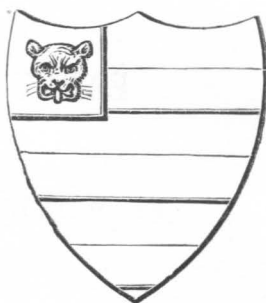


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## EARLY SUSSEX ARMORY.

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I PROPOSE in this paper, to bring together, from a great many scattered sources, the armorial bearings of some Sussex Families, not noticed in Mr. Lower's<sup>1</sup> or my own<sup>2</sup> former contributions on this subject in these "Collections," who lived at early periods, many of them knightly, some now obscure, and others extinct, at least in the chief line. I don't include well-known families whether existing or extinct, as Ashburnham and Goring, Covert and Culpepper.

The earliest collection of Sussex arms that we have is the list of Sussex and Surrey Knights, given in Palgrave's *Parliamentary Writs*, a ponderous folio—a list extending to all the counties of England, and supposed to comprise the Knights who were at the battle of Boroughbridge, *temp.* Edward the Second. This list has been printed separately by Sir Harris Nicholas, and has been reprinted, so far as regards Sussex and Surrey, in Dallaway's "History of the Rape of Chichester;" but, as both these works are extremely rare, a reproduction of the list, as far as regards Sussex and Surrey (which counties are there given together), will be an appropriate commencement of this article:—

Sir MICHAEL DE PONINGES.<sup>3</sup> Barry de or et de vert, a une bende goules.

Sir THOMAS DE PONINGE. Mesme les armes en la bende iiij moles [mullets] de argent.

<sup>1</sup> xxiv., S. A. C., p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Ib.* p. 25, vi., S. A. C., p. 71.

<sup>3</sup> See viii., S. A. C., 268. *Ib.* vi., 72.

Sir NICHOLAS GENTIL. De or od le chef de sable a ij moles [mulletts] d'argent, piercées.

Sir JOHN DE ASCHEBORNHAM.<sup>4</sup> De Goules a une fesse, et 6 rowels de argent.

Sir WILLIAM DE MONTFORT. Bende de or et de azure a une labelle de goules.

Sir HENRY HUSEE. De ermyne a iij barres de goules.

Sir GEOFFRY DE LA MARE. De or a une fesse et ij gymeles de azure.

Sir JAMES DE NEYVILLE. De goules crusulé de or a ij trompes de or.

Sir JOHN DE HOORNE. De gules a une frette de veer.

Sir JOHN DOWUEDALE.<sup>5</sup> De argent a un fer de moulin goules.

Sir THOMAS DE LEUKENORE. De azure a iij chevronels d'argent.

Sir RICHARD LE WALEYS. De goules a une fess d'ermine.

Sir SIMON LE WALEYS. Meisme les armes, en la chef un leopard passant de or.

Sir WALTER DE LA LIND. De argent a une crois engrele de goules.

Sir JOHN HERINGAUD. De azure crusulé de or a vj heringes de or.

Sir WILLIAM MANSEE. De argent a les escallops de goules a un lion rampant de sable.

Sir ROGER DE BAVENT. De argent od le chef endenté de sable.

Sir RAUF SANZAUER. De azure crusillé de or a iij cressauns d'or.

Sir GILES DE FENEZ. De azure a iij lioncels de or et un label de goules.

Sir JOHN DABERNOUN. De azure a un cheveron de or.

Sir JOHN SON FILS. Mesme les armes a un label de argent.

Sir HENRY DE BOX.<sup>6</sup> De or a vj lioncels de goules et une bende de argent.

Sir JOHN DE HAMME. De azure a un cheveron de or et iij demy-lions de or.

Sir JOHN DE NEUENHAM.<sup>7</sup> De argent a une crois de goules et une bende de azure.

Sir ALEYN DE BOXHULL.<sup>8</sup> De or a une lion de azure fretty de argent.

Sir FRAUNCEYS DE ALDHAM. De azure a une ray de soleil de or.

ANSTY of Ansty, a manor in Cuckfield. *Or a cross engrailed gules, between 4 marilets sable, crest, a martlet*

<sup>4</sup> Sir Richard de Esburnham, Knt., was witness before 1218 to a deed along with Herbert de Bergesse (Burwash). Arch. Cantiana, vii., 275. In the Dering Roll of arms *gules, a fess, and in chief 3 mullets arg.* are assigned to Richard de Esbornham. See VI., S.A.C., 85.

