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~~(A) - "Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?"~~

(B) - Ethelred the Unready

(C) - De BRAOSE

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Introduction

A few years ago I decided to have a go at researching my family tree. I talked to relatives, gleaning as much information as I could from them and generally being a bit of a pain! I drew it all up, then put it away in the filing cabinet where it stayed. Just recently, though, I decided to have another go at it, using the internet to help me this time. What a revelation - I didn't find any names to add to the tree from it, but what I did find was even better - I 'found' relatives that I thought I'd never hear from again, and some new ones I didn't even know I had.

I visited a couple of them, e-mailed one, and wrote to some more. Everyone was wonderful, and I got lots more information. Then I got lucky, and found a link to a famous tree that has been well-researched for decades. There was no way that this could all be drawn up on pieces of paper now, even if I stuck lots of them together - I have a database with nearly 5000 names on it. There are people on it from America and Australia, there is Royalty, some very famous people, some wonderful old Saxon and Norman names; and one branch of it stretches back nearly 2000 years. There was some serious in-breeding in parts of the tree as well, especially in the Darwin branch, but it seems to have produced some of the great minds of our time, rather than the 'village idiots' that one would have expected. It also produces some interesting relationships, for instance I am my own 15th cousin, once removed!

I have tried here to compile a few branches of the tree that you may find interesting. I have had to break it all up into manageable parts, but have tried to make it as simple as possible. I have also included some of the 'great' lines of ancestry we have - we are not only descended from royalty, like Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror and King Henry I, but also supposedly from gods, like Woden and Thor (it's a good conversation piece for parties, if nothing else!).

The DAWSON, LEECE and TAYLOR charts are where we find ourselves. Some of us younger folks may wonder why we're on one of these and not another - don't worry, it all connects together nicely and they are all our family. It was really a matter of managing the names with the space available. It was either that or sending everyone great rolls of paper in cardboard tubes!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped provide me with information, especially T. E. Dawson (Eddie) who has himself been researching the Dawson side of the tree. Without his information, and my luck, we wouldn't have the huge tree we have today.

If anyone has any further information to add to the trees, or corrections that need making, please send it on to me or tell me about it. Also, any copies of old photographs, birth certificates, or other documents would be most gratefully received.

Enjoy!

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Notes

Sources used

The information contained within these charts comes from quite a few places. Some of it has been gleaned from relatives, including the information supplied by Thomas Edwith Dawson who has been researching the family tree for quite a few years.

The rest has come from the Wedgwood Pedigrees, which has been constantly researched and updated since about 1923.

A lot of the ancient information has come from the Anglo Saxon Chronicles (which was originally compiled on the orders of King Alfred the Great), the Icelandic prose Edda, and various historical websites.

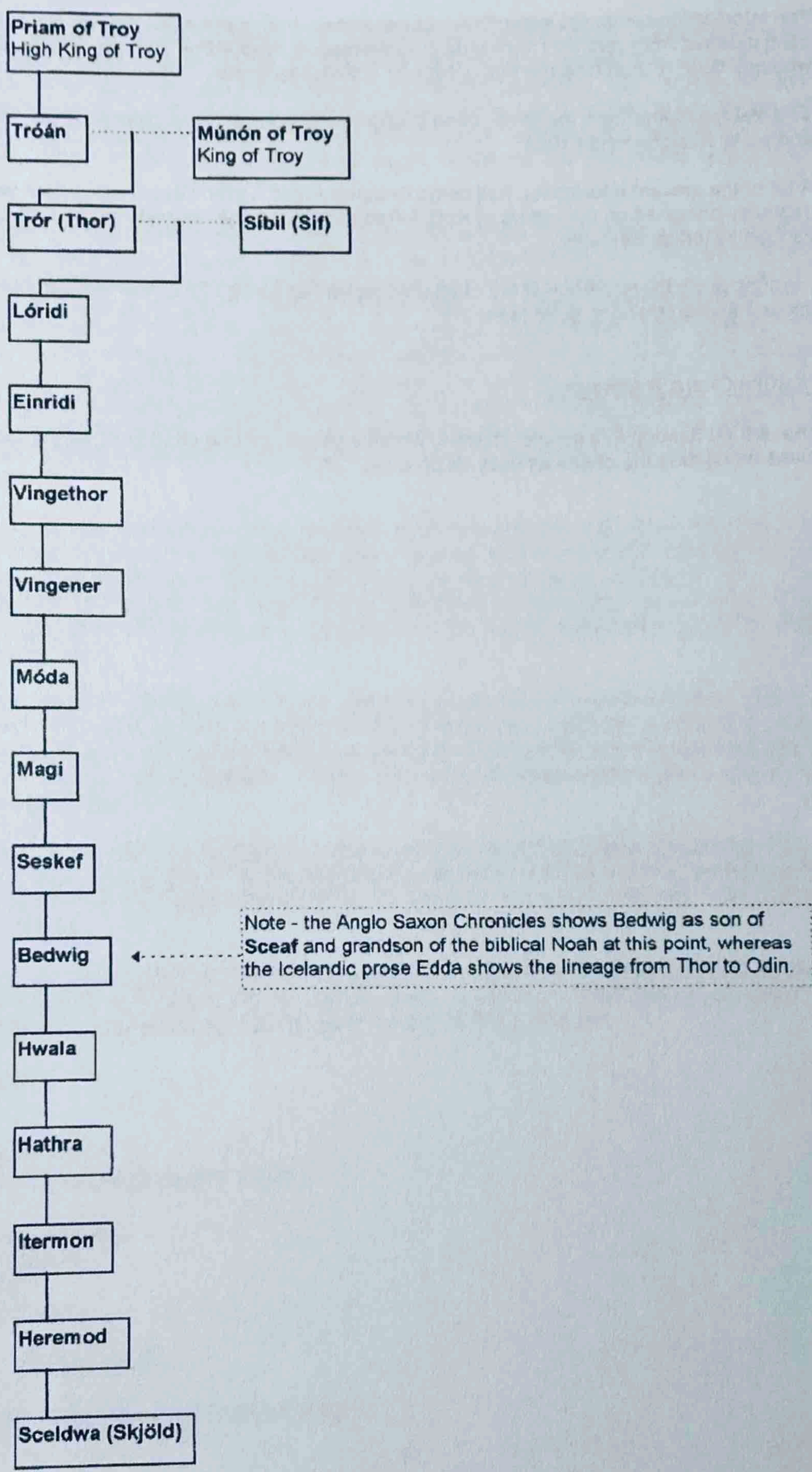
I cannot verify the accuracy of the charts, especially as some of it is from legend - I have taken the information in good faith.

How the Charts link together

I have tried to keep this simple, showing where a person on one chart links onto another, to make navigating the charts as easy as possible.

