PEDIGREE OF DABRIDGECOURT, OF STRATFIELD SAY, CO. HANTS.

Nicholas d'Abrichecourt, Lord of the Castle of Abrichecourt, Abricicourt, or Aubercicourt, near Bouchain, in the county of Ostervant, knighted 1 Edw. III. (a)

Sir Sanchet, or Zanchet, d'Abrichecourt, K.G. (b)

Sir Eustace d' Abrichecourt, second son of the Lord d'Abrichecourt, served at Poictiers, &c. ob. at Carenten1370.(c)

Elizabeth, daughter of William 1st Duke of Juliers (by Johanna, sister of Queen Philippa, of Hainault) relict of John Earl of Kent, grandson of King Edward I. nupt. 2dly St. Michael's day 1360. Ob. June 6, 1411. Will pro. at Lamb. eo an. Inq. p. m. 12 Hen. IV.(d)

.....=Sibilla de Say.

Robert de Say, of Stratfieldsay,=.... ob. 1 Edw. I. Inq. p. mort. 5 Edw. I.

Thomas de Say, of Stratfieldsay,=Isabella. æt. 2 ad mortem patris.

.....=Sibilla, dau. and heir.

Sir John Dabridgecourt, K.G. el. circa April 1413.=(See *Note* below.) Constable of the Tower 1 Hen. V. (Rot. Pat.) Will d. 20 July, Cod. 6 Aug. 1415, pr. 8 Nov. eod. an.(e)

Nicholas Dabridgecourt, of Stratfieldsay, co. Hants.=Elizabeth, heiress of Stratfieldsay; ob. 26 Sept. 1405. Inq. p m. 6 Hen. IV. (g)
Sheriff of Hants 1390; ob. May 20, 1400. (f)

- Robert Dabridgecourt.
- Joan, w. of Hugh Willoughby. He died Sept. 10, 3 Hen. V.
- Joan, w. of Sir John Cokayne, knt.
- Marian. Agnes. Philippa.
- Nicholas Dabridgecourt.
- Joan, dau. of Roger Lynde.
- Sir John Dabridgecourt, of Stratfieldsay, knt. æt. 26 ad mortem matris, ob. Aug. 18, 1418. Inq. p. m. 5 Hen. V.
- Joan, dau. of Henry Thorpe, ob. nativ. B. V. 1420. Inq. p. m. 7 Hen. V.
- Eustace Dabridgecourt.

John Dabridgecourt, of Stratfieldsay, æt. 11 ad m. patris, ob. 1431. Inq. p. m. 10 Hen. VI.

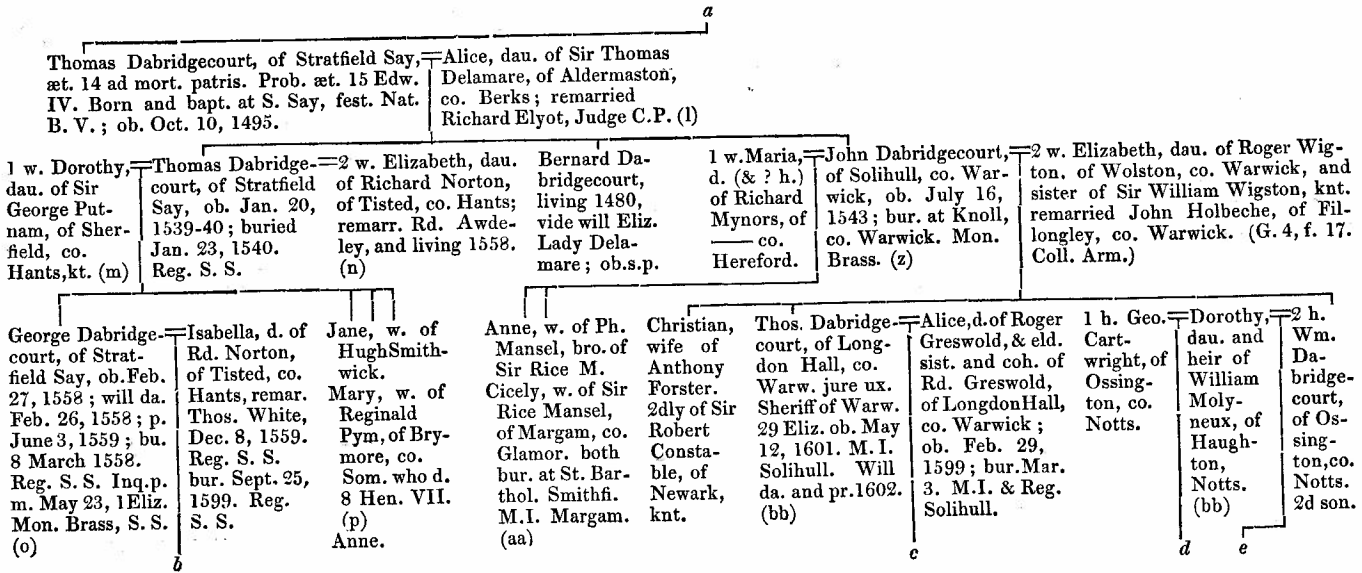
Agnes, dau. of William Bekingham, remar. William Brocas, of Beaurepaire, co. Hants, ob. 1470. (h)