<sup>5</sup> Pedigrees of Uvedale are to be found in 'Collectanea Top. and Gen.,' v., 253; 'Surrey Arch. Coll.,' iii., 63-192; Hutchins' 'Dorset,' iii., 144; Hoare's 'Wiltshire,' iv. ii., 60; M. and Bray's 'Surrey,' ii., 400; Harrison's 'Hist. of Yorkshire,' i., 220, and Berry's

'Hampshire Gen.,' 76. (Marshall's *Genealogists' Guide.*)

<sup>6</sup> This family took its name from Boxe, co. Herts., and went into Kent and Sussex. See an account of them in *Genealogist*, i., 97.

<sup>7</sup> See Thorpe's 'Cat. of Battle Abbey Deeds,' p. 46; 'Deed of N.,' 1252. Ralph de N., of Buxted, occurs in the *Nonarum Inquisitiones*, temp. Edw. III.

<sup>8</sup> See particulars of this family, in Lower's *Worthies of Sussex*. They derived their name from Buxhall in Suffolk, which was owned by the family of Burghersh; hence the lion in their arms, cf. xxiv. S. A. C., 29.

or (Burr. MSS., 5690, p. 745). The pedigree of Bysshe in Berry's Sussex Genealogies contains a quartering, *Sable a fess or*, for Anstie.

**BECHE.** A family of this name occurs frequently in the Catalogue of Battle Abbey Charters, probably derived from the Beche mentioned in Domesday Book, in the Rape of Hastings. There is no reason to suppose it is the same as the Norman Domesday family of Bec or Beke, holding lands in Herts and Linc. A coat attributed to the name in the Dictionaries is Three Shovellers, which makes it probable that the Sussex family is intended, as Peplsham bore, as we shall see presently, the same bearings, and the two names are often associated in deeds.

**BONET.** Hamon Bonet bore *chequy or and gules* [or arg. and gules], *a chief azure* (Dering Roll). In the *Testa de Nevill*, Sir Robert Bonet, Knight, is recorded as owner of Wappingthorn in Steyning. Bonwicke also bore the same or similar arms. (See Cartwright's *Rape of Bramber*.) Robert Bonet of Steyning is witness to a deed dated 1220 (S. A. C., x., 115).

**HASTINGS.** In the *Archæological Journal* (Vol. 26, pp. 12, 121, 236), is an elaborate article, in three parts, by Mr. Clarke, on the origin and genealogy of this family. At the head of the pedigree he places 'Walter the Deacon' a Domesday tenant in chief in Essex, Glouc. and Suffolk, from whom he deduces the ennobled families of Hastings. 'Robert de Hastings,' Mr. Clarke says, 'the Domesday tenant of Sussex, seems to have been a follower of the Earl of Eu, and to have held under the Castle of Hastings, but the Deacon and his children had nothing to do with Sussex, but may well have been related. 'The Sussex line,' he further remarks, 'flourished as landowners in Kent, Sussex and Essex, and seems to have ended in a Thomas de H., who, 31 Edw. III., was assessed in the rape of Hastings at one man at arms. . . . In very many instances the name was a mere residential distinction, not adopted or transmissible as a regular surname, and Vincent, Philip, Alan and Manasser de Hastings, who appear in various early Sussex records,

were evidently only burgesses or barons of the Cinque Ports, having no connection with either the baronial house or that of Robert of Sussex, nor transmitting their designation to posterity.'

To these latter opinions I certainly demur, and shall at once give notices of a knightly family of the name, with coats of arms existing at early periods in Sussex, and *primâ facie* descendants of Robert, the Domesday tenant.

The only entries of the name in Domesday Book are these:—

U. T. Hastings Rad. de Essex, 83b.

U. T. ——— Robert de Sussex, 17.

In the printed Pipe Roll of 1155-8 occurs this notice:—

Sussex. Robert son of Harald de Hastings debet xx li. de debito suo, Simon de Crioll being his surety.

The next earliest entry met with is in *Archæologia Cantiana* (iv., 213), when Manasser de Hastings is mentioned as witness to a deed *circa* 1180.

The following notices are met with in Thorpe's *Catalogue of Battle Abbey Charters*:—

P. 20. Wm. de Hastings, knt., lord of Northye.<sup>9</sup>

—— Feoffment of Wm. s. & h. of Sir Mathew de H.

—— Robert de Hastings. Deed of Confirmation, etc.

P. 21. Robert de Hastings, knt.

P. 28. Deed of Wm. de Northey, knt.

—— Deed of Stephen de Northya.

