

PEDIGREE  
OF THE  
FAMILY OF GRENVILLE.

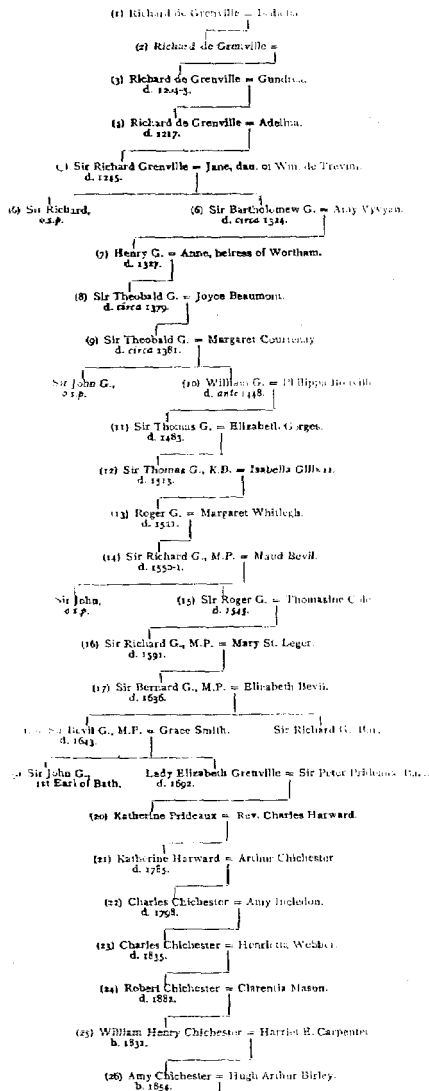
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## INTRODUCTION.

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THERE are several obscure points in the early history of the Grenville family. The first is the alleged fraternal relation between the first Richard de Grenville and Robert Fitzhamon, the conqueror of Glamorganshire, and the consequent descent in the male line from Rollo the Norman. It is evident that one of the Richards de Grenville was a companion of Fitzhamon, but there is no contemporary evidence that they were brothers. Still there is no inherent improbability in the oft repeated story. Another point which has not yet been cleared up is as to how many Richards de Grenville there were in the two centuries following the Conquest. The Devon and Cornwall historians and genealogists do not agree either as to their number or as to the allotment of the wives. From the beginning of the fourteenth century the descent of the family is clear, with the exception that some of the genealogists give two Sir Theobalds and others only one. The importance of the family in national history began early in the sixteenth century, and continued until the eighteenth century, when the family became extinct in the male line. Sir Richard Grenville was a soldier of distinction, and as an early Protestant became possessed of church lands in several counties; his son, Sir Roger, a sailor, was drowned at sea. Sir Roger's son, Sir Richard, was famous both as a soldier and sailor, and lost

his life in the "Revenge," after a gallant fight against an overwhelming number of Spaniards. Sir Richard's son, Sir Bernard, was father of two distinguished Royalist generals, Sir Bevil and Sir Richard, the former of whom was killed in battle. Sir Bevil's son, Sir John, was also a soldier of distinction, and was created Earl of Bath. Other descendants of Sir Bevil were John, Lord Granville of Potheridge; Grace, Lady Carteret, created Countess Granville; Denis, Dean of Durham; George, Lord Lansdowne, the distinguished poet; and the celebrated Mary Granville, wife of Dr. Delany. Sir Bevil's eldest daughter, Lady Elizabeth, who received a patent of precedence as the daughter of an earl, married Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart., from whose daughter Katherine, wife of Rev. Charles Harward, descended the families of Chichester, of Hall; Northcote, Earls of Iddesleigh, and other eminent Devonshire families; of the former family Mrs. Hugh A. Birley is a member, and her children are ninth in descent from Sir Bevil Grenville.

## GRENVILLE PEDIGREE.

I. RICHARD DE GRENVILLE, said to have been a brother of Robert Fitzhamon,<sup>1</sup> conqueror of Glamorgan, and if so is probably identical with Ricardus filius Hamonis, named in 1096 as a baron with possessions in Normandy.<sup>2</sup> He came over with the Conqueror and received grants of land in Devon and Cornwall. He was one of the twelve knights who joined Robert Fitzhamon in the conquest of Glamorgan, and obtained the lordship of Neath as a reward for his services. Either this Richard or his son founded the abbey at Neath in 1129, and he is said to have died on his journey to Palestine in 1147. He would be so very old at these two dates that it is probable that his son is referred to. He is stated to have married (1) Isabella (or Constance, or Catherine),<sup>3</sup> daughter of Walter

<sup>1</sup> The early genealogists claimed for the Grenville family a descent, somewhat problematical, from the first Duke of the Normans. There are two pedigrees showing this descent, but they differ considerably from each other. The pedigree which Lady Llanover adopted traced the descent from father to son as follows: (1) Rollo, (2) William Long Sword, (3) Richard, (4) Mauger, first Count of Corboile, (5) Hamo Dentatus, second Count of Corboile, who married a sister of the Emperor Otho, and had issue two sons, (6) Robert Fitzhamon and Richard de Grenville. Another pedigree, in the possession of Mr. Radcliffe, traces the descent from (1) Rollo, (2) Robert, Earl of Corbeil; (3 to 6) second to fifth Earls of Corbeil, (7) Hamo Dentatus, sixth earl, father of (8) Robert Fitzhamon and Richard de Grenville. Another writer, the author of the article on "Fitzhamon" in the *Dictionary of National Biography*, traces Fitzhamon's descent from Richard, who was either the son or the nephew of Rollo, but does not mention any connection between Fitzhamon and Grenville.