ANGLO-SAXONS - (1)

(Priam of Troy to Sceldwa)



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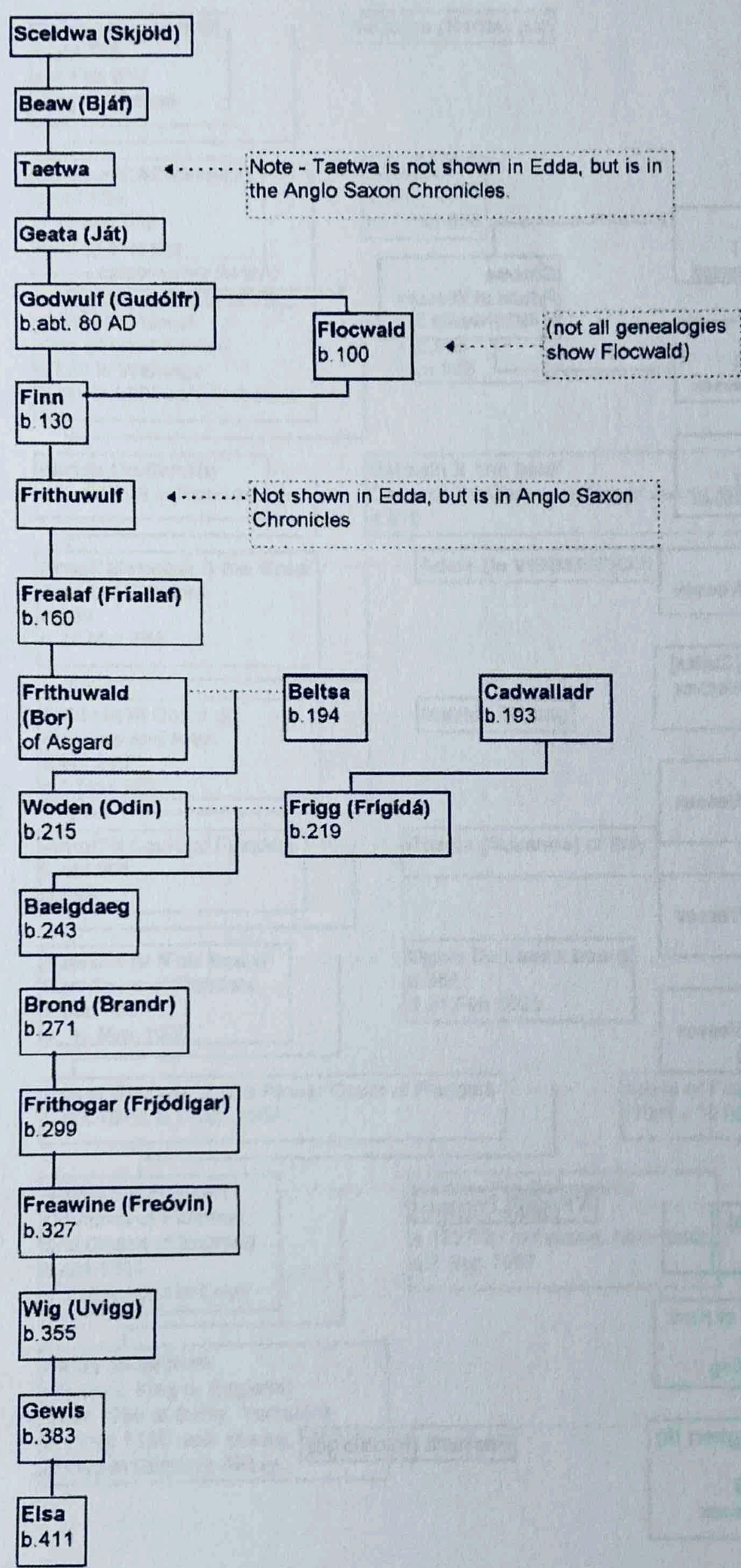
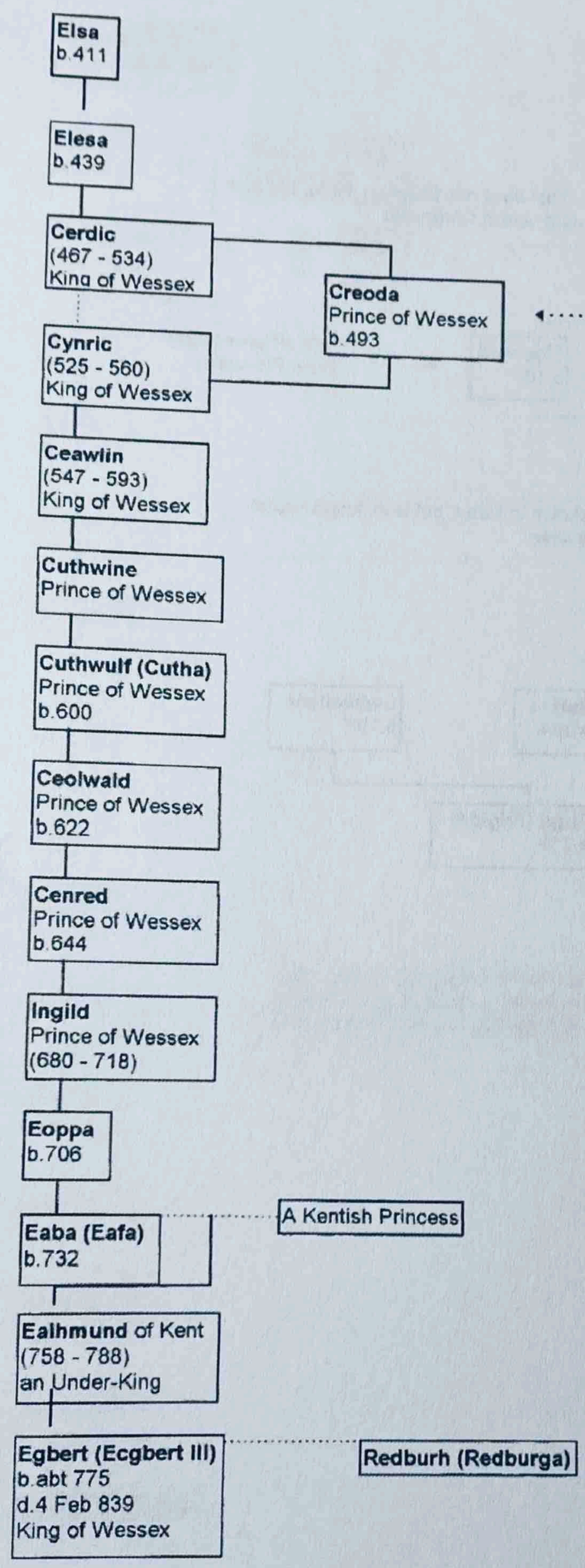
(Sceldwa to Elsa)



ANGLO-SAXONS - (3)

(Elsa to Egbert)



ANGLO-SAXONS - (4)

(Egbert to Henry I)

Egbert (Ecgbert III)
b.abt 775
d.4 Feb 839
King of Wessex

Redburh (Redburga)

Ethelwulf(AEthelwulf)
b.abt 800
d.13 Jan 858
King of Wessex

Osburh
d.846
m.1 Oct 856

Alfred the Great
King of West Saxons
b.849 in Wantage
D.26 Oct 901 at Winchester

Ealhswith
d.905
m.868

Elfrida (Aefthryth)
d.7 Jun 929 in Flanders.