William Dabridgecourt, æt. 3 ad mort. matris, ob. July 1, 1423, s.p. Inq. p. m. 10 Hen. V. (i)

Thomas Dabridgecourt, of Stratfieldsay, æt. 6 ad m. patris, ob. Nov. 9, 1466. Will dat. 1465; prov. 1466. Inq. p. m. 6 Edw. IV. (k)

.....=living 1466.

Note. The wife of Sir John is stated in some of the pedigrees to be Maud, dau. of Sir Rich. Bromhall, and relict of Rob. Touchet of Bughawton and Nether Whitley, co. Cest.; in others Matilda, dau. of Will. Willoughby; ob. May 1, 1445, buried at Wollaton, co. Notts.


a
Thomas Dabridgecourt, of Stratfield Say, æt. 14 ad mort. patris. Prob. æt. 15 Edw. IV. Born and bapt. at S. Say, fest. Nat. B. V.; ob. Oct. 10, 1495.
Alice, dau. of Sir Thomas Delamare, of Aldermaston, co. Berks; remarried Richard Elyot, Judge C.P. (l)
1 w. Dorothy, dau. of Sir George Putnam, of Sherfield, co. Hants, kt. (m)
Thomas Dabridgecourt, of Stratfield Say, ob. Jan. 20, 1539-40; buried Jan. 23, 1540. Reg. S. S.
2 w. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Norton, of Tisted, co. Hants; remarr. Rd. Awdeley, and living 1558. (n)
Bernard Dabridgecourt, living 1480, vide will Eliz. Lady Delamare; ob.s.p.
1 w. Maria, d. (& ? h.) of Richard Mynors, of —— co. Hereford.
John Dabridgecourt, of Solihull, co. Warwick, ob. July 16, 1543; bur. at Knoll, co. Warwick. Mon. Brass. (z)
2 w. Elizabeth, dau. of Roger Wigton, of Wolston, co. Warwick, and sister of Sir William Wigston, knt. remarried John Holbeche, of Fillongley, co. Warwick. (G. 4, f. 17. Coll. Arm.)
George Dabridgecourt, of Stratfield Say, ob. Feb. 27, 1558; will da. Feb. 26, 1558; p. June 3, 1559; bu. 8 March 1558. Reg. S. S. Inq. p. m. May 23, 1 Eliz. Mon. Brass, S. S. (o)
Isabella, d. of Rd. Norton, of Tisted, co. Hants, remar. Thos. White, Dec. 8, 1559. Reg. S. S. bur. Sept. 25, 1599. Reg. S. S.
b
Jane, w. of Hugh Smithwick.
Mary, w. of Reginald Pym, of Brymore, co. Som. who d. 8 Hen. VII. (p)
Anne.
Anne, w. of Ph. Mansel, bro. of Sir Rice M.
Cicely, w. of Sir Rice Mansel, of Margam, co. Glamor. both bur. at St. Barthol. Smithfi. M.I. Margam. (aa)
Christian, wife of Anthony Forster. 2dly of Sir Robert Constable, of Newark, knt.
Thos. Dabridgecourt, of Longdon Hall, co. Warw. jure ux. Sheriff of Warw. 29 Eliz. ob. May 12, 1601. M.I. Solihull. Will da. and pr. 1602. (bb)
Alice, d. of Roger Greswold, & eld. sist. and coh. of Rd. Greswold, of Longdon Hall, co. Warwick; ob. Feb. 29, 1599; bur. Mar. 3. M.I. & Reg. Solihull.
c
1 h. Geo. Cartwright, of Ossington, co. Notts.
Dorothy, dau. and heir of William Molyneux, of Haughton, Notts. (bb)
d
2 h. Wm. Dabridgecourt, of Ossington, co. Notts. 2d son.
e

b

Sir Thomas Dabridgecourt, of Stratfield Say, knt. æt. 13 ad m. patris, bap. Jan. 18, 1545. Reg. S.S. Sheriff of Hants, 25 Eliz. ob. Nov. 3, bur. Nov. 4, 1614. Reg. S. S. Admin. 1615. Inq. p. m. June 27, 14 Jac. (q)

