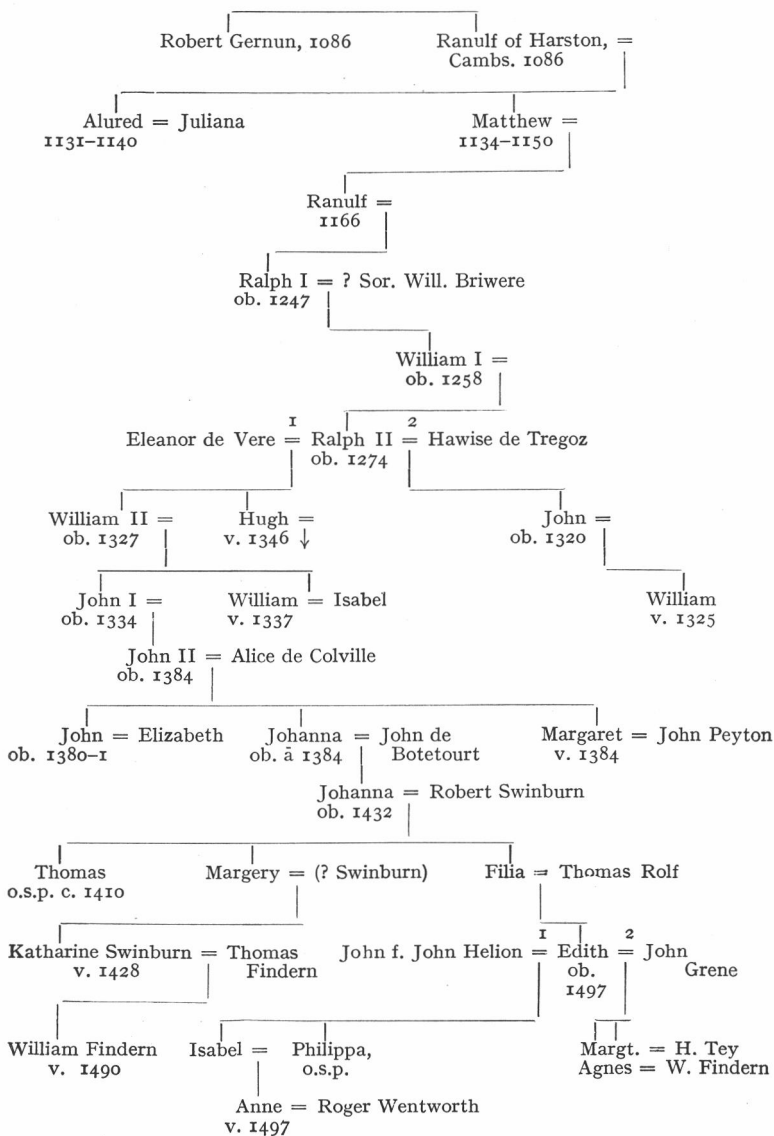


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IN 1086 the king held a manor of 18 carucates in Bakewell and its eight berewicks. There were two priests and a church there under whom two villeins and five bordars had 11 ploughs. The church held three carucates and Henry de Ferrars claimed one carucate in Haddon. (*V.C.H. Dby.* I, 332*b*). At the same date a Robert Gernun (*Grenoun*) held some 27 hides in chief in Cambs., the manor of Oakley, Essex, and other lands. (*F. Cambs.* 233; *V.C.H. Esx.* I, 520). In 1086 a Ranulf Gernun held one hide and one virgate in Harston, Cambs. of Robert Gernun. (*F. Cambs.*, 212). In 1056-8 Robert Grenone attested a notification to the monks of Marmoutier and before 1087 a charter of William, duke of the Normans, to S. Florent Abbey. (*C.D.F.* 1169, 1109). From the Gloucester Chartulary (I, 124, 222), we learn that Stephen confirmed to the abbey Robert Gernun's grant of the church of S. Leonard of Stanley; the church of Laverstoke, Hants.; and the church of Wraysbury, Oxon. It is also stated therein that on Robert's death his lands were given by the king to William the father of Gilbert Montfitchet who confirmed Robert's gifts (*Ib.* II. 174). Some of Robert's possessions, however, were held by the descendants of Ranulf Gernun of Harston, usually assumed to have been a brother of Robert.