P. 41. Robert de Hastings witness to deed of Nicholas de Haringod and Sibilla his wife.

P. 42. Master Wm. de Hastings witn. to deed of same.

P. 43. Robert de Hastings witness to Charter of Alice Countess of Eu (whose husband ob. 1218).

—— Robert de Hastings knt. s. & h. of Wm. de Hastings. Deed of Release.

P. 44. A.D. 1239. Sir Robert de Hastings witness.

P. 45. Deed of Covenant with James son of Wm. lord of the manor of Northey.

P. 46. 1248. Wm. de Northey in a Fine, wherein James his father is mentioned.

P. 48. 1271. Sir Mathew de Hastings<sup>10</sup> witness.

P. 49. 1277. Wm. de Hastings witness.

<sup>9</sup> In XIX. S. A. C. is an article on the manor of Northey.

<sup>10</sup> Sir M. de H., Knt., grant of lands and ten. to Tho. de Wyke of Watlyngton

In Philipot's Church Notes for Kent (Harleian MSS., 3917, p. 66), these arms are said to have been in Gillingham church, viz., *arg. a fess between 3 fusils azure* (Hastings); also a figure kneeling in tabard with the same arms quartering the coat, *quarterly gules and ermine*, the remark being made, in reference to the latter, 'This is the ould coat of Hastings lord of the manor of Grange in Gillingham,<sup>11</sup> which after was Philipots.' Further, the arms of Beaufitz quarter the fess and 3 fusils of Hastings. In the Dering Roll of Arms, printed in Jewitt's *Reliquary* (Vol. 17, p. 11), William de Northeye is said to bear *quarterly arg. and az.* This nearly resembles the 'ould coat' before mentioned, and was evidently a variation in tinctures of Northey olim Hastings.



ORE of Ore. Richard de Ore<sup>12</sup> bore *Barry of 6 argent* (or or) and azure, on a bend gules 5 besants; (ibid.) Nicol

in Mountfield, 1298 (J. C. Hotten's "Cat. of Deeds for Sale," No. 6943). The grantee was ancestor of the Wykes' of Mountfield and Bexhill, and of the Weekes' of Hurstpierpoint. See xiv. S. A. C., 116, and Marshall's *Genealogist*, i., 192, 222, ii., 95.

<sup>11</sup> *Temp.* John, there was a suit of mort d'nestor between the family of Helles and Manasser de Hastings concerning a carucate of land near Faversham. (*Abbreviatio Placitorum*). The grange was held t. Henry III. in serjeanty by Manasser de H. (*Hasted*, iv., 236),

and 10 Hen. III., there was a Fine levied between Gilbert de Helles and Robert de Hastings, of land in Gillingham. *Ermine 3 lozenges gules* was one of the coats of Helles. In Harl. MSS., 6589, are some arms of Sussex persons at an early period; *inter alia*, a fess between 3 lozenges is given as the bearings of Wm. de Hastings; *arg. a fess between 3 lozenges azure* (*Dering Roll*).

<sup>12</sup> Sir Richard de Ore, Knt., was witness to a deed of Wm. de Northeye (xiv. S. A. C., 26).

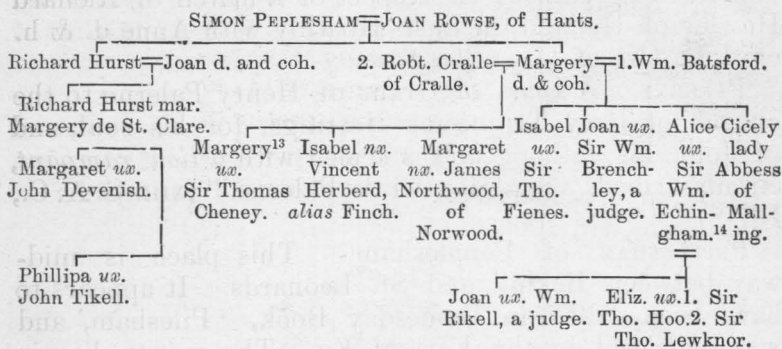
de Ore bore *argent a cross gules fretteè or (or sable) between 4 birds sable (or azure)*. Ibid. xvi., 240. Another coat of Ore is *gules a bend argent fretty azure*, as quartered by Hawley in respect of a match of Richard Hawley of Halland, in East Hoathly with Anne d. & h. of John Ore of Ore (Berry).