= Margaret, dau. of Henry Becher, Alderm. of London, nupt. July 23, 1571. Reg. S.S. Adminx. to her hus. ob. Oct. 29; bur. Oct. 30, 1621. Reg. S. S. Will dated July 16, 1617, pr. 1622. (r)

Richard D. bapt. Nov. 13, 1543; bur. July 2, 1545.

John D. bapt. Dec. 10, 1544; bur. July 20, 1546.

George D. bapt. April 26, 1551; bur. July 24, 1553. Reg. S. S.

Elizabeth, bap. July 12, 1553, bur. July 24, 1553. Reg. S.S.

Dorothy, bapt. May 13, 1548, Reg. S. S. marr. Edward Mogge, July 29, 1576, Reg. S. S.

Susan, bap. Aug. 28, 1549. Reg. S.S.w. of Phano Becher, bro. of Margaret afores. nupt. May 12, 1572. Reg. S.S. had issue.

c

Catharine, eld. dau. and coh. bap. Oct. 1, 1556. S. Reg. w. of John Fulwood, of Ford Hall, co. War. and had issue. (cc)

Christiana, 2d dau. and coh. bap. Sep. 2, 1557; mar. Sep. 13, 1580, S. Reg. w. to Wm. Belcher, of Gillsbor', Northam.

Anne, 3rd dau. and coh. bap. Oct. 5, 1559. S. Reg. w. of Henry Hugford, of Solihull, mar. Sep. 30, 1588. S. Reg. 2nd John Hugford, of Henwood, co. Warw. mar. Oct. 30, 1593. S. Reg. (dd)

John D. bap. May 21, 1565; bu. Sep. 10, 1565. S. Reg.

Grace, 4th dau. and coh. bapt. Nov. 1, 1560. S. R. ob. March 20, 1633. M. I. Ossington.

d e

= William Cartwright, of Ossington, mar. Sept. 9, 1578, Sol. Reg. ob. Dec. 31, 1602. M. I. Ossington.

John D. viv. 1602. Wm. D. viv. 1602. Margaret. Mary. Christian.

Henry Dabridgecourt, of Stratfield Say, æt. 30 ad mort. patris, bap. Sep. 6, 1572; ob. June 19, 1619. Inq. p. m. Oct. 8, 5 Car. (s)

= Catharine, dau. and coheir of Sir Henry Ashley, of Wimborne St. Giles, co. Dorset, by Anne, sister of William Lord Borough.

Elizabeth, bapt. Sept. 17, 1579. Reg. S. S. mar. Sir Steph. Leysyure, knt. Aug. 29, 1609. Reg. S. S. and had issue. (u)

Susan, bap. April 20, 1581. Reg. S.S. w. of Chas. Evans, July 1, 13 Jac. and had issue.

Eustace Dabridgecourt, bap. July 7, 1577; ob. June 18; bur. 20th, 1594. Reg. S.S. & Mon. Brass. (x)

1 w. Catharine, dau. of Thomas Legatt, of Dagenhams, co. Essex, ob. June 6, 1607. Mon. Brass. P. C. (C. 31. f. 202. Coll. Arm.)

= Thomas Dabridgecourt, bapt. Oct. 28, 1573, of Preston Candover, co. Hants, executor to his mother 1622. (*Query* of St. Clement Danes, Westminster, Admin. 1650.)

2 w. Barbara, dau. of William Fisher, of Chilton Candover, co. Hants, living 1617.

George Dabridgecourt, of Stratfield Say, æt. 30 ad mort. patris. Administrator to his wife, then of Kendal, co. Westmoreland. (t)

= Frances, dau. of John Leybourne, of Conswick, co. Westmorel. and sister of Nicholas L. of Betham, eod. com. Adm. March 1, 1652. (C. 39. f. 10. Coll. Arm.)

Thomas Dabridgecourt, ba. Aug. 5, 1603. Reg. S. S.

Lucy, living 1604, ob. young.

Elizabeth, w. of Andr. Knight, of Timsbury, co. Hants, 1623. and had issue. (y)

Henry Dabridgecourt, bu. Dec. 21, 1600. Reg. S. S.

Carew Dabridgecourt.

