

Families and family trees

Part 1

- **Alington**
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- **Atherton**
By courtesy of Gillian Blackmore
- **Batson**
Source as Alington above
- **Bradman**
by P.Cornell By courtesy of Haverhill & District Local History Group
- **Bromley**
Source as Alington above

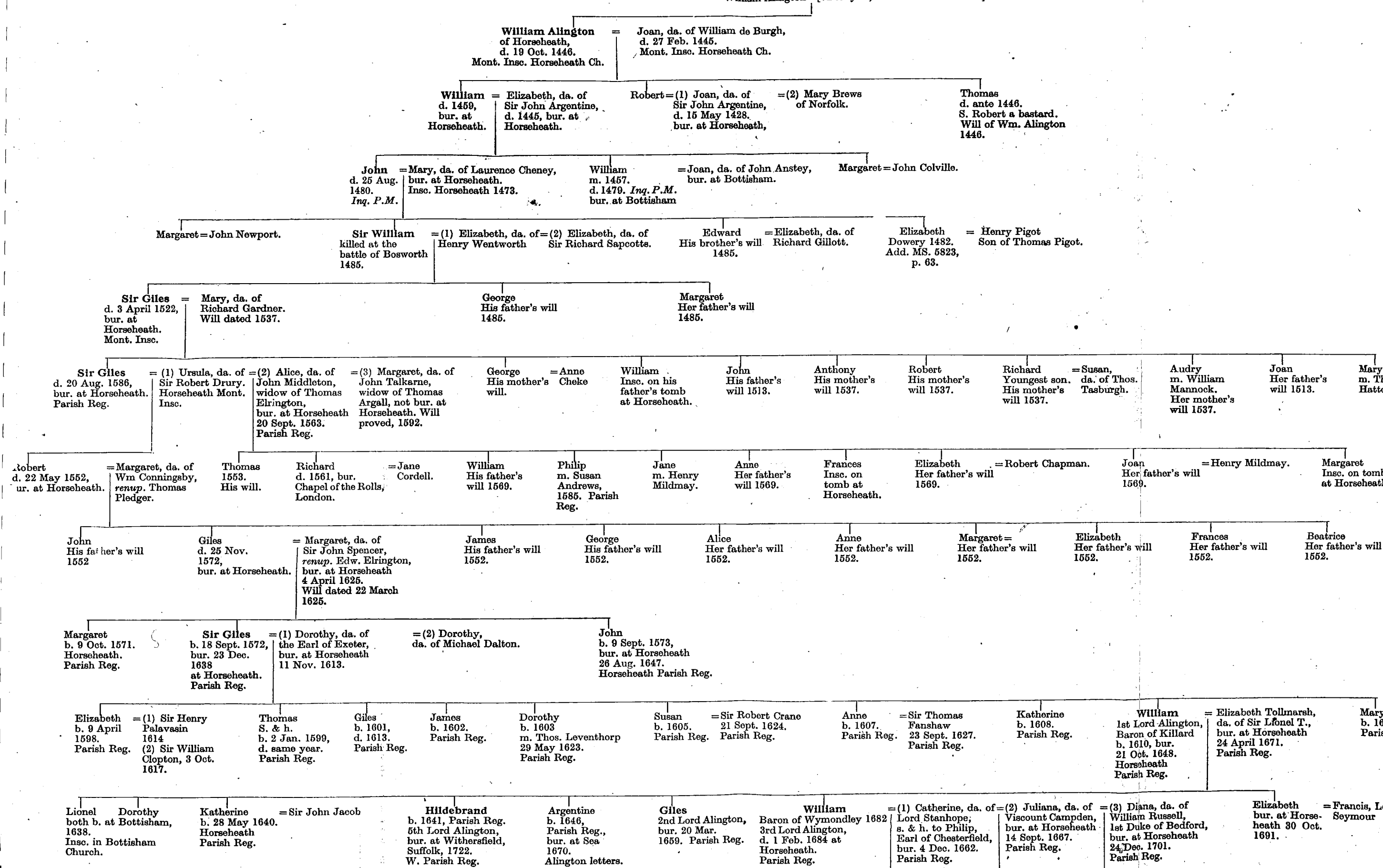
PEDIGREE OF THE ALINGTONS OF HORSEHEATH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Arms. Sable, a bend engrailed between six billets, argent.

