de Brailsford and, Engyllard de Brailsford both attested the grant of Roger de Bradley to King's Mead about 1296. (*J. 1520*).

(B.) William. The chief authority for giving William, Serlo and Roger as sons of Henry is the statement in the History of Beauchief (94), where it is also said that Roger was rector of Dronfield. (*I.P.M. VI*). Alexander de Curtlinge granted to Roger f. Roger de Brailsford a messuage in Hatton. (*J. 1361*). In 1263 a Robert brother of Henry de Brailsford is mentioned in the Pipe Roll. (*Y. 46 Hen. III*).

(C.) Hawise the daughter was married to Gerard de Fanecurt who, in 1242-3, held half a fee of a knight in Wingerworth. (*B.F. 995*).

VI. HENRY III. I have dated the death of Henry II 1242-3 but it is not certain. In that year a Henry de Brailsford held half a fee in Brailsford. (*B.F. 994*). Henry f. Robert the father of Henry III presented the church of Brailsford to Darley and between July, 1241 and February, 1245, a controversy arose over the presentation to this benefice between Walter, the abbot, and Henry, lord of Brailsford. The disputant must have been, one would imagine, the son of the donor. The date of this dispute is fixed by the intervention of Hugh de Pateshull, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield from 1240-44. The matter was settled by the abbot agreeing that the right of presentation should remain to Henry and his heirs for ever. (*C. Darley 137*). In 1252-3 Henry acted as Escheator of Derbyshire. (*R. Lit. Claus. 1251-53, 38, 213, 377*). In 1254 he gave a receipt for eight marcs which he had received from prior William of Tutbury out of the 16 marcs due to him for a fine and concord made between them in the "County" of Nottingham

after a duel waged, for services and customs which Henry claimed in the prior's manor of Ednaston. In August a receipt was given for the full sum. (*C. Tut. ccxxi*). He is said to have married Isabel, sister and heir of Ralph Picot. (*H.B.* 94). He witnessed various deeds between 1250-58. (*J.* 332, 1561, and *Radbourne Ch.* 15). The date of his death is uncertain. In July, 1287 a Robert de Brailsford was sued by Adeline, widow of Atropius de Osmaston. It would seem that, although outlawed, he was not guilty of the murder. (*C.I.M.* 1416). In 1284 Laurence de Rolleston, Robert de Brailsford and other tenants of Etwall were sued by William f. Henry de Legh for lands which Ralph Pipard had given Robert de Legh in free marriage with his sister. The Thomas de Brailsford, rector of Brailsford, living in 1281-1337 may have been a son of Henry, as well as the above mentioned Robert. (*F.H.D. II.* 317; *C. Der.* 137. d.; *J.* 366).

VII. HENRY IV was possibly a minor at his father's death as it was returned in 1275 that Walter Achard, by Maurice de S. Maur, seneschal of Edmund the king's brother, had taken two and a half marcs for respite of knighting. (*Rot. Hun. I.* 59a). In 1297 Henry held of the said Edmund one fee in Brailsford, with its church; Unstone in Dronfield, with the church there and Wingerworth. (*I.P.M. I.* 141, 303, 312). In 1280 Sir Henry de Brailsford, with others, held an enquiry into a dispute between Burton abbey and its tenants. (*C. Bur.* 85). In 1281 a composition was made between the same abbey and Henry de Brailsford, Robert de Stafford, Henry de Chandos and William de Caverswall and their tenants about enclosing waste lands. (*Rad. Ch. xii*). In 1283 Henry and Robert de Monjoye held an inquisition upon the action of Robert de S. Andrew who, as it was alleged, came to Borrowash (*Burgh*) by Spondon and carried away the goods of the Master of S. Lazarus of Burton. (*C.I.M.*

1298). In 1291 Elizabeth, a daughter of Henry de Brailsford, was married to John son and heir of Sir Henry de Chandos. John received one hundred pounds and all Henry's lands in Radbourne were settled upon Elizabeth. (*Rad. Ch. xvii, xviii*). A second daughter, Katharine, is said to have married Nicholas de Longford. (*C. Cock. f. 234, n*). On April 30, 1302, Henry and his heirs had a grant of free warren in all their demesne lands in Brailsford and Wingerworth. (*C. Chart. R. III, 24*). In the following year he was appointed to collect the aid for the marriage of the king's daughter. (*Ab. R.O. 128*). Between 1272 and 1304 he appears as a witness in several deeds. (*J. 113, 335, 928, 1568, 2287, 2712; C. Ryd. 286*). The Roger de Brailsford, chaplain, mentioned in 1316 and 1333 was probably his son. (*Rad. Ch. 6, 7*). The exact date of his death has not been established, but he was succeeded by his son Ralph.

