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FAMILY NOTES

A belated welcome to our latest twig on the Tree. Mr. & Mrs. FRANKLIN JOSEPH SWINNERTON (FS. 21 - Warks. branch) had a daughter VERITY CLARE on the 9th August 1974. She becomes VS. 3 in the Family Index.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of our Vice-President SIR LEONARD SCHROEDER SWINNERTON DYER, Bart. who died on the 10th June. Sir Leonard had been a staunch and generous supporter of our Society since its inception. He was the 15th holder of the title which was created in 1678 and a direct descendant of SIR JOHN SWINNERTON who was Lord Mayor of London in 1612. Sir John's granddaughter Thomasine, the last of her line, married Sir William Dyer, the 1st Baronet and our name has been perpetuated in the family ever since.

Sir Leonard was an engineer and Chairman of British Automatic Refrigerators Ltd.; Linford Estates Ltd.; Milestone & Staniforth Ltd.; Equipment Credit Ltd.; Oxford & Cowley Ironworks Ltd. and Estates & General Investments Ltd.

He was born on the 30th March 1898, the son of Sir Leonard Whitworth Swinnerton Dyer, the 14th Bart. and Lucy (d. 1948) d. of the late Hon. Francis Schroeder of New York. He succeeded his father in 1947. He had married in 1925, Barbara, the daughter of Hereward Brackenbury, CBE. and had a son and daughter. He was educated at Repton and served in the 1st World War from 1914-19 in the RFA. He was Chairman of the British Chess Federation 1951-56, President 1956-59 and Chairman of the Shropshire County Council 1969-72.

He is succeeded by his son Professor Henry Peter Francis Swinnerton Dyer FRS.

"STAFFORDSHIRE DOMESDAY"

H. Malcolm Frazer. 1936 (pp. 80-81)

In our first issue we printed an extract from the above which had been sent in to me some years ago by a correspondent. I have now had a chance to check this with the original and give below a revised version. There is still one error - 'fruit'. I am sure, should be 'fuit' but this is as it is printed in the book.

Folio 249

Isdem Robertus tenet II hidas in
Sulvertone & Aslen tenet de eo
Broder
tenuit & liber homo fruit. Terra est
VIII carucis. In dominio
est una & X villani
& V bordarii cum VI carucis
Ibi X acrae prati. Silua I
leuua longa & I lata.
Valet XL solidos

Robert holdes 2 hides in Swynnerton
and Aslen holds from him
Broder
held them & was a free man.
There is land for 8 ploughs. One is in
the demesne and 10 villeins
and 5 cottagers with 6 ploughs.
There are 10 acres of meadow. The
wood is 1 mile long and 1 wide,
It is worth 40 shillings.

PART II. The Liber Niger Scaccarii. Staffordscira, or Black Book of the Exchequer of AD. 1166 with notes added by Col. the Hon. G. Wrottesley.

Notes on the Fitz Alan Fees and those of Feudatories holding land in Staffordshire AD. 1166 who made no return. By the Revd. R. W. Eyton.

The Liber Niger of the Exchequer is a small quarto volume of 85 folios of vellum, which was formerly lodged at the Office of the King's Remembrancer, and is now deposited with the early Records of the Kingdom, in the New Record Office in Fetter Lane.

Amongst much miscellaneous matter, it contains a list of Knights' fees of the reign of Henry II, which, excluding the great Domesday Survey, is the earliest record of the kind in existence in this country.

p. 163 RAUCEBY. On examining the Domesday account of the two Rauceby's in Lincolnshire it will be seen that four separate estates are named in them which had been held by different tenants before the conquest. Two of these manors at the date of Domesday, were held by Brien, the ancestor of the Standons; a third was held by Edelo, who is styled "homo Roberti de Stafford", and is the probable ancestor of the SWINNERTONS, as will be shown further on. The fourth Manor appears to have passed to William fitz Gilbert, who subinfeudated it to the Peruns.

p. 174. The Barony of Robert de Stafford.

ROBERTUS FILIUS AELEM, $1\frac{1}{8}$ f. m.

