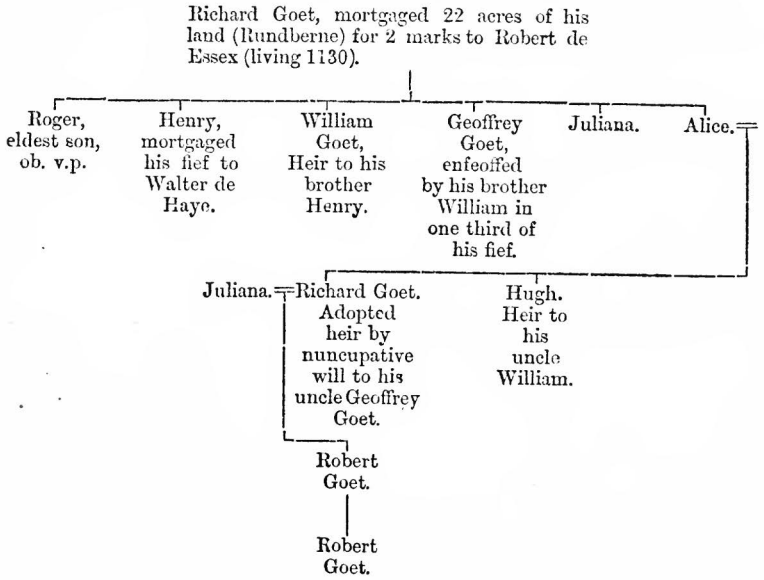
PEDIGREE OF GOET.

The following pedigree has been compiled by me from charters entered in the 'Pentelowe' Register of Walden Abbey, Essex (*Harl. MSS.* 3697) and the 'Historia' of that Abbey (*Arundel MS.* 310; *Cotton MS.* Vesp. E. VI). It may be found of interest, both for its early date and for its evidence of the practice of transmitting not only territorial designations, but also personal surnames, through females.



The name is a curious one. In the charters it occurs both as "Goet" and "Goeth." The latter form somewhat resembles the "Goerth" which occurs once in Domesday (Norf. 257) being the name of an under-tenant "T.R.E.;" but the resemblance may be misleading. I can find no reference to the family either in Morant's *Essex* or in the printed Pipe Rolls. Is it possible that the name may have been Latinized as *Capra*, (though that form is taken to represent the Norman-French "chievre")?

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