

SWINNERTON

FAMILY HISTORY

Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

of the family

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Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith. St. Paul. First Epistle to Timothy i. 4

SHROPSHIRE HISTORICAL RECORDS

Early Incumbents of Idsall or Shiffnal. In 1329 the King presented ROBERT SWYNNERTON to this Living, the Patronage whereof belonged to the crown.
(Antiquities of Shropshire Vol. 2 p. 336 - EYTON.)

At the Assizes of 1203 Adam Forester essoigned the attendance of ROBERT DE SWINNERTON who was included in the general summons.

A Fine of November 25th 1231 gives Ralph fitz Odo as Tenant of 3 virgates of land and a mill in Peppelawe. I think that this Ralph was identical with Ralph de Hodnet. By the Fine now under notice, he surrenders to ROBERT DE SWINNERTON, Plaintiff, the above land and mill in Peppelawe. In return SWINNERTON guarantees him an annuity of 40s. receivable half yearly at Swinnerton (Staffordshire).

By another Fine levied in Trinity Term 1281 JOHN DE SWYNNERTON recognises the right of Richard son of Eudo de Hodnet to a mill and 20s rent in Pepplawe. In return Richard allows that JOHN DE SWINNERTON and the heirs of his body shall hold the premises by payment of a penny rent to Richard and his heirs and by performance of all capital services. In default of any heirs of JOHN DE SWINNERTON'S body the premises were to revert to Richard and his heirs - to hold of the Lords of the Fee.
(Antiquities of Shropshire Vol. 8 pp. 255/6 - EYTON)

SHROPSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS (2)

WOMBRIDGE

1821 Jul. 31 John Swinnerton & Ann Clayton Mar.

BUILDWAS

1816 William Matthews b. & Mary Swinnerton sp. Mar.

MORETON CORBETT

1811 Sinah, daughter of Thomas & Ann Swinnerton of Preston. Bap.

MORETON SAY

1772 Jun. 10 John Shocklodge & Mary Swinnerton Mar.
(Wit. Stephen Copnall)

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

Colonel JEREMY SWYNNERTON was motoring through Hackney some time ago when he noticed a sign "SWINNERTON STREET DEVELOPMENT". He wrote to the Town Clerk asking whom it was named after - suggesting either SIR JOHN SWINNERTON, the Lord Mayor or SIR ROGER SWYNNERTON, the Constable of the Tower and got the following most helpful reply :-

London Borough of Hackney.

Central Library,
Mare Street, London E8 1HG

"Dear Colonel Swynnerton,

In answer to your enquiry regarding the name of Swinnerton Street, E9. It is named after Sir John Swynnerton who was Lord Mayor of London in 1612. In 1588 John Swynnerton, jun. purchased of Stephen Buckfold two messuages, two tofts, two gardens and three acres of pasture land in Hackney. In the Exchequer Lay Subsidy of 1598 he was assessed on this property in Hackney at £20 and paid on it £2. 13. 4d. A William Swinnerton (possibly his son ?) gave 2s in 1605 towards the restoration of the Church, another son was buried in Hackney churchyard on the 16th July 1616.

Swinnerton Street itself was built in 1897, original approval had been given by the Metropolitan Boards of Works in 1881. The area is presently being re-developed by the Borough Council.

Yours sincerely,
A.R. Pickering
District Librarian. "

Colonel Swynnerton later visited Hackney Church and found that except for the tower, the original church which dated from the Middle Ages was demolished in 1798. He could find no seventeenth century graves at all.

The Stephen Buckfold from whom Sir John purchased the land was obviously related to Thomasine Buckfold, daughter of Richard Buckfold, late of the City of London, girdler, who (according to the allegation for the marriage licence in 1586) married Sir John on the 1st August 1586 at St. Mary's Aldermanbury.

Although Sir John had other children I have no trace of a William - as well as those listed on the tree in the Family History, he had an unnamed son who obviously died at or soon after birth and was buried on 5th October 1587, a son JOHN who was born on the 7th November 1588 and buried on the 16th December the same year, and a daughter, CECILY, who was baptised on the 5th February 1596 - all these at St. Mary's, Aldermanbury.