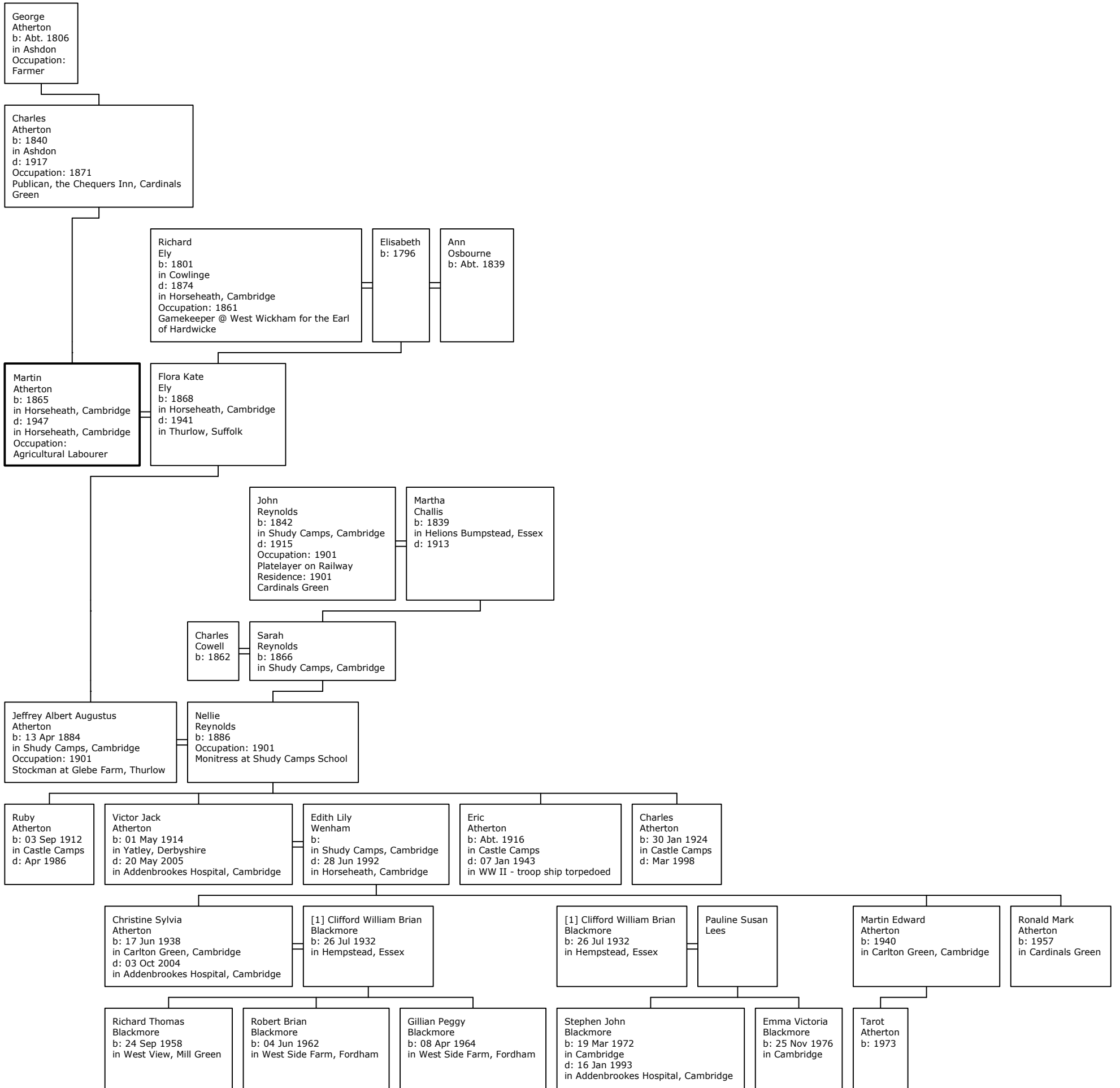
Crest. A talbot passant proper, ermine.

Motto. En Dieu est tout.

William Alington = [?Dionysia, da. of William Mallet.]



