Some Lines of Descent to St. Gregory, the *Illuminator*, Bishop of Leontius

Bishop Gregory of Leontius, now called St. Gregory, the *Illuminator*, Bishop of Leontius, was the first official head of the Armenian Apostolic catholic church. In modern times, he is revered as the Patron Saint of that church, being credited with the conversion of his people from paganism to Christianity in about 301-314 AD. His work led to Armenia's becoming the first Christian nation on Earth.

St. Gregory was born about the year 257 in Armenia, but perhaps as early as 239, according to different sources. His name was Grigor Lusavorich. As a youth, he was taken to Caesarea after his father, Anak Partev (the Parthian) assassinated King Khosrov of Kadj (Parthia), and it was there that Gregory was introduced to the Christian faith. He had been taken there for his protection after members of the King's family succeeded in their retaliation against his family for his father's infamous act. In about the year 280, he returned to Armenia where he preached for the remainder of his life. Although the years are a bit ambiguous, it appears that in about 300-314, he was consecrated Bishop, and the following year, he baptized several members of the royal court, including Tiridates III, as well as many other upper class nobles. At that time Tiridates issued a decree for Gregory to begin the movement of converting the nation to Christianity. Gregory died in Armenia in or very near the year 331. After his death, his body was taken to Thodanum.

Called an *Illuminator*, he received this moniker because he is revered as one who enlightened the people about Christianity. In the days of Christ, there were the apostles. As they died, their work continued by way of others who brought enlightenment to and conversion of the masses to Christian teachings.



St. Gregory, the *Illuminator* from: *Illustrated Armenia and Armenians*, 1898

Today, St. Gregory is recognized by all facets of the Catholic faith, as well as by the Anglicans. His feast day varies from Catholic rite to Catholic rite, but in the apostolic church, it floats, being the Saturday before the 4th Sunday after Pentecost. In the Eastern and Roman churches, it is September 30. Among the writings about his life is Vartabed Matthew's *A Life of Gregory*, published in Armenian (1749) and translated into English by Father Malan (1868). Many websites also contain brief biographical information about Gregory.

In the 21st Century, Gregory's descendants number in the millions, with most Gateway Ancestors providing multiple avenues to this illustrious forefather. The following pages outline many directions by which we may find a descent. Observers should keep in mind that these are not the only avenues, but they do encompass the more likely options available to most people who can claim royal descent. If you are already a member of **Saints and Sinners**, and you would like to recognize your line a descent from St. Gregory, you may do so by contacting the Genealogist. If you have not yet become a member of the Society but wish to do so, please click on the "Membership" tab at the left and send a request for membership information by connecting to the link provided.



St. Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Leontius

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St. Vrtanes of Armenia (d. 339)
** St. Husik of Armenia (martyr c. 344)
    a dau. of Tiridates III, King of Armenia
   Athenagenes of Armenia
   = Bambishu (b. 315), dau. of Khrosrow III, King of Armenia,
      who was the son of St. Tiridates IV, "the Great," 1st
      Christian king of Armenia by his wife,
      St. Ashken of Armenia +
T St. Nerses I, "the Great," Bishop of Armenia (335-373)
   = Samdukht
T St. Isaac I, "the Great," Bishop of Armenia (martyr)
   Sahakanovsh of Armenia
   = Hamazasp, Prince of the Mamikonids
† St. Hmayak Mamikonian, Ambassador to Constantinople (410-
   = Dzoyk of the Rshtuni
   Vard, Mamikonian Viceroy of Armenia (b. 450; liv. 509)
   Hmayeak, Mamikonian Viceroy of Armenia (d. 593)
   Moushegh I, Mamikonian Viceroy and High Constable of
   Vahan II, Mamikonian Prince of Taraun (b. 555; d. c. 600)
   Dawith, a Mamikonian, probably a priest
   Hamazasp III, Mamikonia maezpan and Curopalate (610-658)
   = a dau. of Theodore I. Prince of Rshtouni
   Artavazd, a Mamikonian patrician (b. c. 655)
   Hmayak, a Mamikonian patrician (700-c. 788)
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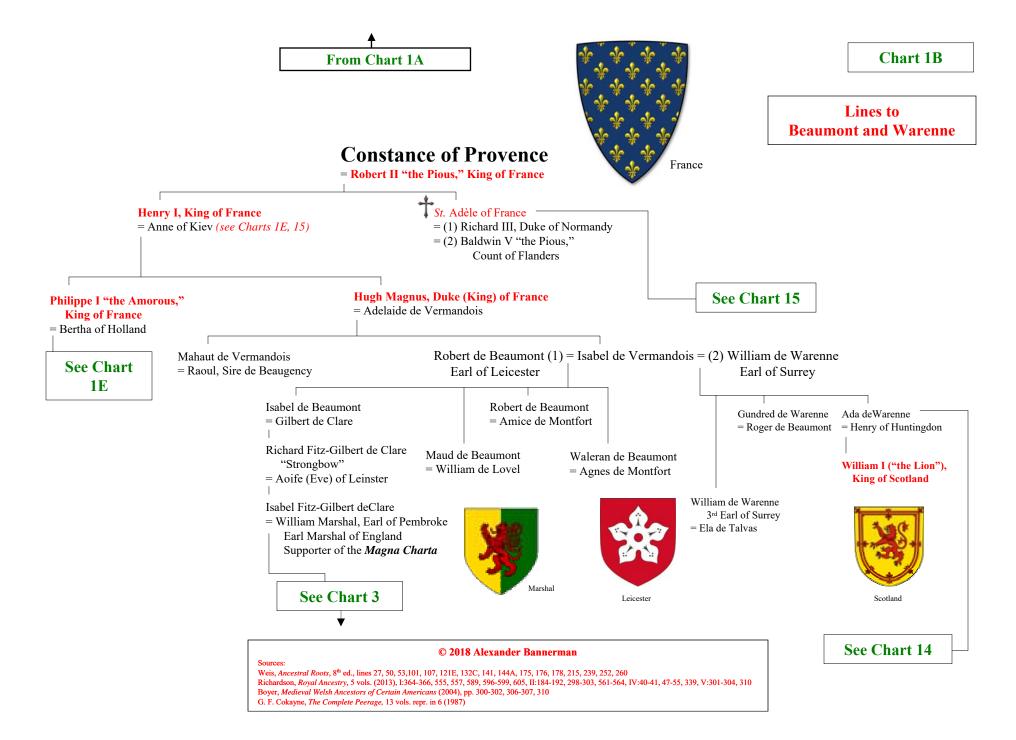
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Artavazd, a Mamikonian patrician (740-c. 780)
  Hmayak, a Mamikonian patrician (755-c. 785)
                                                                                     Marinus, Tomarque in Paphlogonia (780-c. 830)
  = a dau. of Leo V, Emperor of Armenia
                                                                                     = Theoktista Phlorina
  Konstantinos, officer at Court of Emperor Michael III (b. 785)
                                                                                   **St. Theodora of Byzantium (c. 815-867)
                                                                                      = Theophilos, Emperor of Byzantium
  Bardas, a magistrate, brother of Emperor Basil I of Byzantium (835-c. 867)
                                                                                     Michael III, Emperor of Byzantium (840-867)
                                                                                     + Eudocia Ingerina (a mistress)
  Basileos, a Rector
                                                                                     (disputed, but probable)
  Gregoria
                                                                                     Leo VI, Emperor of Byzantium (886-912)
  = (1st) Niketas Skleros, a patrician (c. 885; liv. 921)
                                                                                     = Zoe Tzautzina
  Konstantin Skleros, Patrician at Constantinople (c. 920-c. 980)
                                                                                     Anna of Byzantium
  = (c. 950) Sophia Phokas (c. 936; liv. 980)
                                                                                     = Louis, "the Blind," King of Provence and Italy,
                                                                                         Emperor of the West (c. 883-928)
† St. Theophano Skleros (956-991)
  = (972) Otto II, King of Italy and Emperor of the West (955-983), son of
                                                                                     Charles Constantine, Count of Vienne (c. 990/1-962)
      St. Adelaide of Burgundy, Empress of the West +
                                                                                     = Teutberge de Troyes (d. c. 960)
TBl. Matilda of Saxony (981-1025)
                                                                                     Constance of Provence
   = Ezzo, Count Palatine of Lorraine (c. 955-1034)
                                                                                     = Boso II, Count of Provence and Arles (d. 965)
T St. Richenza of Pfalz-Lorraine (c. 1000-1063)
                                                                                     William I, Count of Arles and Provence (c. 950-
  = Mieszko II, King of Poland (c. 990-1034)
                                                                                         993/4), later a monk
                                                                                     = Adelaide/Blanche of Anjou (d. 1026), dau. of
  Casimir, "the Restorer," King of Poland (1016-1058)
                                                                                         Fulk II. Count of Aniou
  = Dobronega Maria of Kiev (c. 1016-1087), dau. of St. Vladimir I of Kiev
                                                                                     Constance of Provence (c. 986-1032)
  Ladislas I, King of Poland (c. 1040-1102)
                                                                                     = Robert II, "the Pious," King of France (972-1031)
  = Judith of Bohemia (c. 1058-1086)
  Boleslav III, King of Poland (1086-1138)
                                                                                              Chart 1B
  = Zbyslava of Kiev (d. 1110/1)
  Ladislas II, King of Poland (1105-1159)
                                                                         Alfonso, Count of Provence (1180-1209)
  = Agnes of Austria, dau. of St. Leopold III, Margrave of Austria
                                                                         = Gersinde of Sabran and Forcalquier, later a nun
  Richilde of Poland (c. 1130-1166)
                                                                         Raymond Berenger V, Count of Provence (1198-1245)
  = Alfonso VII, King of Castile, &c. (1105-1157)
                                                                         = Beatrice of Savoy (1198-1266)
  Sancha of Castile (1154-1208)
                                                                         Eleanor of Provence (c. 1223-1291)
  = Alfonso II, King of Aragón (1157-1196)
                                                                         = Henry III, King of England
                                                                                 Chart 18
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The Early Kings of France (continued)