Sanchet or Zanchet Dabridgecourt.

Elizabeth.

Thos. Dabridgecourt. (ee)

Richard Dabridgecourt.

William Dabridgecourt.

Stephen Dabridgecourt.

Francis Dabridgecourt.

Mary, of Putney. Will dat. 1683, p. 1684, bur. at Putney May 21, 1684. P. Reg. (ff)

NOTES TO PEDIGREE OF DABRIDGECOURT.

(a) His reception of Queen Isabella and of her son Prince Edward, afterwards Edward the Third, is thus related by Froissart: "And so," says the Chronicler, "the Queene departyd from the castell of Dambretycourte, and toke leve of the knyght and of the lady, and thanked them for theyr good chere that they hadde made her, and sayd that she trusted oones to se the tyme that she or her sonne shulde well remembre theyr courtesye." That they did remember it is attested by the honours conferred upon the Sieur d'Abrichecourt on the Prince's accession to the throne. In the Wardrobe Accounts (MSS. *penes* Sir H. Nicolas), is an entry showing the receipt of William Giles, servant to Sir Nicholas Dabrichecourt, for robes, 27 January, 1st Edw. III. He was knighted with the rank of Banneret. The family appears to have been finally settled in England after the accession of Edward, but there are two entries of payments made in the 15th of John and the 8th of Henry the Third to a Walter de Abrichecourt, apparently connected with Flanders. (Vide Rot. Fin.)

(b) Very little is known of this knight. Mr. Beltz, in compiling his History of the Order of the Garter, made diligent researches respecting the earlier members of this family. Sir Sanchet is noticed in the 9th of Edward III. and his garter plate still exists. His stall was filled in 1360. Mr. Beltz supposes Sir Sanchet, Sir Eustace, and Nicholas to have been all three sons of the Sieur d'Abrichecourt. It is stated by Vincent and Sandford that Sir Eustace was his second son, and there is little reason to doubt Sir Sanchet having been a son; but the dates connected with Nicholas, and the will of Sir John, (K.G.) render Mr. Beltz's arrangement, as regards Nicholas, impossible.

(c) Frequent mention of the exploits of this distinguished knight is made by Froissart. At Poictiers he was one of the chief actors: "In lyke wise," he writes, "the lorde Eustace Dambreticourt dyd his payne to be one of the formost to sett on; when Sir James Audeleye began to sette forwarde to his ennemyes, it fortuned to Sir Eustace Dambretycourt, as ye shall here after. Ye have hearde before howe the Almayns in the French host were apoynted to be still a horsebacke; Sir Eustace beyng a horsebacke, layed his spere in the rest, and ran into the French batayle; and than a knight of Almaygne, called the lord Loys of Coucoubras, who bare a shelde sylver five rosses goules; and Sir Eustace bare ermyns, two hamedes of goules. When this Almaygne sawe the lorde Eustace come fro his company, he rode agaynst hym, and they mett so rudely, that both knights fell to the yerthe; the

Almayne was hurt on the shoulder, therfor he rose not so quickly as dyd Sir Eustace, who whan he was up and had taken his breth, he came to the other knyght as he lay on the grounde; but thane fyve other knyghtes of Almayne came on him all at ones, and bare hym to the yerth; and so per force there he was taken prisoner, and brought to the Erle of Nosco," (sc. *Nassau*) "who as then toke no hede of hym; and I cannot say whether they sware him prisoner or no, but they tyd hym to a chare, and there lette hym stande." He was ultimately rescued by his men, "and sette on horsebacke, and after he dyd that day many feates of armes, and toke gode prisoners."

He afterwards "held in Champayne a seven hundred fightyng men; he wanne great rychesse ther, in ranssomyng of men, in vendages in townes, castelles, and save conductes; he helde under hym a twelfe fortresses; he was as than a lusty lover paramours, and after he maryed the lady Isabell of Jullyers, somtyme doughter to th'erle of Jullyers: this lady also loved the lord Eustace, for the gret noblenes of armes she had herde reported of hym, and she send often tymes to hym coursers and hackeneyes, with letters of love, wherby the sayde Sir Eustace was the more hardy in all his dedes of armes, so that every man wan greatly that was under hym." At Nogent, soon after, he was engaged in a desperate rencontre, and "with his glave overthrew a 4 of the herdiest of his ennemyes." His opponent, the Lord Broquart, struck out three of his teeth, "but for all that he letted nat to fight," and was taken prisoner. He was afterwards ransomed for 22,000 francs, and joined the Black Prince at Poictou. He was again taken prisoner at Limousin, and died at Carenten, in Normandy. The date of his death is stated by Froissart to have been "at the same season" as that of Pope Urban the Fifth, which was Dec. 1370. Mr. Beltz has shown that his seal, attached to a deed, at Paris, exhibits the bars charged with seven escallops, which mark of cadency was subsequently adopted by the junior branch of the family seated in Warwickshire. He presented to the living of Ufford, co. Northampton, in 1363, and Elizabeth Countess of Juliers in 1379, and until her decease.