<sup>2</sup> Clark's *Land of Morgan*, p. 31.

<sup>3</sup> Vivian's *Vivianians*.

Giffard, Earl of Buckingham and Longueville, and (2) Constance (or Morwen), daughter of Caradoc ap Arthur, the lord of Glyn Nedd.<sup>1</sup> Richard de Grenville had issue by his wife Isabel:—

- (1) RICHARD ii., of whom below.  
 (2) RALPH.<sup>2</sup> (3) WILLIAM. (4) GERALD, ancestor of Grenville of Wotton.<sup>3</sup> (5) Robert.<sup>2</sup>

- ii. RICHARD DE GRENVILLE,<sup>4</sup> Lord of the Manor of Bideford, which he held by half a knight's fee of the honour of Gloucester.<sup>4</sup> He is probably the Richard de Grenville who founded Neath Abbey, and in that case would be the husband of Constance mentioned above. Worthy, on whose authority he is differentiated from the other Richards, does not name any wife. He was father of

RICHARD iii., of whom presently.

- iii. RICHARD DE GRENVILLE,<sup>5</sup> Lord of Bideford.<sup>6</sup> He granted a charter to Bideford, and died 6 John (1204-5). He married Gundrea or Gundreda, who survived him, and by whom he had, with several daughters, a son,

RICHARD iv., of whom below.

- iv. RICHARD DE GRENVILLE,<sup>7</sup> Lord of Bideford. Being a minor his custody was granted by the king to Richard le Fleming in 1206. He had then estates in nine counties—Devonshire, Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Somersetshire,

<sup>1</sup> Constance was the name of the wife of the founder of Neath Abbey in 1129.

<sup>2</sup> Lady Llanover's ped.

<sup>3</sup> Lipscomb's *Bucks*, i. 599.

<sup>4</sup> Worthy, *Devon Assoc.*

<sup>5</sup> Lady Llanover regarded the Richard who married Gundrea as son and not grandson of the first Richard.

<sup>6</sup> Llanover.

<sup>7</sup> Vivian gives Sir Thomas as grandson of first Richard.



Dorset, Norfolk, Suffolk, Middlesex, and Oxfordshire.<sup>1</sup> He paid five marks to equalise the privileges of the inhabitants of Bideford with those of the inhabitants of Exeter in 1206,<sup>2</sup> and died 2 Henry III. (1217).<sup>3</sup> He married Adelina,<sup>4</sup> said to have been daughter of Robert de Beaumont, Earl of Mellent, and widow of Hugh Montford, but more probably, however, according to Worthy,<sup>5</sup> she was the daughter and heiress of Thomas, son of Nicholas of Middleton, whose marriage had been confirmed to Richard Grenville by the king in 1204.<sup>6</sup> They had issue:—

RICHARD v., of whom presently.

- v. Sir RICHARD GRENVILLE became a ward of the Crown, and the custody of his lands and person was granted by Henry III. to Ralph Bluet.<sup>7</sup> In 1237, when he was described as a knight, Sir Richard, after a five years' suit, obtained a compromise acknowledging his right of presentation to the livings of Bideford and Kilkhampton on payment of five marks yearly. He died in 1245, and was buried in the chapter-house of St. James's Priory, Bristol. He married Jane, daughter of William de Trevint,<sup>8</sup> and had issue:—

- (1) RICHARD (Sir),<sup>7</sup> his successor. In 1255, he was summoned to take the degree of knighthood.<sup>9</sup> He was patron of the living of Bideford in 1261,

<sup>1</sup> *Rotuli Chartarum*, 1199-1216, p. 165.

<sup>2</sup> Worthy.

<sup>3</sup> Vivian says that Adelina was wife of the son of the first Richard.

<sup>4</sup> *Rotuli Chartarum*, 1204, p. 137.

<sup>5</sup> *R.: Litt. Claus.*, 2 Henry III., p. 350.

<sup>6</sup> Vivian says that it was Sir Theobald, great-grandson of the first Richard, who married Jane de Trevint, and that Archbishop William was the son of Sir Theobald and Jane.

<sup>7</sup> The parentage of Sir Richard is proved by a deed in possession of Mr. Pine Coffin, in which he mentions his father Richard.—*Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 4th Rep., p. 375.

and in 1272 obtained a charter for a market at Bideford.<sup>1</sup> He was summoned in 1296 to go with the king beyond the seas, and four years later he took part in the Scottish expedition.<sup>1</sup> Sir Richard died before 1310.<sup>2</sup> He married Isabel, daughter of Joscelyn de Monte Tregunion, and died *s.p.*

(2) BARTHOLOMEW (Sir), of whom presently.

