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SAY

BARONY by TENURE

The early history of this family is very obscure, and it is extremely difficult to determine the exact relationship of the various members who flourished during the first ~~century~~ century after the Conquest. Picot de Say was the undoubted ancestor of the numerous Shropshire Branches, but his relationship to Geoffrey de Say, who witnessed various charters to Mont St Michel between 1066 and 1081 (Cal.Doc.Franc.Nos 713-4) is unknown. The latter was, in all probability, the founder of the branch of which we treat. The manner by which Geoffery de Say (d.1214) became heir to the extensive Kentish Barony of Wachelin Maminot, is also obscure.

WILLIAM de SAY, of KIMBOLTON, possibly son of William de Say (by Agnes daughter of Hugh de Grentmesnil), who was witness to a charter of Henry I to the Abbey of St Evroult, 1113 (Cal.Doc.Franc.no 624), and who was possibly son of Geoffrey de Say above-named, who flourished shortly after the Conquest.

He married Beatrix de Mandeville, sister of Geoffrey 1st Earl of ESSEX, (Mon.Ang.I 449b n 30), and by her, who was stated to be 80 years of age in 1185, (Rot.de Domina-bus, rot 9d Essex), had issue,

- I. WILLIAM, son and heir.
- II. GEOFFREY, of whom hereafter as heir-male.
- III. ISOLDA, wife of Ralph de Berners. (Chauncy, p 160).

He was slain at the siege of Burwell Castle, August 1144, (Chron.of Ramsey p 347). His wife survived him many years. She was heir to her nephew William de Mandeville Earl of ESSXX, 1189, but on account of her great age, her surviving son Geoffrey de Say was allowed to take her place, and to have seisin of the inheritance, his fine for succession being 7000 marks. Of this sum, he never paid a penny, and was accordingly disseised. Geoffrey Fitzpiers, husband of Beatrice elder daughter of her eldest son William de Say, then gave 3000 marks, and had seisin of all the lands of Earl William de Mandeville, his wife being actually the nearest heir thereto. The elder Beatrice died 19th April, in or before 1197 (Ancient Deeds C2287 gives a charter which was certainly executed after her death, one of the witnesses being Eustace Bishop-Elect of ELY, who was so consecrated 8th March 1198). The Chronicle of Walden gives 1207 xiii Kal.Maii, as the date of her death- a mistake of ten years.

WILLIAM, son and heir, of KIMBOLTON and SAHAM. Born before 1140. He certified his Barony, 1166 (Lib.Rub.fo 111d Hunts).

He had issue,

- I. BEATRICE, daughter and coheir. Heir of the Earldom of ESSEX, through her grandmother Beatrice.  
She married, before 25th Jan.1185, Geoffrey FitzPiers (q.v), who in 1190 received the third Penny of the county of ESSEX in her right (Rot.Pip.2 Ric.1.Essex and Herts), and thereby became EARL of ESSEX. On 23rd Jan.1191

they had a confirmation by Richard I. of all the lands of Earl William de Mandeville (Royal Charters, D.of Lanc) No 44). By him she had issue,

1. GEOFFREY (de MANDEVILLE) EARL of ESSEX o.s.p.23rd Feb.1216.
2. WILLIAM (de MANDEVILLE) EARL of ESSEX o.s.o.8th Jan.1227.
3. MAUD, sister and heiress.

She married (1) Henry de Bohun Earl of HEREFORD (q.v), who died 1st June 1220.

She married (2) Roger de Dauntsey, of DAUNTSEY and WILSFORD, Wilts (Rot.Fin.12 Hen.3.m 9), but from him she was divorced, (Cl.17 Hen.3.m 10), but the decree being revoked by Papal Letters he had reseisin of her lands, 3rd and 14th July 1236 (Cl.20 Hen.3 m 9; Rot.Fin.20 Hen.3.m 3).

She died 27th Aug.1236.

she predeceased her grandmother Beatrice de Say.

- II. MAUD, daughter and coheir, married William de Bocland (q.v), who died 1216  
She died shortly before 28th March 1222 (Ann.Dunst.fo 21).

He died shortly before August 1177.(Rot de Dominabus, rot 5d Hunts).

