SEAL OF ISABELLA WALERAND.

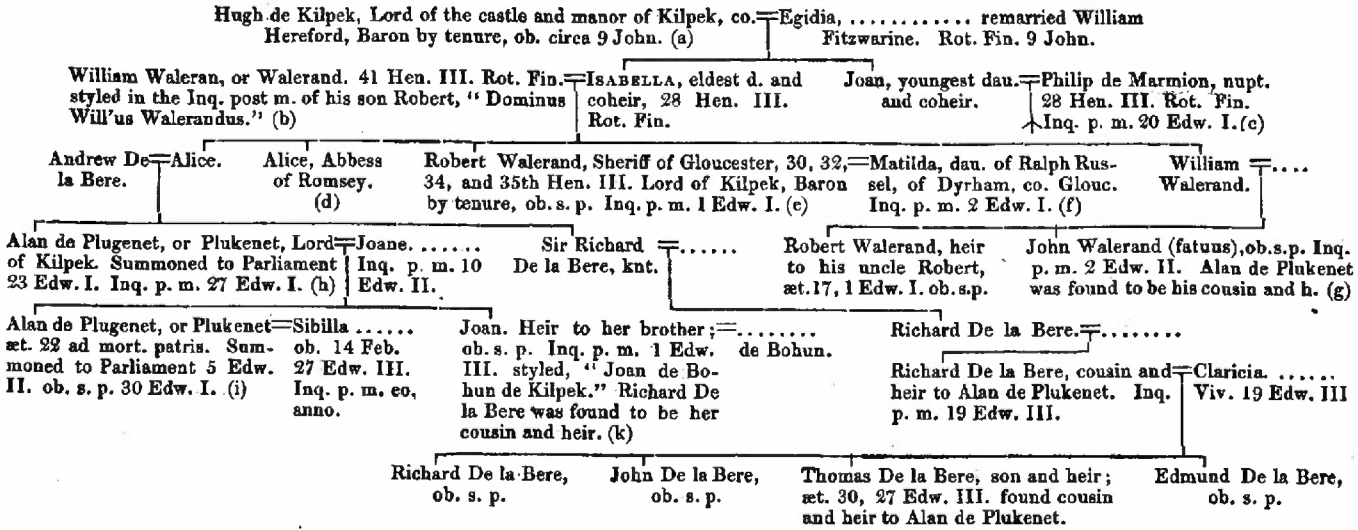


THE seal, from an impression of which the annexed engraving has been executed, was found at Ewshot in the parish of Crondall, in the county of Hants, in the course of the last

year. The rank of the party (Isabella Waleran) to whom it belonged, is sufficiently attested by the hawk on the wrist, and the lure in the right hand.

This lady appears to have been the eldest of the two daughters and coheirs of Hugh de Kilpek, Lord of Kilpek, in the county of Hereford,[a] who died about the year 1207. Her younger sister was married to Philip de Marmion. There was also another Isabella Waleran, daughter, according to Dugdale, of William Longespee, grandson of William Earl of Salisbury in right of Ela his wife. She was wife of Walter Waleran, accounted as a Baron, and holding twenty-five knights' fees, who died in the 2nd of John, leaving by her three daughters his coheirs. There are some discrepancies in Dugdale's account. Under "Kilpec," he calls the husband of Isabella de Kilpec, correctly, William Waleran; while under "Waleran" he confounds him with Robert Waleran the son, who married Maud Russel, and which marriage, in fact, he records at the close of his account of Robert, thus making him the husband of each. In his account of Isabella de Longespee there is even more uncertainty. Under "Waleran," he makes Walter Waleran die in the second of John; while under "Salisbury," he calls the daughter of William de Longespee "Margaret," and states that she was contracted to Edmund de Lacy in the fourth of Henry the Third, and was afterwards married to "Sir Walter Waleran," the same issue being named in both cases, so as to leave no mistake respecting the intended identity. Independent of the style of the seal, the connection of Isabella de Kilpek with the county of Hants, as the inheritrix of many manors and lands, parcel of the Barony of Kilpek, which descended to her issue, favors the supposition that the seal was her property. The seal is of silver. The reverse side has, at its upper end, a leaf, the stalk of which curves gracefully over, and forms the ring or handle.