Henry I, King of France

Philippe I "the Amorous," King of France Hugh Magnus, Duke (King) of France = (1st) Bertha of Holland = Adelaide de Vermandois Louis VI "le Gros," King of France = (2nd) Alix of Savoy See Chart 1B Louis VII "le Jeune," King of France = (3rd) Adèle of Blois Philippe II Augustus, King of France = (1st) Isabelle of Hainaut (see Chart 15) Louis VIII "le Lion," King of France = Blanche of Castile (see Chart 17) Robert I of France, Count of Artois King St. Louis IX of France (see Chart 18) = Matilde of Brabant = Marguerite of Provence Philippe III "le Hardi," King of France See Chart 18 = (1st) Isabella of Aragón = (2nd) Marie de Brabant

= Anne of Kiev

See Charts 16, 17

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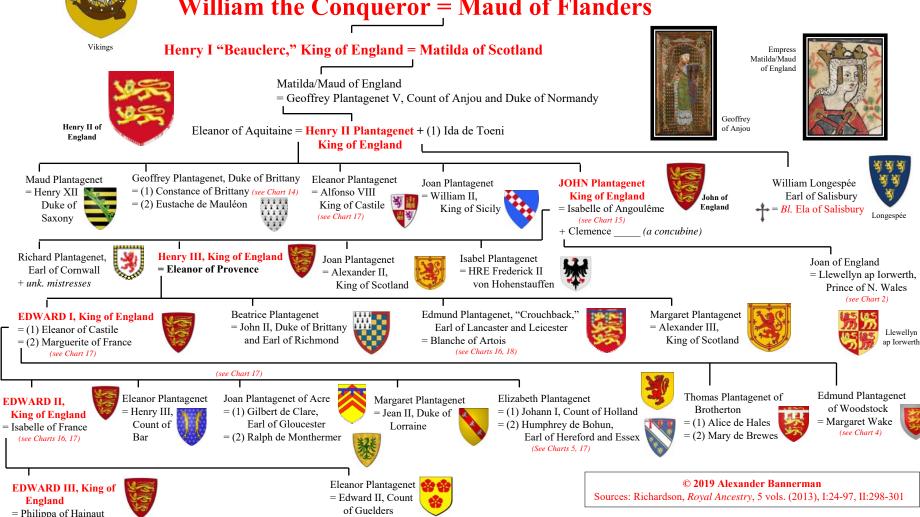
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William the Conqueror = Maud of Flanders



Edward of Woodstock, K.G. the Black Prince. Prince of Wales = Joan Plantagenet,

"Fair Maid of Kent" (see Chart 4)

Edward of Woodstock Isabel of Woodstock

= Enguerrand de Coucy, K.G. Count of Soissons, &c.



Lionel of Antwerp, K.G. 5th Earl of Ulster, &c.

= (1) Elizabeth de Burgh



John of Gaunt, K.G. Duke of Aquitaine, &c.

= (1) Blanche of Lancaster

= (2) Constance of Castile

= (3) Katherine Roet



John of

Gaunt

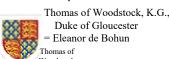
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(1) Isabella of Castile (see Chart 16)

= (2) Joan de Holand

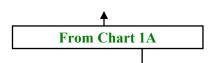
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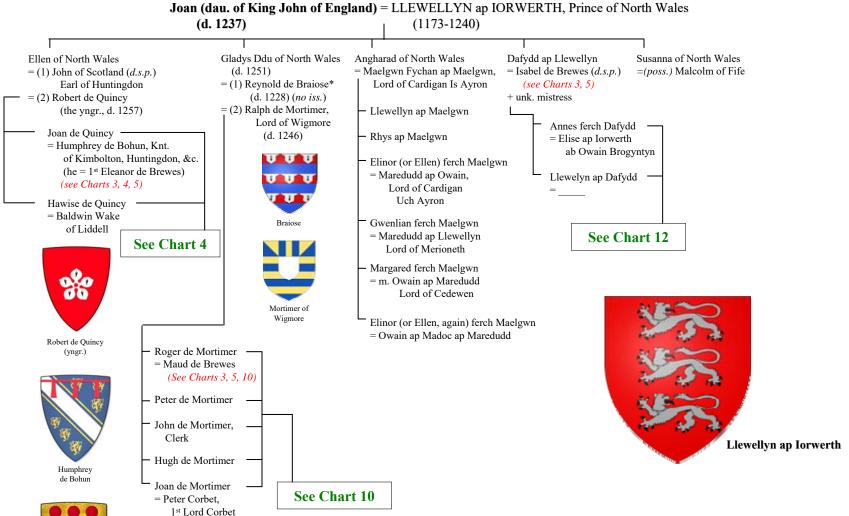
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Woodstock