(d) It cannot be distinctly proved that this lady was the daughter of William first Duke of Juliers; but the evidence afforded by the monumental brass quoted by Leland as having been "*seen*" by him in Bridport church seems almost sufficient to establish the fact. He states that it was "on the north side of the high altar," and inscribed: "Hic jacet Gulielmus filius Elizabethæ de Juliers Comitissæ Cantiæ consanguineæ Philippæ quondam Reginæ Angliæ." William first Duke of Juliers married Johanna, sister of Queen Philippa, and this would give the consanguinity. It is somewhat remarkable that the *father* of the deceased is not mentioned. As the Queen died in August 1369, and Sir

Eustace Dabridgecourt in the following year, the date of the brass may be fixed between that period and the time of the mother's decease, viz. 1411. The marriage of this lady to Sir Eustace, after her vows of chastity and assumption of the habit of a nun at Waverley, the penance enjoined to her and her husband, &c. are all so fully set forth in the note to Mr. Beltz's History of the Garter (p. 91), that it is unnecessary to repeat them. Her will is dated at Bedhampton, 20 April, 1411. She styles herself "Elizabeth Juliers." It is printed at length in Nichols's Royal Wills, and an abstract is given in Nicolas's Test. Vet. She had large possessions in dower, and the Inq. p. m. at her decease in 1411, gives the five sisters of Edmund Holland, Earl of Kent, the nieces of her husband John Earl of Kent, as the heirs. The arms of John Earl of Kent, impaled with her own, viz. England within a bordure, impaling, Or, a lion rampant sable, were in Lichfield cathedral. (C. 10, f. 160, MS. Coll. Arm.) She was buried in the chancel of the Minor Friars at Winchester in the tomb of John her husband. Hasted (Hist. of Kent) quotes a deed of Archbishop Sudbury, dated 1375, relative to masses ordered to be said at Bleane in Kent, for the souls of the Lord Eustace Dabrichecourt and his consort for works of piety done in the hospital of St. Thomas the Martyr. Her mother entered the abbey of Fontenelles at Valenciennes, and died 1328. See her Mon. Insc. Outreman's Hist. of Valenciennes, p. 48.

(e) Mention is made of this Sir John in the will of John of Gaunt, whose Seneschal he is stated to have been. The will of this knight (proved at Lambeth) was made at Wimborne. He was then about to accompany Henry the Fifth to France—"In partes transmarinas sup'dicti Domini mei guerris ac in sua Comitiva proficiscens una cum ceteris d'nis et proceribus," &c. He mentions Aylwaston in Derbyshire, and Mapyrlegh in the same county, as his chief properties, and assumes that, in all likelihood, he shall be buried in the church of Aylwaston or in the abbey of Dale. He was a grandfather at his decease. Before this period, and when he was serving with Sir John Holland under the Duke of Lancaster, he is recorded by Froissart to have gone to Paris to accomplish a deed of arms, being challenged by the Lord Bouciqualt, who "sent by an herault, desyring to do with him dedes of armes, as thre courses with a spere, thre with an axe, and thre with a dagger, all on horseback." This combat, however, never took effect, and Sir John returned to Calais. He was succeeded in his stall by William Lord Zouche of Harringworth. His plate is stated by Sir Harris Nicolas to have been extant in 1583. The husband of his daughter Joan (viz. Hugh Willoughby) was a natural son of Hugh Willoughby, clerk, son of Sir Richard Willoughby, Justice of the King's Bench. (See Vincent, 10, f. 242.) Their son Hugh Willoughby

was of Riseley, and died in 1491, having married Isabella, daughter of Gervase Clifton. It appears by the arms on the monument at Wilne that he bore his mother's coat (viz. Dabridgecourt) impaling Clifton. See Thoroton's Notts, and C. 34, f. 102, Coll. Arm.

