

ALICE D'EYNCOURT, BARONESS D'EYNCOURT AND GREY OF ROTHERFIELD

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According to the pedigree of Grey of Rotherfield in "The genealogical and heraldic history of extinct and dormant baronetcies" by Burke, Alice D'Eyncourt is stated as marrying "1st Ralph Boteler of Sudeley, who died without issue, and 2nd William Lord Lovel." (See the article on Sir Thomas Boteler by James Barker, in *Ricardian* vol. III, no. 45).

Checking then under the pedigree of Lovel, Barons Lovel of Tichmarsh, the same is said, "his lordship (Sir William Lovel) married Alice, widow of Ralph Boteler of Sudeley." Only, in this book, the pedigree of D'Eyncourt gives Sir Ralph as Alice's second husband, although in official documents she is still known as Alice, Lady Lovel. There is an entry in the Calendar of Patent Rolls for Edward IV, 1467-1477, for March 31, 1474—"Grant to Ralph Hastings, knight of the body, . . . of the stewardship of the lordship of Tichmarsh Northants . . . which he had of the grant of the lady Lovel, lately deceased . . ." And another, for July 30 of the same year, to Gerard Canizan ". . . of the services and possessions late of Alice, lady of Lovel."

Alice was 18 in 1422 (Burke—"Extinct and dormant baronetcies," under D'Eyncourt) and Sir William Lovel died in 1455 (Sir William Dugdale—"Baronage of England"), and as she had children by Sir William Lovel, and as Sir Ralph Boteler died without issue from this marriage, it follows that Sir William was her first husband. The sons of William and Alice were John, Henry, Robert and William, with John being the eldest and the heir. He died in 1464 (Burke's Extinct and dormant baronetcies) before his mother, so his son, Francis, became heir to all her property, and had licence to enter freely into the property on November 6, 1477. (Calendar of Patent Rolls. Edward IV, 1476-1485). All this property, which by this time included the lordships of Lovel of Tichmarsh, Burnell, Holland, D'Eyncourt, Grey of Rotherfield and FitzAlan of Bedal, was forfeited in 1485, after the battle of Bosworth.

CORNEWALL/BOTILLER

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While researching into the life of Sir John Cornwall, Lord Fanhope (d. 1443), I had cause to read a book called "The House of Cornwall," published in 1908 and written by the Earl of Liverpool and Compton Reade.

Sir John Cornwall took his surname from Richard of Cornwall, Henry III's younger brother, from whom he was descended by an illegitimate line. Sir John married John of Gaunt's daughter Elizabeth, Countess of Huntingdon and Duchess of Exeter, the widow of Richard II's half-brother, John Holland. Therefore Sir John became the brother-in-law of Henry IV and uncle of Henry V. He became a great hero at Agincourt and died in 1443. He was the builder

of Ampthill Castle and would seem to have been of no mean importance during the reigns of Henry IV, Henry V, and the early years of Henry VI. Surprisingly the Dictionary of National Biography omits all mention of him.

The article by Mr. James Barker in the June "Ricardian" on Sir Thomas le Boteler caused me to read the book once more as it seemed to me that the name William Boteler had a familiar ring.

On page 180 of the book mentioned above there is the following passage:—

"In the same MS (Cotton MSS, Cleopatra) under date July 8, 1434, John Cornewall, Lord of Fownhope, before the King's Council consented to the release of William Botiller, Knight, in exchange for Thomas Rempton, Knight, the said William being one of the hostages of the Duke of Orleans with the Count of Angoulesme. Provided that the other hostages do not leave before the said Lord of Fownhope be satisfied of 2,000 crowns and other sums due."

Was this William Botiller of the same family as Sir Thomas? Or is the name simply a coincidence?



INN SIGN COMMEMORATING THE BATTLE OF TEWKESBURY

Gupshill Manor, Tewkesbury—On the site of the battle of Tewkesbury. On the left of the sign are the Arms of Somerset under the main Coat of Arms of Henry VI and Margaret of Anjou. Queen Margaret is supposed to have visited Gupshill the night before the battle. Somerset now lies beneath the Yorkist badges which are in the roof of Tewkesbury Abbey.

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