Chart 2



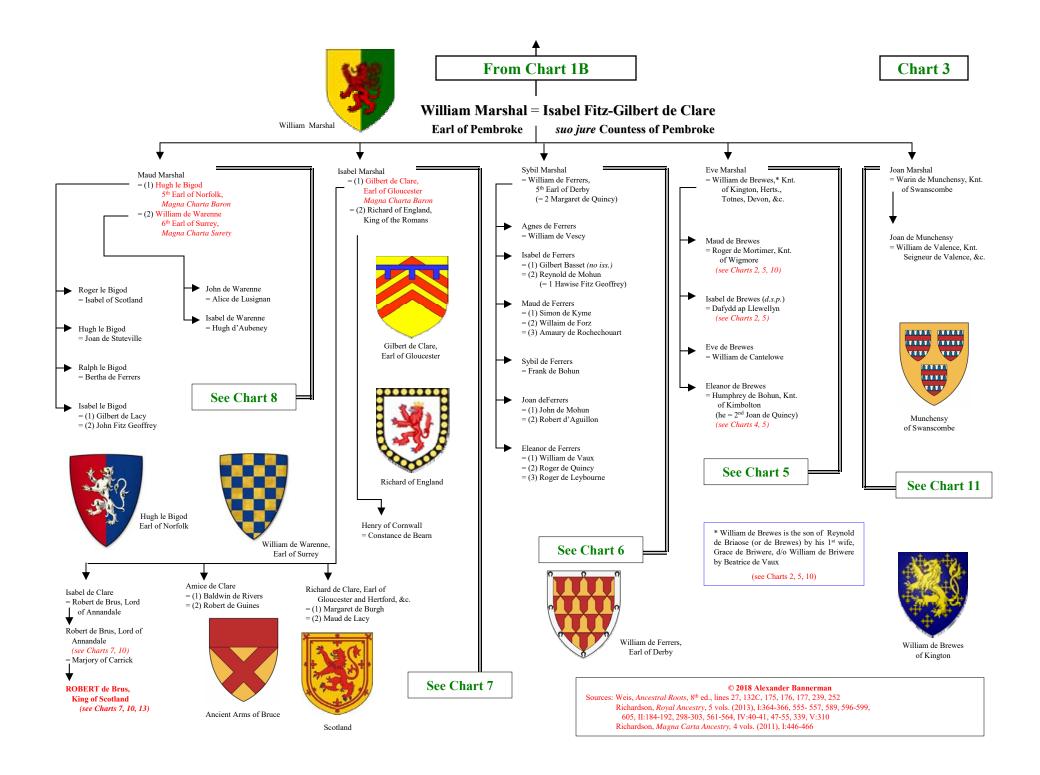


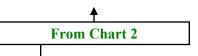
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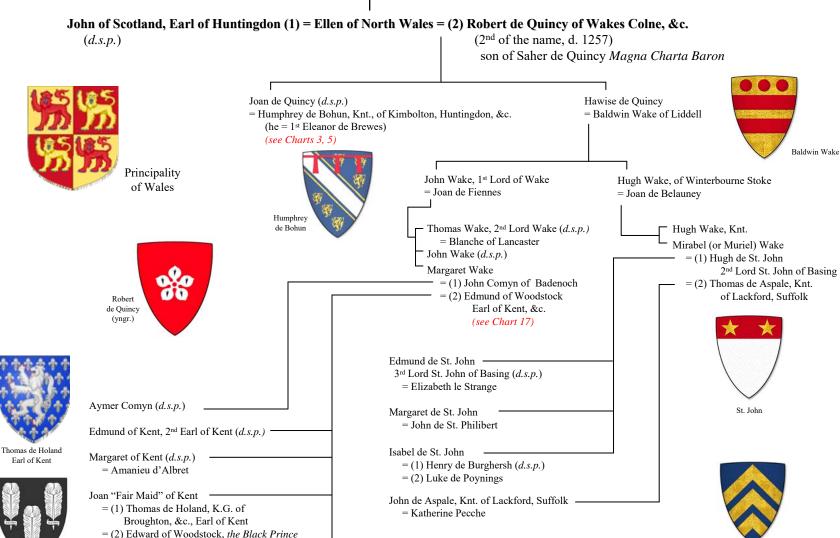
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Edward of Woodstock