Alured Gernun, the son of Ranulf, was, in 1131, pardoned eight shillings danegeld in Cambs.; twenty-shillings in Herts.; thirty-three shillings in Essex and nine shillings in London. (*R. Pip.* 31 *Hen.* I, 46, 57, 59). Between 1141-50 Alured wrote to Robert, bishop of London, asking him to guard his gifts of land in Oakley to Savigny and to right the monks against his father Ranulf who had troubled them in their possession. Alured and his wife Juliana gave Savigny three carucates in Oakley their charter being attested by Matthew Gernun, Lob' Gernun

and others. (*C.D.F.* 807, 808). Alured dying without issue was succeeded by his brother Matthew who witnessed William de Montfitchet's foundation charter of the abbey of Stratford Langthorne endowing it with Cowbridge. (*D.M. I.* 883, 40.a; 48.b; *F. Cambs.* 218). It may be noted that in 1133 under the heading of 'Knights holding of the Church of Bayeux' a fee of one knight in "Conde and Ivelon" of the fee of Gernon is mentioned. (*R.B.E.* 646). In 1166 Ranulf Gernun, son of Matthew, held half a fee of new enfeoffment in Foulmire of William de Montfitchet. (*R.B.E.* 351). It was to Ralph, son of this Ranulf, that King John gave Bakewell.

I. RALPH GERNUN I. There are numerous references to him in the official records one of the earliest being an attestation by him of a charter of Richard I on November 26, 1197. (*C. Chart, R. V.* 186). In the same year he was quit by writ of the scutage of Normandy. (*R.B.E.* 98). In 1199 he received a grant of land in Gateby, Norfolk, and £7 land in Bakewell. (*R. Pip. I Jno.* 262, 205; 2 *Jno.* 129). In 1200 he accounted for 50 marcs for one fee in Bakewell. (*Ib.* 2 *Jno.* 12). In 1203 his service for this manor was granted to William Briwere. (*Lit. Claus. I* 162b). In the same year he was accused of unjustly depriving Richard f. Hubert and Isabella his wife of their free tenement in Leighs, Essex. (*Cur. Reg. R. III.* 31). In July, 1207, Ralph granted to Richard and Isabella the soke of Downham, Essex; thirty shillings annual rent in the soke of "Scandefen," Suffolk and ten shillings rent in Harston, Cambs., the whole to be held by the service of half a knight's fee. (*Esx. Fines, I.* 42). Harston was, as we have seen above, a domesday possession of Ralph's great-grandfather. In July, 1200, Ralph f. Peter granted him 81 acres in Bradfield, and a marsh in Theydon, Essex. (*Ib.* 23). Four years later he obtained possession of Thomas Malesmeins' land in Compton, Berks, and in 1207 was pardoned as "Ralph Gernun our

Marshal," the 25 marcs he owed for it. John Malesmeins appears to have recovered this manor, but on Ralph's death William his son and heir had seisin of it. (*Lit. Claus. Jno.* 55, 77*b*, *Hen. III* 28, 189; *R. Obl.* 215). In 1205 Ralph sued Serlo de Beeleg to allow his men of Beeley and Over Haddon to perform the services and customs due to him as lord of Bakewell. (*Cur. Reg. R. III.* 272; *IV* 85). In 1210-12 Ralph Gernun held three fees in Birch and Easthorpe, Essex, during the king's pleasure; one fee in Broxted and six fees of the honour of Boulogne, all in Essex. (*R.B.E.* 501, 525, 612). In 1228 Henry III confirmed to Ralph John's gift of Bakewell and the fees in Birch and Easthorpe. (*Cal. Chart. R. I.* 74). In July, 1207, the king confirmed to Ralph his right to the hundred of Lexden and the gift which Ralph f. Peter had made to him of all his lands in Theydon in exchange for Ralph's lands in Foulmire. (*Lit. Claus. I.* 618, 643). In 1214 he was excused the scutage on his fees in Essex held of the de Ripariis, as his son was in Poitou on the King's service. (*Ib.* 176*b*). In the following year Ralph had a grant of seven librates of rent in Chilmorden in the soc of the hundred and a half of Sampford, Essex. The grant was confirmed in 1225 by Henry III. (*Lit. Claus.* 226; 322*b*; 361; *Ib. Hen. III. vol. 2.* 43). On Dec. 10th, 1215 he acquired the manor of Pirton, Oxon. (*Lit. Cl.* 241). In September of the same year he became constable of Porchester castle. (*Ib.*). In April, 1216, he was allowed to hold his rent in Colchester without molestation as well as the two and a half fees formerly held by Luke de Brikesheved. (*Ib.* 263*b*). Gilbert de Taney's lands in Cambs., Essex and Suffolk were also granted to him in September, Ralph pledging himself to serve the king during the war with three knights and five sergeants all well armed. (*Ib.* 270*b*). In the same month he was given, during pleasure, Thomas Maudit's land in Warminster, having already received during July William de Feritate's manor of

