

# SWINNERTON

## FAMILY HISTORY

Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

of the family

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There are one or two alterations to the layout in this issue. The first, on the suggestion of Mr. Frank Higenbottam, BA. FLA. - a retired librarian and the Editor of the Higginbottom Family Bulltein, is that the pages are now numbered. He quite rightly pointed out that if the pages were ever dropped it would be a difficult job to put them together again in the correct sequence and we are grateful to him for his professional advice. 22 pages have already been printed so we start this issue with page 23.

The other is that the names of the contributors of the various 'jottings' now appear at the foot of the relevant item. I think it is only right that we should acknowledge the kindness of our many correspondents who go to so much trouble to copy out material and send it in.

Having printed the 'curriculum vitae' of our Council Members in Issue No. 2, we now turn to our officers starting with :-

### OUR PRESIDENT

A descendant of William Fitzherbert Esq. and ELIZABETH SWINNERTON, younger daughter and co-heiress of HUMPHREY SWINNERTON of Swynnerton & Hilton (d. 1562 - the last of the Swynnertons of Swynnerton, BASIL FRANCIS NICHOLAS FITZHERBERT, 14th Baron Stafford (cr. 1640) b. 7. 4. 1926, is the son of the late Capt. the Hon. Thomas Charles Fitzherbert (Albert Medal 1917) and Helen Beryl Francis (d. 1959), 2nd d. of John Michael Waters and widow of Major Henry Brougham, RA. Suc. his Uncle 1941, married 1952 - Morag Nada, yr. dau. of late Lt. Col. Alastair Campbell.

Sons - (1) s. & h. Francis Melfort William - b. 13. 3. 54, (2) Thomas Alastair - b. 9. 8. 55  
(3) Philip Basil - b. 7. 10. 62

Daughters - (1) Aileen Mary - (eldest child) - b. 29. 3. 53, (2) Caroline Fiona - b. 13. 10. 56  
(3) Wendy Helen - b. 28. 4. 61.

Educ. - Ampleforth College, York. Address: Swynnerton Park, Stone, Staffs. and Salt Winds, West Wittering, Chichester, Sussex.

Clubs - Guards, Army & Navy, Lords & Taverners, M. C. C., I. Zingari, Free Foresters. President of : Inst. of Marketing - Staffordshire Branch; National Association of Young Cricketers; Staffordshire Association of Boys' Clubs; Staffordshire Branch Country Landowners' Assoc.; Stafford Rugby Football Club; Staffordshire Playing Fields Assoc.; The Swinnerton Society; Old Amplefordian Cricket Club.

Director of : Local Director, Barclays Bank Ltd., Birmingham; Specialist Motors (North Staffs) Ltd.; Show Director, Staffordshire Agricultural Society.

Served in the Scots Guards 1944-48.

Arms - Argent, a chief vairée or and gules, overall a bend sable.

### FAMILY NOTES

Our congratulations go to GUY STRETTON SWINNERTON (GS. 33) who has been awarded his PhD. by Wye College, University of London. Dr. Swinnerton is Senior Lecturer in Land Use Studies and Director of Natural Resources & Rural Economy at Seale-Hayre College, Newton Abbot, Devon.



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"The next change took place during the Mayoralty of Michael Earle, mercer, Mayor for the period 1677-8. Various copies of the city annals tell us that a new show was instituted on this occasion. The Mayor, who was accompanied by the Sheriffs, Francis Clark and George Allatt, proclaimed the Fair with much greater ceremony. The different city companies sent out a number of followers, viz., Drapers, two boys; Mercers, two boys, Blacksmiths, one boy; Clothiers, one boy; Fellmongers, one boy; Bakers, one boy; Tylers, one boy; The Mayor, two boys; the Sheriffs, two boys; Shearmen and Taylors, two boys; Feltmakers, one boy; Shoemakers, one boy; Butchers, one boy; the City, two boys and one Standard bearer; each boy his sidesman, and each company their streamer with their arms depicted thereon. The Companies all had new streamers for the occasion and the son of JAMES SWINNERTON took the part of Lady Godiva. This was the first Godiva procession in Coventry and the novelty so impressed the citizens that a medal was struck to commemorate the occasion."

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"31 May, 1678, being the Great Fair at Coventry, there was an extraordinary - - - ? Divers of the companies set out each a follower, the Mayor two, and the Sheriffs, each one had two at the publick charge, there were divers streamers with the Companies Arms and JAS. SWINNERTON'S son represented Lady Godiva."

(Sent in by Mrs. K. Hay)

"ANTIQUITIES OF WARWICKSHIRE"

Sir William Dugdale (1605-1686)

"TOFT is a member of Dunchurch . . . . . There is another manor (at least in reputation) within the compass of this small village whereof John Burghton of Burghton in cou. Staff. gent was possessed in Edward 4's time, by whom 14 Oct. 4 Ed. 4 it became conveyed to HUMFREY SWINNERTON gent and John Hoseway priest which Humfrey and John 8 Apr 12 Ed 4 settled it on Humfrey Hill of Blaze in the same county and Joan his wife daughter of the said HUMFREY SWINNERTON and the heirs of their bodies."