Baldwin II 'the bald'
Count of Flanders and King of Jerusalem.
d.918

Arnulf (Arnolph I) the Great
Count of Flanders.
b.889
d.27 Mar 964

Adela De VERMANDOIS

Baldwin III Count of Flanders and Artoi.
b.abt 940
d.1 Nov 962

Matilda Billung

Arnulf II Count of Flanders
b.abt 961
d.988

Rosela (Susanna) of Italy

Baldwin IV 'Fair Beard'
Earl/Count of Flanders
b.abt. 968
d. 30 May 1036

Ogive De Luxembourg
b.986
d.21 Feb 1030

Count Baldwin V 'the Pious' Count of Flanders
b.abt.1012, d.1 Sep 1067

Adela of France, a Princess.
(1009 - 1079)

Matilda of Flanders
Countess of Flanders
and Queen of England
b.abt 1031
d.2 Nov 1083 in Caen

William the Conqueror
King of England
b.1027/28 in Falaise, Normandy
d.7 Sep 1087

See Vikings (3) for ancestry

Henry Beauclerc
(**Henry I**, King of England)
b.abt 1068 at Selby, Yorkshire
d.1 Dec 1135 near Gisors, France.
Buried at Reading Abbey.

ANGLO-SAXONS - (5)

(Henry I to Ellen VENABLES)

Henry Beauclerc
(**Henry I**, King of England)
b.abt 1068 at Selby, Yorkshire
d.1 Dec 1135 near Gisors, France.
Buried at Reading Abbey.

(Henry Beauclerc had nearly 30 children, only 2 of them legitimately.)

Sibyl de FALEISE
(Illegitimate)