John of Kent (d.s.p.) = Elizabeth of Jülich

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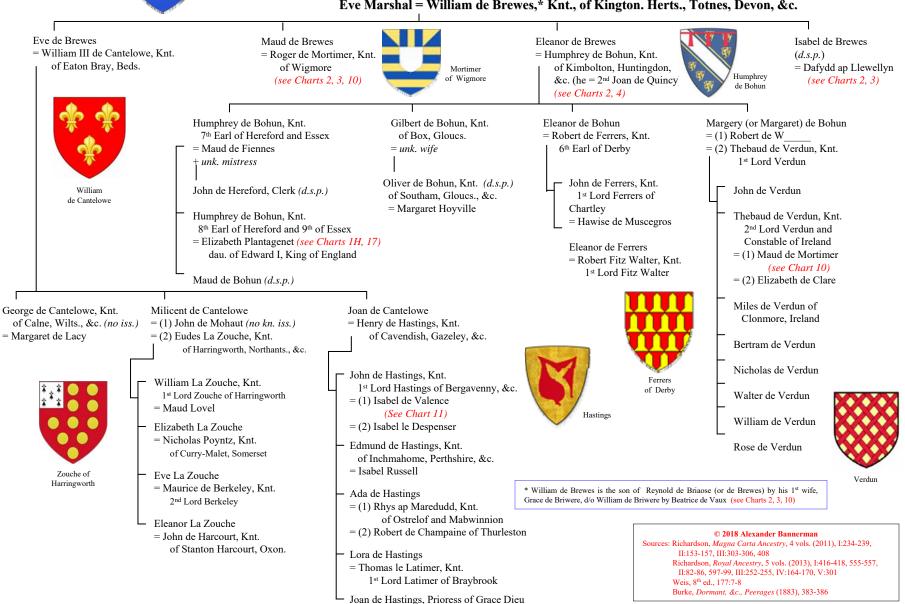
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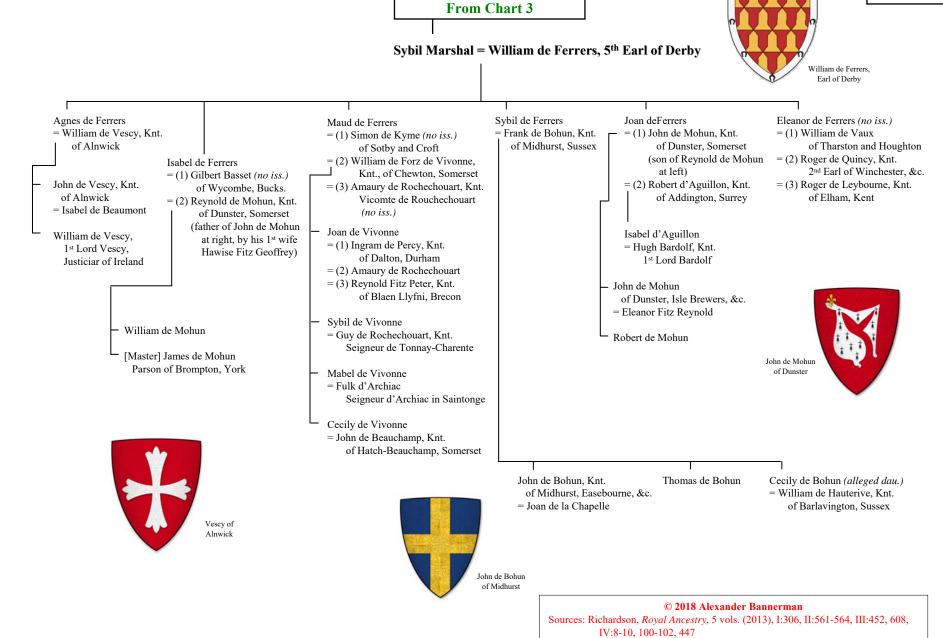
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From Chart 3

Eve Marshal = William de Brewes,* Knt., of Kington. Herts., Totnes, Devon, &c.







Richard of England

John of Cornwall (d.v.p., s.p.)

Henry of Cornwall, Knt. (d.s.p.)

Nicholas of Cornwall (d.v.p., s.p.)

Isabel of Cornwall (d.v.p., s.p.)

Constable of Corfe Castle

= Constance de Bearn



Gilbert de Clare (1) = Isabel Marshal = (2) Richard of England Earl of Gloucester Magna Charta Baron

From Chart 3

King of the Romans

he = (2) Sancha of Provence

= (3) Beatrix de Falkenburg

+ mistress - poss. Joan de Valletort

Richard de Clare, Knt. 6th Earl of Gloucesterincy

5th Earl of Hertford

- = (1) Margaret de Burgh (no iss.)
- = (2) Maud de Lacy

Gilbert de Clare, Knt. Earl of Gloucester and Hertford

= (1) Alice de Lusignan (de la Marche)

- = (2) Joan Plantagenet (dau. of Edward I, King of Eng.)

Thomas de Clare, Knt. of Thomond in Connaught

= Juliane Fitz Maurice

Boges de Clare, Clerk (no iss.)

Isabel de Clare

= William VII, Marquis de Monferrato

Margaret de Clare (d.s.p.)

= Edmund of Cornwall, Knt. Earl of Cornwall

Rose de Clare

= Roger de Mowbray, Knt. 1st Lord Mowbray of Hovingham

Eglantine de Clare (no iss.)

(illeg.) Guy (or Gaudin) de Clare

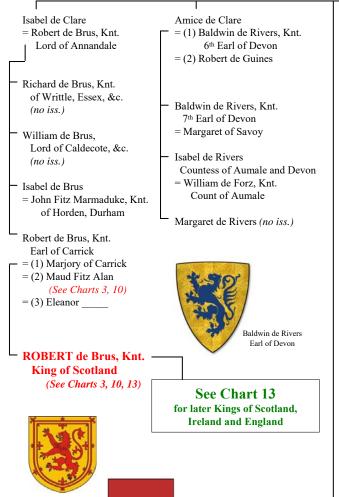
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William de Clare, Knt. (no iss.) of Petersfield and Mapledurham, &c.

Agnes de Clare (no iss.)