(Sent in by S. K. Armitstead)

STAFFORDSHIRE DIRECTORIES (2)PIGOTT'S ROYAL NATIONAL & COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY & TOPOGRAPHY OF  
WARWICKSHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE, RUTLANDSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE & WORCS. 1841ECCLESHALL

SWINNERTON	Mr. John	Standon	(JS. 168)
	Miss Mary	Sugnall	(MS. 98)

NEWCASTLE

SWINNERTON	Miss Hester	Queen St.	(ES. 95)
	William	Nurseryman & Seedsman, Betley	(WS. 24)

THE POTTERIES

SWINNERTON	Thomas	Cratemaker, Commercial Buildings, Stoke.	(TS. 72)
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WILLIAMS COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY FOR STAFFORD & THE POTTERIES. 1846NEWCASTLE

SWINNERTON	Miss Esther	Brampton House, Queen St.	(ES. 95)
SWINNERTON	Joseph	Victualler, King's Head, 79 Penkhill St.	(JS. 169)

MACCLESFIELD

SWINNERTON	James	Bookseller & Stationer	Chestergate (JS. 96)
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## HOW MANY SWINNERTONS ARE THERE ?

We have frequently said that by modern standards the Swinnertons are still a comparatively small family. But just how small ? Until recently we had no idea but we have just done a fascinating piece of research which has enabled us to get a rough idea of the present-day numbers. We are very grateful to the Clan Lindsay Society for giving us the idea.

We have searched the telephone directories for the whole of the United Kingdom (including, of course, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man) and taken out every 'Swinerton' entry. They number :-

SWINNERTON	153	
SWINERTON	3	(all in N.Ireland)
SWYNNERTON	7	(all in London area except 1)
SWINNINGTON	1	(Sheffield)
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Total	164	

At the 31st March 1973 there were 2,123,062 telephone subscribers in the U.K. and the total number of HOUSEHOLDS was 18,187,000 - a proportion of 9 : 1

By using this factor of 9 : 1 this therefore gives us an approximate total of  
1476 Swinerton HOUSEHOLDS.

The total population of the U.K. in 1973 was 55,798,000 of whom 18,187,000 were householders. The average household therefore consisted of 3 persons.

WE ARRIVE THEREFORE AT AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 4228 SWINNERTONS.

This equals approximately .008% of the population - a very small part but obviously this does not take into account any Swinerton ladies who have married and therefore no longer appear as Swinnertons.

(By comparison, the Lindsays produced a figure of 96,120)

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## THE ADBASTON SWINNERTONS

One more sub-branch has at last been tied in. After a very great deal of research we can now add another family to the tree of WILLIAM SWINNERTON of Adbaston (WS. 32) the second of our main progenitors (see Issue No. 2). HAROLD ALBERT SWINNERTON (HS. 41) (see Issue No. 5) has been the main researcher for this family although several other members have written and helped over the last 3 years or so.

WILLIAM OF ADBASTON'S family is growing tremendously and will soon rival that of his namesake, WILLIAM of BETLEY.

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## THE CHESTER SWINNERTONS

We are carrying on a vigorous correspondence with this new branch mentioned in our last issue and the 'tree' from JOHN SWINNERTON of Chester, 1731-1781 (JS. 44) to the present day, shown overleaf, is now as complete as we can make it based on our present knowledge.

This branch, by the way, appears to have compensated for the lack of family academic achievements noted in our issue No. 5. To date I have counted that they have two Ph.D's; one MA; one MSc; three BA's; two BSc's. and one B. Ed. If you add to these the attainments of our Council members you will see that the standard appears to have been raised somewhat !

They have also produced for us another completely new sub-branch also resident in S. Wales but reputed to originate from Salop. We are now in touch with them and will report in a future issue.



JOHN SWINNERTON  
(JS. 44)  
eldest son of John & Mary  
Swinerton of Betley  
bp. Barthomley 28.11.1731  
bur. Chester 4.11.1787

= Elizabeth  
Pemberton  
at St. Peter's, Chester  
22.7.1757

= (2) John Jones  
widower  
3.4.1809

# SWINNERTON OF CHESTER

TABLE 3

Continued from Swinnertons of Whitmore.  
Table II. (Swinerton Family Trees.  
Vol. I p8; Collections for a History of  
Staffs. Vol. VII Pt. II.)

THOMAS SWINNERTON = Ann Peters  
(TS. 41)  
b. 1758  
d. 25.11.1809  
on 9.1.1791 Chester  
b. 1764  
d. 13.2.1826

ANN  
(AS. 59)  
= Ronald Graham  
24.5.1788 Chester

JOHN SWINNERTON (1) Ann Nicholls = GEORGE SWINNERTON = (2) Lydia Jones  
(JS. 170) b. 1803 (GS. 12) b. m. 1833  
d. inf. 26.12.1791 m. bp. 16.8.1799 Chester  
(aged 3 months) d. 25.12.1831 (b. 20 July) Book Binder  
WILLIAM SWINNERTON d. 28.3.1841 Bangor  
(WS. 64) Verger of Bangor  
b. 22.3.1794 Cathedral  
d. inf. 8.10.1794