(3) WILLIAM GRENVILLE, or GREENFIELD, Archbishop of York and Chancellor of England.<sup>3</sup>

vi. Sir BARTHOLOMEW GRENVILLE,<sup>4</sup> described as Lord of Bideford, 7 Edward II. (1313-14). He was one of the knights of Devonshire returned into Chancery as "bearing ancient arms from his ancestors" in 1323, and he was then certified to be "of great and almost decrepit age."<sup>1</sup> Sir Bartholomew married Amy [Johanna or Anne], daughter of Sir Vyell Vyvyan,<sup>2</sup> and she describes herself as a widow in a deed dated at Bideford, 1325, and in her son's inq. p.m. she was proved to hold the manors of Kilkhampton and Bideford for life. They had issue:—

(1) HENRY, of whom presently.

(2) RICHARD, Rector of Kilkhampton. (3) Isabel and (4) Johanna, both named in *Ped. fin.*, 10 Edward II., No. 1.

<sup>1</sup> Worthy.

<sup>2</sup> Lady Llanover.

<sup>3</sup> The *Dictionary of National Biography* thinks the Archbishop was a Lincolnshire man and not a connection of the Cornish Grenvilles. He did not use the arms of Grenville of Kilkhampton.

<sup>4</sup> Worthy states that Bartholomew was son of Sir Richard and Isabel. That Richard and Bartholomew were brothers is, however, proved by a deed in possession of Mr. Pine Coffin.—*Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 4th Rep., p. 375.

<sup>5</sup> Joan, daughter of Sir Vyell Vyvyan, knight, by daughter of Christopher, Count of Kildare, Ireland.—*Visit. Cern.*, 1620.

vii. HENRY GRENVILLE, Esq., son and heir of Sir Bartholomew. He was patron of Kilkhampton in 1308, and of Bideford in 1324. He died in 1327, and his inq. p.m. is dated 30th September, 1327. His wife is said to have been Anne, heiress of Wortham, though Vivian calls her Johanna, and states that she married Sir William Grenville, whose existence is not recognised by the other genealogists. Henry was father of Theobald.

viii. Sir THEOBALD GRENVILLE,<sup>1</sup> Knight, son and heir of Henry, was stated in the inq. p.m. of his father to be "four years old" on Whit Sunday last past, so that he would be born in 1323. He is the reputed founder of Bideford Bridge. The last mention of him in the family deeds is in 1379, and he probably died about that time. Sir Theobald married Joyce, daughter of Sir Thomas Beaumont, and had issue:—

THEOBALD, of whom below.

ix. Sir THEOBALD GRENVILLE, Knight.<sup>2</sup> He died either during his father's lifetime or very soon afterwards, being described as deceased in 1381. He married Margaret Courtenay, daughter of Sir Hugh Courtenay, of Haccombe, Knight, and niece of Edward, Earl of Devon. She was great-great-granddaughter of the Lady Elizabeth, daughter of Edward I. They had issue:—

(1) Sir JOHN GRENVILLE, Knight, of Stowe, succeeded his father, and was patron of Bideford in 1381. He was Sheriff of Devon in 15 Richard II., and was four times returned as one of the knights of

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<sup>1</sup> Being the son of a tenant-in-chief, Sir Theobald was in the custody of the king, who presented to the living of Bideford in May, 1328.—*Cal. Patent Rolls, Edward III.*, p. 273

<sup>2</sup> Worthy seems sceptical as to the existence of this younger Sir Theobald, and is doubtful as to the Courtenay marriage.

the shire for Devon. He died in 1411, leaving no issue by his wife Margaret, daughter of Sir John Burghers, Knight.

(2) WILLIAM, of whom presently.

- x. WILLIAM GRENVILLE, Esq., succeeded his brother in 1411. He was twice married, first to Thomasine, daughter of John Cole, and second to Philippa, sister to William, Lord Bonville.<sup>1</sup> He died before 1448, having had issue, probably by his second wife<sup>2</sup> :—

(1) THOMAS, of whom presently.

(2) MARGERY, married John Thome<sup>3</sup> or Thorne.<sup>4</sup>

- xi. SIR THOMAS GRENVILLE, Knight, Sheriff of Gloucestershire in 1480, and of Cornwall in 1482. He died in 1483. Sir Thomas Grenville was twice married; first to Ann, daughter of Sir Philip Courtenay, of Powderham (lic. dated 7 Sep., 1447),<sup>5</sup> she died *s.p.* His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter<sup>6</sup> or sister of Sir Theobald Gorges, *alias* Russell,<sup>6</sup> by whom he had issue :—

(1) THOMAS (Sir), of whom presently.

(2) ELIZABETH, married to William Yeo, of Heanton Sackville.<sup>7</sup>

- xii. SIR THOMAS GRENVILLE, Knight of the Bath. In 1484-5 he was included in the Commission of Peace and of Oyer and Terminer for Cornwall.<sup>8</sup> Under Henry VII. he was

<sup>1</sup> According to Lady Llanover's ped. Philippa was daughter of William, Lord Bonville, of Chuton.

<sup>2</sup> She married for her second husband John Aimescombe.