GEOFFREY, brother and heir-male. Born before 1140. He had a protracted suit with Geoffrey FitzPiers, husband of his niece Beatrice, for the lands of the Earldom of ESSEX, 1st Dec.1194 (Rot.Cur,Regis I.p 129); and he is still recorded as owing 7000 marks for that inheritance as late as 1202 (Rot.Canc.3 Joh.m 9), although Geoffrey FitzPiers had been recognised as Earl of ESSEX since Easter 1190.(Rot.Pip.2 Ric.1. Essex and Herts) In 1210, he answered, apparently as heir, for the 27 knights fees of the Barony of Wachelin Maminot, of GREENWICH, BERLING, etc., Kent.(Lib.Rub.fo 132Ad Kent), and confirmed the grants of the said Wachelin, whom he styles his ancestor, to Begeham Abbey.(Mon.Ang.II.640a n 30). The exact relationship is unknown, but the Maminot property continued in this family during the succeeding generations.

He married (1), before 1180, Alice, daughter and coheir of John de Cheney, and widow of Hugh de Piris (Genealogist,N.S.vol XVIII p 9; Eyton, Shropshire, III 362) by whom he had issue,

- I. WILLIAM, son and heir-apparent.

He o.s.p., v.p.before 8th March 1198 (SEE charter in Ancient Deeds C2287 of Geoffrey his brother, witnessed by Eustace Bishop-Elect of ELY, who was not consecrated till 8th March 1198).

II. GEOFFREY, succeeded his father.

He married (2) Alice de Vere, possibly daughter of Aubrey 1st Earl of OXFORD, (Ancient Deeds C 3188); by whom he had issue,

III. GEOFFREY (II), to whom he gave the manor of RICKLING, Essex. This grant is witnessed by John, Bishop of Worcester (20th Oct.1196-24th Sept.1198), Aubrey de Vere, and others.(Ancient Deeds C3188). He had a confirmation of this from his half-brother Geoffrey (Ib.C 2287). He had a charter for free-warren there, 30th Jan.1265.(Cart.49 Hen.3.m 7).

He died shortly before 19th May 1214 (Cl.16 Joh.p 3.m 6).

GEOFFREY, 2nd but eldest surviving son, by 1st wife. On 11th July 1214, he offered 15000 marks for such seisin of the lands of Earl William de Mandeville, as Geoffrey de Say his father had on the day King Richard disseised him of it (Cl.16 Joh.p 2.m 23 and on 5th August following had livery of his father's lands (Ib.m 3). He joined the Barons against John, and was one of the 25 Guardians of Magna Carta (M.Paris II.605). All his lands were granted to Peter de Creon, 17th Oct.1215 (Cl.17 Joh.m 20). On 9th Nov.1215, with Richard Earl of CLARE and Robert FitzWalter, he had letters of safe conduct to come to speak with the royalist delegates, regarding peace between the king and the Barons (Pat.17 Joh.m 13). Having returned to fealty, he had restoration, 14th Sept.1217 (Cl.1 Hen.3.m 10). He was present at the siege of BYTHAM Castle 1221,(Cl.5 Hen.3. m 15d); and on 20th Oct.1221, had a grant for a weekly market at SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts.(Cl.6 Hen.3.m 1). He confirmed his father's grants to the Hospital of St JOHN, granting the manor of SADDLESCOMBE in exchange for WEST GREENWICH, which his father had formerly given (Mon.Ang.II.555a n 20); and also confirmed the grant to BEGEHAM Abbey of a third part of BROCKLEY, Kent, granted by his ancestor Wachelin Maminot.(Ib.640a n 30).

He married (1).....daughter of .....Earl of CLARE. On 7th March 1215, he had scutage of the knights fees which he held of the Earl in free-marriage.(Cl.16 Joh m 7). By her he had issue,

WILLIAM, son and heir.

He married (2) Margaret (de la Ferte), daughter of William de Briwere, and widow of Odo Dammartin. From her he was divorced.(Bracton's Note Book, Nos 574, 796).

He died whilst in service beyond sea, 19th Aug.1230 (Cl.14 Hen.3. p 2.m 4), and was buried at Dover.(Ann.Theokes.fo 21b).

WILLIAM, son and heir, by 1st wife. Lord of SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts, WEST GREENWICH, BURGHAM, etc., Kent. Born before 1208. He was in service beyond sea, 16th June 1230 Cl.14 Hen.3.p 2.m 7). He did homage and had livery of his father's lands,22nd Aug.