WILLIAM SWINNERTON = Jane Williams  
(WS. 28) b. 1838  
b. 23.9.1838 Bangor m. 1862  
d. 31.3.1918 d. 17.5.1918 Chester

RICHARD SWINNERTON = Lucy Stretton  
(RS. 26) b. 27.2.1866  
b. 17.9.1865 Chester Weston-on-Trent  
d. 24.2.1950 Abergavenny m. 26.7.1894 Farndon, Ches.  
Schoolmaster d. 21.6.1966  
Abergavenny

GEORGE WILLIAM SWINNERTON = Mary Wolfe  
(GS. 13) b. 1869 Chester  
b. 15.8.1867 Chester m. d. 25.10.1934 Chester  
d. 5.7.1940 Chester  
Cashier

JOSEPH SWINNERTON = Elizabeth  
(JS. 93) Williams  
b. 23.2.1885  
m. 23.9.1905  
d. 23.6.1958

JOHN SWINNERTON = Ellen  
(JS. 94) (ES. 44)  
b. 16.12.1873 Chester b. 31.10.1862  
d. 21.11.1932 bur. 6.10.1931  
unm. unm.

Jane Ann Laetitia  
(JS. 95) (LS. 2)  
b. 12.5.1871 b. 13.9.1875  
d. 14.9.1921 d. 25.2.1943  
unm. unm.

WILLIAM STRETTON = Nellie Margaret Ellen Dorothy  
SWINNERTON (WS. 62) Jeremiah (ES. 76)  
b. 15.6.1899 b. 7.6.1906 b. 29.10.1895  
Abergavenny Pontypool Abergavenny  
m. 27.8.1930 unum.  
Abergavenny Constance Alice  
(CS. 49)  
b. 9.5.1908  
Abergavenny unum.

GEORGE NOEL = Edna Margaret  
SWINNERTON (GS. 34) Griffiths  
b. 26.12.1895 b. 1896  
Chester Sandycroft, Flints.  
d. 15.4.1964 m. 1918  
bur. Chester Wormhills, Derbys.  
Chester d. 28.1.1957

CYRIL JOHN SWINNERTON = Nelly Powell  
(CS. 50) b. 13.5.1920  
b. 10.2.1907 m. 26.12.1940  
d. 7.7.1972

HORACE RONALD SWINNERTON = Mary Ellis  
(HS. 45) b. 9.2.1917  
b. 6.8.1910 m. 4.3.1939

Winifred Gertrude Dorothy  
(WS. 63) (DS. 20)  
b. 19.7.1908 b.  
= (d. inf.)  
William Edward Evans  
on 26.12.1932  
d. 1970

GUY STRETTON = Norlene CLIVE JERRY = Janet Mary  
SWINNERTON (GS. 33) Esmé SWINNERTON (CS. 48) Thomas  
b. 7.1.1943 21.6.1969 b. 27.2.1945 7.9.1968  
Abergavenny Victoria B. C. Abergavenny at Newport, Pem.  
b. 29.1.1943 b. 29.1.1943 b. 5.10.1945  
Victoria B. C. Fishguard

\*GEORGE QUAIN = Joyce  
SWINNERTON (GS. 35) Phillips  
b. 1.10.1918 m. 6.1948  
Weaverham, Australia.  
Ches. d. 1.11.1974

RONALD SWINNERTON = Dorothy  
(RS. 57) Evans  
b. 29.1.1920 at Upton  
d. 17.3.1952 6.1951  
Nantwich  
d. s. p.

HUGH SWINNERTON = Geraldine  
(HS. 44) Joyce Francis  
b. 23.7.1921 b. 29.10.1926  
Chester Stockport  
m. 7.3.1950  
Chester

GORDON SWINNERTON = Eileen  
(GS. 36) Varney  
b. 15.12.1929 b. 3.1935  
Chester m. 19.3.1955  
Fallsforth

Angela  
(AS. 58)  
b. 16.4.1948  
= Michael  
Craven  
Jones  
on 7.8.1971  
Cheltenham

Sian Elizabeth  
(SS. 60)  
b. 22.2.1974  
Torquay

Sally Jane  
(SS. 17)  
b. 15.9.1971  
Haverfordwest

Kirstie Janine  
(KS. 9)  
b. 15.3.1973  
Histon, Cambs.

\*PHILIP SWINNERTON  
(PS. 10)  
b. 7.1951  
Chester

\*REGINALD SWINNERTON  
(RS. 56)  
b. 9.1949  
Chester

KEITH SWINNERTON  
(KS. 10)  
b. 20.1.1951  
Chester

= Jean  
Bracewell  
b. 29.5.1952  
Cowling  
m. 19.1.1973  
Manchester

Sheila  
(SS. 61)  
b. 7.5.1953  
Chester  
3. Kathryn Jane  
(KS. 11)  
b. 7.3.1965  
Chester

GUY SWINNERTON  
(GS. 37)  
b. 24.5.1966  
Frimley

PAUL SWINNERTON  
(PS. 11)  
b. 29.6.1968  
Hitchin

\* In Australia