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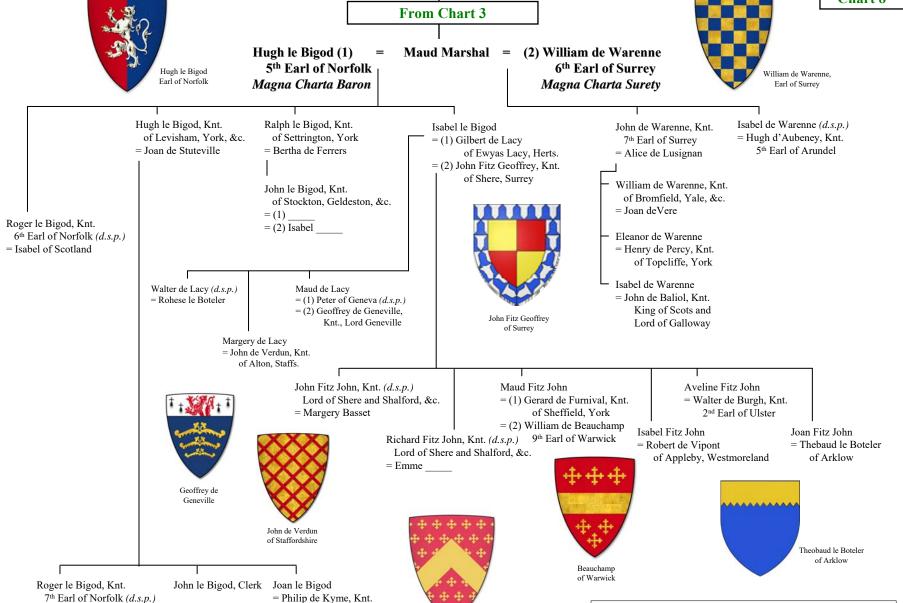
Scotland

Ancient Arms of Bruce



of Hovingham





Kyme of Sotby

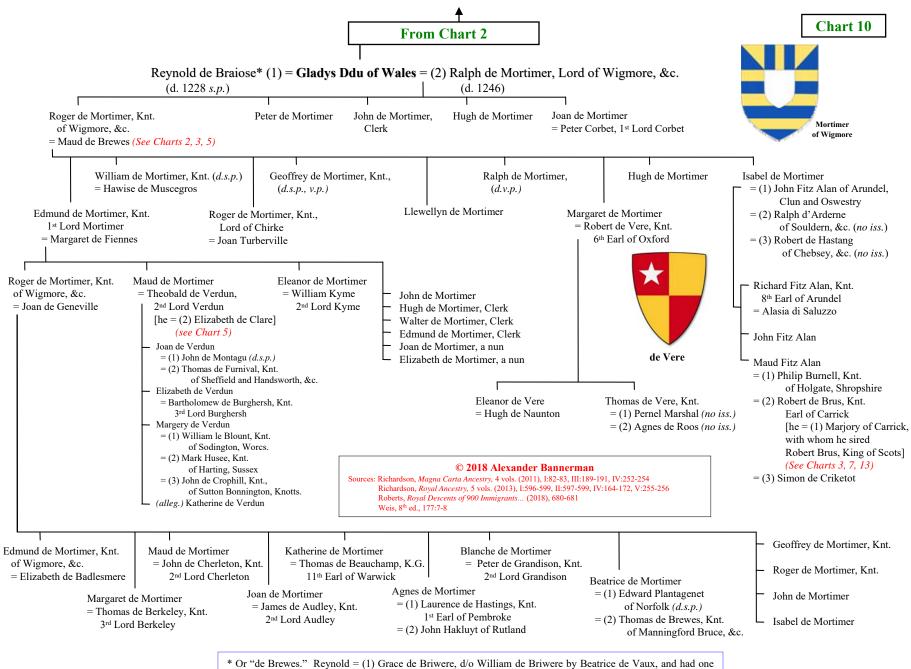
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= (1) Aline Basset

