

THE ROYAL ORIGIN  
OF AN  
AMERICAN LINE  
*LINEAGE FROM KING EGBERT 1*



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### References in General

#### References for generations:

- 1 to 8—official records of early England;
- 9 to 27—"The Royal Descent of a New England Settler," by G. Andrews Moriarty, published in Vol. 79, "The New England Register;"
- 27 to 36—"The Lesters," (1925) compiled by the writer, with the able assistance of the late W. Farrand Felch, former head of the genealogical department of "The Hartford Times."

It will, no doubt, be observed that many of the first names appearing in the line are of Saxon and Norman origin, but that more recent generations show a liberal influx of Irish, Welsh, and German, together with strains of modern French, blood.

### Generation

#### 1

EGBERT, born about 775 A. D., ruler of the West Saxons and first King of England, 802 to 839—the date of his death—claimed descent from Cerdic, who was born about 534 A. D.

#### 2

ETHELWULF, son of Egbert, reigned from 839 to 858; married Osburga.

#### 3

ALFRED THE GREAT, son of Ethelwulf and Osburga, was born 848/9, died 901; reigned from 871 until the time of his death; married Alswitha.

#### 4

EDWARD THE ELDER, son of Alfred the Great, died 925, aged 55; married Edgiva.

#### 5

EDMUND I, son of Edward the Elder, was born about 922, killed in 946; married Elgiva.

#### 6

EDGAR THE PEACEFUL, born 943, died 975; married (1) Elfleda, (2) Elfrida.

#### 7

ETHELRED II THE UNREADY, son of Edgar and Elfrida, born 968, reigned from 979 to 1016—date of his death; married (1) Elgiva; (2) Emma, daughter of Richard I, Duke of Normandy. Emma married, about 1017, Canute, the Dane.

#### 8

ALGIFU (or ALGIVA), daughter of Ethelred the Unready, married Uchtrid, Earl of Northumberland.

## 9

EALDGITH, daughter of Uchtrid, married Maldred, or Malcolm, son of Crinian whose wife was Beatrice—daughter of Malcolm II, King of Scotland, and granddaughter of Kenneth II.

## 10

GOSPATRIC (Cospatric), son of Maldred, Earl of Northumberland in 1067; married “a sister of Edmund.” (For additional notes on Uchtrid and Gospatric, see the “Dictionary of National Biography.”)

## 11

GOSPATRIC (II), Earl of Dunbar, son of Gospatric, given lands in Northumberland about 1136.

## 12

JULIANA, daughter of Gospatric ~~2d~~, married in the latter part of the reign of Henry I, Ralph de Merlay, who died about 1164/5. *See correction*

## 13

ROGER DE MERLAY, son of Ralph, died 1168; married Alice, daughter of Roger de Stuteville—sheriff of Northumberland from 1169 to 1183, and descended from Robert de Stuteville, a victor in the Battle of Hastings.

## 14

AGNES DE MERLAY, daughter of Roger and Alice, married Richard Gobian, who died before 27, December, 1230.

## 15

HUGH GOBIAN, married Matilda ——. He died about 1275.

## 16

JOAN GOBIAN, daughter of Hugh, married John de Morteyn of Marston, who died about 1296. After the death of John, his widow, Joan, married Henry de Sewell.

## 17

SIR JOHN DE MORTEYN, son of John and Joan de Morteyn, married Joan, daughter of Richard de Rothwell.

## 18

LUCY DE MORTEYN, daughter of Sir John, married Sir John Giffard (the name being later changed to Gifford). He was of Twyford, Co. Bucks, born 1301, died 1368. He married 2d, after 8 March 1361, Alice ——. Reference: Vols. 75 and 79, “The New England Register.”

## 19

SIR THOMAS GIFFARD, Knight, born about 1345, died 1394; married about 1361, Elizabeth de Missenden, who died 1367. He married 2d, Margery ——; 3d, Sybil ——.

## 20

ROGER GIFFARD, son of Sir Thomas, born about 1367, died 14th April 1409; married (1) Joan de Bereford, who died not later than 1399; married (2) Elizabeth ——; (3) Isabel Stratele.

## 21

THOMAS GIFFARD, born 1408, at Fringford, co. Oxford, died 29 May 1469; married Eleanor Vaux, daughter of William Vaux, Esq.