<sup>3</sup> Vivian.

<sup>4</sup> Not in Llanover's ped.

<sup>5</sup> *Archæological Journal*, x. 52. <sup>6</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 116.

<sup>7</sup> Worthy. Lady Llanover calls the lady Elena and places the marriage a generation earlier.

<sup>8</sup> *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 9th Rep., App. 2, p. 104.

in 1488 a Commissioner of Array, in 15 Henry VII. an "Esquire of the Body," and was created a Knight of the Bath at the marriage of Arthur, Prince of Wales. In a list dated July, 1513, Sir Thomas Grenville's name occurs as one of the "captains, soldiers, masters, gunners, and mariners appointed to be in the sea this year," his ship being the "Second New Spanyard" of 250 tons.<sup>1</sup> He died 18th March, 1513-4,<sup>2</sup> and was buried at Bideford Church. He married, first, Isabella or Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Sir Otes or Oliver<sup>4</sup> Gilbert, of Compton, by whom he had issue:—

(1) ROGER, of whom presently.

(2) RICHARD, twice Sheriff of Cornwall, *o.s.p.* (3) JANE, married, first, Sir John Arundell, of Trevice: second, Sir John Chamond, of Launcells.<sup>5</sup> (4) PHILIPPA, married, first, Francis Harris, of Radford:<sup>6</sup> second, ——— Stening. (5) ANNE (or Agnes),<sup>7</sup> married John Roscarrock, of Roscarrock. (6) KATHERINE, married Sir John Arundell, of Lanherne, K.B. (7) MARY, married first, Richard Bluett:<sup>8</sup> second, Sir Thomas St. Aubyn, of Crowan. (8) HONOR, married, first, Sir John Basset, of Umberley: second, Arthur Plantagenet, Viscount Lisle, K.G., natural son of Edward IV.

Sir Thomas, married, secondly, Jane Jons, widow of ——— Hill, of Taunton, and had

(9) JOHN, a priest. (10) JANE, married, first, John Tregagle, of Trevorden;<sup>9</sup> second, Humphrey

<sup>1</sup> *Letters and Papers, Henry VIII.*

<sup>2</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 112.

<sup>3</sup> *Visit. Cornwall*, 1620.

<sup>4</sup> Maclean's *Trigg Minor*, i. 562.

<sup>5</sup> Maclean's *Trigg Minor*, ij. 177.

<sup>6</sup> Lady Ulanover.

<sup>7</sup> *Visit. Cornwall*, 1620.

<sup>8</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 123.

<sup>9</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 23.

Battin;<sup>1</sup> third, Wymond Raleigh, grandfather of Sir Walter;<sup>2</sup> fourth, Nicholas Courtney.<sup>3</sup>

xiii. ROGER GRENVILLE, of Stowe, Esq., called, from his hospitality, the "great housekeeper." He died in 1524. His wife, to whom he was married in January or February, 1492, was Margaret, daughter of Richard Whitlegh,<sup>4</sup> of Efford, and had issue:—

(1) RICHARD (Sir), of whom presently.

(2) JOHN. Supervisor of the late Colleges, &c., for Cornwall, in 1535.<sup>5</sup> He was an active man of affairs and a soldier, and appears to have served at Calais, under Lord Lisle. (3) DIGGORY, ancestor of Grenvilles of Penheale. (4) PHILIPPA, eldest daughter,<sup>6</sup> married Thomas Tremayne,<sup>4</sup> of Collacombe. (5) MARY, married John Beauchamp, and died 1581.<sup>5</sup> (6) AMY or ANNE,<sup>7</sup> married John Drake, and died 1577.<sup>4</sup> (7) JANE, married Edmund Speccot.<sup>4</sup> (8) AGNES, married John Fitz, of Fitzford.<sup>8</sup> (9) CHRISTIAN, youngest daughter, married James St. Aubyn (mar. sett. dated 1521),<sup>4</sup> said also to have married, first, James Erisey (died 1545), of Ruan Major;<sup>9</sup> second, ——— Dodson.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 13.

<sup>2</sup> The relationship of the Grenvilles and the Raleighs is discussed by T. N. Brushfield, M.D., in *Devonshire Association*, xv. 177.

<sup>3</sup> Maclean's *Trigg Minor*, ij. 177.

<sup>4</sup> Worthy.

<sup>5</sup> Maclean's *Trigg Minor*, i. 487.

<sup>6</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 198.

<sup>7</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 86.

<sup>8</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1564, p. 66.

<sup>9</sup> *Mon. Brasses of Corn.*, p. 27.