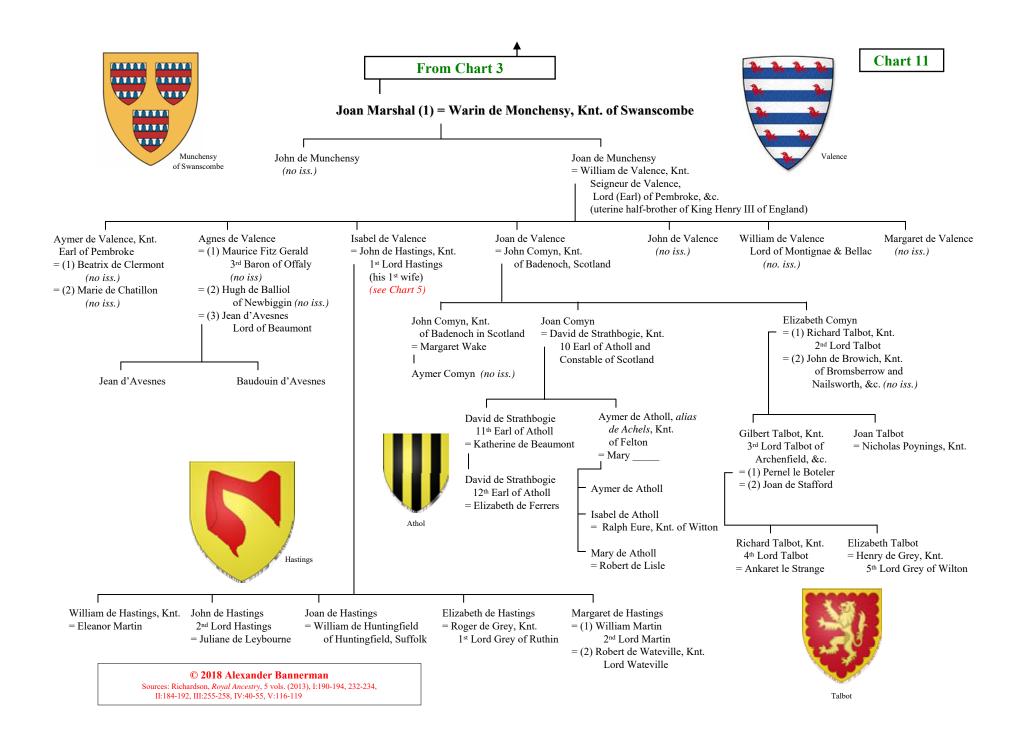
= (2) Alice d'Avenes of Hainaul

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Principality of Wales

Ieuan Goch ap Dafydd Goch = Efa ferch Einon ap Celynin



Joan of England (dau. of King John of England) = LLEWELLYN ap IORWERTH, Prince of North Wales (d. 1237) (1173-1240)

Dafydd ap Llewellyn = Isabel de Brewes (*d.s.p.*)

(see Chart 3) + unk. mistress Annes ferch Dafydd Llewelyn ap Dafydd = Elise ap Iorwerth ab Owain Brogyntyn Dafydd ab Elise Madog ab Elise Cynwrig ap Llewelyn = Myfanwy ferch Hwfa ab Iorwerth = Angharad ferch Thomas ap Gwion =(1)=(2)ferch Llewelyn Gruffudd ap Dafydd Dafydd Llwyd ap Cynwrig Lleucu ferch Madog Efa ferch Madog = Annes ferch Gwyn ap Madog = Gronwy Llwyd ab Y Penwyn = Gruffydd ap Llywelyn ap Cynwrig Mawd ferch Dafydd Llwyd Myfanwy ferch Gruffudd Margred ferch Gronwy Llwyd = Dafydd Goch ap Trahaearn Goch Einion ap Gruffydd = Robin ap Robert = Hywel y Gadair ap Gruffudd ap Madog = Tangwystl ferch Rhydderch

Stewart Kings of Scotland and Later Kings of England

Chart 13



Ancient Arms of Bruce



Scotland



Marjorie Bruce

= Walter Steward, High Steward of Scotland



- = (1) Elizabeth de Mure
- = (2) Euphemia de Ross and Moray



Robert II



Robert III



= Annabella Drummond



JAMES I, King of Scotland = Joan de Beaufort

dau. of John, 1st Earl of Somerset by Margaret de Holand she = (2) Sir James Stewart



James I



James II



dau. of Arnulf, Count of Guelders by Catherine of Cleve



James III



James IV

JAMES III, King of Scotland

= Margaret of Denmark

dau. of Christian I, King of Denmark



dau. of Henry VII, King of England **HOUSE OF TUDOR**



- = (1) Madeleine of Valois (d.s.p.) _{James V}
- = (2) Marie de Guise



Robert 1

MARY STUART, Queen of Scots

= (2) Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley





JAMES VI & I, King of Scotland and England

= Anne of Denmark

dau. of Frederick II, King of Denmark

James VI & I

CHARLES I, King of England, Scotland and Ireland

= Henrietta Maria of France dau. of Henry IV, King of France



Charles I

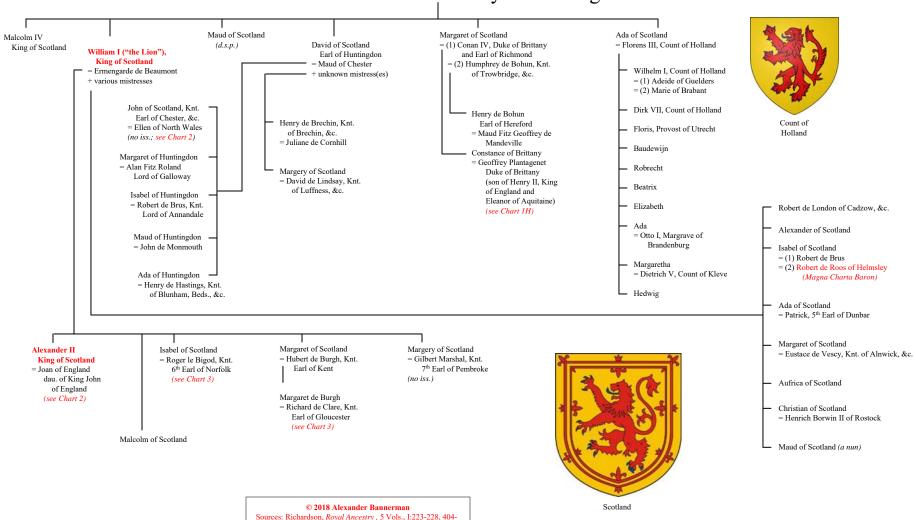
CHARLES II, King of England, Scotland and Ireland