Sir John's widow, MRS. THOMASINE SWYNNERTON was re-married in 1618/19 (on the 4th February) to John Minn at St. James's, Clerkenwell.

Although there were other Swynnertons in London at this period, I cannot find any trace of a William Swynnerton at all in my records but, on the other hand, I don't have any extracts from the Hackney registers so I am afraid that I can throw no more light on William at the moment.

ENGLISH WILLS OF COLONIAL FAMILIES by Noel Currer-Briggs.

George Gilbert PCC 4. Duke. 16th July 1667, proved 23rd January 1670/1

George Gilbert, a London merchant, being now bound upon a voyage beyond the seas, brother William Gilbert lives in Essex, sister Mary Gilbert, a single woman, my house called St. Helen's Chapel in Colchester, Essex. Sister, Mary, wife of my brother William Gilbert, cousin Mr. Edward Coleman, the attorney, cousin Mr. Robert Torkington Sr., cousin Elizabeth Berris, cousin Agnes Crossfield, friend Mrs. Ann Beaton, wife of Thomas Beaton, Frances Simson, daughter of Edward Simson.
Witnesses John Wilcox and JASPER SWINERTON.

History of the Manor & Parish of Blymhill, Part I by the Hon. & Rev. G. T. O. Bridgman

p. 324. "In 19 Edw. III (1355) the same Ralph de la Hyde gives to Thomas his eldest son his messuages in Bromhale, etc.; witnesses John de Perton, Knight, John Giffard, Lord of Chilinton, JOHN de SWINEFORTON de HULTON, William le Champion, John, Lord of Coven, etc." (Huntbache MS. Vol. II)

p. 359. In January, 1436, William Mytton Esq. presented to the Church of Blymhill as true patron for that turn. In 1440 he occurs as Lord of Bobynton. He was Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1443, as also in 1458 and 1463.

On December 13, 1463, as William Mytton of Weston-under-Lezeyard, Esq. he gives to John Mytton, his eldest son and ANN, his wife, the daughter and co-heir of THOMAS SWYNERTON of Hylton, co. Stafford, Esq., a pasture or field called Le ffletez, and other lands within the lordship of Ruggeley in the county of Stafford; and in 1485 he has a lease, from the Abbot of Lilleshall of Lizard Grange.