[a] There have been several accounts of the very curious early Norman Church at this place. It is engraved twice in the Gentleman's Magazine, in 1789, p. 781; and 1833, i. 393; and lately Illustrations of its architecture have been published by Mr. Lewis, but accompanied by a great deal of superfluous matter. It was, in all probability, built by the grandfather of Hugh de Kilpek.


Hugh de Kilpek, Lord of the castle and manor of Kilpek, co. Hereford, Baron by tenure, ob. circa 9 John. (a)
Egidia, ... remarried William Fitzwarine. Rot. Fin. 9 John.
William Waleran, or Walerand. 41 Hen. III. Rot. Fin. styled in the Inq. post m. of his son Robert, "Dominus Will'us Walerandus." (b)
ISABELLA, eldest d. and coheir, 28 Hen. III. Rot. Fin.
Joan, youngest dau. and coheir.
Philip de Marmion, nupt. 28 Hen. III. Rot. Fin. Inq. p. m. 20 Edw. I. (c)
Andrew De la Bere.
Alice.
Alice, Abbess of Romsey. (d)
Robert Walerand, Sheriff of Gloucester, 30, 32, 34, and 35th Hen. III. Lord of Kilpek, Baron by tenure, ob. s. p. Inq. p. m. 1 Edw. I. (e)
Matilda, dau. of Ralph Russel, of Dyrham, co. Glouc. Inq. p. m. 2 Edw. I. (f)
William Walerand.
....
Alan de Plugenet, or Plukenet, Lord of Kilpek. Summoned to Parliament 23 Edw. I. Inq. p. m. 27 Edw. I. (h)
Joane. ..... Inq. p. m. 10 Edw. II.
Sir Richard De la Bere, knt.
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Robert Walerand, heir to his uncle Robert, æt. 17, 1 Edw. I. ob. s. p.
John Walerand (fatuus), ob. s. p. Inq. p. m. 2 Edw. II. Alan de Plukenet was found to be his cousin and h. (g)
Alan de Plugenet, or Plukenet æt. 22 ad mort. patris. Summoned to Parliament 5 Edw. II. ob. s. p. 30 Edw. I. (i)
Sibilla ..... ob. 14 Feb. 27 Edw. III. Inq. p. m. eo. anno.
Joan. Heir to her brother; ob. s. p. Inq. p. m. 1 Edw. III. styled, "Joan de Bohun de Kilpek." Richard De la Bere was found to be her cousin and heir. (k)
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de Bohun.
Richard De la Bere.
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Richard De la Bere, cousin and heir to Alan de Plukenet. Inq. p. m. 19 Edw. III.
Claricia. ..... Viv. 19 Edw. III
Richard De la Bere, ob. s. p.
John De la Bere, ob. s. p.
Thomas De la Bere, son and heir; æt. 30, 27 Edw. III. found cousin and heir to Alan de Plukenet.
Edmund De la Bere, ob. s. p.

(a) This was an ancient Baronial family, of Norman extraction. They were Lords of the castle and manor of Kilpek in Henry the First's time.

(b) "Will' Walerand qui primogenitam filiam et alter' heredum Hug' de Kilpek duxit in uxorem," &c. &c.

(c) R. cepit homagium Phi' Marmion qui duxit in uxorem Joh'am filiam juniorem et alter' heredum Hug' de Kilpek, &c. &c. Isabellam primogenitam filiam et alter' heredum ipsius Hug' &c. &c.

(d) Abbess in 1290 according to Dugdale. Matilda Walerand a sister of Walter Walerand is also stated to have been Abbess circa 1219.

(e) Held the manor of Spersholt, co. Hants. An effigy, (of which there is a very bad engraving in Bigland's Collections for Gloucestershire,) in the chancel of the church at Coberley, is attributed, but on insufficient grounds, to Robert Walerand.

(f) Held the manors of Elyng, Rotherfield, and Tysted, co. Hants.