PALERNE. A Deed of Grant of Henry Palerne to the church of Holy Trinity at Hastings, for his soul, and of John his father; and is sealed with *a lion rampant, circumscribed, "Sig. Henrici de Palerne."* (XIII. S. A. C., 167-8).

PEPPLESHAM of Pepplesham. This place is midway between Bexhill and St. Leonards. It appears to have been called in Domesday Book, 'Pilesham,' and was then held by the Earl of Eu. The manor lies in Bexhill, Battle, Beckley and Burwash, and a Court was held there 1776 (Burr. MSS.) Simon de Pepplesham was owner; afterwards Sir John Devenish Knt. 2 Hen. IV. Richard Hurst was owner (Ibid.) Numerous entries of the name occur in the Catalogue of Battle Abbey Charters. P. 42 is a notice of a deed of Sir Hugh de Pepplesham, Knt. Amongst the tenants of the Earls of Eu, Hugh de Pepplesham held Crockham (Crowham) by the service of finding a ship for the use of the Earl and Countess when crossing the sea (XVII. S. A. C., 257). In Berry's Ordinary of Arms, *Sable, a chevron ermine between 3 shovellers (ducks) arg.*, is given for Pepplesham, also *Sa. 3 seamews arg.* for Pepplesham. Vincent Finch, living Hen. IV., married Isabel d. & coh. of Robert Cralle, by Margery d. & coh. of Simon de Pepplesham (Collins' Peerage). Finch quarters, in respect of this match, *Sa. 3 ducks arg, in pale* for Pepplesham (Harl. MSS., 3917, p. 31. In Nettlested church, co. Kent, Battersford (*argent 3 crescents sa. a canton gules*) impales *sable 3 ducks arg. in pale* for Pepplesham; and in Brenchley church, Battersford occurs impaling Pepplesham. Sir Wm. Fienes, who died 1405, mar. Eliz., d. & h. of Wm. de Battersford (of B. in Warbleton) by Margery (*sed quære*) d. & coh. of Simon de Pepplesham,

According to an elaborate pedigree of the family of

Finch, drawn up by Philipot, Rouge Dragon, and printed in Howard's *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, ii. 332 the descent of Peplesham is as follows:—



PEVENSEY. Richard de Pevenese bore *azure a chevron or frettée gules between 3 crosses recerclée* (or patonce, or flory) *argent* (Dering Roll of Arms, Jewitt's *Reliquary*, xvii., 11). Richard de Pevensey was sheriff of Sussex 13 and 15 Edw. I.

RADMELD of Rodmill. *Barry of 6, arg. and sa. on a canton sable, a leopard's face or*, as quartered by Goring in respect of the match of John Goring (*t. Hen. VI.*), with Margaret d. of Ralph Radmeld, and sister and heir of Sir William. A similar coat was borne by ALLARD of Winchelsea, viz., *arg. 3 bars gules; on a canton azure, a leopard's face or*.

RADYNGDENE of Rottingdean. *Azure 6 martlets argent, 3, 2 & 1* (Burr. MSS. 5695, p. 613). The family of Wardeux of Bodiam bore also 6 martlets. Perhaps the arms of the County of Sussex were derived from one of these families.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>13</sup> xxv. S.A.C., 110, says, "Elizabeth uw. Sir Richard Cheney."

<sup>14</sup> This match is commemorated in Echingham church, by Echingham impaling quarterly: 1 and 4, 3 crescents and a canton for Battisford; 2 and 3 "3 birds like geese"—3 ducks for Peplesham (ix. S.A.C., 353).

<sup>15</sup> See xxiv., S. A. C., p. 24. The arms of the ancient family of Arundel are 6 hirondelles or swallows. Roger

de Arundel, the ancestor of this family, is mentioned in Domesday Book, but I am not aware that he had any property in Sussex, though, as his parentage is unknown, he might have been a member of the family of Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Chichester, and have taken the name of his *caput baroniæ*, and assumed allusive bearings. In this way the arms of the county might have arisen.