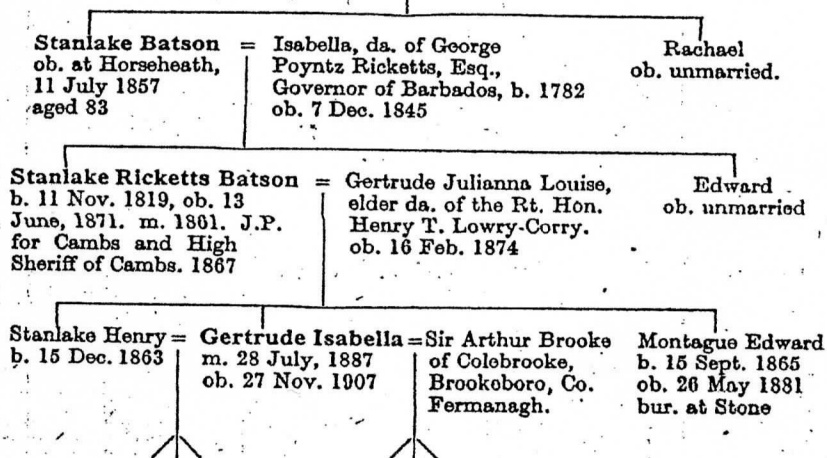
All-in-One Tree of Martin Atherton



PEDIGREE OF BATSON

Arms. Ar. three bats' wings sa. on a chief gules.
 Crest. A bat's wing, sa.
 Motto. Nocte Volamus.

Henry Batson
 His will dated 1803



The names of the Batson owners of Horseheath are printed in a heavier type.

SIR DONALD BRADMAN

LINKS WITH WITHERSFIELD, HAVERHILL AND HORSEHEATH

The greatest cricketer and batsman that Australia has produced is undoubtedly Donald Bradman. He was born on August 27th 1908 at Cootamundra in the rich wheat and sheep belt of New South Wales, the last of five children born to George [D] and Emily Bradman.

The origins of the Bradman family can be traced back to the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire villages of Withersfield, Haverhill, and Horseheath. The name has been written as Bradman and Bradnam over the centuries and the Parish Registers of St Marys Withersfield contain many entries of both variations. When Sir Donald played at Cambridge in 1930 as a 21 year old on his first tour of England he took the opportunity to trace his forebears in the region and met several persons carrying the name Bradman and Bradnam.

Sir Donald's great and great great grandparents on the male side lie in the churchyard at Withersfield. John Bradman [A] was born at Horseheath c1745. He was an agricultural labourer and married his first wife Susanna Williams at Withersfield on October 13th 1769. Susanna was buried at Withersfield in 1795. John then married again to Anne Hyner on March 3rd 1795, again at Withersfield. There were two children by the first marriage and a further five by the second marriage, Sir Donald's great grandfather John [B] being the second born to John and Anne. John [A] was buried on August 26th 1822 and Anne on February 2nd 1855 both at Withersfield.

John Bradman [B] was also an agricultural labourer; he married Lucy Rawlinson (another prolific family name at Withersfield) on April 2nd 1830 at Withersfield. Eight children were born of this marriage, the second, Charles, [C] was Sir Donald's grandfather. The 1851 census for Withersfield shows John and Lucy living at High Noon Lane with seven children. This house in due

THE FAMILY TREE OF SIR DONALD BRADMAN

William Rawlingson m Susanna Smoothy
 b. 1729 b. 12-2-1710
 d. 1781 H.H. W.F.

Thomas Rawlingson m Elizabeth Lappet
 b. 1737 H.H. 1755 b.
 d. 1805 W.F. W.F. d. 1812 W.F.

John Bradman[A] m (1) Sussanna Williams
 b. 1745. H.H. 1769 d. 1795 W.F.
 d. 1822. W.F. 1795(2) Anne Hyner
 | d. 1855 H.H.
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John Bradman[B] m Lucy Rawlingson
 b. 1806 W.F. 1830 .b. 1808 W.F.
 W.F.

Charles Bradman[C] m Elizabeth Biffen
 b. 1833 W.F. 1860 b. 1843
 em. 1852. Berrima
 d. 1907 Jinalee

George Bradman[D] m Emily Whatman
 b. 1875 1893 b. 1871
 Cootamundra | Mittagong
 d. 1961 | d. 1944
 Berrima | Mittagong

Donald George Bradman
 b. 1908 Cootamundra.