Baldwin de BOULERS of Flanders
Lord of Montgomery

Maud BOULERS

Richard FITZURSE

Reginald FITZURSE
Co-murderer of St. Thomas Becket

See also Misc. Chart (D) - **Hugh de MORVILLE**

Mabel FITZURSE

Benet GERNET
Lord of Halton, Forrester of Lancashire.
d.1205

Roger GERNET
Lord of Halton, Forrester of Lancashire.
d.1252

Benet GERNET
Lord of Halton

Joan GERNET

Sir William DACRE
b.12 Mar 1265
d.20 Aug 1318

Sir Randolph DE DACRE
Baron Dacre of Gillesland
b.abt 1290
d.20 Mar 1339

Lady Margaret de MULTON
(a baroness)
b.20 Jul 1300
d.10 Dec 1361

Mary DACRE

Sir Ralph de VERNON

Agatha VERNON

Sir Hugh de VENABLES
d.1275

Sir William de VENABLES
d.abt.1292

Margaret de DUTTON

Sir Wiliam VENABLES

Katherine ST PIERRE

William VENABLES

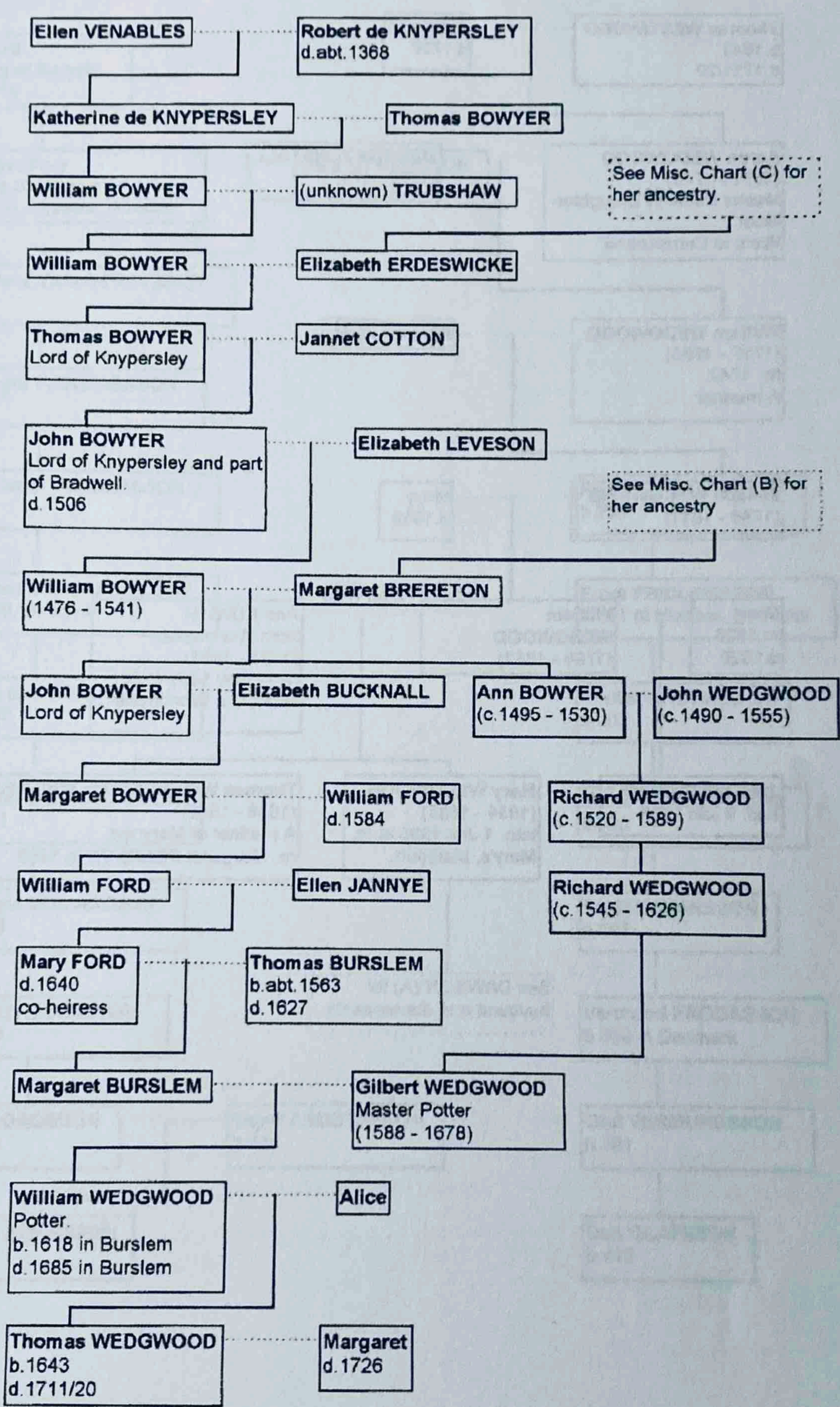
Katherine GROSVENOR

Ellen VENABLES

Robert de KNYPERSLEY
d.abt.1368

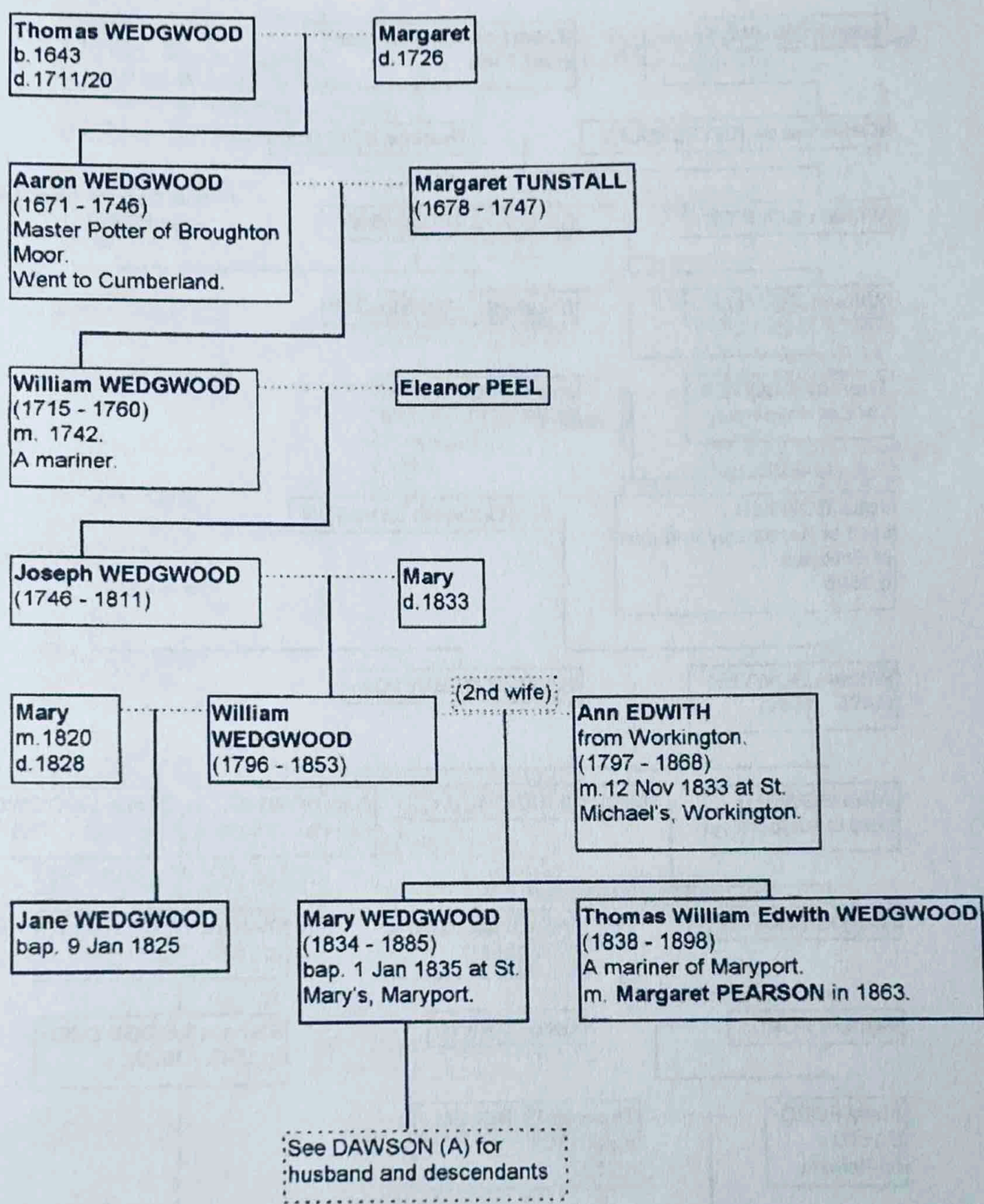
ANGLO-SAXONS - (6)

(Ellen VENABLES to Thomas WEDGWOOD)



ANGLO-SAXONS - (7)

(Thomas WEDGWOOD to Mary WEDGWOOD)



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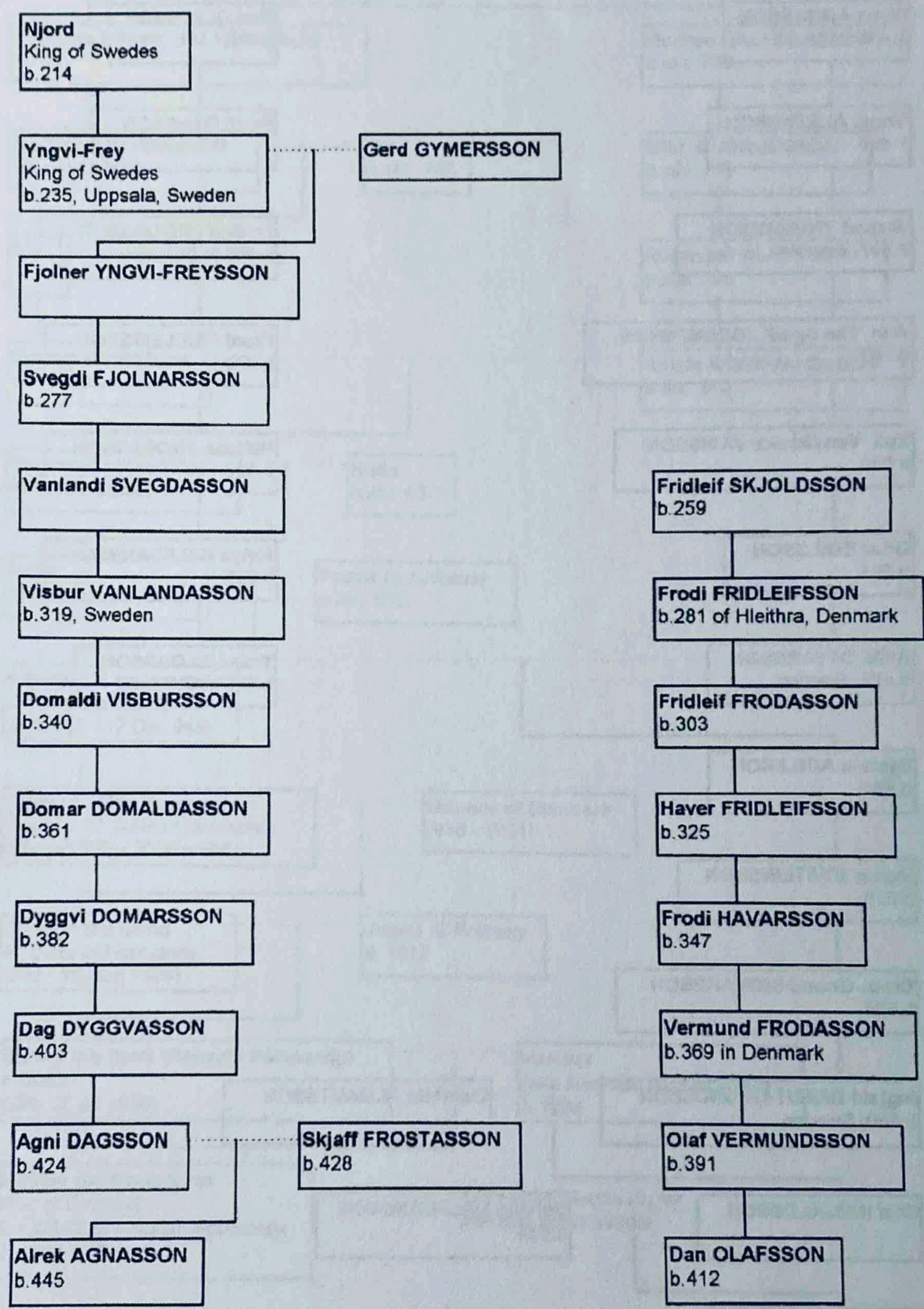