Marden, Wilts. (*Ib.* 277, 285). In May, 1216, he had been made Warden of the Honour of Eye. (*Ib.* 265). He was appointed Sheriff of Dorset and Somerset on March 17, 1217, and in December received, during pleasure, Husland and Bergholt, Suffolk, late of Adam Maulveisin. (*Lit. Claus. Hen.. III*, 347*b*). In the following year he was employed as a Justice in Eyre in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Herts. (*R. Pat.* 208). In 1219 the sheriff of Derbyshire was ordered to give him the fine of twenty shillings due from the frankpledge of Bakewell for the flight of Robert Cappe. (*Lit. Claus.* 408). In May, 1220, Ralph had a grant of 15 marcs for his expenses going to Poitou and in 1221 he, with John Russell and Godfrey de Craucumb conducted Johanna, the king's sister thence to Wallingford Castle. (*Lit. Claus.* 459*b*: *R. Pat.* 255). In May, 1221 John Russell and Ralph Gernun were joint Constables of Corfe Castle. Ralph appears to have held that office alone for several years, receiving a salary of 100 marcs *per annum*. (*Lit. Claus.* I, 408; II, 4*b*, III *etc.*). On February 12, 1223, he recovered seisin of his lands in the Peak of which he had been disseised by the earl of Ferrars. (*Ib.* I, 534*b*). In the following year he was again in Poitou on the king's business. (*Ib.* 548, 598). In 1224 the scutage of two marcs for the army of Bedford was returned to him as he was present there with the king. (*Ib.* 643). At Easter 1226, Ralph quitclaimed his manor of Oakley, Essex, to Richard de Monte Ficheti who, in return, granted to Ralph's son William fifty shillings and two pence quit rent in "Wiredebir." (*Esx. Fines*, I, 71). In the following year he gave Richard de Veille and Mary his wife 25 marcs and one soar goshawk for a carucate in Steeple. (*Ib.* 82). On May 20, 1230, Ralph was granted safe protection going over sea but was allowed to return the same year owing to his infirmity. (*R. Pat.* 357; *Lit. Claus.*, 448). In 1234 the king confirmed to the Prior of

Leighs the twelve marcs rent in the hundred and a half of Sampford and the hundreds of Claydon and Bosmere, Suffolk, which Adam Malveisin had of the bail of King John and which Ralph Gernun, as Adam's heir, had since resigned to the prior. (*Lit. Claus.*, 395). In 1236 he was returned as holding 2 fees of Margery de Rivers in Theydon, Childerditch, Bonhunt and Windhull. (*B.F.* 477, 608). In 1234 he was constable of Colchester castle but resigned in 1236. (*Lit. Claus.* 499; *C.M. I. Vol. 1*, 200, 206). In 1242-43 Ralph held one fee in Bakewell of the honour of Peverel. (*B.F.* 530, 997). It is possible that Ralph married a sister of William Briwere as in May, 1217 a William Gernun was spoken of as his nephew. If this William were Ralph's heir he would have been about 36 years old in that year. (*R. Pat.* 63). Ralph Gernun died in 1247 holding of Margery de Rivers Theydon Gernon for one fee and land there of the heirs of Ongar for one third of a fee; Leighs manor held of the same heirs for one third of a fee; Birch and Easthorpe manors held in chief for three fees; La Gernunere and Lexden hundred held of the king at farm. William his son and heir was then over sixty. (*I.P.M. I* 292).

II. WILLIAM I. On November 10, 1247 the King took the homage of William son and heir of Ralph Gernun. (*Exc. II*, 23). It is not certain that he was the William Gernun who, in 1237, obtained temporary possession of Geoffrey f. Hamo's land (*C. Chart. R. I*, 231) and had seisin of Ginge in 1244. (*Lit. Cl.* 185). On July 5, 1253, William Gernun attested the King's signature (*C. Chart. V*, 31) and on August 2nd of the same year received permission to take eight oaks in his wood of Theydon Gernon. (*Lit. Claus.* 403). In the same year he with Ralph de Bakepuze and others witnessed another royal charter. (*C. Ram. II*, 91). William died before the end of 1258 holding two fees of Baldwin de Insula

in Theydon and elsewhere; one third of a fee there of Denise de Munchenesy. Ralph his son and heir was aged thirty and over. (*I.P.M.* 121). It is, perhaps, worth noting that William and his father cover a period of nearly a hundred years.

