DISCOVERIES AND MAJOR CHANGES

Many important new discoveries and major changes are included in this book. For convenience sake, the most significant items are listed below, with reference to the individual accounts in which they are found in the text. Many of the items are the result of the author’s own research. A few discoveries are the product of joint efforts between the author and other researchers. In the case of Joan Hastings, the identification of her parentage has been provided by John Ravilious, of Maryland. Other contributions have been noted in the text.

Two unique discoveries found in this book involve a Bohun aunt and niece, namely Eleanor de Bohun, wife of John de Verdun, and Margery de Bohun, wife of Thebaud de Verdun. Eleanor’s existence was previously known, but she had no identifiable descendants. New research indicates that Eleanor left a daughter, Maud de Verdun, wife of John de Grey, ancestors of the later Lords Grey of Ruthin and Wilton. As for Margery de Bohun, her husband is known to have owned a capital messuage at Bisley, Gloucestershire, which he held “in free marriage” of the Earl of Hereford. A contemporary medieval lawsuit has been located which indicates that Margery was the sister of Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford.

A rare discovery was the marriage license of Margaret Mowbray, wife of Reginald Lucy, Knt., of Dallington, co. Northampton. The license reads as follows:


This license indicates that Margaret Mowbray was married in a chapel at Bretby Castle, which property came into the Mowbray family with Margaret’s mother, Elizabeth de Segrave. Margaret’s identity as a Mowbray has been overlooked by earlier researchers, although she is listed as a Mowbray daughter in the 1563/4 Visitation of Yorkshire published in 1881. Five colonists descend from Margaret (Mowbray) Lucy, among them Richard More, the Mayflower passenger.

Another special find is the hitherto unknown first marriage of Ida de Oddingseles, ancestress of the Lords Clinton. A Papal petition reveals that Ida’s son, William Clinton, Earl of Huntingdon, had a nephew, Edward le Boteler, a priest. Reviewing possible candidates, it was determined that the nephew intended was Edward le Boteler, a younger son of Ela de Herdeburgh, wife of William le Boteler, of Wem, Shropshire. Subsequent research has confirmed that Ela de Herdeburgh was in fact William Clinton’s half-sister, being the daughter of Ida de Oddingseles’ first marriage to Roger de Herdeburgh.

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1 See Feet of Fines for Essex 2 (1913–1928): 13 (settlement dated 1276/7 of property in Debden, Essex by Eleanor, widow of John de Verdun, on John and Maud de Grey and the heirs of Maud); Papal Regs.: Letters 2 (1895): 349, 380, 398 (dispensations for marriage between descendants of John and Maud de Verdun and their Bohun relations).


3 R. Stretton Regs. of Bishops of Coventry & Lichfield 1(Coll. Hist. Staffs n.s. 8) (1905): 47.


Perhaps the most important correction included in this book is the maternity of William Longespée, Earl of Salisbury, a well known illegitimate son of King Henry II of England. William has long been thought to have been the product of his father’s illicit affair with “Fair” Rosamond Clifford. In 1979 Vera London published charter evidence which proved that William was actually the son of an unidentified “Countess Ida.” In 1993 Douglas Richardson identified William’s mother as Ida, wife of Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk. This identification has been confirmed in recent time by the research of Ray Phair.

In some instances, the discoveries/changes listed below are not “new” per se, but rather a confirmation or extension of work done by earlier researchers. In the case of Alice Grey, her correct parentage was published in an article years ago, which information has been all but forgotten. As for Alice of France, fiancée of King Richard I and mistress of his father, King Henry II, historians and genealogists have alternatively assigned two different women as her birth mother. New evidence secured from medieval French sources proves conclusively that Alice was the daughter of Constance of Castile, 2nd wife of King Louis VII of France. Joan, wife of Henry de Ferrers, 4th Lord Ferrers of Groby, has been identified by early antiquarians and heralds as daughter of either Thomas or Luke de Poyning. The latter individual certainly had the wardship of her husband. Joan’s seal found in recent time confirms she was in fact a member of the Poyning family. Juliane Fitz Maurice, wife of Sir Thomas de Clare, lord of Thomond, has universally been accepted as the daughter of Sir Maurice Fitz Maurice, by his 2nd wife, Emeline Longespée. New research indicates that Emeline Longespée died without issue, and that Juliane actually was the daughter of Sir Maurice Fitz Maurice’s first wife, Maud de Prendergast.