## 22

JOHN GIFFORD, born about 1431, died before 23 September 1506; married (1) Alice; married (2) Agnes Winslowe, daughter of Thomas Winslowe, of Bigbee, co. Oxford.

## 23

ROGER GIFFORD, born about 1463, died 1542/3; married about 1490, Mary Nanseglos, daughter of William Nanseglos.

## 24

NICHOLAS GIFFORD, of St. James, born about 1508, died at Duston, 1546; married before 1528, Agnes (called Anne), daughter of John Maister, Mayor of Sandwich.

## 25

MARGARET GIFFORD, daughter of Nicholas, born about 1535; married about 1554, Hugh Sargent, of Courteenhall, co. Northampton.

## 26

ROBERT SARGENT, of Northampton, son of Hugh and Margaret, was born about 1560, Northampton; buried July 1649; married 3 June 1588/9; Ellen Makernes.

## 27

WILLIAM SARGENT (the "New England Settler of Royal Descent"—See "The New England Register," Vol. 79), was baptised in the parish of All Saints, Northampton, 1602; came to America and settled at Charlestown, about 1638; married (1) Hannah —, who died 1632; married (2) Marie, who died 1637; married (3) Sarah Minshall. He died at Barnstable, after living at Malden, and left a will dated 1679/80.

Children, by 1st wife, Hannah: 1. Elizabeth, who died young; 2. Hannah, bapt., 1629, married Henry Felch, Jr., of Reading (11 children); 3. Elizabeth, married (1) Thomas Bell, of Boston, and (2) David Nichols; 4. Mary bapt. 1632.

Children by 2d wife (Mary): 1. Sarah; 2. Mary.

Children by 3d wife, Sarah: 1. John, died at Malden 1716 (15 children); 2. Ruth, m. 1st, Jonathan Winslowe; married (2) Richard Bourne; married (3) John Chipman; 3. Samuel, who remained single.

## 28

HANNAH SARGENT, baptised 13th July 1629, in the parish of All Saints, came with parents to New England, and died at Reading, Mass., 15 December 1717; married 1648/9 at Reading, Henry Felch, Jr., born in Wales about 1610—died at Reading, 11 November 1699 (headstone). Henry Felch, Sr., died at Boston, 1670.

Children of Henry Felch, Jr., and wife Hannah: 1. Hannah, b. 1650; 2. Mary, b. 1653; 3. Elizabeth, b. 1655; 4. Samuel, b. 1657; 5. John, b. 26 February 1660, married Elizabeth Gowing; 6. Samuel (2d), born 1662; 7. Joseph; 8. Elizabeth (2d) born 1666; 9. Daniel, b. 1668; 10. Hannah, born 1672; 11. Ruth, born 1675.

Among prominent descendants of Henry Felch, Jr., were Alpheus Felch, governor of Michigan; Honorable J. H. Coolidge, of Milton, Mass.; Frank H. Pettingell, of Los Angeles; and Luther Burbank, horticulturist, of California.

## 29

JOHN FELCH, son of Henry and Elizabeth Felch, was born at Reading, Mass., 26 February 1660, died at Weston, 9 April 1746; married 25 May 1685, Elizabeth Gowing, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Brock) Gowing.

Children: 1. Elizabeth, b. 1686; 2. John (Jr.), born 17 February 1688; 3. Samuel, born 1690; 4. Hannah, born 1692; 5. Mary, born 1695; 6. Daniel, born 1697; 7. Nathaniel, born 1699—died 1732; 8. Ebenezer, born 1701—married, 1728, Mary Bacon; 9. Abigail, born 1703.

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JOHN FELCH, JR., born at Reading, Mass., 2-17-1688, died April 22, 1754; married 10-18-1714, Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of William and Mary (Cook) Johnson, who were married at Cambridge, Mass., 18 February 1690 (O.S.). William was a son of John and Bethia Johnson, and grandson of Captain Edward Johnson, historian, and founder of Woburn.

Elizabeth, wife of John Felch, died at Canterbury, Conn., 7-14-1735, and her husband married (2) Sarah Green.

Children of John and Elizabeth Felch:

1. Hepsibah, b. 2-20-1715/16, married John Pellet.
2. William, born 9-10-1718.
3. Elizabeth, born 4-20-1721.
4. Mary, born 9-8-1722.