- xiv. Sir RICHARD GRENVILLE, Knight, was M.P. for Cornwall from 1529 to 1536 and Sheriff of Devon in 1532-3. Sir Richard served at the siege of Paris. In March, 1535,<sup>1</sup> Sir Richard was granted the reversion of the office of Marshal of Calais, then held by Sir E. Ryungeley. A month or two later Ryungeley was bought out by Sir Richard, who shortly before Michaelmas, 1535, assumed the marshalship. In July or August, 1537, Grenville's daughter married, much against the wish of her father and of Lord Lisle, Richard Lee, Surveyor of Calais, and a protégé of Thomas Lord Cromwell. Cromwell, interested himself to procure a reconciliation, and Grenville wrote to him a letter, the following abstract<sup>2</sup> of which throws not a little light upon the circumstances of the writer:—

Could hardly deny Cromwell anything upon such promise as he has made of his friendship in the matter between Mr. Surveyor and himself. Is nevertheless in debt by the charges he has sustained these 6 or 7 years. The marriage of Lady Lisle's sister, his own sister, and his eldest daughter cost him 700 mks. His attendance in Parliament for five years cost him 500 mks., and 1 high marshalship of this town, with the cost of attaining it, 800 or 900 marks, beside payment of his father's debts and bequests, 1,200 mks., and the keeping of house, &c. Could have had 40l. jointure by marrying this maiden to Tregien's son and heir; which he does not crave of Mr. Surveyor, but will for Cromwell's sake take Mr. Surveyor for his friend, and if he bring the writer's daughter to his house, will receive her and marry her out of it, and when he can do so with ease, give him 100 mks.

It is satisfactory to know that Cromwell's efforts were successful, and that in October Lee<sup>3</sup> was able to assure Cromwell that his father-in-law was "now right kind" to him. He was an early convert to the reformed religion.

<sup>1</sup> *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII.*, viii. 187.

<sup>2</sup> *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII.*, xii. 2. 207.

<sup>3</sup> *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII.*, xii. 2. 292.

and in July, 1546, purchased church lands in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Rutland, and Wiltshire.<sup>1</sup> He died 18th March and was buried 23rd March, 1550-1. He married Maud [Matilda], daughter and co-heiress of John Bevil, of Gwarnock, who was buried on the 25th April, 1550. They had:—

- (1) JOHN (Sir),<sup>2</sup> eldest son, who died before his father, *s.p.*
- (2) ROGER (Sir), of whom presently.
- (3) NICHOLAS.<sup>3</sup> (4) DIGGORY.<sup>3</sup> (5) THOMAS.<sup>3</sup> (6) ARTHUR.<sup>3</sup> (7) MARGARET, married Sir Richard Lee, Knight.<sup>3</sup> (8) MARY, married John Giffard, of Brightley.<sup>3</sup> (9) JANE, married Robert Whettal.<sup>4</sup>

xv. Sir ROGER GRENVILLE, Knight. Was an esquire of the body to Henry VIII., and was a naval commander. He was unfortunately drowned in the *Mary Rose* in 1545, *v.p.* He married Thomasine, daughter of Thomas Cole, of Slade,<sup>5</sup> who survived him, and became the wife of Thomas Arundell, of Lee. Sir Roger and Lady Grenville had issue:—

- (1) RICHARD (Sir), of whom below.
- (2) CHARLES (Sir), died without issue. (3) JOHN, died without issue.

xvi. Sir RICHARD GRENVILLE, Knight. He was born about 1541, and in early life served in Hungary against the Turks. He was one of the Undertakers who settled Munster. In 1569 he was, with Sir Warham St. Leger, leader of the English colonists against the attacks of James Fitzmaurice. Fitzmaurice proved too strong for the English, took

<sup>1</sup> *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 9th Rep., App. 2, p. 216

<sup>2</sup> Llanover's pedigree does not name his knighthood

<sup>3</sup> *Letters and Papers, Henry VIII.*, xii. 1. 280.

<sup>4</sup> Llanover

<sup>5</sup> Worthy.



Tracton, and vowed he would not depart from Cork unless Lady St. Leger and Mrs. Grenville and her children were delivered up to him. Sir Henry Sidney came to the rescue and Cork was saved.<sup>1</sup> Sir Richard was Sheriff of Cork in 1569.<sup>2</sup> In 1571 and 1584 he was member of Parliament for Cornwall, of which county he was Sheriff in 1577.<sup>3</sup> In that year he was knighted at Windsor.<sup>4</sup> In May, 1585, Sir Richard had command of a fleet which sailed from England for the colonisation of Virginia. During 1588 he had charge of the western counties, and in September, 1588, received instructions from Queen Elizabeth to transport soldiers to Waterford to prevent any landing from the Armada.<sup>5</sup> In January, 1589-90, Grenville and Sir Walter Raleigh offered to raise 200 out of the 600 men appointed to be levied in Ireland. On October 24th, 1590, Queen Elizabeth granted to Sir Richard the Abbey of Fermoy and Gilley Abbey, and at the same time commanded Grenville "to make his repair to Her Majesty for some causes of services."<sup>6</sup> This would seem to be the service on which he lost his life, for in 1591 he sailed as vice-admiral of a squadron of ships, under Lord Thomas Howard, which was sent to the Azores to look out for Spanish treasure ships. On the approach of a Spanish fleet Howard retreated. Grenville, in command of the *Revenge*, with only 150 men, was separated from his admiral and surrounded by the Spaniards. After a gallant fight of fifteen hours, against fifteen Spanish men of war, the *Revenge* was captured and Sir Richard mortally wounded, and died on board the Spanish admiral's ship, the *San Pablo*, a few days later, August, 1591. Sir Richard is described as a "man of intolerable pride and insatiable

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<sup>1</sup> *Calendar of State Papers, Ireland*, 1569-73.