This fee is probably SWINNERTON in Staffordshire, and a portion of North Rauceby in Lincolnshire. Domesday names Sulvertone amongst Robert de Stafford's lands, held of him at that date by Aslen. ROBERT De SWINNERTON living tem. John speaks of his father Robert in a suit respecting land in Hampton (? Hatton) in the Abbreviato Placitorum. The Testa de Nevill temp. H. 3 states that ROBERT de SWINNERTON holds a Knight's fee in SWINNERTON of the Barony of Stafford.

NORTH RAUCEBY. The Lincolnshire Domesday names Rosbi and Roscebi amongst Robert de Stafford's lands; the latter held by Brien, the ancestor of the Standons, and the former by Edelo.

The Hundred Roll of Lincolnshire of 3 E. 1 (Printed) states that the Hospitallers of Maltby held half a Knight's fee in Rouceby, of the gift of ROBERT de SILVERESTON 100 years before, and that Robert had held it by Knight's service of Robert de Stafford.

The Testa de Neville under Lincolnshire states that the Hospitallers of St. John hold half a Knight's fee in North Rouceby of Hervey Bagot.

In two lists of the fees of the Barony of Stafford in this Feodary, SWINNERTON is written Swilveston and Silveston, as in the Hundred Roll of Lincolnshire, and on the close Roll of 1. H. 3, the Sheriff of Lincolnshire is ordered to restore the lands of ROBERT de SWINNERTON who had returned to his allegiance.

The Robert fitz Aelen of the Liber Niger, appears to be the same as a Robert fitz Ehelen and a Robert fitz Esluem who witness grants of Nicholas de Stafford and his son Robert de Stafford, in the Kenilworth Chartulary, and if this is the case, may be the son of the Domesday tenant, Aslen.

p. 240 Notes.

PP. 163 and 174. To persons unused to the divergence between the Latin and French or English form of the same name, it may appear singular that I should venture to pronounce Edelo, and Aslen or Aelem, to be the same person.

The (s) before the (l) in French being mute, Aslen and Aelen were pronounced alike, the (s) and (e) being employed indifferently to prolong the sound of the preceeding vowel. Then the early writers in Latinizing a name which contains a diphthong, insert a (d) or (h) or another consonant, between the two vowels composing it. Thus the French name Raoul becomes Radulphus in Latin, Rou becomes Rollo, Gui becomes Guido or Wydo and Aelen becomes Adelin or Ehelin. In this way, Aelen, Aslen, Esluen, Ehelen and Edelo, are all forms of the same name.

p. 235 Rarer Species

SWYNNERTON'S ROBIN (*Pogonocichla swynnertoni*) (590). The (590) refers to the reference number in Robert's "Birds of South Africa" which until 1971 was the only readily available book on this subject.

Ex Alastair Iain Harding Swinnerton (14)

Which member of the family was this named after we wonder ?

"BYE-PATHS OF STAFFORDSHIRE" by Weston E. Vernon Yonge

1911

p. 158 Some Notable Clergy.

Mucklestone has had some interesting clergy in the olden days. Of the present genial and eloquent Rector it would be impertinent to speak. But in the time of Ed. II we possess a record of a curious parish priest. For we find, "NICHOLAS de SWYNNERTON, Parson of Mucklestone, riding and raiding about the country, in company with other De Swynnerton's, and some other swash-bucklers, who seem to have terrorised his Majesty's liege subjects from one end of Staffordshire to the other.

(ex Rev. B. T. Swinnerton)

THE CYCLING SWINNERTONS

I have just heard again, after some time, from Mr. ROY SWINNERTON, the proprietor of the well-known Stoke on Trent Cycling Shop and head of the famous cycling family. He tells me that his second daughter CATHERINE (17) seems to be following in the footsteps of her sister and recently came 3rd in the National Ladies Race Championship. His eldest son, MARK, has been selected to represent Great Britain in Israel. Roy himself was Track Team Manager of the British Commonwealth Games Team in New Zealand in 1974 and had previously been carrying out official duties at Olympics and World Championships for a number of years. He has just opened a second shop in Hanley. The following is reprinted from "Woman's Own" and was originally published in 1972, accompanied by a colour picture of all the family.

"FAMILY ON WHEELS"

There are nine in the Swinnerton family, and they own 23 bikes including two tandems on which Roy and Doris take nine-year-old Frances and seven-year-old Bernard when the family go hostelling.