H.H. Horseheath
 W.F. Withersfield

course became the village post office and when Sir Donald visited the village in 1930 the house was still occupied by a relative - Mrs Tillbrooke, a niece of his grandfather (she was born a 'Bradman')

Charles Bradman [C] emigrated to Australia as a young man of 18 in early 1852. He was the eldest son of John and Lucy and baptised at Withersfield on May 26th 1833. At the time of his emigration he too was an agricultural labourer. During this period East Anglia was in the grip of the great agricultural depression and many groups of agricultural workers banded together to go to Australia, anxious to divorce themselves from a life of agricultural serfdom. The number of emigrants claimed by Australia in 1852 was 95,000, most making for the Victorian goldfields, though some 9,000 went to New South Wales, Charles Bradman being one of them. He spent the rest of his days a New South Welshman.

In 1860 Charles married Elizabeth Biffen at Berrima near Mittagong in the southern highlands of New South Wales and they eventually settled at Jindalee some 7 miles north of Cootamundra. Sir Donald's father, George, being born at Cootamundra on November 29th 1875. Sir Donald never knew his emigrant grandfather for he died at the age of 74 in October 1907 at Jindalee, ten months before Donald was born.

His father, George, [D] married at the age of 17 to Emily Whatman in 1893. The Whatman family origins go back to Brede in Sussex. Donald's mother died in 1944 at Mittagong and his father in 1961 at Berrima. Sir Donald and Lady Bradman live in Adelaide, South Austria and still take a very active interest in cricket.

Cambridgeshire has also produced a number of other great cricketers of the 19th century, Thomas Hayward and Robert Carpenter who, along with Diver, Tarrant and Buttress, all helped the County for many years to be one of the strongest in England. A far cry from today as a 'minor county'. Thomas Hayward Jr. was the first man after W. G. Grace to score a hundred centuries. The greatest century maker of them all, John Berry Hobbs, was also born in Cambridgeshire, so by geographical accident the two master batsmen of the 20th century are linked together.

My own interest in the Bradman family is through the Withersfield connection. My great grandfather William Cornell and his wife Harriet Farrant (of Haverhill)

emigrated to New South Wales from Withersfield in 1855. They lived near the Bradman family in a tenement at the junction of the road to Great Wrattling near the Fox Inn during the 1830-40s and later near the White Horse. They knew the Bradman family well and contact was maintained after arrival in Australia. My William Cornell's cousin Martha Anna Cornell married Sir Donald's great grandfather's brother William at Withersfield on April 10th 1879.

An excellent book for further reading on Sir Donald's life and cricketing career is 'Sir Donald Bradman - A Biography', published by B. T. Batsford, London, 1978, from which some of the information in this article is drawn.

W Cornell.



BROMLEY OF HORSEHEATH

Arms. Quarterly per pale dovetail, gu. and or.

Crest. A demy Lion ramp. sa. issuing from a mural crown or, holding a standard vert with a griffon passant or.

Motto. Non inferiora secutus.

John Bromley of = **Dorothy, da. of Thomas White,**
 Horseheath Hall, bur. Insc. Horseheath Church,
 at Horseheath bur. at Horseheath
 27 Oct. 1707, aged 56. 14 July 1709, aged 60.
 Horseheath Parish Reg. Parish Reg.

John
d. 20 Oct. 1718,
aged 36.
Parish Reg.

= **Mary, da. of Wm. Bromley of**
Holt Castle, Worcester.

Percy

William
d. unmarried,
bur. at Horseheath
29 Nov. 1729. Parish Reg.

Henry
1st Lord Montfort,
b. 1705, d. 1 Jan.
1755, bur. South
Audley St. Chapel,
St George's, Westminster.

= **Frances, da. of Sir Francis**
Wyndham, Bart., d. 1733,
bur. in St Margaret's Church,
Westminster.

Frances
b. 1728,
m. 1747.

= **Charles Sloane**
Cadogan, only son
of Lord Cadogan.

Lord Montfort, Thomas Bromley =
2nd Baron of Horseheath,
b. 1733, m. 1772, d. Nov. 1799,
aged 66.

= **Mary Anne Blake,**
sister of Sir Patrick Blake, M.P.
of Langham, Suffolk.
Thornton Papers.

Henry
3rd Lord Montfort,
b. May 1773,
d. 1860.

= (1) Elizabeth Watts = (2) Ann, da. of William Burgham.

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