(g) Held the manors of Burgston, Frenshmore, and Meonstoke, co. Hants. The reference to this Inquisition, as given in the printed Calendar, is entirely erroneous. The heading stands thus:

"Johannes et Robertus Walraund et Isabella uxor prædicti Johannis Walraund." Nothing can be more explicit and, at the same time, more incorrect. The Inquisition relates to the descendants and heirs of William Walraund and Isabella his wife; John and Robert being their grandsons, as appears by the deeds.

(h) Held the manors of Rotherfield, Tangley, and Alton, co. Hants.

(i) Alan de Plukenet, dominus de Kylepek, gave the church of St. Andrew of Lugwardyne, co. Heref. to Dore abbey, 12 Edw. II. Mon. Angl. i. 863.

(k) Held two parts of the manor of Meonstoke and rents in Tangley, co. Hants. Both Meonstoke and Tangley were parcels of the Barony of Kilpek.

Dugdale, referring under Plugenet to the Inq. p. m. of Richard De a Bere (cousin and heir to this Joan) 19th of Edw. III, calls him "son of Richard De la Bere, brother of the whole blood to Alan Plugenet her father." There seemed to be some error in this by reason of the difference of name; but, upon examination of the Inquisitions in the Tower, it distinctly appears that such was the fact. Most of this has been worked out by following the descent of the manor of Haselbury in Somersetshire, which descent is given with tolerable accuracy by Collinson, who however deduces Alan de Plukenet or Plugenet, from the family of that name seated at Lambourne in Berkshire, and in this he follows the statement of Dugdale. On th death of John Walerand, about the 2d of Edw. II. a suit seems to have been commenced for the purpose of resisting the livery of Alan de Plu-

genet. The deeds are numerous and conflicting. There is a partial exhibition of the suit in the Abbreviatio Placitorum, (3 Edw. II.) p. 310.

The following claimants appeared :

1. John de Eddesworthe, as son of Alice, one of the aunts of John Walerand.

2. Bogo de Knovill, as son of Joan de Knovill, one of the daughters of Cecilia, another of the aunts of John Walerand.

3. Alice de Everingham, another of the daughters of the said Cecilia.

4. Matilda, wife of Richard le Brett, daughter of Cecilia.

5. Cecilia, wife of Peter de Helion, daughter of Cecilia.

Inquisitions taken at Hereford, Wilts, &c.

An Inquisition connecting an Oliver Plukenet with the manor of De la Bere, in Somersetshire, would appear to have formed part of the same proceedings. It asserts that Alan Plukenet was a Breton who came into England and married the sister of Robert Walerand, by whom he had issue Alan, to whom Edward the First gave the manor of De la Bere, which Alan was father of Alan who died s. p. : and that the lands came falsely to Richard De la Bere. There is also a pedigree annexed purposing to prove that Hugh de Plukenet was father of Alan, and that he had also another son, Joscelin, who was father of Oliver, father, as it appears, of the Oliver above mentioned.

An Inquisition taken, pending this dispute, in Somersetshire, (26 Edw. III.) calls Alan de Plukenet "Alienigena et bastardus ! "

On the other hand the Inq. p. m. 19 Edw. I. declares him to have been born at Thorneton, in the county of Dorset, "Et de Andr' De la Bere et Alic' uxor' ejus sorore Rob'ti Walrand Anglicane nacionis in legitimo matrimonio procreatus et genitus." Further, the Inq. p. m. of Joan de Bohun de Kilpek, 1 Edw. III. states that her inheritance ought to pass "Ric'o De la Bere militi ut fratri et heredi Alani Plokenet patris prædict' Joh'æ *de eodem patre et matre progenito.* De ipso Ric'o descendit jus Ric'o De la Bere ut filio et heredi, et de ipso Ric'o filio Ric'i descendit jus prædicto Ric'o De la Bere ut filio et heredi."

The quiet possession of the lands in dispute by the heirs of De la Bere goes far to establish the authenticity of the pedigree now given. The pedigree of De la Bere (Atkyns' Gloucestershire, p. 185) is incorrect and confused, and at variance with the Inquisitions.

There is no evidence of consanguinity between Walter Waleran, the husband of Isabella de Longespee, and William the husband of Isabella de Kilpek ; neither can any relationship be established between them and the Walerands of Berkshire and Wiltshire, who appear, in the former county, as persons of considerable note at the beginning of the fifteenth century.

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