<sup>2</sup> Worthy.

<sup>3</sup> Metcalfe's *Knights*, p. 130.

<sup>4</sup> *Cal. S.P., Ire.*, 1588-92. Cf. also *Hatfield MSS.*, iv. 89 (*Hist. MSS. Comm.*).

ambition," but he was of "great and stout courage," and his many valiant acts had made him greatly feared in the Azores. Sir Richard married Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Sir John St. Leger, of Annery. Lady Grenville was a descendant of Eleanor, Countess of Ormonde, granddaughter of Edward I. By another line of descent Lady Grenville was descended from Thomas of Gloucester and John of Gaunt, sons of Edward III. By this lady, who was buried at Bideford, 5th November, 1623,<sup>1</sup> Sir Richard left issue:—

- (1) BERNARD (Sir), of whom presently.
- (2) JOHN, served in the Low Countries; he succeeded to his father's Irish estates,<sup>2</sup> but died young,<sup>3</sup> having been slain in the West Indies serving under Drake.<sup>4</sup>
- (3) ROGER, buried 5th June, 1616.<sup>5</sup>
- (4) RICHARD, of Poughill, married Gertrude Incledon, and had issue. (1) MARY, married 11th June, 1586, Arthur Tremayne of Cullacombe. (2) BRIDGET, said in the Visitation of 1620 to have died unmarried, and by Lady Llanover to have married, first, Sir Christopher Harris; and secondly, the Rev. John Weeks, rector of Sherwell. (3) CATHERINE, married, in 1589, Justinian Abbot, of Hartland. (4) URSULA<sup>6</sup> and (5) REBECCA.<sup>5</sup>

xvii. Sir BERNARD GRENVILLE, Knight. He was High Sheriff of Cornwall in 1597, and in the same year M.P. for Bodmin, and was Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to Charles I. in 1628.<sup>6</sup> He seems to have succeeded to the Irish estates of his brother John, and in 1698 he was knighted in

<sup>1</sup> Polwhele, *Devonshire*, iij. 425

<sup>2</sup> Llanover.

<sup>3</sup> Lady Llanover.

<sup>4</sup> *State Papers, Ireland*, 1588-92

<sup>5</sup> *Visitation of Cornwall*, 1620

<sup>6</sup> *Bib. Cornub.*, iij. 1295.

Ireland.<sup>1</sup> In 1618 Sir Bernard obtained a grant of a court baron and court leet to be held at Fermoy, and another for Kinalmeky, and also for two annual fairs and a weekly market, both at Fermoy and Nucetown.<sup>2</sup> About 1621 he sold his Irish estates.<sup>3</sup> He died in 1636, and was buried at Kilkhampton, 26th June.<sup>4</sup> Sir Bernard married, 10th July, 1592, at Withiell,<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Philip Bevil, of Kellygarth, and had issue:—

(1) BEVIL (Sir), of whom presently.

(2) RICHARD (Sir), baptised at Kilkhampton, 26th June, 1600, and at the age of eighteen served in the Netherlands. He was knighted in 1627, and married Mary, daughter of Sir John Fitz, of Fitzford, and widow of Sir Charles Howard. In 1630 he became a baronet. He joined the Parliamentary party, who raised a troop for him. He afterwards joined the King, and henceforward was prominent in the western counties. He was Sheriff of Devon, and had the command before Plymouth. Afterwards he was major-general of the Prince's field army, but in 1646 he was placed under arrest by his own party, by whom he was distrusted, and then allowed to retire to the Continent. He died at Ghent in 1658, where he is buried, the only inscription on his grave being "Sir Richard Granville, the King's General in the West." He had issue a son, "put to death by the Parliament," and a daughter Elizabeth, who married Colonel William Lennard. (3) JOHN, baptised 29th September,

<sup>1</sup> Metcalfe's *Knights*, p. 212.

<sup>2</sup> *State Papers, Ireland*, 1615-23.

<sup>3</sup> *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 4th Rep., p. 98, and 7th Rep., p. 253.

<sup>4</sup> *Visitation of Cornwall*, 1620.

1601; was of Lincoln's Inn. (4) ROGER, died unmarried, drowned in the service of Charles I. [? Roger G., buried 5th June, 1635.] (1) GERTRUDE, baptised 8th May, 1597, married Christopher Harris, M.P.,<sup>1</sup> or Anthony Denys, of Ordleigh.<sup>2</sup>

xviii. Sir BEVIL GRENVILLE, Knight, was born at Brinn, in St. Withiel, Cornwall, 23rd March, 1595-6, and studied at Oxford (B.A. 1614). He was M.P. for Cornwall in 1621 and 1624, and for Launceston in three Parliaments following. In his early Parliamentary career he was one of the opposition to the King. He was again M.P. for Cornwall in the Long Parliament, and was knighted at Berwick in 1639.<sup>3</sup> From the beginning of the war Sir Bevil devoted himself to the King's service, and from his great personal influence in Cornwall was of the greatest value to the royal cause. He took part in several actions, and was killed at Lansdowne, near Bath, on the 5th July, 1643, when leading his Cornish pikemen against Waller's entrenchments. It had been intended to create Sir Bevil a peer, and a title was somewhat tardily bestowed on his son, whilst the younger children were raised to the rank of an earl's children. Sir Bevil Grenville is regarded as the ideal of English knighthood and shares with Sir Philip Sidney the title of the English Bayard. Sir Bevil married, in 1620, Grace, daughter of Sir George Smith, of Exeter (whose other daughter married Sir Thomas Monk, and was mother of George, Duke of Albemarle). They had issue:—

(1) RICHARD, born 1620, died young, *circa* 1640.<sup>4</sup>

(2) Lady ELIZABETH, of whom presently.