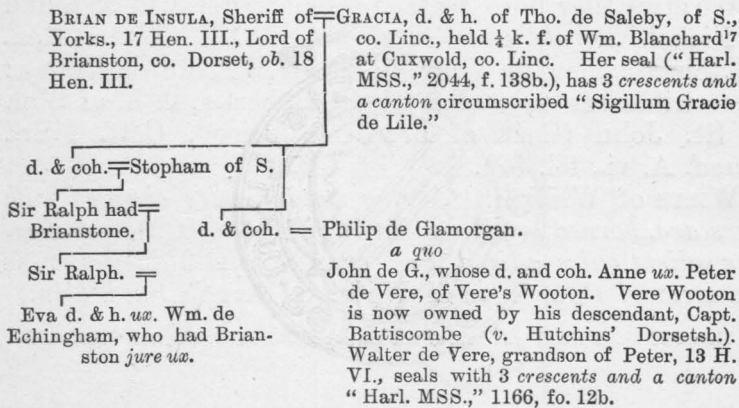
SCOTNEY. Many members of this baronial family are mentioned in early deeds, in Thorpe's Catalogue of Battle Abbey Charters. The only known arms of it are to be found on a seal of a deed of Peter de S., son of Walter de S., being *on a bend cottised 4 billets with a bordure invecked*, the legend being, "Sigillum Petri de Scotene." Walter Fitz Lambert held Crowhurst at the Domesday Survey, and was ancestor of the foregoing persons. Their residence was at Scotney Castle, in Lamberhurst. (*Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica*, vi., 106).



SHOVELSTRODE of Shovelstrode, in East Grinstead. Several particulars of this family are to be found in the General Index to S. A. C. *Ermine a cross fuzilly gules* is given as the arms of this family in Harl. MSS., 1487. It occurs as a quartering in the shield of Aske, of Haughton, in Howdenshire, co. York, being the second coat, followed by that of Dawtrey. In Harl. MSS., 1394, are given the coats that were in glass windows in Mr. Aske's house at Aughton, viz., Shovelstrode impaling Dawtrey, and Dawtrey impaling Camoys. John Aske, of Owsthorpe, in Owdenshire, who died 1397, mar. Johanna d. & h. of John Shovelstrode.

STOPHAM of Stopham. The best known coat of this family is that quartered by Barttelot in respect of the match of John B. (*qui. ob.*, 1428), with Joan d. & coh. of Wm. de Stopham, of Ford Place in Stopham, viz., *quarterly*

*per fesse indented arg. and gules 4 crescents counterchanged* (XXVII. S. A. C., 55), but the coat of Eva de Stopham, the heiress of Sir Ralph, who married Wm. de Echingham, was simpler and older. This we obtain from his seal, figured in Spencer Hall's memoir, "Echyngham of Echyngham," being 4 heater-shaped shields meeting in a point, the legend being, "Sig. Willielmi de Echingham, militis," and the arms Echingham, St. John, Montacute and Stopham, viz., 3 *crescents and a canton*. The following pedigree<sup>16</sup> shows the descent of this ancient coat:—



TICEHURST. John Lunsford (living 47 Edw. III.), mar. Agnes d. & h. of Walter de ROCKELEY.<sup>18</sup> (*Per bend in-*

<sup>16</sup> Furnished by my friend, Alfred Shelley Ellis, Esq., descended from Battiscombe.

<sup>17</sup> The Blanchards of Normandy bore 3 *crescents*.

<sup>18</sup> John Parker, of Lewes, mar. Alice d. & h. of Bichard Rakeley, of Ratton in Willington (Berry). Neither of the two quarterings of Parker resembles this coat of Rockley.

*dented arg. and sa. in sinister point a mullet of the first*), by Agnes, sister and heir of John de Tyseherst. (*Quarterly sa. and arg. a bend ermine.*) A charter of John de Tyseherst mentions his father Reginald de T., the witnesses being Walter Rackley and John Rackley (*ibid.*, p. 154). P. 144 gives a charter witnessed by Domino William de Wodeham with Sir Simon de Echynham. Wm., father of John Lunsford, mar. Joanna d. & h. of Walter de WOKNOLLE.<sup>19</sup> (*Gules 3 oak leaves in bend or*). (*Coll. Top. & Gen.*, iv., 139.)

VENUZ. An account of this family, with a discussion of the arms they bore, by the present writer, will be found in Nichols' *Herald and Genealogist*, v. 316. Temp. Hen. III. Sir Matthew de Venoyz and Sir William de Venoyz were witnesses to a charter of Robert s. & h. of Wm. de St. John (Cart. of Boxgrove Priory, Cott. MSS. *Claud. A.* vi., fol. 62).

WILYE of Whiligh. *A stag statant gules charged with stars arg. horned or* (Burr. MSS., 5691, p. 822). *A demi stag salient gules attired and charged with 3 estoiles or*, is the crest of Courthope of Wyleigh (Berry's *Suss. Gen.*)

<sup>19</sup> Manor of Wood Knoll was held of the manor of Burwash. See XXI. S.A.C. 115.