III. RALPH II. On January 8, 1259, the King took the homage of Ralph, son and heir of William Gernon. (*Exc. II*, 292). He was accused of siding with the de Montfort party and his lands in Derbyshire were, in 1265 taken into the king's hand. "Imbert Gey seized Bakewell of Ralph Gernon who escaped from Kenilworth, but was there, it was believed, by the king's command." The manor was valued at £50 a year. His lands in Essex were also seized. (*C.I.M. I*, 196, 200, 265). He was pardoned in 1267 by the mainprise of William La Zuche and Richard Havering. (*R. Pat.* 150, 153). In the following year he leased Bakewell to Queen Eleanor for a term of fourteen years. (*Lit. Claus.* 1268). Ralph enfeoffed William de Ashbourne in six acres of meadow of his demesne in Bakewell, his grant being witnessed by William le Wine; John de Holwell; Roger de Scheladun; Matthew Mercator; Alan de Pikword; Gervaise de Nottingham; John le Wine; Henry f. Hubert and Robert Child. (*Rut. MSS.* 40). He also quitclaimed to his burgesses of Bakewell all his rights in the lands and tenements which were given by Ralph de Subbeley for the support of a chaplain to say mass in the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Bakewell. Sirs Richard de Vernon and Robert de Harthill with Henry de Taddington; Thomas Foljambe; Richard le Ragged; Thomas le Archer; William Walley; William and Thomas de Longstone being witnesses. (*Ib.*). He was twice married firstly to Eleanor, daughter of Robert de Vere, earl of Oxford and secondly to Hawise de Tregoz. (*Staff. Coll. N.S. I*, 257). In 1262 at Trinity Owen de Tolesunte Tregoz and Petronilla his wife granted 12 acres

of land in Tolleshunt Tregoz to Ralph Gernun and Hawise his wife and to the heirs of Ralph begotten of Hawise to be held by the yearly rent of one clove of a gillyflower at Easter. (*Esx. Fines, I, 245*). At Michaelmas, 1271, Ralph Gernun acknowledged the manor of Theydon Gernon with "the advowson of the church, knights fees, liberties, etc." to be the right of John, his son by his second wife, to hold, for life, by the yearly rent of £20 and doing the service of one Knight's fee. After Ralph's death John and his heirs to be quit of the said £20 and to hold the manor of Ralph's heirs. (*Ib. 273*). At an unspecified date William, prior of Leighs, founded by Ralph Gernun, notified that he had given the bovate in Bakewell which their founder had given them to Ralph f. Nicholas and which Henry Benjamin had formerly held, by the service of a pound of frankincense at Christmas yearly. (*Rut. MSS. 40*). Ralph died about September, 1274, and was succeeded by his son William. (*C. Fine R. I, 29*). In addition to the two sons already mentioned he appears to have had a third named Hugh.

(A.) John Gernun, William's half brother, had seisin of Theydon Gernon on November 12, 1274. (*C. Fine R. I, 35*). In 1293 he appears as one of the four nephews and heirs of Nicholas Tregoz of Tolleshunt Tregoz, Essex, and was said to have been 23 years of age at Michaelmas, 1292. (*Ab. Plac. 232*). In 1303 John de Bosco, John Gernun, Thomas de Burnham and John de Ludham were returned as holding Tolleshunt Tregoz and Blunts Hall in the half hundred of Witham. (*F. Aids, II, 131*). In 1346 John de Boys held the one and a half fees in Tolleshunt Tregoz and John de Loudham the half fee in Blunts Hall formerly held by John Gernun and his parceners in 1303. (*Ib. 156*). John was dead by November 1, 1321. (*C. Fine R. III, 80*) and was found to have held 120 acres in Tolleshunt Tregoz. (*I.P.M. Ed. II, Vol. 6, 300*). John de Crosby, King's clerk, was given custody of two-thirds of these

acres as William the son and heir was a minor. William was also heir to half a fee in chief. (*Lit. Cl. Ed. II, Vol. 3, 417; C. Fine R. III, 216*). On August 25, 1325, William having proved his age had seisin of his father's land. (*Lit. Cl. Vol. 4, 398*). In February of the following year he fined six marcs for his marriage. (*C. Fine R. III, 80*).