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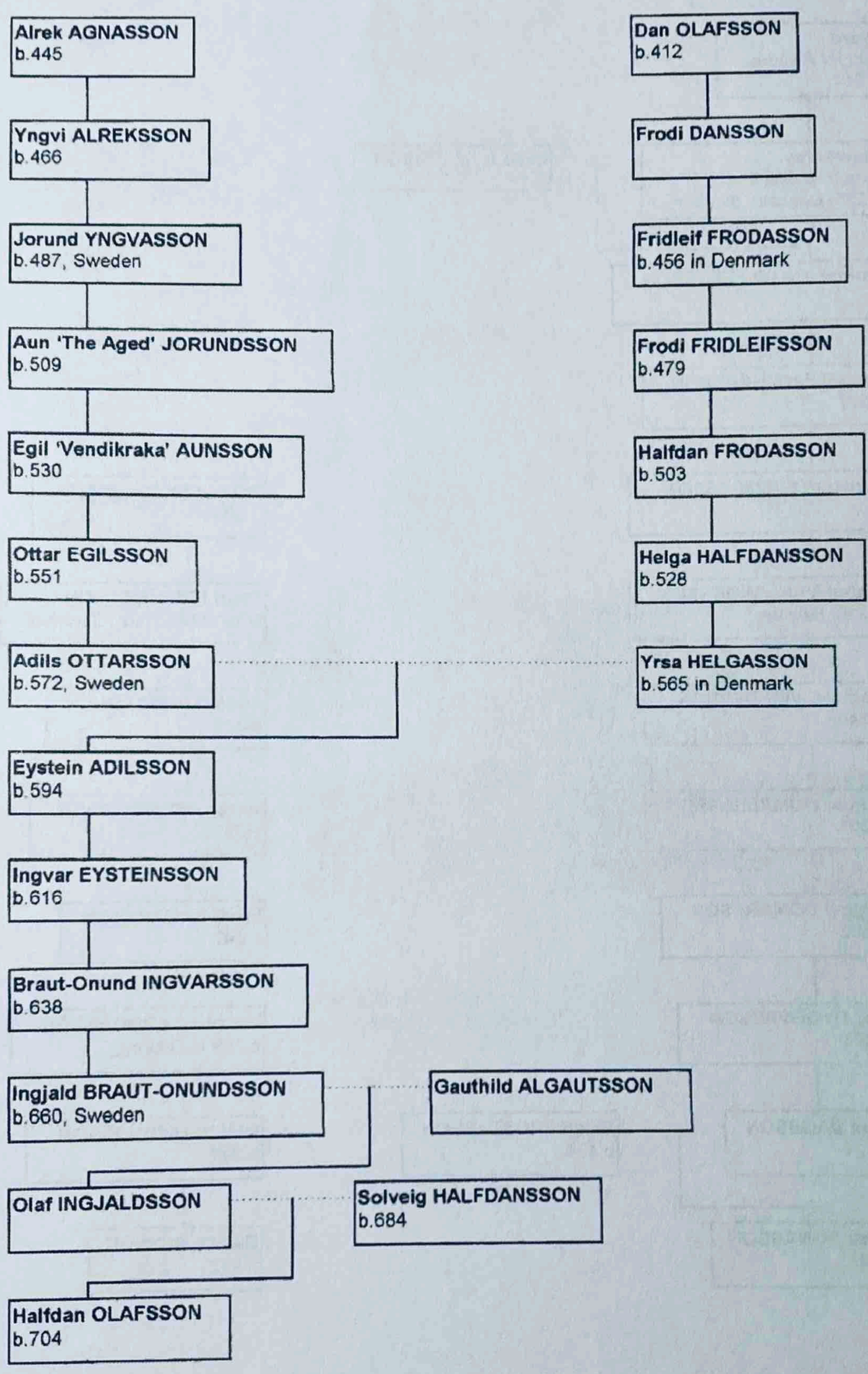