VIII. RALPH was employed on several occasions in the king's service. On November 6, 1319 he was commissioned, with Robert de Touk, to levy the scutage in Derbyshire for the army of Scotland. (*C. Fin. III, 10*) On October 20, 1324 Henry de Fauconberg was ordered to hand over to him the office of Sheriff as from Michaelmas last; but on November 12th of the same year Ralph was instructed to meddle no further with the shrievalty as de Fauconberg had only been sent to Yorkshire temporarily. (*Ib. 309, 316*). In 1336 he and Richard, Foljambe were appointed the collectors of the subsidies and again in the following year. (*Ib. IV, 481, 505; V, 52, 54*). In 1330 he was called upon to prove his right to free warren in Brailsford and claimed that it had been granted to Henry, his father. (*Q.W. 141b*). In 1337 Thomas de Brailsford, rector of Brailsford, and John Barrington granted to Ralph de Brailsford and Margery, his wife, 128 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 64 acres of pasture, 25

acres of wood, 40 shillings with half a mill in "Chesterfield in Derby," Barlow and Dronfield together with the manor of Wingerworth. (*F.H.D. II*, 317). About 1330 he attested deeds of Ralph de Moungeye and John de Bakepuze. (*J.* 397, 2321). He was dead by 1344 and was succeeded by his son Henry.

IX. HENRY V. On October 21, 1344, Henry de Brailsford was made a collector of the subsidies and in August, 1345, was re-appointed with Giles de Meynell to the same office. (*C. Fine R. V*, 393, 435). In September, 1349, an agreement was made between Henry and Isabel widow of Henry de Kniveton, concerning the ward and marriage of John, son and heir of Henry de Kniveton. (*Rad. Char.* 287). In April, 1356, Henry de Brailsford granted to William de Brailsford, near Tupton, and Agnes his wife a messuage and half a bovate in Brailsford. This grant was witnessed by John de Brailsford and others. (*J.* 409). In 1359 a William de Brailsford was one of the bailiffs of Derby. (*Ib.* 983). In 1349 Henry attested a charter of Margery, widow of William Knotting of Ashover; (*ib.* 124), and in 1252 witnessed the charter of Walter f. Walter de Rideware granting the manor of Boyleston to John Cockayne of Ashbourne. (*Ib.* 107). In February, 1353, John Bozoun, lord of Edensor, granted and released to Isabel, the widow of Henry de Brailsford of Burnaston, a rent of six shillings from lands which were William del Borwes' in Burnaston. (*Ib.* 522). It is possible that this Henry of Burnaston may have been the ancestor of the Ralph de Brailsford who was a collector of the subsidies in Derbyshire in 1379 (*C. Fines, ix*, 149), and of the Henry de Brailsford who held two fees in Blore and Grendon in 1398 of Thomas, earl of Stafford. (*I.P.M.* 22 *Ric. II*, 249b). Ralph de Brailsford was a knight of the Shire for Derbyshire in 1380, 1382 and 1383. (*R. Lit. Claus. Ric. II*, 355; *Vol. 2*, 34, 290, 414). It has not been possible to fix the date of Henry's death but he was

succeeded at Brailsford by John Basset of Cheadle who married Henry's daughter and heir, Johanna, as his second wife. From the précis of a suit given in the Genealogist (*Vol. xvii, 22, 23*), we learn that at Easter, 1424, Henry de Kniveton sued Ralph Shirley of Brailsford, the younger, for breaking into his close at Bradley. The pedigrees of both the Brailsfords and Knivetons are given. Johanna is shewn as the daughter of Henry, grand-daughter of Ralph and great-grand-daughter of Henry de Brailsford, living in 1286. Her husband is described as John Basset, the father of Thomas Basset and the grandfather of Johanna Basset, the daughter and heir of Thomas. Johanna Basset's husband must have been a Shirley for Johanna's heir was given as Ralph Shirley, a minor in ward to Ralph Shirley and Beatrice, wife of Hugh Shirley. Cox (*I, 449*), states that Henry de Brailsford's only daughter married a Basset of Drayton and had by him three daughters one of whom married a Shirley, another a Curzon of Keddleston and the third a Kniveton. This is not correct. The Staffordshire Visitation of 1583 shows Johanna, daughter and heir of Henry de Brailsford, as the wife of John Basset of Cheadle, mother of Thomas Basset and grandmother of Johanna Basset, Thomas's heir, married to Ralph de Shirley. (*S. Coll. III, ii, 48*). This Ralph was a collector of the Fifteenths in Leicester in January, 1420, and was Sheriff of Notts. and Derbyshire in the same year. (*C. Fine, XIV, 316, 358*). His son Ralph Shirley was a minor in 1424 but was returned in 1431 as holding half a fee in Brailsford. (*F. Sids. 24*). In May, 1486, died John Shirley holding the manors of Shirley, Brailsford and Hoon in Derbyshire; Staunton Harold, Ratcliffe on Wreath and Long Whatton, Leics.; and Newton Regis, Warwickshire. (*I.P.M. Vol. i, No. 89*). John was followed by his son Ralph who, in January, 1500, was executor of the will of William Ashby. In November, 1497, a William Basset died holding with his wife Johanna six acres in Hollington of Ralph Shirley as of his manor of Brailsford. (*I.P.M. II, No. 23*).