DISCOVERIES, CORRECTIONS and ADDITIONS:

- ______ of North Wales, 1st wife of Malcolm, 7th Earl of Fife [see WAKE 4].
- Ada Botetourt, wife of John de St. Philibert, Knt. [see SAINT PHILIBERT 7].
- Alice de Arundel, wife of Stephen de Segrave, 3rd Lord Segrave [see FITZ ALAN 8.iii].
- Alice de Bohun, wife of Roger de Tony [see TONY 6].
- Alice Langford, wife of Richard Pole, K.G. [see POLE 12].
- Alice de Lisle, wife of Robert de Holand [see HOLAND 9].
- Alice Longespée, wife of Nicholas de Jarpenville and William de Barneville [see LONGESPÉE 3.iii.b].
- Alice de Tony, wife of Walter de Beauchamp, Knt. [see POWICK 7].
- Aline le Strange, wife of Edward Burnell, Knt. [see BURNELL 12].
- Alix de Joinville, wife of John of Lancaster [see LANCASTER 5].

8 G.B. Roberts Royal Descents of 500 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States (1993): 347.
13 For evidence that Emeline Longespée died without issue, see Cal. IPMs 7 (1909): 267, 311–313; VCH Wiltshire 9 (1910): 176. Emeline’s heiress was her great niece, Maud la Zouche, wife of Robert de Holand, Knt., 1st Lord Holand.
Anne Berkeley, wife of John Gyse, Knt. [see HAVILAND 15].
Anne Grey, wife of Simon Digby [see LYNDE 15].
Anne Neville, wife of William Conyers, 1st Lord Conyers [see CONYERS 15].
Anne West, wife of John Clinton, 7th Lord Clinton [see HUMPHREY 13].
Bertha de Ferrers, wife of Thomas de Furnival and Ralph le Bigod [see MOWBRAY 5].
Cecily Plantagenet, wife of Ralph Scrope, John Welles, Viscount Welles, and Thomas Kyme [see YORK 11].
Edmund Leboorde, illegitimate son of King Henry IV of England [see LANCASTER 9].
Eleanor de Arundel, wife of Henry de Percy, 1st Lord Percy [see PERCY 6].
Eleanor de Bohun, wife of John de Verdun, Knt. [see WILTON 6].
Eleanor Grey, wife of Robert Poyning, 4th Lord Poyning [see POYNINGS 11].
Eleanor Hungerford, wife of John White [see RAYSFORD 11].
Elizabeth le Despenser, wife of Maurice de Berkeley, 4th Lord Berkeley, and Maurice Wythe, Knt. [see BERKELEY 9].
Elizabeth Holand, wife of Roger Fiennes, Knt. [see SAY 12].
Elizabeth Holand, wife of Henry Fitz Roger, Knt. [see BONVILLE 8].
Elizabeth Stafford, wife of John Tuchet, 4th Lord Audley [see TUCHET 11].
Elizabeth ______, 1st wife of Hugh Burnell, 2nd Lord Burnell [see BURNELL 11].
Eve de Whitchurch, wife of Henry Fitz Roy [see PLANTAGENET 3].
Hawise Botetourt, wife of John de Wysham, Knt. [see WYSHAM 7].
Ida de Oddingseles, wife of Roger de Herdeburgh and John de Clinton, 1st Lord Clinton [see CLINTON 6].
Isabel le Despenser, wife of Gilbert de Clare, John de Hastings, and Ralph de Monthermer [see MONTAGU 6].
Isabel Ferrers, wife of John Beauchamp, 2nd Lord Beauchamp of Kidderminster [see HAVILAND 12].
Isabel of Fife, Countess of Fife, wife of William Felton [see MONTAGU 6.ii.a].
Isabel de Meynell, wife of Thomas de Shirley and Gerard de Braybrooke [see SHIRLEY 9, BRAYBROOKE 9].
Isabel Willoughby, wife of Philip Boteler [see LOVETT 12].
Joan Beauchamp, daughter of William de Beauchamp and Ida Longespée [see MOWBRAY 4.iv].
Joan de Cherleton, wife of John de Beauchamp, Knt. [see POWICK 9].
Joan Hastings, wife of Thomas Morley, 4th Lord Morley [see MORLEY 9].
Joan de la Pole, wife of Thomas Stonor, Esq. [see STONOR 13].
Joyce Goushill, daughter of Robert Goushill, Knt. and Elizabeth Arundel [see FITZ ALAN 12].
Juliane Grey, wife of Edmund Missenden, Knt. [see YALE 9].
Joan (or Katherine) Stradling, wife of Maurice Dennis, Esq. [see DENNIS 11].
Lora Picot, wife of Gerard de Braybrooke, Knt. [see BRAYBROOKE 7].
Margery de Bohun, wife of Thebaut de Verdun, 1st Lord Verdun [see VERDUN 7].
Margaret Ferrers, wife of John Beauchamp, 1st Lord Beauchamp of Powick [see POWICK 11].
Margaret de Holand, wife of Marmaduke de Lumley, Knt. [see LUMLEY 9].
Margaret of Kent, wife of Amanieu d’Albret [see KENT 6.ii].
Margaret Mowbray, wife of Robert Howard, Knt., and John Grey, Knt., K.G., of Ruthin [see CORNWALL 10 and RUTHIN 11].
Margaret Mowbray, wife of Reginald Lucy, Knt. [see LUCY 10].
Margaret Willoughby, wife of Godfrey Hilton, Knt. [see WELBY 12].
Margery de Vere, wife of Maurice de Berkeley, Knt. [see DEIGHTON 8].
Mary of Bedford, wife of Pierre de Montferrand, Knt. [see LANCASTER 9.iv.b].
Maud Fitz Alan, wife of Philip Burnell, Robert I de Brus, King of Scotland, and Simon de Criketot [see BURNELL 8].
Maud de St. Philibert, wife of Warin Trussell, Knt. [see TRUSSELL 8].
Maud le Scrope, wife of Baldwin Freville, Knt. [see FREVILLE 10].
Maud Trussell, wife of John Hastang [see HASTANG 9].
Maud de Verdun, wife of John de Grey, 2nd Lord Grey of Wilton [see WILTON 7].
Mirabel Wake, wife of Hugh de St. John, 2nd Lord John of Basing [see PAULET 8].
Nest ferch Iorwerth ab Owain, mistress of King Henry III of England, wife of Ralph Bluet, Knt. [see PLANTAGENET 2].