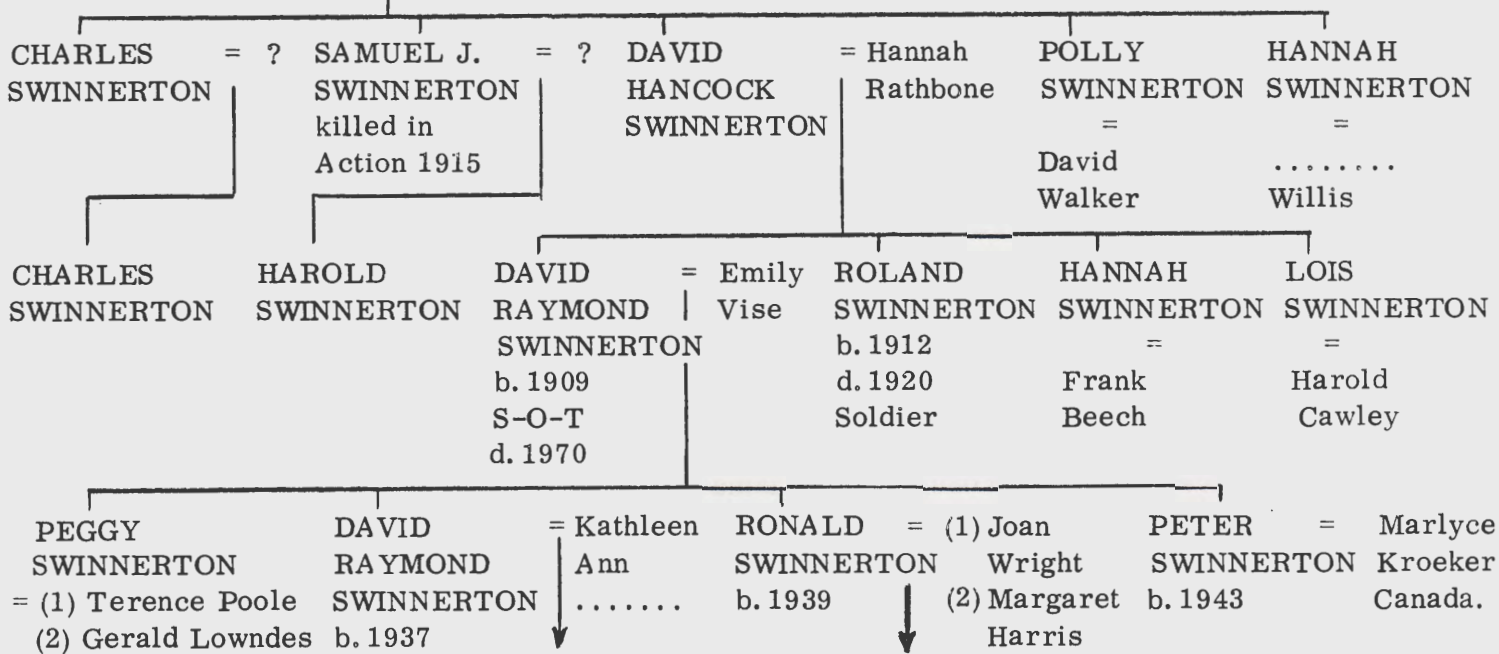
He married Margaret, the daughter of Thomas Corbet of Lee and left issue a son John, who succeeded him.

John Mytton, Esq. the son and heir of William, was Sheriff of Staffordshire in the 11th year of Henry VII (1495, 6). He married for his first wife, Anne or Agnes, daughter and co-heir of THOMAS SWYNERTON of Hilton, Esq., Hereditary Seneschal and Bailiff of the King's Forest of Cannock, by whom he had a son and heir, John, who succeeded him. She had been previously married to HUMPHREY SWYNERTON of Swynerton, Esq. by whom she had a son, HUMPHERY, who succeeded to her inheritance. She died on March 27 1470; and John Mytton married, secondly, Jane, daughter of Richard Middlemore of Edgbaston, in the county of Warwick, Esq. and had by her a younger son, Griffith. I think that his second wife died on July 26 1475, and that he afterwards married another wife of the name of Jane, who survived him.