<sup>1</sup> *Visit. Devon*, 1620, p. 140.

<sup>2</sup> *Metcalfe's Knights*, 195.

<sup>3</sup> *Maclean's Trigg Minor*, ij. 402.

<sup>4</sup> *Llanover*.

- (3) Lady GRACE, married 20th February, 1645, to Robert Fortescue, of Filleigh. (4) BEVIL, born 23rd June, 1626, died 6th February, 1635-6. (5) Sir JOHN GRENVILLE, was born 29th August, 1628, and was knighted in 1643. He served under his father, and in 1644 was severely wounded at Newbury. In 1649 he distinguished himself by his stubborn defence of the Scilly Isles, of which he was governor, against the Parliament. In 1661 he was created, in recognition of his own and his father's services, Earl of Bath, Viscount Lansdowne, and Baron Grenville, with permission to use the titles of Earl of Corboile, Thorigny, and Granville. In 1688-9 Lord Bath became a privy councillor and Lord-lieutenant of Devon and Cornwall. He was also Lord Warden of the Stannaries. This office and the lord-lieutenancy he resigned in 1696 and 1697. He died 21st August, 1701, leaving by his marriage with Jane, daughter of Sir Peter Wyche, Knight:—

- (1) CHARLES, second Earl of Bath, with whose only son the title became extinct. (2) JOHN, created Baron Granville of Potheridge. (3) JANE, married Sir William Leveson-Gower, ancestor of the Dukes of Sutherland, the Earls of Ellesmere, and the Earls Granville. (4) CATHERINE, married Craven Peyton. (5) GRACE, married George, Lord Carteret, and was, after his death, created Countess Granville. (6) MARY. (7) BRIDGET.

- (6) Lady BRIDGET, born 1629 and married, first Sir Simon Leach; second, Sir Thomas Higgons.

(7) BERNARD GRENVILLE, M.P., Groom of the Bedchamber to Charles II., was father of:—

(1) Sir BEVIL GRANVILLE, Knight, Governor of Barbadoes. (2) GEORGE, Lord Lansdowne, the distinguished poet, dramatist, and statesman. (3) Colonel BERNARD, M.P., father of the celebrated Mary Granville, wife of Patrick Delany, D.D., and of Anne, wife of John D'Ewes, ancestor of the family of Granville of Wellesbourne. (4) ANNE, married Sir John Stanley. (5) ELIZABETH, unmarried.

(8) CATHERINE, buried 12th February, 1632.

(9) GEORGE, died young. (10) ROGER, died young.

(11) Lady JOHANNA, born 1635, married Sir Richard Thornhill. (12) DENIS GRENVILLE,

D.D., Dean and Archdeacon of Durham. Dean

Grenville was an ardent Jacobite, and lived in exile after the Revolution. He was nominated

Archbishop of York in 1695 by James II. For

some time during his exile he resided at Corbeil, on the Seine. He died at Paris in 1703. (13)

MARY, born 1635, died 1636.<sup>1</sup>

nix. Lady ELIZABETH GRENVILLE, eldest surviving child of Sir Bevil, was born in 1621-2, and was married at Kilkhampton, 17th November, 1645, to Sir PETER PRIDEAUX, Baronet, M.P. (who died 1705, aged 79). She was granted the precedence of an earl's daughter in 1675, and was buried 28th May, 1692, having had with other issue:—<sup>2</sup>

(1) Sir EDMUND PRIDEAUX, Baronet, M.P., ancestor of the baronets of Netherton, now extinct.

<sup>1</sup> Lady Llanover.

<sup>2</sup> Maclean's *History of Tins Minor*

- (2) Rev. PETER, *s.p.* (3) JOHN, M.P., *s.p.* (4) MARY, married Sir William Drake, Baronet. (5) ANNE, married Roger Cheeke.

(6) KATHERINE, of whom presently.

xx. KATHERINE PRIDEAUX, daughter of Sir Peter Prideaux, Baronet, married at Farway, 14th February, 1698, to the Rev. CHARLES HARWARD, of Hayne, Rector of Tallaton, co. Devon, and had issue:—

(1) CHARLES HARWARD, of Exeter College, Oxford, died *s.p.* in 1716, M.I. in Tallaton Church.

(2) KATHERINE, of whom presently.

xxi. KATHERINE HARWARD, daughter and heiress of the Rev. Charles Harward, married in 1719 to ARTHUR CHICHESTER (baptised 16th August, 1698; buried November, 1725), eldest son of Arthur Chichester, of Hall,<sup>1</sup> and had issue:—

(1) CHARLES CHICHESTER, of whom below.