(f) The pedigree in Vincent's Warwick, f. 39, is undoubtedly inaccurate; indeed Ashmole, in his History of the Garter, points out the errors. This Nicholas is there made to be the grandson of Sir John (K.G.) son of Sir Sanchet, son of Sir Eustace. A reference to the dates will at once show this arrangement to be utterly impossible. Sir Sanchet may, from the dates connected with him, be presumed to have been the eldest son of the entertainer of Queen Isabella. Sir John (K.G.) may be inferred to have been a grandson, and possibly a son of Sir Sanchet; and Nicholas of Stratfield Say was clearly the brother of this Sir John. In evidence of this latter point, Sir John (K.G.) in 1415, mentions his nephews Sir John and Nicholas. The Inq. p. m. of the mother of the second Sir John fixes his identity as the son of Nicholas and Elizabeth de Say; and the Inquis. (hereafter mentioned) of the 6th of Henry VI. proves that this second Sir John had a brother Nicholas. In 1371 payment was made to Nicholas Dabridgecourt, "the King's valet;" and in the same year two payments were made, Feb. 23rd, and Oct. 13th, to Collard Dabridgecourt, one for expenses of himself and his men at arms and archers; the other, a pension of ten marcs for life for good service rendered by him to the King. (See Issue Roll.) In 1373 (see Rymer) Collard D'abrichecourt was Constable of Nottingham Castle.

(g) The descent of the manor of Stratfield Say is shewn in one or more Inquisitions, but the name of the father of Elizabeth, and husband of Sibilla de Say, does not appear. It seems that the lands were settled on the issue of Nicholas and Elizabeth; failing them on the issue of Elizabeth, and failing them to the heirs of Nicholas.

(h) See Collectanea Topographica, vol. VIII. p. 396, and pedigree of Brocas, Nichols's Leicestershire, vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 832.

(i) There was an Inquisition (6 Hen. VI.) to inquire what lands belonged to John and Joan, William the infant being then in custody of the crown. It speaks of lands at Stepney, "quas prædict' Joh'es," sc. Sir John, "habuit ex dono Nicholai Dabridgecourt fratris ej'." It states that he was enfeoffed by the name of Sir John Dabridgecourt of Stratfieldsay, Knt.

(k) His will is dated 1465, and was proved in 1466. He desires to be buried in the centre of the chancel or church of Stratfieldsay, and leaves a sum of money for a marble stone with his arms, helmet, &c. The will was proved by John Brocas one of the executors. A monumental slab in the porch of the present church, removed from the old church, exhibits traces of brasses answering this description.

(l) This Alice is, in some of the pedigrees, erroneously called daughter and coheir. The monument of Sir George Forster and his wife Elizabeth at Aldermaston (see Ashmole's Berks) establishes the fact that Lady Forster was daughter and heir of John Delamare, son and heir of Sir Thomas Delamare; and the Inq. p. m. (Cole's Esch.) shews further that she was found heir to her cousin John Delamare, son of George Delamare, another son of Sir Thomas and Elizabeth Delamare. In some pedigrees John Delamare, the father of Lady Forster, is stated to have married a daughter of Nicholas Dabridgecourt. The will of Sir Thomas Delamare was proved in 1492; that of Elizabeth his wife is registered in 1493; but no probate appears to have been granted.

(m) Sir George Putnam's daughter, Anne, married Thomas Norton, of Tisted, and his son Robert Putnam married Margery, daughter of Richard Elyot, Chief Justice. (Vincent, 130, f. 12, and D. 13, f. 120. MSS. Coll. Arm.)

(n) Richard Norton married Mabel, daughter of Henry Becher, of London. (Vincent, 130, f. 83. K. 8. f. 124, and C. 19. MSS. Coll. Arm.) In Harl. MSS. 5849, f. 21, is the coat of Dabridgecourt, impaling Norton, viz. Quarterly, 1 and 4, Vert, a lion rampant or; and 2 and 3, Azure, on a fess, between six cross-crosslets or, three escallops gules.

(o) Mentions his wife Isabella; his brother-in-law Richard Awdley, his son Thomas Dabridgecourt, and his daughters Susan and Dorothy. The Brass, now at Stratfieldsay, was placed there, as is stated, by his son Thomas.

(p) She was mother of Erasmus Pym, of Brymore, who was grandfather of the celebrated John Pym.

(q) Knighted at Whitehall, July 23, 1603. (Claudius, C. III.) The Visitation (Harl. MSS. 1544) calls him, erroneously, *George*. The Inq. p. m. was taken at Basingstoke.

(r) Henry Becher was Sheriff of London in 1569.

(s) He was a Gentleman Pensioner to Q. Elizabeth. See Hutchins's Dorset, vol. iii. p. 175. His wife's mother was Catharine, daughter of Edward first Earl of Lincoln.