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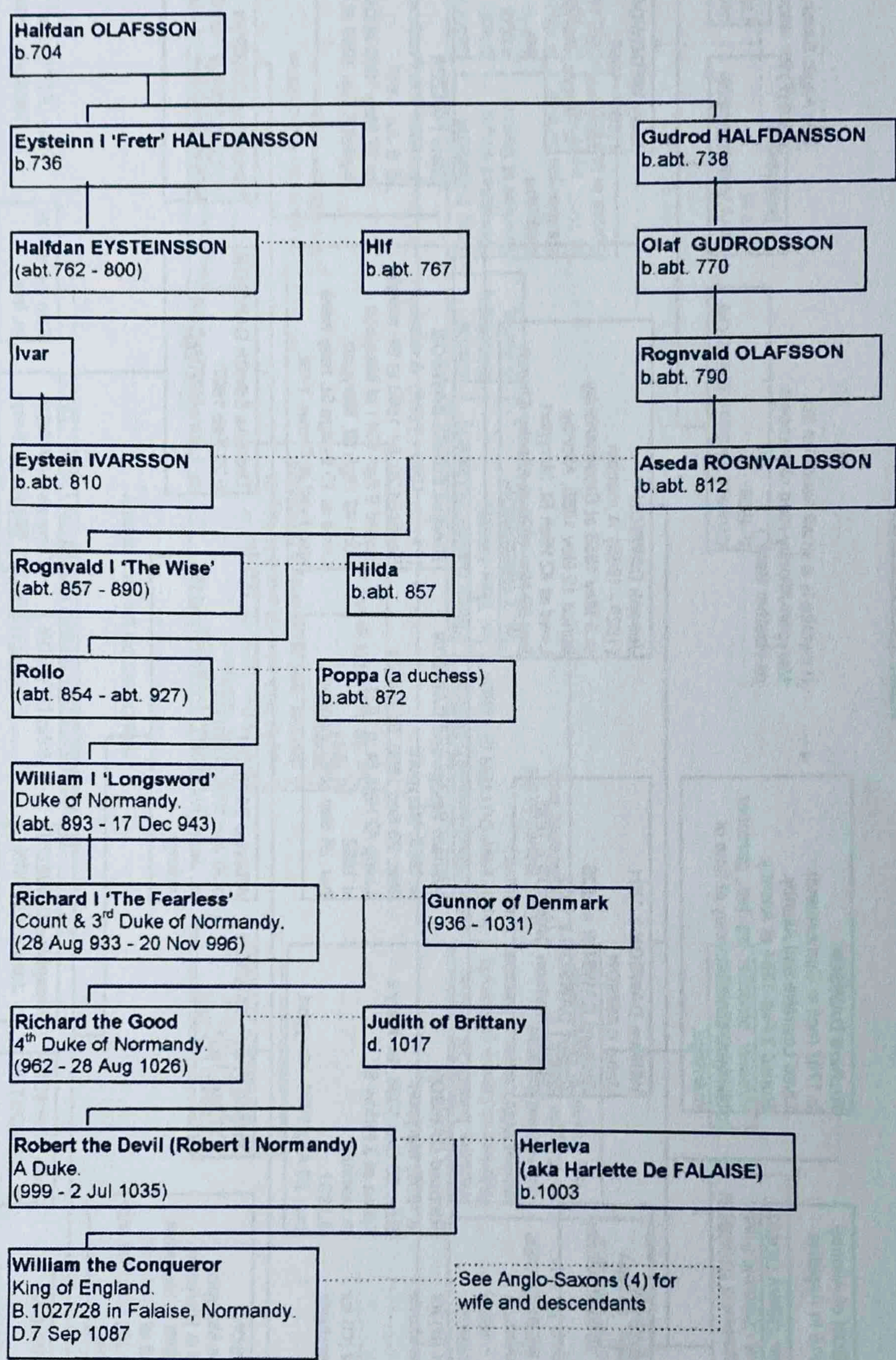


DAWSON CHART (A)

Mary COULSON of Allonby.
m.26 May 1816 in Aspatria Church.

Richard DAWSON
b.1787 (not in Cumberland).
Lived Lowmire and Allonby.
Buried 3 Feb 1854 at Allonby.
Weaver, bleacher, ag. lab., gardener.
Living at Croscannonby at time of marriage.

(Lowmire is a small house on the Maryport-Allonby road now known as Heather Bank.)

See Anglo Saxons chart (7) for ancestry

Elizabeth DAWSON
b.10 Aug 1816
bap. 18 Aug 1816 at Allonby

William DAWSON b.1821
John DAWSON
Richard DAWSON b.1825
Robert DAWSON b.1832
Jacob Coulson DAWSON b.1836

Joseph DAWSON
(1829 - 1865). A mariner.
m.3 May 1856 at Crosscanonby
buried 12 Nov 1865, Allonby.
Lived at 42 High St, Maryport.
Bap.22 Nov 1829 at Allonby Church.

Mary WEDGWOOD
(1834 - 1885)
baptised 1 Jan 1835 at St. Mary's, Maryport

See DAWSON (B) for wife and descendants

Richard DAWSON
b.1856, Maryport.
Bap. 25 Dec 1856, St. Mary's.
Lived at 3 Kirkby St.
A mariner.
d.1931
bur. 29 Aug 1931, Maryport.

William Wedgwood DAWSON
b.1860, Maryport.
Bap. 23 Sep 1860, St. Mary's.
Living 42 High St in 1871.
d.1892
bur. 24 Sep 1892, Allonby.

Thomas Edwith DAWSON
(21 Jun 1863 - 1941). A mariner.
Baptised 26 Jul 1863 at St. Mary's.
Buried 9 Apr 1941 at Maryport.
Born 42 High St, Maryport.
Lived at 15 Bridge St, may have also lived at Crown Yard.

Jane FRAZER
b.1869/70 in Prudhoe.
d. 6 Jun 1949
m.27 May 1889 at Dearham
buried 8 Jun 1949 at Maryport.

See DAWSON (C) for wife and descendants

Richard DAWSON
b.5 Jun 1903 in Maryport
d.11 Aug 1949 in Maryport
buri. 15 Aug 1949 in Maryport.
Roadman, lived at Kirkby St.
See DAWSON (B) chart for wife and descendants.

Joseph Frazer DAWSON
b.11 Aug 1901

Albert J DAWSON
b.30 Jun 1905 in Maryport
m. **Jean** (IVLSON?) - (couldn't read the writing)

Thomas Edwith DAWSON
b.22 Feb 1897
m. **Laura HINDMOOR**

Sarah Ann DAWSON
b.30 Oct 1890 at Port Carlisle.
m.4 Aug 1908 at St. Mary's.

Marjorie DAWSON
b.1926
m. **Richard GRAHAM**

Joan DAWSON
m. **Bill FOSTER**

Josephine DAWSON
m. **Jackie HAYTON**

Alan HAYTON
Jacqueline HAYTON
Trevor HAYTON

John DAWSON

Thomas DAWSON
m. **Elizabeth** (Betty)

Sandra DAWSON
Hilary DAWSON
Edwitha DAWSON

Eric DAWSON
m. **Iris**

David DAWSON
Susan DAWSON

See LEECE chart for husband and descendants

DAWSON CHART (B)

(Descendants of Richard DAWSON (1856 - 1931)

See DAWSON (A) for ancestry

Elizabeth LOGAN
m. 26 Jun 1879 at
Crosscanonby Church.

Richard DAWSON
b.1856, Maryport.
bap. 25 Dec 1856, St. Mary's.
Lived at Catherine St and 3 Kirkby St.
A mariner, and apparently a prominent Orangeman.
d.1931
bur. 29 Aug 1931 in Maryport.

(2nd wife)

(unknown) WEDGEWOOD

(I'm guessing the children were with this wife)

Amos DAWSON
(abt. 1887 - 1951)
bur. in Maryport.
m. **Fanny MESSENGER**
(d.1961, aged 71, bur. Maryport)
Lived for some time at 3 Friend's Place, Crosby.

Jane Wedgewood DAWSON
now living at Churchill Place, Maryport, as **'Ginny DODDS'**.

William DAWSON (Willie)
Worked at Lowca (colliery?) during WW1 when a German sub shelled the area.
m.'**Maggie BIRKETT**'.
They moved to Manchester.

Richard DAWSON

Mary Wedgewood DAWSON
m. **Walter CUTTER** (a master plumber).
They moved to the Yorkshire/NE area.

Ginny DAWSON (Jane?)
m. **Tom NIXON**
m. **? GREENHOW**

Cissie DAWSON
A nurse.

Tom DAWSON
Remained single.
Worked at Barrow Shipyard
It's thought he died in 1960, aged 69, buried in Maryport.