31

HEPSIBAH FELCH, daughter of John and Elizabeth Felch, was born at Canterbury, Conn., 1715/16, married 1741, John Pellet, son of Richard and Ann, and descendant of Thomas Pellet, of Concord, Mass. John Pellet was born 4-14-1715, at Canterbury, and died at Paupack, Pa., Feb. 15, 1801 (headstone).

Children of John and Hepsibah Pellet, born at Canterbury, Conn.:

1. William, born 1742, married Mary Bradford, a descendant of Governor William Bradford.
2. Anne, born 1745.
3. John, born 2-2-1748, died at Paupack, 1838; married Nancy Bingham, daughter of Hezekiah.
4. Elizabeth, born 6-15-1750 at Canterbury, married 1771, Phineas Lester, at Canterbury.
5. Sybil, born 1753.
6. Mary, born 1755.
7. Abigail, born 1757.

The marriage of Hepsibah Felch and John Pellet and births of their children are recorded in the town books of Canterbury, Vol. 1.

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ELIZABETH PELLET, daughter of John and Hepsibah, born at Canterbury, 1750 (V.R.), died at Paupack, Pa., "July 21, 1815, aged 65" (headstone); married, 1771, at Canterbury, Phineas, (soldier of the Revolution), son of Andrew Lester, born at Preston, 1748 (V.R.), and descendant of Andrew (1) who was at Gloucester, Mass., in 1642. They removed to Paupack about 1786, and their headstones stand in the old Williams' cemetery.

Children of Phineas and Elizabeth Pellet Lester (all except Orrin, born at Canterbury, listed in town records):

1. Lucinda, born 1773; 2. Mary, born 1775, married 1798, Capt. Jonathan Arnold; 3. Priscilla, born 1777; 4. Andrew, born 1778/9 at Canterbury, married Sarah, daughter of David Kennedy; 5. John, born 1781; 6. Abigail, born 1783; 7. William, born 1785; Hepsibah, born 1787; 8. Orrin, born 1790, married Matilda Allard, and had a family at Forest Lake.

ANDREW LESTER, born at Canterbury, Conn., May 27, 1778/9, married in Pike County, Pa., 1803, Sarah, daughter of David and Eunice Kennedy, a descendant of Elder William Brewster. Andrew and his wife died at Pleasant Mount in 1869, as shown by headstones.

Children: 1. Eunice, b. 1803, married Josiah Goodsell; 2. Betsey, b. 1806, married Elisha Tooker (14 children); 3. Anna, b. 1808, married Rufus Tuttle, of Conn.; 4. Asa A., born at Pleasant Mt., 1810, married Nancy Gelatt, widow of Townsend Weyant, daughter of Collins Gelatt, and granddaughter of George Gelatt, soldier of the Revolution (1752-1852), of French descent; 5. David K., b. 1811, m. (1) Maria Peck; (2) Rachel Bigelow; 6. Sarah M., b. 1815, married Merrill Stevens; 7. Orrin, (Capt.) born 1817, married Czrena Bigelow; 8. Emmeline, b. 1825, married Dr. Rodney Harmes.

References: Bible records from Family Bible owned by Capt. Orrin Lester who was born 1817; also "The History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties," by Matthews.

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ASA A. LESTER, born at Pleasant Mt., Feb. 14, 1810; married 1847, at Binghampton, N. Y., Nancy Gelatt Weyant.

Children, born at Binghampton: Asa D., born July 6, 1848; Andrew P., twin.

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ASA D. LESTER, born at Binghampton, N. Y., 1848, married at Valparaiso, Ind., 1871, Mary E. Lash, daughter of William and Mary Lash, granddaughter of Philip Lash, who was son of Jacob—immigrant from Germany to New Jersey about 1750.

Children: 1. Maude, m. Major H. Hoisington, residence Davenport, Iowa; 2. LaVern, died single; 3. James William; 4. Pearl B., died in infancy.

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Children of Major H. and Maude Hoisington, 1. Lester; 2. LaVern.

## Arms

For Gifford-Giffard Arms, see "Royal Book of Crests."

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1938 *Correction:*

*Juliana (Gen. 12) was dau. of  
Gospatrie I, and sister of Gos-  
patrie II.*

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