British Roots of Maryland Families

THE ACTON FAMILY

Refs: A: "A Royal Descent: Alfred the Great," by Ruth Ellsworth Richardson, Forebears; Book 4 (1974), pp. 521-523, B. Register of Longnor, Shropshire Parish Register Society, Diocese of Lichfield, Vol. 15.

Longnor is a village in the Hundred and Royal Deanery of Condover, Diocese of Lichfield, 8 miles south of Shrewsbury (Genealogical Gazetteer of England. By Frank Smith. GPC).

- 1. "Master" HENRY ACTON m. on 11 May 1671 "Mistress" Hannah Corbett at Longnor, Shropshire, England (B:15). Hannah's royal descent is published in Forebears (A). Henry and Hannah were the parents of (all bapt. at Longnor, Shropshire) (B:16, 17): MARGARET, bapt. 2 Feb 1671/2; ETHELDRAED, dau., bapt. 2 Oct 1673; HANNAH, bapt. 7 Dec 1675; HENRY, bapt. 11 Oct 1677; ROBERT, bapt. 1 Oct 1679; and FRANCIS, bapt. 10 April 1682.
- 2. HENRY ACTON, son of Henry and Hannah, was bapt. on 11 Oct 1677 at Longnor, Shropshire, and d. 1742 in PG Co., MD. He m. (by?) 1737 Ann (Penn) Chandler, widow of John Chandler of CH Co.

Henry Acton was here by 19 June 1702 when he and Ann acton witnessed the will of John Watkins of PG Co. (MWB 11:373).

Henry d. leaving a will dated 5 Dec 1742, proved 14 Jan 1742, naming w. Hannah, sons Henry and John, daus. Ann Dunning and Barbara McFerson, and granddau. Hannah Dunning (MWB 23:29); had issue: HENRY; JOHN; ANN, m. (N) Dunning; BARBARA, m. (N) McPherson.

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ACTON, HENRY, son of Rowland and Ann, was bapt. 16 Dec 1632 at Norbury, Shropshire, England (IGI).

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- of Lichfield, S. I.: The Society, 1906). D: WAR6.
- 1. EDWARD I, King of England 1272-1307, b. 1239, d. 1307; m. in 1254, Eleanor of Castile, d 28 Nov 1290, daughter of Fernando III, King of Castile, by his wife Joan de Dammartin. They were the parents of (among others) (A; D: Line 6): ELIZABETH.
- 2. ELIZABETH PLANTAGENET, daughter of Edward I and Eleanor, was b. Aug 1282 d. 5 May 1316, m. in 1302, Humphrey de Bohun VIII, Earl of Hereford and Essex, b. 1276, d. 16 March 1331/2. They were the parents of (A; D: Line 7): ELEANOR.
- 3. ELEANOR de BOHUN, daughter of Humphrey de Bohun VIII and Elizabeth Plantagenet, died 7 Oct 1363, m. James Butler (Le Boteler) (created Earl of Ormonde), b. 1305, d. Jan 1337/8. They were the parents of (among others) (A; D: Lines 7, 13): PETRONELLA.
- 4. PETRONELLA BUTLER, daughter of James Butler and Eleanor de Bohun, married by 1361, Gilbert Talbot, Lord Talbot of Ecclesfield, b. c1322, d. 24 April 1387. They were the parents of (among others) (A; D: Lines 13, 14); Sir RICHARD.
- 5. Sir RICHARD TALBOT, son of Gilbert And Petronella (Butler) Talbot, was b. c1361, d. Sep 1396. He married by 1383 Ankaret le Strange, Baroness Strange, b. 1361, d. 1413. They had (A): Sir John.
- 6. Sir JOHN TALBOT, K.G., son of Sir Richard and Ankaret (Le Strange), was b. 1384, d. 20 July 1453. He was created 1st Earl of Shrewsbury. he married by 12 March 1406/7, Maude de Neville, Baroness Furnival. They had issue (A): Sir JOHN.
- 7. Sir JOHN TALBOT, K.G., 2nd Earl of Shrewsbury, son of Sir John and Maude (de Neville), was b. 1413, and d. 10 July 1460.

He m. by March 1444/5, Elizabeth Butler, b. 1420, d. 8 Sep 1473, daughter of James Butler and Joan de Beauchamp. They were the parents of (A): ANNE.

8. ANNE TALBOT, daughter of Sir John and Elizabeth (Butler), d. 1494, having married Sir Henry Vernon of Tong Castle and Haddon Hall, Co. Derby. Sir Henry and Anne (Talbot) Vernon were the parents of (A; D: Line 56-A): ELIZABETH.

- 9. ELIZABETH VERNON, daughter of Sir Henry and Anne (Talbot) Vernon, was b. 1482, d. 1563. She married Sir Robert Corbett, by whom she had (A; D: Line 56-A): JANE: DOROTHY, m. Sir Richard Mainwaring. (1)
- 10. JANE CORBETT, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Vernon) Corbett, married Thomas Lee. They had at least one daughter (A): JOYCE.
- 11. JOYCE LEE, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Corbett), married Robert Morton, by whom she had at least one child (A): JANE.
- 12. JANE MORTON, m. in 1563 (A), or more likely, on 11 Aug 1588 (B:1) Thomas Corbett. They were the parents of (A; B: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6): EDWARD, bapt. 28 May 1590; ROBERT, bapt. 20 July 1591; SARAH, bapt. 27 Sep 1592; THOMAS, bapt. 9 Dec 1593; GEORGE, bapt. 3 Oct 1596; ANN, bapt. 16 July 1598; ROGER, bapt. 5 Aug 1600; HUMPHREY, bapt. 2 April 1607; and URSULA, bapt. 28 (?) June 1610.
- 13. ROBERT CORBETT, son of Thomas and Jane (Morton) Corbett, was bapt. at Longnor on 20 July 1591. He married Etheldra Drury, daughter of George Drury. They were the parents of the following children, all bapt. at Longmoor except the last two, who were bapt. at Condover. Robert and Etheldra were the parents of (A: B:5, 9, 11, 12; C:93, 96): JANE, bapt. 16 (?) June 1625; KATHERINE, bapt. 2 July 1631; FRANCIS, bapt. 28 July 1636; THOMAS, bapt. 5 March 1639; ANNE, bapt. 23 Oct 1641 at Condover; and HANNAH, bapt. 7 Jan 1643 at Condover.
- 14. HANNAH CORBETT, daughter of Robert and Etheldra, was bapt. on 7 Jan 1643 at Condover. She married Henry Acton on 11 May 1671 (B:15).