(t) All traces of him, and of his descendants, if he had any, are lost after 1652. The following paragraph, however, appeared in the Courier newspaper, Nov. 3, 1817:

"In the account of the estate about to be purchased by the Duke of Wellington, it was stated that the family of Dabridgecourt is either extinct or has fallen into obscurity. This family (whose origin in England is derived from Sir Eustace de Drawbridgecourt, one of the knights attendant upon Philippa, Queen of Edward the Third, from the continent) *is not extinct*. That it has lost its estates, and fallen into obscurity, is true."

The Stratfieldsay property must have been sold to Sir William Pitt, between 1621 and 1633, the wife of Sir William Pitt having been buried there in 1633.

(u) Sir Stephen Leysyure was knighted at Whitehall March 26, 1608. He was probably of foreign extraction. His arms appear to have defied description, and are therefore tricked in the Alphabet of Arms (MSS. Coll. Arm.) They had a daughter, Margaret, bapt. March 29, 1612. Reg. S.S.

(x) There is a long and rather good Latin inscription, on a brass in the chancel, now affixed to the wall, commemorative of this Eustace. It is stated to have been composed by the Rector, the Rev. John Howseman, (whose monument describes him as having died 9 March 1626,) and erected by the father, Thomas Dabridgecourt.

(y) He died in 1635 (Reg. Timsbury), when administration was granted to Elizabeth the relict.

The following entries appear in the Register of Timsbury:

1603. Bapt. Jan. 23. Ursula, dau. of Andrew Knight.

1612. Bapt. Sept. .. Thomas, s. of Andrew Knight.

1635. Buried Jan. 12. Mr. Andrew Knight.

1643. Bapt. May 25. Eliz. d. of Andrew and Deborah Knight.

1644. Bapt. May 28. Andrew, s. of Andrew and Deborah Knight.

1648. Bapt^{d}. Aug. 31. Lucy, d. of Mr. Andrew Knight and Deborah his wife.

In or before 1635, Mr. Andrew Knight gave 2*l.* 10*s.* per ann. for ever to the use of the poor, to be bestowed at the discretion of the churchwardens and overseers on Good Friday.

(z) There is a copy of this brass in Dugdale's Warwickshire. He is represented as having had twelve children. A letter in the Gentleman's Magazine, vol. lxiii. p. 419, &c. anno 1793, descriptive of the church at Knoll, states that the brass had been stolen. A subsequent letter dated in 1808, in the same publication, communicated by Mr. Hamper, affirms that it was loose in the chapel, and that Dugdale's copy of it is incorrect. Mr. Hamper then gives an amended transcript. The first letter states that "Thomas Dabridgecourt, whose father was buried here, made a south window of the chapel, which had his figure kneeling in armour," and that "Sir William Wigston, whose daughter he married, made another." The present Incumbent states that the brass is now lost. —Anne Wigston, the sister of his wife Elizabeth, married John Hugford, who was father, by his first wife, of John Hugford, who married Anne Dabridgecourt. A sketch of his monument, with the inscription, is given in Dugdale's Warwickshire.

(aa) A book of Arms and Pedigrees in various Counties, (Harl. MSS. 5849, f. 4.) contains the coat of Maunsell impaling Dabridgecourt, viz. Quarterly, 1 and 4, Argent, a chevron between three maunches sable;

2. Per pale indented argent and gules, Penrice; 3. Arg. three bars gu. impaling, Quarterly, 1 and 4, Dabridgecourt, the bars charged with escallops and a crescent for difference; 2 and 3, Sable, an eagle displayed or, on a chief az., within a bordure argent, a chevron between two crescents in chief or, and a rose in base, Mynors. Again, at f. 11, are the same arms, described as those of Sir Ryse Maunsell.

(bb) This William Molyneux was brother of Richard Molyneux, ancestor of the Teversall branch of that family. He died 1541. See M.I. at Hawton (Thoroton's Notts.); also Vincent's Warwick, f. 40.

(cc) Vincent's Warwick, f. 58.

(dd) Their eldest daughter and coheir Frances married William Noel of Kirkby Mallory, co. Leicester, from whom is descended Lady Noel Byron, the present possessor of the property at Longdon. See Nichols's Leicestershire, vol. iv. p. 770. Verney Noel was baptized at Solihull, Sept. 15, 1604.