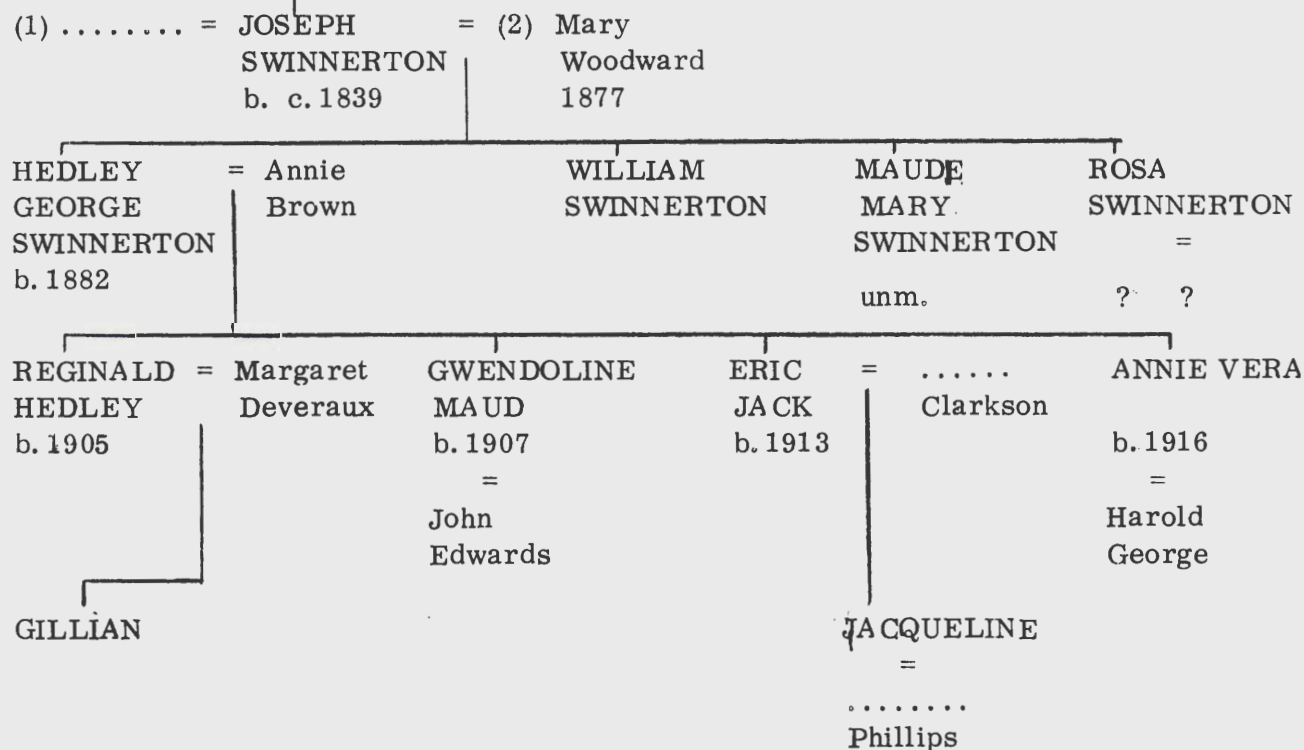
By deed dated August 7 1496, John Mytton Esq. remits to Richard Middlemore Esq., Richard Hogges and Richard Marten, all his right, etc. in the manor or lordship of Bobynton, with the appurtenances, in the county of Stafford. He died February 6 or 7, 1500 and was buried at Weston, in the chancel of which church was formerly a stone with figures in brass of a man in armour lying between two wives, and bearing the following inscription: "Here lyeth the body of John Mytton Esquier, Agnes and Johane, the wyfes, the which John dyed the 7th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred nynety nyne; and the aforesaid Johane deceased the 25th day of July, the yere of our Lord 1475, on whose souls Jhu have mercy, Amen". At the head of the grave-stone, in plates of brass, are two shields of arms, bearing respectively an eagle displayed within a bordure engrailed (for Mitton) and argent a cross fleury, on a canton sable a lion's head erased crowned (for Peshale); at the foot are two more shields, bearing respectively a cross fleury (for SWYNERTON), and 1st and 4th, per chevron argent and sable, in chief two martlets (or moorcocks), 2nd and 3rd per pale indented argent and sable (for Middlemore). The inquisition, post-mortem, taken at Brewood on May 10, 1500, states that a certain Ann, daughter and one of the heirs of THOMAS SWYNERTON was seized, in demesne as of fee, of the manors of Hilton and Esyngton, and of certain messuages, lands and tenements in Hilton, Esyngton, Frodley, Wyggynton, Wirley, Lichfield, Penkerich, Sardon & Codsale, in the County of Stafford, and being so seized she married HUMFREY SWYNERTON and had issue by him a son, HUMFREY, now living, and the aforesaid Humfrey, the father, died and the said Ann married John Mitton and has issue a son, John, and the said Ann died, after whose decease the aforesaid John denoted in the King's brief, held the aforesaid manors and lands by the laws of England.

UNCONNECTED BRANCHES (2)

CHARLES SWINNERTON = Lois Hancock
of Burslem



WILLIAM SWINNERTON = ? ?



This is a Birmingham family and JOSEPH is said to have been the youngest of a very large family.

He is also said to have had sons by his first marriage, one of whom went to Australia.

So far we have been unable to tie these in to any of the three main branches of the family.
If anyone recognises any names or dates would they please let me know.