(2) JANE, baptised 1721, died unmarried, 1768.

Mrs. Chichester remarried, in 1728, the Rev. George Bradford, and died April, 1785, aged 83 years. By her second husband she had issue:—

(1) Rev. JOHN BRADFORD, Rector of Tallaton.

(2) KATHERINE BRADFORD, married Sir Stafford Northcote, Baronet, and was ancestor of Lord Iddesleigh. (3) ELIZABETH BRADFORD, married Rev. Hugh Northcote, and had issue.

xxii. CHARLES CHICHESTER, Esq., of Hall, born 21st and baptised 31st January, 1722, and succeeded his grand-

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<sup>1</sup> The Chichester portion of this pedigree is abstracted and condensed from Sir W. R. Drake's *Notes, Genealogical, Historical, and Heraldic, of Chichester*, 1886.

father in 1737. He died 22nd January, 1798, and was buried at Bishop's Tawton. He married, on 13th April, 1748, Amy, daughter of Robert Incledon, of Pilton House, by whom, who died in 1782, he had issue:—

- (1) CHARLES, of whom presently.
- (2) Rev. ROBERT, Rector of Sherwell, and of Loxhore, and subsequently Vicar of Chittlehampton.
- (3) ARTHUR.

xxiii. CHARLES CHICHESTER, Esq., of Hall, baptised at Bishop's Tawton, 18th January, 1749. Buried at Bishop's Tawton, 28th May, 1835, aged 86. He married, 13th August, 1799, Henrietta (born 1775, died 1850), daughter of Philip Rogers Webber, Esq., of Buckland House, co. Devon, J.P. and D.L., and had issue:—

- (1) CHARLES, baptised 1800, died 1816.
- (2) FRANCIS, baptised 1802, died 1823.
- (3) ROBERT, of whom presently.
- (4) ARTHUR JOHN, baptised 1814, died 1833.
- (5) HENRY, baptised 1816, buried 1845.
- (1) ANNE, married Rev. Thomas Hulton.
- (2) JANE, married Rev. John Whittington Ready Landon, eldest son of the Dean of Exeter.
- (3) HENRIETTA, married her cousin Charles Henry Incledon Webber, Esq., of Buckland House, J.P.

xxiv. ROBERT CHICHESTER, Esq., of Hall, J.P. and D.L. for Devon, third but eldest surviving son, baptised 15th March, 1804, and died 19th August, 1882. He married, 14th December, 1826, CLARENTIA (born 1804, died 28th September, 1878), daughter and heiress of Henry Mason, Colonel E.I.C.S., and had issue:—

- (1) CHARLES, of Hall, J.P. and D.L., baptised 1828, married and has issue.



- (2) WILLIAM HENRY, of whom presently.
- (3) EDMOND HALL, baptised 23rd January, 1835, died 1845.
- (4) HUGH, Major-General, Bengal Artillery, born 22nd September, 1836, married, and has issue.
- (5) Rev. RICHARD, born 19th July, 1838, married, and has issue.
- (1) ANNE, married Richard Leigh Holland, and died 1863.
- (2) CLARENTIA, married Francis Carver.
- (3) GERTRUDE, married Richard Birley Baxendale.
- (4) ELIZABETH, married, at Neuchatel, 1865, Richard Leigh Holland.
- (5) MARGARET, married Rev. William Blundell Besley.

XXV. WILLIAM HENRY CHICHESTER, Esq., of Grenofen, J.P. co. Devon. Born 25th September, 1831, and married, 21st April, 1853, to Harriet Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Rev. Jonathan Phillipps Carpenter, of Grenofen, co. Devon, and has issue:—

- (1) AMY, of whom below.
- (2) BLANCHE, born 26th June, 1855, married to Stephen Christy, Esq., J.P., of Highfield, Stockport.
- (3) CONSTANCE, born 25th November, 1856, married to Tyndale White, Esq., of Stondon Place, J.P. for co. Essex.
- (4) EVELYN, born 7th July, 1858.
- (5) FLORENCE, born 9th November, 1861.
- (6) GERTRUDE, born 15th October, 1866.
- (7) HENRY, born 29th August, 1868.
- (8) JOHN, born 18th January, 1870.

xxvi. AMY CHICHESTER, eldest daughter, born at Grenofen, 26th January, 1854, married 12th November, 1874, at Whitchurch, Devon, to HUGH ARTHUR BIRLEY, Esq., of Woodside, Knutsford, J.P. co. Chester, captain and hon. major Cheshire Yeomanry, eldest son of Hugh Birley, M.P., J.P., and D.L., and has issue five children, who are ninth in descent from Sir Bevil Grenville:—

- (1) HUGH RONALD CHICHESTER BIRLEY, born 18th September, 1878.
- (2) MABELLA, born 4th January, 1880.
- (3) BEVIL LANGTON BIRLEY, born 19th September, 1884.
- (4) MILDRED, born 29th March, 1886.
- (5) EVA, born 21st January, 1890.