John DAWSON
(Jack)
(1886 - 1966)
bur. in Maryport.
A fireman on ships.
m. **Annie**

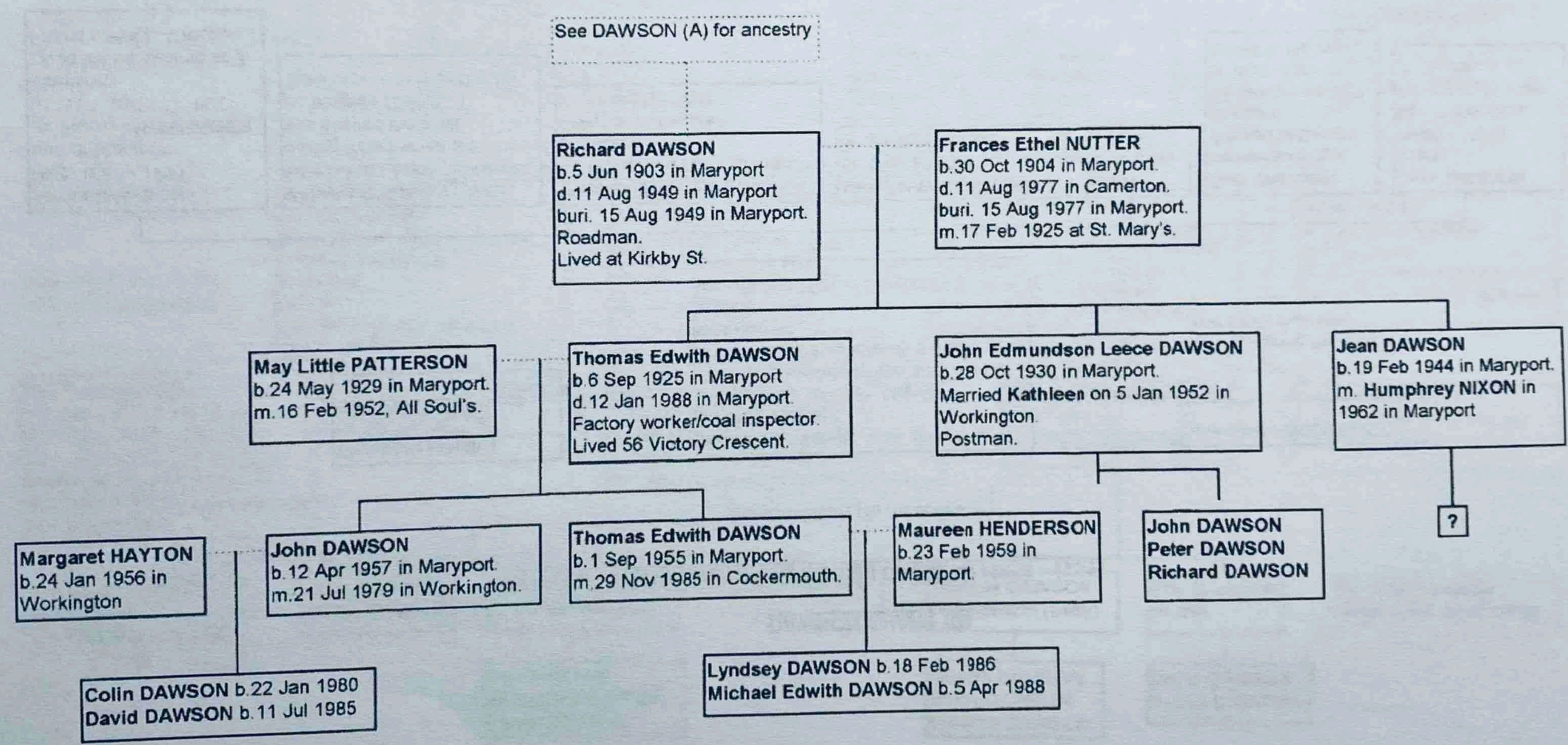
Charles Richard DAWSON
b.1909

Mary Ann DAWSON
b.1916
m. **(unknown)**

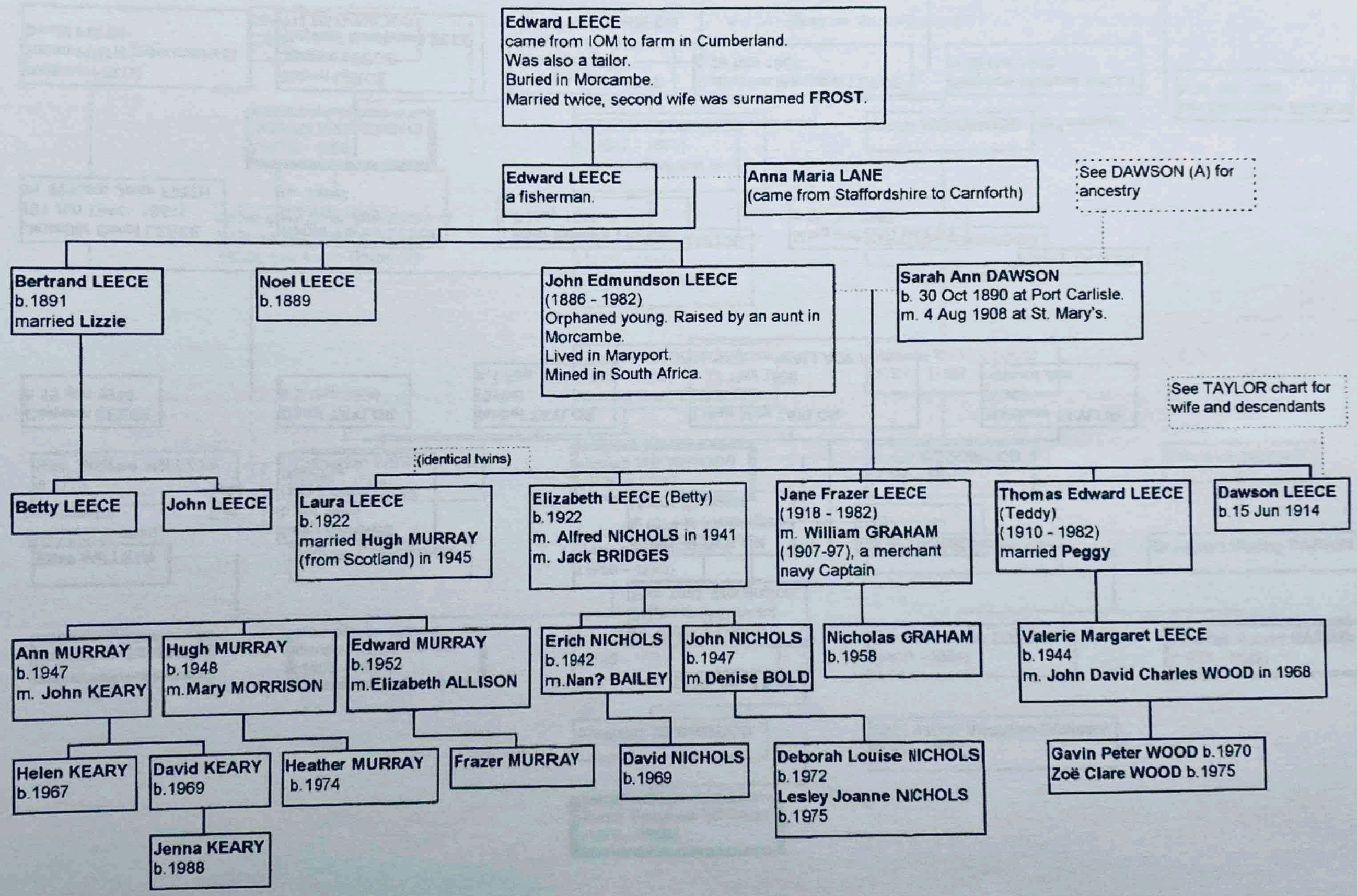
John DAWSON
(1919 - 1930)