(ee) This was most probably the Sir Thomas Dabridgecourt mentioned in the preceding will. In 1650, administration of the effects of Thomas Dabridgecourt of St. Clement Danes was granted, March 20, to Thomas Dabridgecourt, "Knight and Baronet," the son. His name does not appear amongst Cromwell's Baronets, nor in any other record; yet the fact of his bearing those titles seems indisputable.

The only record in the Prerogative Court in which the party cannot be identified, is the administration of Eleanor Dabridgecourt, alias Eltonhead, in 1633, when commission was granted, Dec. 3, to John Eltonhead, the husband, of Plumstead, co. Kent.—Eleanor, sister of Richard Eltonhead, of Eltonhead, co. Lancaster (which Richard was 82 in 1664) was wife of a Thomas Dabridgecourt. See C. 57, MSS. Coll. Arm.

(ff) An examination of the Indexes in the Prerogative Office was made as far as 1750 inclusive, but no will or administration of the name was found later than 1684, when the will of this Mary was proved. She mentions her nephew Zanchet Dabridgecourt, whom she names as her executor. Barbara Wells and Bridget Persall, daughters of her late brother Sir Thos. Dabridgecourt. John Dabridgecourt (their brother) then living in Maryland and not aged 16. Her niece Elizabeth Dabridgecourt. Her cousin Elizabeth, relict of Dr. Shirley.[a] Mrs. Salmon, relict of her cousin Salmon, and her cousin Payne Fisher.[b] She requests the minister of Putney to preach a sermon from the text, "The virgins follow the Lamb;" and desires this "posy" to be put on mourning rings for her nieces. No traces of the name are to be met with subsequent to this date.

[a] Possibly Dr. Thomas Shirley, physician to Charles II., the last heir male of the Shirleys of Wiston, co. Sussex.

[b] Paganus Piscator, as he wrote himself.—See an account of him and of his works in Wood's Athenæ, and in Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary. He died in 1693.

The following are notices connected with the family :

Admissions to Gray's Inn. (Harl. MSS. 1912.)

John Dabridgecourt in 1586.

Thomas Dabridgecourt, of Hammersmith, admitted Aug. 10, 1633.

The Index at the Temple contains no entry of the name.

Baptized at Malmesbury, Nov. 6, 1643, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Dabridgecourt, Esq. Lieut.-Colonel of the King's army, and Deputy Governor under Colonel Howard, of the town of Malmesbury. (Malmesbury Register.)

Thomas Dabridgecourt and Barbara his wife; fine, &c. manor of Horwood, alias Stonebury, co. Hants, 1634, (Cole's Esch.) apparently Thomas of Preston Candover.

George, son of Mr. Thomas Dabridgecourt, bap. Sept. 1630. Camberwell Register, Collect. Topog. vol. III. p. 161.

Ralph Staverton of Strodhall and Bray, co. Berks, circa 1434, is stated (Harl. MSS. 1544, f. 63, and C. 18. f. 39. MSS. Coll. Arm.) to have married the dau. and heir of —— Dampredicourt, of —— co. Berks; and the early Baronetages make Sir Will. Keay, of Yorkshire, marry a daughter of Sir John Dabridgecourt.

Since the above was written, the Compiler has received a very courteous communication from the Sous Préfet of Douay, stating that there are now no traces of the castle of Aubercicourt. Carpentier, in his History of Cambray, pub. 1664, gives a further account of the family. He states, that Baldwin d'Aubercicourt, who was slain at the battle of Courtray in 1302, was father of Eustace (" que les Historiens Anglais nomment mal Sanche ou Sache d'Ambercicourt,") who received Queen Isabella, that he was made a Knight of the Garter, and served at Poictiers, &c.; also that he was father of John (K.G.) and Nicholas. The dates shew this to be erroneous. Sir Eustace was married, as we have seen, in 1360, being then on active service, and when, if he was the person who entertained the Queen, he must have been full 60 years of age, as he could hardly, at the time of her visit, have been less than 25. Carpentier states that the English was the elder branch. He commences the pedigree with a Walter d'Aubercicourt, living in 1096. It should also be noticed that a very civil letter was received from Mons. le Francq, Curé of Aubercicourt, stating that no monument or other record relating to this family is now in existence. Respecting the error in the name, it may be remarked that the same author notices another case of a Squire of Hainault, " qui avoit suiviz le party du Roy," meaning Edward the Third, viz. " Henry d'Enne mal nommé Eme."—And he adds, that he bore for his arms, Sable, ten lozenges argent, " Comme il se void encore à Londrès." Mr. Beltz, who, following the English records, styles him Sir Henry *Eam*, had evidently not referred to Carpentier's History.

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