"Cycling is our life", said Roy, "both for work and pleasure". Work is the cycle shop he owns in Stoke-on-Trent. Pleasure at the moment centres largely round the competitive cycling of Bernadette, who is 19 and training to be a teacher, and Mark, 16 and still at school. Bernadette has won the National Sprint Championship for the past three years and the silver medal in the 1969 World Championship Road Race in Czechoslovakia. In schoolboy events Mark has won three cyclo-crosses, been second in the North Staffordshire circuit and sprint events. He has won one open circuit race and been second in ten. Catherine and Paul, 13 year-old twins and Margaret, 11, all cycle to school regularly and Catherine won a school-girls' circuit race at Birmingham last year against girls two years older than her.

"We don't press the kids into cycling," Roy assured us. "If we're going for a day's ride and any don't want to come, they can stay with their Grandma and it's less for us to carry food for. Mostly they want to come though.

"If Bernadette gets selected for the World Championships in Switzerland and Italy this year we'll take as many kids and bikes as we can. We have a caravan and tents, and I've made a special rack for the car which takes 5 bikes - more can go in the caravan. Cycling has brought us friends everywhere. Bernadette has a cup called after her; the Bernadette Trophy is for the most popular rider in the St. Christopher's Cycling Club, which is a national club and it was first awarded to her.

SPELLING OUR NAME

Another variation has come to light making 41 in all to date. From the Astley (Warks) Parish Register - Joseph s. of John & Sarah SWINNATINE b. 8 March 1763.

An Account of Parochial Subs. in the County of Stafford paid into the Bank of England in aid of the supplies granted to His Majesty for the Defence of the Nation. 1798

ADBASTON	WILLIAM SWINNERTON	1. 0	(WS. 32)
TRENTHAM	MR. SWINNERTON	£2. 0. 0	(TS. 32)
WHITMORE	T. & J. SWINNERTON	£2. 2. 0	(JS. 44)

THE A. L. A. PORTRAIT INDEX

(An Index to Portraits in Printed Books and Periodicals 1906 An * denotes some form of photographic reproduction.)

SWINNERTON Mrs. of Butterson Hall
Williamson History of Portrait Miniatures 1904. 1 pl. 57 fig. 10 (Madresfield Court)
Richard Cosway. P *
SWINNERTON James
Comic Artist. Bookman (1902) Vol. 16 p. 266 *

THE MONMOUTHSHIRE CONNECTION

We referred in our last issue to CHARLES OCTAVIUS SWINNERTON MORGAN. The mystery has been solved by Miss C. A. Swinnerton of Abergavenny who has obviously done a tremendous amount of research on this, for which we are most grateful. The story is too long to tell here but we will publish the full results of her researches in our next issue.

THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

The Federation had its beginnings in the English Genealogical Congress held in Canterbury in April 1974 when several prominent members of Regional Societies present got together to discuss some ideas whereby Regional Societies could profitably work together.

Co-operation between one or two societies had been taking place for some time and it was felt that this could be expanded considerably.

The discussion proved very fruitful and as a result, a meeting was held in Birmingham in June 1974 to which a wide range of interested societies were invited. As President of the Host Society - the Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry - the writer was asked to chair the meeting and after a long day of discussion and even argument, the British Federation of Genealogical, Heraldic & Allied Societies was inaugurated and I found my-self, for my sins, elected its Chairman.

Thankfully, that rather cumbersome title was subsequently shortened to the present one - the F. F. H. S. All that was over a year ago, since then a tremendous amount of progress has been made and as of today the membership consists of 18 Regional Societies, 7 Name Societies (such as our own), The Institute of Genealogical & Heraldic Studies, 2 Allied Societies and one Honorary Associate Member Society. We also have the active interest of the Society of Genealogists and the College of Arms.

A full list is attached for your information and I hope some of you will consider joining your local society. I am sure you would enjoy the meetings and fellowship and would find it very rewarding.

FAMILY GATHERING

This newsletter will be distributed at the Gathering next Saturday, July 26th. So far 65 members have indicated their intention to attend, a very good turnout and we are hoping for a fine day.