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Shirleys of Ettington, Warwickshire

Pedigree of the Shirleys of Ettington (to 1650)

1. Sewalis de Eatington living 1251-2

m. Isabell Meysnyll dau and co-heir of Robert Meysnyll of Old Dalby Leicester and widow of John de Neville

2. **Sir James de Shirley** living 1278 In 1287 the Rolls of Parliament show that Sir James Shirley petitioned Edward I for restitution of the "Manor of Eatington" unjustly detained from him by Ralph Shirley, his son

m. Agnes Walton of Shirley Derbyshire dau of Simon de Walton later bishop of Norwich.

children (according to Stemata Shirleiana)

3. Simon de Shirley

3. James de Shirley

3. **Henry de Shirley** - Parson of the church of St Gregory [Sic? -Stemmata] at Barnham, Co. Suffolk

3. **Sir Ralph Shirley** d 1327 m. Margaret Waldeschef dau and co-heir of Walter de Waldershef. In 1294 Ralph Shirley represented the City of Warwick as the first Knight of the Shire, in Parliament. He and his wife are commemorated in the old church at Ettington where their effigies are still to be seen.

4. **Isabella Shirley** m. Geoffrey de Burgylon of Weston Underwood in parish of Mugginton Derbyshire

4. **Ralph Shirley** m Isabella de Eatendon. He died before 31 Edw III

4. **Sir Thomas Shirley** m. Isabella de Meynell, d/o Hugh de Meynell, knt and Alice Audley who next married the father of Lord Ralph Bassett of Drayton. Isabella later married Gerrard de Braybroke. Sir Thomas Shirley, son of Ralph Shirley and his wife whose effigies are commemorated in the old church at Ettington, inherited Ettington. He caused the death of his neighbor. However, he was pardoned by Edward III, and was in turn succeeded by Sir Hugh Shirley.

Isabel de Meynell, wife of Thomas de Shirley, Knt., has been incorrectly been identified repeatedly in the historical literature as the sister of Ralph Basset, K.G., 3rd Lord Basset of Drayton (died 1390), whose will names Isabel's son, Hugh de Shirley, as Lord Basset's "nephew." Isabel de Meynell was actually half-sister to Lord Basset, being the daughter of Lord Basset's mother, Alice de Audley, by her 2nd marriage to Hugh de Meynell, Knt. This is proven by the 1423 marriage dispensation between Isabel's descendant, Ralph Shirley, Esq., and Sir Hugh de Meynell's descendant, Margaret Staunton, which dispensation states the two parties were related in the 4th degree of kindred (or, if you prefer, 3rd cousins). The kinship between these parties was due to their common descent from Sir Hugh de Meynell, husband of Alice de Audley. For further details of the Peverel, Lisle, Meynell, and Shirley families, please see my books, Plantagenet Ancestry (2004) and Magna Carta Ancestry (2005). Best always, Douglas Richardson, Salt Lake City, Utah

5. **Sir Hugh Shirley, knt.** Grand Falconer to King Henry IV. The death of Hugh Shirley, son of Sir Thomas, at the battle of Shrewsbury, on Saturday the 20th of July, 1403. Sir Hugh was one of the four knights who, clothed in the royal armor, successively encountered and fell under the victorious arm of Douglas in single combat.

m Beatrix de Broase

Inquisition p.m. Beatrice, who was the wife of Hugh Shirley, taken at Leicester on Thursday before the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 18 Henry VI, 1440. Before Thomas Palmer, the escheator, and on the oath of John Chaubleyn, of Hathern, Henry atte halle, of Overton, John Nauntell, of Hathern, Robert Bernevile, of Threngeston, John Kendale, of Twycrosse, John Herdewyn, of Newebold, William Smyth, of Barrow, William Somervyle, of Cossington, John Souche, of Belton, William Bygge, of Rothley, Thomas Bygge, of Rothley, John Draper, of Thurmaston, and John Smyth and Thomas Ireland, both of Cotes, jurors, who say that Beatrice held no lands of the king in chief in co. Leices. on the day she died, but they say that a certain Ralph Basset of Drayton, knight, was seised of the manors of Rakedale, Willughes, Radechlyve, etc., in his demesne as of fee, and granted them to Sir Walter Skyrlow, bishop of Durham, and others as trustees, who granted them to Beatrice from Baster, 7 Henry IV (1406) for a term of 8 years at a yearly rent of £20, the reversion of them to Ralph Shirley, knight, and his male heirs for ever. After the expiration of the aforesaid eight years the said Ralph Shirley entered on the aforesaid manors, and still remains in peaceful possession of them. The manors were not held of the king, but of whom they are held the jurors are unaware. Beatrice died on Wednesday before St. George the martyr, 18 Henry VI. Ralph Shirley is her next heir and aged 40 years and more.

children:

6.i **Joan Shirley** m. Robert Newmarch

6.ii **Elizabeth Shirley** died unmarried mentioned in 1415 deposition of brother Ralph

6.iii **Isabella Shirley** m. Sir John Cockayne of Ashbourne mentioned in 1415 deposition of brother Ralph

6.iv **Nicholaia Shirley** (Fem.) died unmarried mentioned in 1415 deposition of brother Ralph

6.v **Ralph Shirley** b 1392

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