1230, (Ib.m 7). He confirmed the grants of Wachelin Maminot his ancestor to the monks of Bermondsey. He had a charter for free-warren in SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts, and EDMONTON, Middx., 22nd May 1245, (Cart 29 Hen.3.m 6); and on 19th March 1252, had licence to hunt the wolf, fox, hare, cat, and otter, without nets in the water, throughout all the king's forests and rivers south of the Trent, provided he took none of the king's deer (Cart.36 Hen.3.m 18). He joined the Barons against Henry III, and was appointed Constable of Rochester Castle, by the Council of Magnates, 19th May 1260, (Pat.44 Hen.3.p 1.m 10). He was taken prisoner at the siege of Rochester Castle, and his manors of BERLING and BURGHAM, Kent, were granted to Prince Edward, 12th May 1264 (Pat.48 Hen.3.p 1.m 13). He surrendered the county of Kent to Roger de Leybourne 8th Aug.1265 (Pat.49 Hen.3.m 11). He was apparently restored to favour shortly after, as on 20th Nov.1267, he had a grant of the marriage of John le Mareschal, heir of Aline la Mareschale, (Pat.52 Hen.3.m 36).

He married, before 24th Aug.1244 (Cl.28 Hen.3.m 4) Mary.

He had issue,

WILLIAM, son and heir.

He died shortly before 12th Feb.1272 (Esch.56 Hen.3. No 37). His widow remarried, before 12th May 1273, Robert de Ufford (q.v) (Rot.Fin.1 Edw.1.m 20).

WILLIAM, son and heir, of SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts., WEST GREENWICH, BURGHAM, BERLING, etc, Kent. Aged 19 At his father's death. His wardship and marriage were granted to Poncius de Mora, 12th Feb.1272 (Pat.56 Hen.3.m 24). He fought in Wales, 1277, 1282, and 1283. (Cl.5 Edw.1.m 12d; Rot.Wall.10 Edw.1.m 7d; 11 Edw.1.m 3d). He was summoned to the Military Council at Shrewsbury, 30th Sept.1283, which condemned David Prince of Wales to death. (Ib.m 2d). He was likewise summoned to attend the king upon the urgent affairs of the realm, 8th June.1294 (Rot.Vasc.22 Edw.1.m 8d), but this does not constitute a regular summons to Parliament.

He married Elizabeth.

He had issue,

GEOFFREY, son and heir.

He died shortly before 16th Sept.1295 (Esch.23 Edw.1.No 49). His widow had the manors of CUDHAM, Kent, and HAM, Sussex, assigned to her in dower, 20th Oct.following (Cl.23 Edw.1.m 3).

#### BARONY by WRIT.

GEOFFREY, son and heir, of GREENWICH, BERLING, etc. Aged 14 at his father's death. His wardship and marriage were granted to William de Leybourne for the use of his daughter Idonea, 28th Dec.1295, (Pat.24 Edw.1.m 20). Having proved his age, he had livery of his lands, 15th Feb.1303, (Cl.31 Edw.1.m 17). He was continually employed

in the wars of Scotland. (Parl. Writs). He had a charter for a market and fair at SAWBRIDGEWORTH, 22nd Nov. 1306 (Cart. 35 Edw. 1. m 22). He was summoned to Parliament by Writs directed Galfrido de Say from 26th July 1313 till 14th May 1321, by which he may be considered to have become LORD SAY.

He married, before 1305, Idonea, daughter of William de Leybourne his former guardian, by whom he had issue,

- I. GEOFFREY, son and heir.
- II. ROGER, born after 1305; living 31st March 1321, when, with his brothers, he was named in an entail of the manor of GREENWICH by his father. (Pat. 14 Edw. 2. p 2. m 17).
- III. RALPH (Ibid).
- IV. CATHERINE, married before 10th Nov. 1320, John de St John, of LAGEHAM, (q.v.). (Pat. 14 Edw. 2. p 1. m 10 shed).
- V. JULIANA, married Roger de Northwode (q.v).  
She died 20th Feb. 1329. (Northwode Roll in Arch. Cant. II. pp 9-43).
- VI. ELIZABETH, married John de Champagne, of RENHAM and UPCHURCH, Kent. (Pat. 10 Edw. 3. p 1. m 20).

He died shortly before 3rd March 1322 (Esch. 15 Edw. 2. No 41). His widow was living 15th June 1332, when her eldest son granted her the manors of BURGHAM, and CUDHAM, Kent, EDMONTON, Middlesex, and SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts. (Pat. 6 Edw. 3. p 2. m 28).