= Catherine of Braganza dau. of John IV, King of Portugal

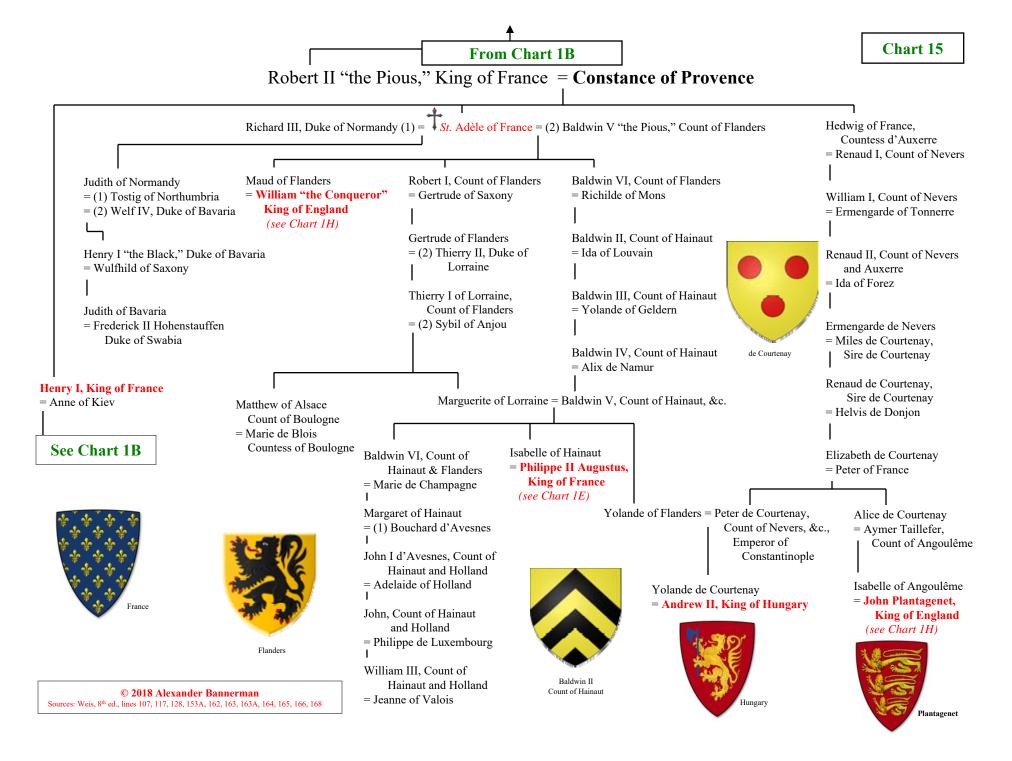
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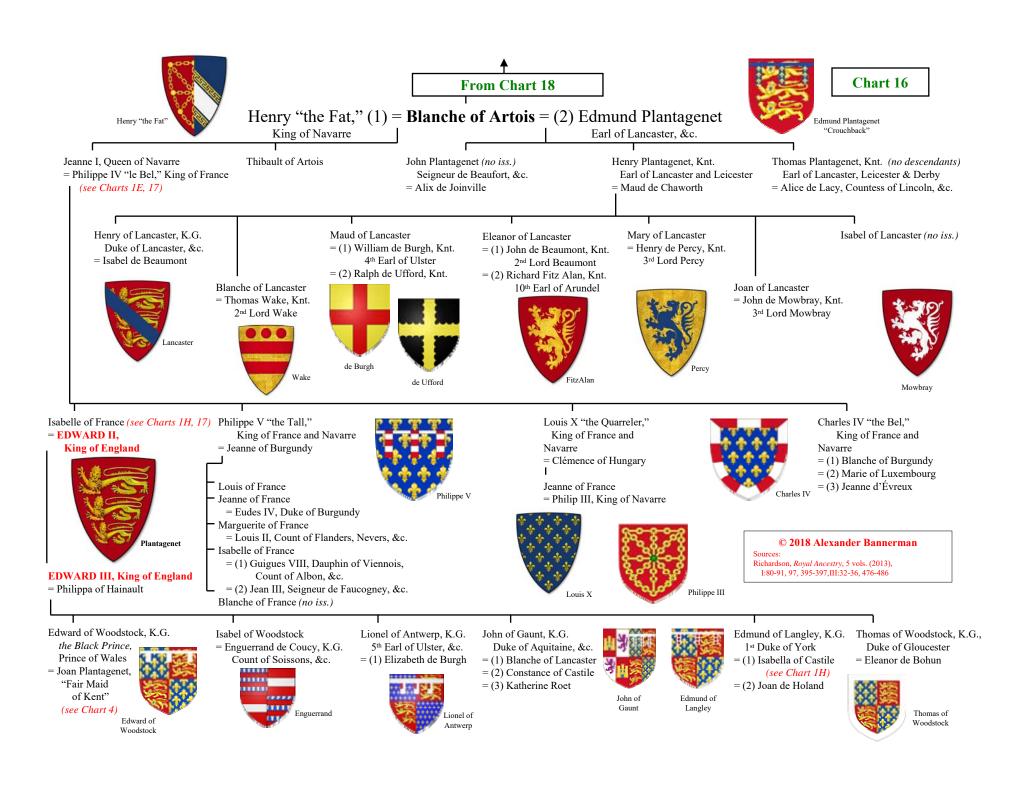
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Ada de Warenne = Henry of Huntingdon



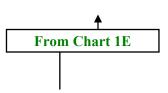
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Isabella of Aragón (1) = Philippe III "le Hardi," King of France = (2) Marie of Brabant