**CHANGES IN PARENTAGE:**

Agnes _____, wife of Walter Strickland, Esq. [see CARLETON 16].
Alice Camoys, wife of Leonard Hastings, Knt. [see PERCY 10].
Alice Grey, wife of William Knyvet, Knt. [see GURDON 12].
Anne Percy, wife of Thomas Hungerford, Knt. [see HUNGERFORD 12].
Eleanor le Strange, wife of Reynold de Grey, 2nd Lord Grey [see RUTHIN 9].
Elizabeth _____, wife of Henry de Grey, 5th Lord Grey of Wilton [see WILTON 10].
Jane Neville, wife of Henry Pole, Lord Montagu [see POLE 13].
Joan de Fiennes, wife of John de Wake, Knt., 1st Lord Wake [see WALES 7].
Joan de Poynings, wife of Henry de Ferrers, 4th Lord Ferrers of Groby [see CLARKE 11].
Juliane Fitz Maurice, wife of Thomas de Clare, Knt. [see ZOUCHE 4.ii].
Lettice Harcourt, wife of Humphrey Peshale, Esq. [see BRESSEY 12].
Margaret Howard, wife of Constantine Clifton, Esq., 2nd Lord Clifton, and Gilbert Talbot, Knt. [see MARMION 11].
Mary de Arundel, wife of John le Strange, 4th Lord Strange of Blackmere [see BLACKMERE 9].
Maud _____, wife of John de Grey, 2nd Lord Grey of Rotherfield [see ODDINGSELES 8].
Nichole Braybrooke, wife of Thomas Chaworth, Knt. [see BRAYBROOKE 10].
Philippe Arundel, wife of Richard Sergeaux, Knt. [see SERGEAUX 12].
Roger de Beauchamp, 1st Lord Beauchamp of Bletsoe [see SAINT JOHN 8]
William Longespée, Earl of Salisbury [see LONGESPÉE 3].