

The Lineage of Lichfield

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(Mr. Cabell has been induced by THE REVIEWER to take up work more in line with the best Southern traditions. Mr. Cabell herewith begins a series of genealogical articles—of, we believe, quite average authenticity—based upon the notes and papers of the late Colonel Rudolph Musgrave, and giving the ancestry of all the main characters in Mr. Cabell's books. The customary genealogic abbreviations are employed for "born," "died," "married," "daughter," "baptized," &c. Dates are old style.)

Manuel¹ the Redeemer, Count of Poictesme, b. 23 Dec. 1213, d. 29 Sept. 1239, was, according to tradition, the son of the water demon Oriander and the peasant girl Dorothy of the White Arms, who is called in one version of the story Vraswen. The perhaps partly mythical exploits of Dom Manuel¹ form the basis of the familiar mediæval romance *Les Gestes de Manuel*, now accessible to English readers in the Selborne Series. Of the other relatives of Manuel¹ nothing is known except that his half-sister Matthiette was the wife of Meunier, Comte de Montors, and had issue: Gui, Comte de Montors; and Ayrart de Montors, afterward Pope.

By a matrimonial alliance with Niafer, b. circa 1210, m. 3 Nov. 1235, d. spring of 1277, (the dau., according to some historians, of the Soldan of Barbary), Dom Manuel¹ had issue: Melicent²; Emmerick², who succeeded his father as Count of Poictesme, b. June 1237, accidentally killed by his nephew Raymondin³ de la Forêt 26 July 1300, m. Radegonde, then the widow of King Elphanor, and left issue (for whom, compare Lewistam's *Popular Tales of Poictesme*, Appendix F); Dorothy², called La Desirée, b. Dec. 1238, d. 1292, m., in 1256, Heitman Michael of Asch, and left descendants (again, compare Lewistam); and Ettarre², called La Beale, b. Oct. 1239, m. Sir Guiron des Rocques (who, circa 1276, succeeded his elder brother Etienne as Prince de Gatinais), but of her issue no record survives.

Melicent², b. Aug. 1236, d. Feb. 1324, m. (1) Demetrios of Anatolia, who was lord of the region between Quesiton and Naumera (b. 1233, d. July 1274, son of the noted magician Miramon Lluagor and Gisèle d'Arnaye), by whom Melicent² had no issue. Melicent² m. (2), in 1274, a French nobleman, Perion, Comte de la Forêt (b. 1233, d. 14 Jan. 1315), by whom she had,

with other issue: *Adelaide*³ *de la Forêt*; and Raymondin³ *de la Forêt*, b. 1279, d. 1340, m. Mélusine, b. circa 1230, (dau. of that King Helmas of Albania whom Dom Manuel¹ converted from folly), and left issue ten sons, for whom compare Desaivres' *Le Mythe de la Mère Lusine*, p. 148, Niort, 1882.

Adelaide³ *de la Forêt*, b. 1275, d. 1332, m., in 1293, Ralph, Comte de Nointel (b. 1267, d. Nov. 1320), and had, with other issue: Henri⁴ *de Nointel*, b. 1299, d. 1335, m. ——— (a dau. of Adhelmar *de Perdigon*), and had a son, Sir Adhelmar⁵ *de Nointel* (hero of the mediæval romance, *Les Aventures d'Adhelmar*) b. May 1332, d. unm. 24 Oct 1356; and Sylvie⁴ *de Nointel*.

Sylvie⁴ *de Nointel*, b. 1305, d. Dec. 1345, m., in May 1323 Florian, Vicomte de Puyange, b. 1269, d. 2 Feb. 1347 (the reputed son of Poictesme's legendary Jurgen^a and Félice *de Puyange*: see *La Haute Histoire de Jurgen*, in the eighth chapter) and had, with other issue: Reinault⁵, Vicomte de Puyange, b. 1324, d. 1375, m. Berthe ———, and left issue; and Mélite⁵ *de Puyange*.

Mélite⁵ *de Puyange*, b. 1337, d. 20 Aug. 1363, m., in Oct 1360, a Norman lord, Hugues, Sieur d'Arques, b. 1330, d. Dec. 1387. The Sieur d'Arques, in the wars attendant upon the transfer of the French throne to the house of Valois, sided with the English, and after the peace of Brétigni, signed in Sept. 1360, he settled in England, near Yaxham in Norfolk. The name was Anglicized as Darke. Hugues d'Arques and Mélite⁵ *de Puyange* had issue: Sylvia⁶ *Darke*; Adelais⁶ *Darke*, b. July 1361, d. unm. 18 March 1415; and Hugh⁶ *Darke*, b. Aug. 1363, d. June 1404, m. Maude *de Spencer*, and had a son, Roger⁷ *Darke*, b. 1395, d. 1427, m. Lucy *Archer*, and left descendants.