(B.) Hugh Gernun at Michaelmas, 1309, granted to William Deen and his heirs the reversion of the manor and advowson of Theydon Gernon, then in possession of William Gernoun and Isabel his wife. William Deen paid £200 sterling for this concession. The agreement was made in the presence of William and Isabel; and John son and heir of William Gernun, John his brother, and John son of Hugh Gernun put in their claim. (*Esx. Fines II, 126*). In November, 1305, Hugh Gernun at the instance of William de Deen, obtained a grant to himself and his heirs of a weekly market, a yearly fair in his manor of Theydon Gernon and free warren in all his demesne lands there. (*C. Chart. R. III, 62*). In 1303 Thomas Gernun, John de Polheye, the heirs of Alex de Polheye, William f. Ralph, Richard Spigy and William armiger held one eighth of a fee of Drogo de Barantyn. (*F. Aids II, 142*). In 1346 Hugh f. Ralph (? Gurnun) and John Gernun held the eighth of a fee in Pebmarsh which Thomas Gernun, John de Poley the heirs of Alex de Poley, William f. Ralph, Richard Specey and William armiger formerly held. (*Ib. 166*).

IV. WILLIAM II was 24 years of age at the date of his father's death (*I.P.M. II, 44*) and had livery of his lands on November 12, 1274, having already done homage. (*C. Fine R. I 35*). In July of the following year we find a recognisance made by him in favour of Robert de Burgate to be levied in Suffolk. (*Lit. Claus. Ed. I, 242, cf. F. Aids, V, 29, 69*). In November, 1277, a William Gernun was pardoned the death of John Boydey as it was

proved that he had killed him by misadventure. (*R. Pat. Ed. I, 1, 235*). About the same time he attested the quitclaim from Hugh de Calfore to Thomas f. John Elys of Longstone of a burgage in Bakewell as "William then lord of Bakewell." (*J. 194*). In 1283 his fee there was, with some 15 other fees of the honour of Peverel of Nottingham, assigned to Eleanor the king's mother. (*R. Pat. Ed. II, 2, 87*). In 1303 he was returned as holding a fee in Bakewell. (*F. Aids. I, 250*). In the same year the abbot of Coggeshall held half a fee in Tolleshunt Major, Essex, of William Gernun; and in 1346 John Gernoun, his grandson, held the fee and a quarter in Easthorpe and Birch which William Gernoun formerly held. (*Ib. II, 132, 172*). On October 13, 1302 William obtained a grant of free warren for himself and heirs in his demesne lands in Easthorpe. (*C. Chart. R. III, 37*). In November, 1325, the escheator of Derbyshire was instructed to meddle no further with the manor of Bakewell formerly held by William Gernoun the elder because it was not alienated to John for life but only for twenty years. (*Lit. Cl. Ed. II, Vol. 4, 429*). On the death of the earl of Pembroke in 1324 it was found that William Gernoun held four and three quarter fees of him in Theydon Gernon, Leighs and Latchington. (*I.P.M. VI, 332*). On January 16, 1327, the escheators of Cambs., Derbyshire, Essex, Herts, Hunts., Lancs., Leic., Norfolk, Notts., Suffolk and Warwick were ordered to take the lands of William Gernoun, tenant in chief, into the king's hand. (*C. Fine R. III, 432*). He appears to have died on January 4, holding of the king a fee in Bakewell; Easthorpe with Birch manor, the hundred of Lexden and 140 acres in Wormingford. These acres may be identified with the manor of "La Gernunere" held by Ralph I in 1247. His heir was his son John, aged 30. (*I.P.M. Ed. II, Vol. 6, 758*). In addition to his heir he left a son William.

(A.) William, who at Easter, 1330, had received from his father the gift of the reversion of the manor and advowson of Theydon Gernon then in the possession of Richard de Tey, rector of Theydon Gernon. (*Esx. Fines II*, 194). In 1324 William f. William Gernun received from Adam and Agnes de Bloy and John f. William de Bottingham a messuage and about 200 acres of land and wood with twenty one shillings and nine pence halfpenny rent in Adleigh, Birch, Copford, Easthorpe and Stenway. (*Ib.* 211). On the 12 March, 1325, William the son of Sir William Gernun surrendered to his father the manor of Bakewell with all its beasts and goods, reserving to himself two horses. (*J.* 200). In 1332 he signed a recognisance to John f. John de Rivers for £20. (*Lit. Cl. Ed. III*, (2) 574). He appears to have been elected coroner for Essex in 1334 but was displaced as being insufficiently qualified. (*Ib. Vol. 3*, 251, 262). In March, 1337 he, with four others admitted a debt of £500 to Milo de Mounteney. (*Ib. Vol. 4*, 106).