GEOFFREY, 2nd BARON, son and heir. Born 30th April 1305 (Esch. 15 Edw. 2. No 41). Having proved his age, he had livery of his lands, 4th June 1326 (Cl. 19 Edw. 2. m 4). He was about to go beyond seas in the king's service, 17th Jan. 1331 (Pat. 4 Edw. 3. p 2. m 11). Admiral of the Fleet, from the mouth of the Thames westwards, 3rd May 1336 (Pat. 10 Edw. 3. p 1. m 148). Fought in Flanders, 1338 (Rot. Alem. 11 Edw. 3. p 1. m 8). He had licence to empark 100 acres in BERLING, 10th May 1341 (Pat. 15 Edw. 3. m 11). Fought in France, 1343, 1345, 1347, (Rot. Franc. 17 Edw. 3. m 15; 19 Edw. 3. m 21; 21 Edw. 3. p 1. m 10). Keeper of the Chaces of Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex, and Bucks, 21st Aug. 1348 (Pat. 22 Edw. 3. p 2. m 8).

He married Maud de Beauchamp, daughter of Guy, 2nd Earl of WARWICK, (Pat. 35 Edw. 3. p 2. m 8), by whom he had issue,

- I. WILLIAM, son and heir.

II. THOMAS, living 29th July 1361 (Pat.35 Edw.3.p 2.m 8).

III. JOHN, had livery of the manor of HAM, Sussex, as heir-male of his father, 11th Oct.1382,(Cl.6 Ric.2.p 1.m 24).

He died without issue,as his sisters' representatives became heirs to the Barony.

IV. IDONEA, married c.1350, as 1st wife, John Lord Clinton (q.v)(d.6th Sept. 1398), by whom she had issue,

WILLIAM, son and heir.

She died before 26th June 1384, when her husband had remarried.

WILLIAM de CLINTON, son and heir-apparent.

He married Elizabeth daughter of William Lord Deincourt, by whom he had issue,

WILLIAM, LORD CLINTON, senior coheir to the Barony of SAY 1399. He assumed that title, being styled "DOMINUS de CLYNTON & SAY, 16th Feb.1409.(Rot.Pat.)

He o.v.p.25th Oct.1383.

V. ELIZABETH, married Sir Thomas de Aldon, Kt, by whom she had issue,

1. MARY, coheir of the Barony of SAY. Aged 34 in 1404.

She married Otho de Worthington.

2. MAUD, coheir of the Barony of SAY, 1404, and then aged 28.

She died before 1404.

VI. JOAN, married (1), Sir William de Fiennes (q.v) (d.2nd Dec.1359), by whom she had issue,

1. JOHN, son and heir, born 1355.

He o.s.p.

2. WILLIAM, succeeded his father.

She married (2) Sir Stephen de Valoines.

She died

WILLIAM de FIENNES, son and heir.

He married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Battisford, by whom he had issue,

1. ROGER FIENNES, coheir of the Barony of SAY, 1404.

2. JAMES FIENNES, created LORD SAYE & SELE, 3rd March  
1447.

He died

He died 26th June 1359 (Esch.33 Edw.3.No 37). His widow took oath not to marry without licence, and had her dower assigned, 20th Aug.following.(Cl.33 Edw.3.m 18) She died shortly before 3rd Aug.1369 (Rot.Fin.43 Edw.3.m 5).

WILLIAM, 3rd BARON, son and heir. Born 17th June 1340. His wardship was granted to Queen Philippa, 26th June 1359 (Pat.33 Edw.3.p 2.m 17). Having proved his age, he had livery of his lands, 4th July 1361 (Cl.35 Edw.3. m 23).

He married, before 10th May 1369 (Pat.43 Edw.3.p 1.m 9) Beatrice, daughter of Thomas de Braose, of MANNINGFORD.(Cl.19 Ric.2.m 13; Rot.Fin.19 Ric.2.m 16). By her he had issue,

I. JOHN, son and heir.

II. ELIZABETH, sister and heir, 1382. Born 24th Feb.1366.

She married (1), between 27th July and 30th Sept.1382, Sir John Falvesley, (q.v).(Cl.6 Ric.2.p 1.m 12d; Rot.Fin.6 Ric.2.p 1.m 26). He died without issue. Will dated 18th Sept.1392.

She married (2), before 25th Nov,1393, Sir William Heron (q.v), who in her right became LORD SAY.

She died without issue 8th July 1399 (Esch.6 Hen.4.No 21).