Sylvia⁶ *Darke*, b. July 1361, d. 10 Nov. 1419, m., in 1379, Sir Robert *Vernon* of *Winstead*, b. 1355, d. 16 Aug. 1419, and had, with other issue: Sir Hugh⁷ *Vernon*, knighted at Agincourt, b. 1380, d. May 1431, m. Isabel ———, and left descendants (for whom, compare Villiers' *Visitations of Norfolk*, in "Vernon of Oke"); Jane⁷ *Vernon*, b. 1387, m., in 1404, Henry *Heleigh*,

^aBülge, it may here be said, fixes the birth date of Jurgen as 8 April 1235, and estimates that the pawnbroker set forth on his supernal adventures 30 April 1277. The replevined Wednesday would, by this chronology, have been borrowed from the August of 1256.

Earl of Brudenel, and had numerous issue: Sylvia⁷ Vernon, b. 1390, m., in June 1410, Richard Degge, Earl of Venour; and *Adelais⁷ Vernon*.

Adelais⁷ Vernon, b. 1402, d. Oct. 1429, m., 30 Sept. 1422, Fulke, Sieur d'Arnaye, b. 1395, d. Feb. 1429, one of the French prisoners taken at Agincourt. This couple made their home in France, and had issue: Noel⁸ d'Arnaye; and Raymond⁸, Sieur d'Arnaye 1473-98, b. 1426, d. Jan. 1498, m. Anne de Nérac, and left descendants.

Noel⁸ d'Arnaye, called Le Joli, Sieur d'Arnaye 1429-73, b. 1425, d. 26 Dec. 1473, m., in Sept. 1462, Catherine de Vaucelles, b. 1439, d. in autumn of 1470, and had issue only:

Matthiette⁹ d'Arnaye, b. 1467, d. 8 Aug. 1516, m., 18 July 1484, Raoul⁹, Vicomte de Puyange, b. 1462, d. 13 Feb. 1520, a great-great-grandson of Reinault⁵, Vicomte de Puyange, as above. Raoul⁹ de Puyange was one of the Frenchmen who fought under Philibert de Shaundé in the Earl of Richmond's behalf at Bosworth, and he was rewarded with an estate in Devonshire, including Tiverton Manor. From him descend the Pierson family of Devon, the head of which, Lord Tiverton, was attained in 1745. Raoul⁹ de Puyange and Matthiette⁹ d'Arnaye had, with other issue:

Adeliza¹⁰ de Puyange (or de Pierson), b. 1500, d. 6 Oct. 1537, m., 7 Oct. 1519, Stephen Allonby, ninth Marquis of Falmouth, b. 1494, d. 24 Nov. 1557. He was a great-grandson (as was also, on the wrong side of the blanket, Will Sommers, the King's once-famous jester) of the sixth Marquis of Falmouth, who wooed, without winning, Adelais⁷ Vernon: all these Allonbys, of course, being descendants of that first Marquis who in the thirteenth century was a notable leader of the barons' party against Alianora of Provence. Stephen Allonby and Adeliza¹⁰ de Puyange had issue: Thomas¹¹ Allonby, bapt. 3 Jan. 1521, d. unm. 1554; Adela¹¹ Allonby, bapt. 11 Sept. 1523, m., in 1540, Sir Edmund Floyer, after 1555, Lord Rokesle; George¹¹ Allonby, called Fitzroy, bapt. 10 March 1526, d. unm. 18 Feb. 1556; and *Stephen¹¹ Allonby*.

Stephen¹¹ Allonby, bapt. 7 June 1530, d. 3 Feb. 1596, who became Marquis of Falmouth after his father's death in 1557, m.,

in June 1559, Katherine Beaufort, b. March 1533. d. 11 Apr. 1576, and had, with numerous other issue: Gerald¹² Allonby, bapt. 24 March 1560, d. 20 Aug. 1625, the eleventh Marquis of Falmouth, m., his cousin Ursula¹² Bulmer (for kinship, see appended Bulmer Excursus) and left issue^b; and *Cynthia*¹² Allonby.)

Cynthia¹² Allonby, bapt. 13 Apr. 1576, d. 3 Oct. 1629, m. Captain Edward Musgrave, b. 8 Feb. 1570, d. 16 March 1647. This couple were among the earliest settlers of the Colony of Virginia. Their oldest son, their only offspring in England, died an infant, but after their immigration to the Colony they had issue: Theodorick¹³ Musgrave, and Stephen¹³ Musgrave, and a dau., Katherine¹³ Musgrave, who m. Lieutenant Gervase Woods. For a detailed account of the descendants of these children, compare R. V. Musgrave's *The Musgraves of Matocton*.