V. JOHN I. On February 21, 1327, the escheators of Cambs., Derbyshire, Essex, Herts., Hunts., Leicester, Norfolk, Suffolk and Warwick, were instructed to give seisin of his father's lands to John Gernoun, taking security for the payment of his relief. (*Lit. Claus., Ed. III, Vol. 1*, 9). It was stated in 1330 that Edward I had granted to John's great-grandfather free warren in all his demesne lands in England lying outside forest boundaries and that Henry III had given him view of frank pledge. (*Q. War. 140a*, 157). At Michaelmas, 1325, John f. William Gernoun senior put in his claim when his father granted, for £100 sterling, to William de Tey a knight's fee and the advowson of the priory of Little Leighs. (*Esx. Fines, II*, 220). John died before February 22, 1334, as on that date the escheators of Derbyshire, Notts. and Lancashire were ordered to take his lands into the king's hand. (*I.P.M., Ed. III, Vol. 7*, 564).

VI. JOHN II. On April 6, 1334, the escheator of Derbyshire was ordered to give seisin of Bakewell manor to John Gernoun the younger and Alice his wife as it had been proved that his father held it at his death by grant of John, rector of S. Gregory, London, and of Richard de la Pole, with remainder to John the younger and Alice his wife. (*Lit. Claus. Ed. III, Vol. 3, 219*). In 1346 John Gernoun, knight, held a fee and a quarter in Easthorpe and Birch and in February, 1347, William Sayer held six acres of him in Great Birch. (*F. Aids. II, 172; I.P.M. Ed. III, 9, 85*). We learn from the Fine Rolls (*VIII, 47*) that on October 16, 1369, the two sisters of Edmund Colville who died in 1329 became in their issue the coheirs of his grandson Walter. Alice Colville married Sir John Gernoun II and had by him a son John. Elizabeth her sister married Simon Basset, whose son Ralph Basset of Sapcote with John Gernoun junior divided the Colville estates. In 1346 this John Gernoun, son of Alice, with Elizabeth, widow of William Giffard, held one quarter plus one eighth of a fee in East Mersey, Essex. (*F. Aids, II, 157*). In 1380-81 this John Gernoun died holding with Guy Guband a fee in Bakewell. (*I.P.M. 4 Ric. II, f. 30*). Of this Guy Guband I know nothing. He was possibly a descendant of the John Guband, Constable of the Peak in 1236 (*Lit. Claus. Hen. III, 269*) and married to a Gernoun. No reference has been found to any issue of this son of John II and Elizabeth his wife and I imagine that he died childless. About February, 1384 John II died and the inquisition after his death shows him as having held one fee in Bakewell; Easthorpe with the advowson, the hundred of Lexden and the advowson of Leighs' priory; Weston Colville and "Wykes"; Upton manor and land in Denton, Hunts.; and Benefield manor in Northants (*I.P.M. 7 Ric. II, 59*). On April 13, 1384, the escheator of Cambs. was commanded to take the fealty of John Gurnoun's widow and to meddle no further with the

manor of Weston Colville. (*Lit. Cl. Ric. II, Vol. 2, 374*). John's heirs were a granddaughter Johanna and a daughter Margaret married to John de Peyton both living on March 10, 1384. (*C. Fine R. X, 35*). In July of the same year Robert de Swynbourne and Johanna his wife and John de Peyton and Margaret his wife had livery of half the advowson of Benefield to share as they would. (*Lit. Claus. Ric. II, Vol. 2, 466*). Johanna Swinburn being John Gurnoun's grand-daughter and co-heir. From the same Roll (137) we learn that Robert Swinburn had a son named Thomas. In November, 1384, the escheator of Hunts. gave livery of Upton to Thomas Lamput as John Gernoun had held it for life with remainder to the said Thomas. (*Ibid. 504*).