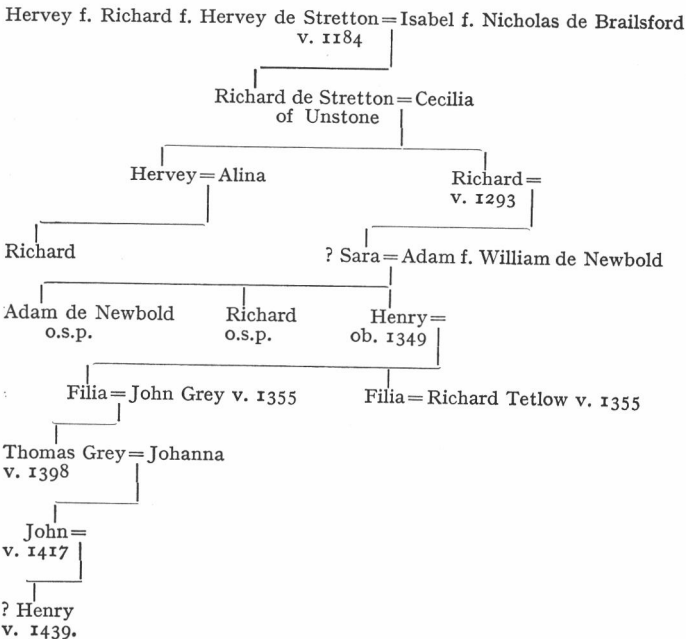
NOTE A.

1. Isabel f. Nicholas de Brailsford I was married to a Hervey de Stretton and received as her marriage portion Unstone and Birchett. It is suggested that her husband may be identified with the Hervey de Stretton who was Sheriff of Staffordshire and living in 1166-1184. In 1086 a Hervey held, under Robert de Stafford, Stretton, Gailey and other fees in Staffs. (*S. Domesday, Table V*). Hervey was succeeded by his son Richard, and Richard by his son Hervey (*Staff. Coll. II, i, 245-6*), Isabel's husband.

2. Richard de Stretton II. Before 1202 Henry f. Robert de Brailsford granted to Richard de Stretton and his heirs the land of Oneston which had belonged to Nicholas de Bralesford. Richard was to perform the foreign service of the land of Birchett, saving to Henry and his heirs the advowson of Dronfield. This land had been the *maritagium* of Richard's mother. (*H.B. 92*). Richard f. Hervey ("Henry") de Stretton remitted to Sir Engenulf de Brailsford whatever he, or his ancestors may have had in the advowson of Dronfield. (*Ib. 93*). Richard de Stretton, knight, lord of Onestona, granted to Richard his son the manor of Onestona, and to Alina, the widow of his son Hervey, four pounds, silver, for her life as dower. (*J. 2418*).

3. Richard III. In 1292-3 Richard f. Richard de Stretton was impleaded by Richard f. Hervey de Stretton (his nephew) for land in Stretton and the pleadings support the descent given in the chart. (*G. xxxi. 27*). There are several deeds of Richard f. Richard of Unstone all of which may be dated in the latter part of the twelfth century. They contain grants to Adam f. William de Newbold of two water mills, lands and rents in Unstone. (*J. 2419-21*). An Adam f. Richard de Stretton was living in 1272, (*R. Pip. Y. 55 Hen. III*) and it is possible that, lacking a male heir, his daughter Sara was married to Adam f.

William de Newbold. Richard f. Richard de Stretton granted to Sara, widow of Adam de Newbold, and to Adam her son the manor of Unstone for £20 in silver and a rent of twenty shillings. (*J.* 2423). The descent given below is supported by the charters given in Jeaye's collection. In July, 1367 Thomas f. John Grey of Unstone granted the manor of Unstone to Richard Gomfrey, Clerk, who in 1368 leased it to Thomas son of John Grey and Johanna his wife with remainder to John their son. In May, 1398 Thomas Grey of Unstone quitclaimed to John Grey, his son, the manor of Unstone. (*J.* 2434, 2435, 2438, 2439, 2441-42, 2447-49, 2452-56). In September, 1439, a Sir Henry Grey is mentioned in connection with Unstone in 1439, possibly the son of John. (*Ib.* 2461). In 1353 an Adam Tetlow and Matilda his wife occur as dealing with lands in Dronfield. This is the only other reference that has been found to this family. (*Ib.* 1046).



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