BULMER EXCURSUS

Francis Orts of Stornoway^c had two daughters: Cicely Orts, m., circa 1525, Sir Gerald Beaufort of Tintagel, and had Katherine Beaufort, m. Stephen¹¹ Allonby, and had Gerald¹² Allonby; and Aveline Orts, m., in 1529, Henry Heleigh, Earl of Brudenel (a descendant of Jane⁷ Vernon, as above), and had Ursula Heleigh, m. John¹¹ Bulmer, Earl of Pevensey, and had Ursula¹² Bulmer, who, as above, m. Gerald¹² Allonby.

Ursula¹² Bulmer was the second dau. of John¹¹ Bulmer, Earl of Pevensey, b. 1532, d. 30 Nov. 1575. This nobleman was a descendant, in the ninth generation, of Roger³ Bulmer, the first Earl of Pevensey, b. 1363, the natural son of Edward² Longshanks and Hawise Bulmer, as will be later shown. Gerald¹² Allonby's brother-in-law, the tenth Earl, was George¹² Bulmer,

^bAmong the sons was Sir William Allonby, the poet and diplomat, who in 1626 published the first book of a proposed metrical version (apparently never completed) of the *Roman de Lusignan*.

^cThe head of a once distinguished family now believed to be extinct in the male line. The last bearer of the surname was a debauched clergyman, Simon Orts, who died unmarried in the March of 1750. He was survived by a younger brother, Frank Orts, who had, however, on becoming an actor, taken the name of Francis Vanringham. The career of the last-named worthy may be found detailed in Thorsby's *Roscicus Anglicanus*.

b. 7 Nov. 1567, d. 1 June 1593, Queen Elizabeth's favorite, who, in Nov. 1589, m. Mary Heleigh, b. 1570, d. 28 Apr. 1592, and had issue only: John¹³ Bulmer, the eleventh Earl, b. 27 Apr. 1592, d. 1644, who left numerous descendants.

Among them, in the fifth generation, was the soldier-statesman John¹⁷ Bulmer, b. 15 Apr. 1705, d. 4 Dec. 1779, better known to history as the Duke of Ormskirk. His grace of Ormskirk m., in May 1750 (as is duly stated, of course, in Löwe's *Life*) Claire Gabrielle Antoinette¹⁷ dau. of the fourth Duc de Puysange, who was (as is not made clear by Löwe) descended from the younger brother of Raoul⁹ de Puysange. The dukedom in this famous French family dates back no further than 1638.

I make this excursus because the Bulmer family also has its representatives to-day in Lichfield. Lord Gaston¹⁸ Bulmer, b. 29 Nov. 1758, d. 31 Oct. 1809, second son of the aforementioned Duke of Ormskirk, m. Lady Marian¹⁸ Audaine, b. 28 March 1760, d. 26 Aug. 1803 (dau. of Francis, Lord Garendon, author of the once widely known memoirs, and his wife, Dorothy¹⁷ Allonby, who was a descendant of Gerald¹² Allonby: compare Sparks' *Landed Gentry*, in article "Allonby of Shaw") came to America circa 1779-80, surrendered at Yorktown, and subsequently made his home in Lichfield. His only dau., Clara¹⁹ Bulmer, m. Jonathan Harrowby (compare articles "Harrowby of Montevideo" in *Lichfield Hist. Mag.*, Vol. VI.): and his great-grandson, Felix²¹ Bulmer, b. 16 July 1828, d. 13 Nov. 1875, the inventor of Bulmer's Baking Powder, m. Ellen Etheridge, leaving issue: George²² Bulmer, b. 6 Sept. 1853; Marian²² Bulmer; and Claire²² Bulmer. Of these daughters, Marian²² Bulmer, b. 3 June 1850, d. 23 Feb. 1883, m., in opposition to her father's wishes, Samuel Kennaston, and had issue: Felix Bulmer²³ Kennaston (author of *Men Who Loved Alison*, *The Tinctured Veil*, *The King's Quest*, etc.), b. 9 Dec 1870, m. Kathleen Saumarez (née Eppes, of the old Virginia family), but had no issue. Claire²² Bulmer, b. 6 Nov. 1855, d. 5 Aug. 1900, m. Theodore Townsend, b. 11 Sept. 1848, d. 17 Nov. 1884, and had issue: Robert Etheridge²³ Townsend, b. 23 Sept. 1877, another noted figure in the world of letters, author of *The Apostates*, *Afield*, *The Cords of Vanity*, *From the Hidden Way*, etc.