He died shortly before 3rd Sept.1375 (Rot.Fin.49 Edw.3.m 6).

JOHN, son and heir, aged 2 at his father's death. His wardship was granted to William Lord Latimer, 7th Aug.1375,(Pat.49 Edw.3.p 1.m 2). He was never summoned to Parliament.

He died still a minor, 27th July 1382 (Esch.6 Ric.2.No 67).

465. Say.

Geoffrey de Say:  
1066-1084

William: Agnes  
living 1112. s of Hugh de Grentemesnil.  
(see No 257)

Gilbert Enguerand.

s<sup>th</sup> of Wacelin  
Mammot  
L<sup>d</sup> of Greenwich.  
Geoffrey  
(nephew of Gilbert)  
1151.

William:  
uncle of William

William: Beatrix de Mandeville  
living 1166  
d. at Burwell Aug 1144  
sister of Geoffrey  
1<sup>st</sup> E. of Essex. (see No 351)

William  
dead 1185 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1177

Adeliza  
s of John de Chency

Geoffrey: Alice de Veu  
d. 1214

Isolda: Ralph  
de Bures

Beatrice = Geoffrey Fitz Piers  
Earl of Essex.  
d. 14 Oct. 1215.

Maud = William  
d. 1212 ae Borland.  
William  
ovp.  
before 5 Mch 1198

d of Earl of  
Clare.

(1) = Geoffrey. (2) Margaret.  
d. 19 Aug. 1230  
d of William  
de Briwere.  
(see N<sup>o</sup> 96)

Geoffrey  
of Rickling

William = Mary = (1) Robert de  
d. 1272 Ufford

William = Elizabeth.  
d. 1295

Idonca = Geoffrey.  
d of William  
ae Leybourne.  
(see N<sup>o</sup> 321)  
1<sup>st</sup> Baron.  
d. 1322

Maud Beauchamp = Geoffrey  
d of Guy, Earl of  
Warwick.  
d. 1369  
(see N<sup>o</sup> 32)

2<sup>nd</sup> Baron.  
d. 26 Jun. 1359

Roger  
Raeph

Catherine = John  
of Lagham  
(see N<sup>o</sup> 479)

Juliana = Roger  
Northwode.  
d. 20 Feb. 1329  
(see N<sup>o</sup> 411)

Elizabeth = John  
Champayne.

William = Beatrice  
2<sup>nd</sup> Baron  
d. 1375.  
d of Thomas  
ae Brance. (see N<sup>o</sup> 95)

Thomas  
John

Idonca = John  
2<sup>nd</sup> Clinton

Elizabeth = Thomas  
d. 3.10  
ae Aldon

Joan = (1) Sir William Ferrers  
(2) Stephen de Valours

Beatrice = Geoffrey Fitz Piers  
Earl of Essex  
d. 74 Oct 1213.

Maud = William  
d. 1212 as Burland.

William  
osp.  
before 8 Mch 1198  
d of Earl of  
Clare

(1) = Geoffrey = (2) Margaret  
d. 19 Aug 1250  
d of William  
de Breuse.

Geoffrey  
of Rickling

William = Mary = (1) Robert de  
d. 1272  
Lufford.

William = Elizabeth  
d. 1295.

Idonca = Geoffrey  
d of William  
as Leybourne.  
d. 1322.  
(see N° 321)

Maud Beauchamp = Geoffrey  
d of Guy, Earl of  
Warwick.  
d. 1369.  
(see N° 39)

2nd Baron.  
d. 26 Jun 1359.

Roger

Ralph

Catherine = John and John  
of Lagesham  
d. 20 Feb 1329.  
(see N° 479)

Juliana = Roger de  
Northwode.  
d. 20 Feb 1329.  
(see N° 422)

Elizabeth = John de  
Champagne.

William = Beatrice  
d. 1370.  
2nd Baron.

d of Thomas  
as Baron.  
(see N° 92)

Thomas

John

Idonca = John  
Ld. Clinton

Elizabeth = Thomas  
d. 2.10  
as Aldon

Joan = (1) Sir William Ferrers  
(2) Stephen de Valence.  
(see N° 100)

John  
o 5/27 July 1382

Elizabeth = o' Sir John Falvelley. (see N<sup>o</sup> 201)  
o 20 Feb 1366 = o' Sir William Heron.  
o 31 8 July 1099 (see N<sup>o</sup> 285)