VII. JOHN BOTETOURTE. No mention was made in the documents quoted above of the husband of Johanna the elder daughter and co-heir of John Gernoun II. We are able, however, to supply it from the pleadings of a suit in 1490 in which the prior of S. Pancras of Lewes was summoned to answer the plea of Sir William Findern, knight, to permit him to present a suitable parson to the church of Weston Colville, then vacant and which belonged to his donation. Sir William claimed that between 1399 and 1412 a certain Johanna Botertoft was seised of the manor of Weston Colville and carried it in marriage to her husband Sir Robert Swynborne and that they presented to the church there their clerk Edmund Alderworth; Johanna Swynbourne survived her husband Robert and the manor of Weston Colville descended to Katharine her granddaughter through her daughter Margery. Katharine was married to Sir Thomas Findern, knight, and surviving him was solely seised of the manor; on her death it descended to Sir William Findern her son the plaintiff. (*de Banco R. Mich. 1490 m. 249*). We may assume, therefore, that Johanna Gernoun was married to John de

Botetourt of Gestingthorpe, Essex, the son and heir of the John de Botetourt who in 1346-50 held the half fee in Belchamp Otten which his uncle John de Botetourt formerly held, and who, with others, held half a fee in Beauchamp Walter, Essex (*F. Aids II*, 167) and who, perhaps may have been the John f. Thomas Botetourt who had a small holding in Upton. (*Lit. Cl. Ed. III*, Vol. I, 470). John's mother was, I believe, Matilda, sister and heir of Otto son and heir of Beatrice de Beauchamp, formerly the wife of William de Munchenesy. (*H.K.F. III*, 291; *Vid. Esx. Fines*). No reference has been found which gives the date of Johanna and her husband's deaths, but it is evident that neither were living in March, 1384.

VIII. ROBERT SWINBURN the husband of Johanna daughter and heir of John de Botetourt was I imagine descended from the family who took their name from Swinburn in Northumberland. The earliest reference that I have found to the family in Essex is a grant by de Botetourt and Matilda his wife, in 1324, to a Robert de Swynebourn of the reversion of the manor of Horkesley, to be held of the chief lords of the fee, the consideration being 100 marcs, (*Esx. Fines II*, 211) and in 1346 Robert was returned as holding the fee in Little Horkesley formerly held by William de Horkesley. (*F. Aids, II*, 171). In May, 1380, Robert de Swinburn and Thomas his son purchased some shops, etc. in Dowgate Ward, London, and in October, 1382, he and Sir Robert Marney were elected Knights of the Shire for Essex. (*Lit. Cl. Ric. II*, Vol. 2, 137, 227). Two years later they were again similarly elected. (*Ib.* 600). In the spring of 1390 Robert was Knight of the Shire for the third time and in November he and his son Thomas were sureties for John Rokeley then a prisoner in the Tower of London. (*Ib.* 4, 178, 215). Robert died apparently before November, 1391, when

Thomas his son signed a recognisance for £1000 neither to hurt or procure harm to Johanna, widow of Sir Robert Swinburn, knight. (*Ib.* 4, 508). At Christmas, 1397 dame Johanna granted to certain trustees the manors of Ovington, Belchamp Otton and Belchamp William; and in March, 1399, granted Ovington to John f. William Doreward and his heirs. (*Ib.* Vol. 6, 78, 488). In 1428 Johanna Swinburn held one fee in Beauchamp Walter, and half a fee in Belchamp Otten. (*F. Aids, II*, 231, 232). In 1432 Johanna the widow of Robert Swinburn, knight, died holding the manor of Bakewell with its market; the manors of Beauchamp Walter, Gestingthorp with the advowson of the church, Ovington and land in Belchamp Otten. (*I.P.M. Hen. VI*, 145*b.*).

IX. THOMAS SWINBURN who succeeded his father in 1390 had been in 1387 Castellan of Roxburgh. (*Lit. Cl. Ric. II, Vol. 3*, 349). In May, 1391, we find him as captain of Guisnes castle in the Pas de Calais and was still there in 1394. (*Ib.* 4, 252; 5, 200). From May, 1395 to February, 1396 he was captain of Calais Castle. (*Ib.* 5, 348, 452). His appointments over seas did not prevent his election as Knight of the Shire for Essex in February, 1393. (*Ib.* 115). In 1396 he became surety for Thomas Lampet for £4000. (*Ib.* 507). On July 1, 1397 Thomas f. Robert Swinburn quitclaimed to certain trustees the manors of Rippingale with its advowson, Burton Coggles and Bitchfield, Lincs.; Weston Colville; East Mersea, Harberges, and various lands in Aldham and Tey, Essex; Gedding and tenements in Bures St. Mary, Suffolk. (*Lit. Cl. Vol. 6*, 202). In 1403 he, with others, became surety for £1000 in favour of Reynold Curteys, victualler of Calais. (*Lit. Cl. Hen. IV*, 2, 183). In June, 1410, Thomas Swinburn the King's Knight, mayor of Bordeaux, had permission to take four tuns of wine, for home consumption, into London free of duty. His esquire was one

