PEDIGREE OF BAYNARD.

An important pedigree of the Baynards, of Ashdon, Essex, in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries is established by the charters on fos. 186, 186[d] of the Lewes Cartulary (Cott. MS. Vesp., F. xv). These charters are successive confirmations of Ashdon church to Lewes Priory. Ashdon was part of the Baynard fief in Domesday; and it would seem that the forfeiture of the tenant in chief, and transference of the fief to the Fitzwalters, did not affect the under-tenants of Baynard blood. In the Fitzwalter *carta* (1166) we read: "Gilbertus de Essendone 1 militem et dimidium." The pedigree proved by the Lewes charters is as follows:—

William de Essendon, miles.
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Geoffrey Bainard, living some time between 1198—1224.
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Roger Bainard.—Poncia.
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Fulc Bainard.
|
Robert Bainard.
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It is highly probable that the Gilbert of 1166 was father to the above William. The same *carta*, it may be added, shews us a Fulc Bainard as a large tenant on the fief.

It is remarkable that Morant, in his *Essex*, wholly ignored this Bainard descent, and gave the Fitzwalters as lords of the manor, though they were really the over lords.

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