William Hamme. (*Ib. Vol. 4, 47*). This is the last reference to him that has been found. He apparently left no living issue. His heirs were his sisters of whom there were certainly two.

(A.) In the pleadings of the case quoted above it was stated that on the death of Johanna, widow of Robert Swinburn (in 1432) the manor of Weston Colville passed to her grand-daughter Katharine, the daughter of Margery, Johanna's child. I have found no other reference to Margery who apparently married a husband of the same name for in 1428 "Katerina Swynborn" held the one fee in Weston (Colville) which Robert de Coleville formerly held there." (*F. Aids. I, 177*). Katharine was married to a Thomas Findern by whom she had a son Sir William Findern living in 1490.

(B.) There is sufficient evidence to prove that another daughter, whose name has not transpired and who was probably the elder, was married to a certain Thomas Rolf and by him had a daughter Edith who was twice married. Her first husband was John f. John Helion and her second John Grene. Edith, who had dower in Bakewell, died on June 1, 1497 (*I.P.M. Hen. VII, 2, 24*) and the information given in the chart has been obtained from the Inquisition P.M. John Helion senior dowered his daughter-in-law Edith Rolf with a quarter fee in Haverhill, Suffolk. (*Ib. 25*). After her grandmother's death Anne then the wife of Roger Wentworth, obtained, on October 21, 1497, livery of the following manors and fees. In Essex "Gernersin" in Wormingford for one twentieth of a fee; the advowson of Leighs priory; Hoding manor, otherwise Church Hall in Gosfield, for quarter of a fee; "Bellows" manor, alias Gosfield Hall for quarter of a fee; the advowson of the Rolf Chantry in Gosfield; two fees in Belchamp Walter held of the earl of Oxford; Belchamp Otton for one tenth of a fee; the manor of Ovington with the advowson of the church; and Bumpstead Helion manor. (*Ib. 26*). "Gernersin" in Wormingford repre-

sents the ancient Gernoun little manor which in March, 1384, was, as "the manor called Le Geroner in Wormingford," held by Robert Swinburn. (*Lit. Cl. Ric. II, Vol. 2, 445*). No Inquisition on Edith Helion's Derbyshire lands has been found. Glover (*ed. 1829, II, 68*) says that after the death of Sir John Gernoun in 1383 the manor of Bakewell "passed by means of females into various families" and in 1502 passed by purchase into the possession of Sir Henry Vernon.

(C.) The issue of Edith f. Thomas Rolf by her second husband John Grene were two daughters, Agnes married to a William Findern and Margaret married to Henry Tey. I am greatly inclined to identify the husband of Agnes as a son of the "William Findern of Essex" who appears in various records between 1402-1445. In April 1402 he appears as a mainpernor. (*Lit. Cl. Hen. IV, 555*). In 1407 a William Findern was sheriff of Wiltshire (*C. Fines, XIV, 214*). On June 30, 1412, "William Findern of County Essex," John f. John Findern, Henry de Kniveton and others received a grant of the manor of "Stranley Espart" in Repton from Sir John de Stranley and Johanna his wife. (*J. 1983*). In 1428 William Findern held the quarter fee in Weston Colville which John de Sutton formerly held; the half fee in Childrey, Berks., which John Mantravers held in 1316; and a half fee in S. Fawley, Berks. (*F. Aids I. 60, 66, 177*). The quarter fee in Weston had nothing to do with Alice Colville's fee there and was held by the le Moignes until the beginning of the fourteenth century. In 1431 William Findern of Childrey held the manor of Corfe Mullin in Dorset. (*Ib. II, 121*). He was dead by April 24, 1445, as the escheators of Bedfordshire, Berks., Cambs., Dorset, Essex, Oxford and Somerset were instructed to take his lands into the king's hand. (*C. Fine R., XVII, 300, 301*). As suggested he may have been the father of Agnes Grene's husband, and possibly a connection of the Thomas who married Katharine Swinburn.