DAWSON CHART (C)

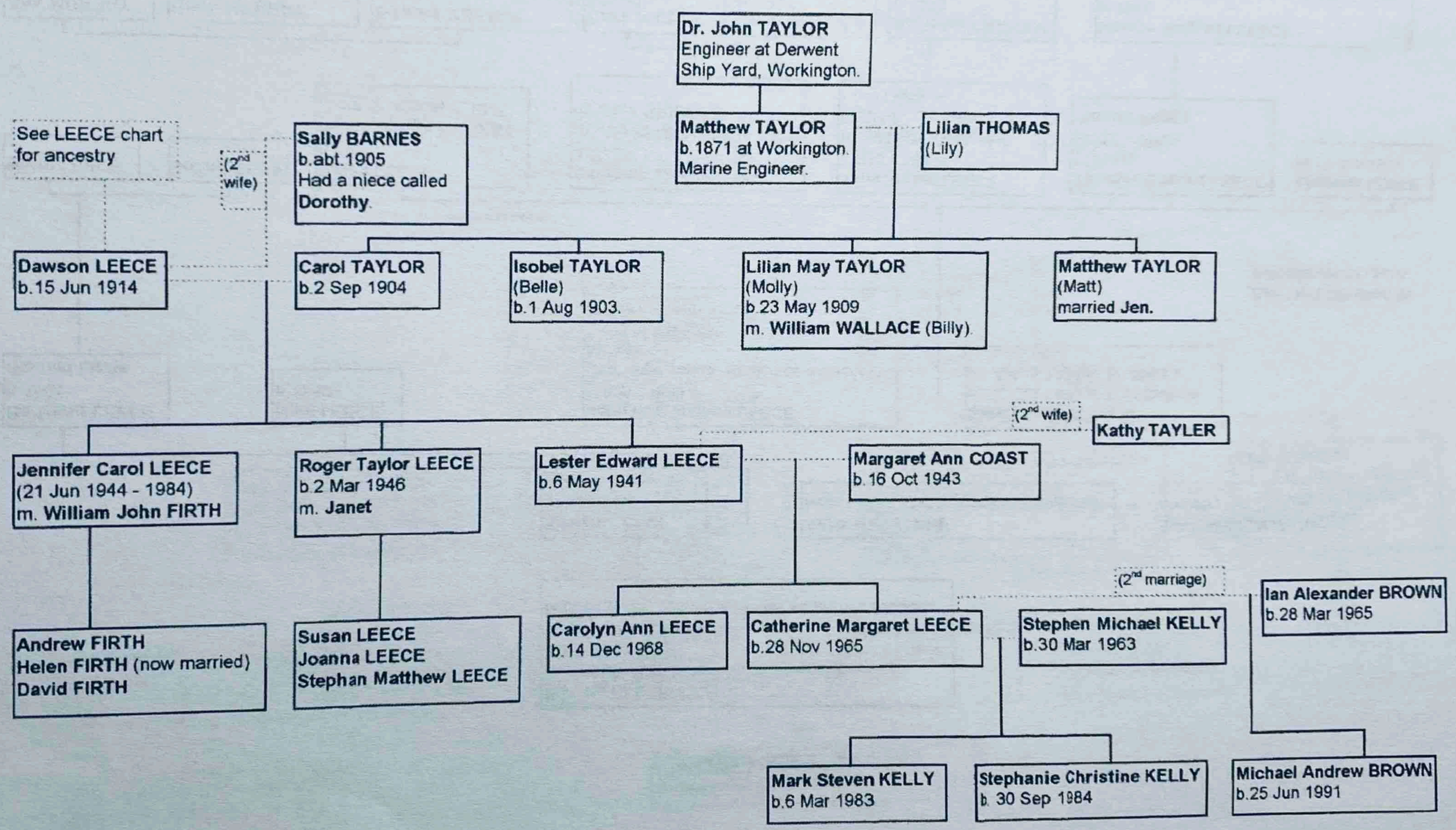
(Descendants of Richard DAWSON (1903 - 1949)



LEECE Chart


Edward LEECE
came from IOM to farm in Cumberland.
Was also a tailor.
Buried in Morcambe.
Married twice, second wife was surnamed FROST.
Edward LEECE
a fisherman.
Anna Maria LANE
(came from Staffordshire to Carnforth)
See DAWSON (A) for ancestry
Bertrand LEECE
b.1891
married Lizzie
Noel LEECE
b.1889
John Edmundson LEECE
(1886 - 1982)
Orphaned young. Raised by an aunt in Morcambe.
Lived in Maryport.
Mined in South Africa.
Sarah Ann DAWSON
b. 30 Oct 1890 at Port Carlisle.
m. 4 Aug 1908 at St. Mary's.
See TAYLOR chart for wife and descendants
(identical twins)
Betty LEECE
John LEECE
Laura LEECE
b.1922
married Hugh MURRAY
(from Scotland) in 1945
Elizabeth LEECE (Betty)
b.1922
m. Alfred NICHOLS in 1941
m. Jack BRIDGES
Jane Frazer LEECE
(1918 - 1982)
m. William GRAHAM
(1907-97), a merchant navy Captain
Thomas Edward LEECE
(Teddy)
(1910 - 1982)
married Peggy
Dawson LEECE
b.15 Jun 1914
Ann MURRAY
b.1947
m. John KEARY
Hugh MURRAY
b.1948
m.Mary MORRISON
Edward MURRAY
b.1952
m.Elizabeth ALLISON
Erich NICHOLS
b.1942
m.Nan? BAILEY
John NICHOLS
b.1947
m.Denise BOLD
Nicholas GRAHAM
b.1958
Valerie Margaret LEECE
b.1944
m. John David Charles WOOD in 1968
Helen KEARY
b.1967
David KEARY
b.1969
Heather MURRAY
b.1974
Frazer MURRAY
David NICHOLS
b.1969
Deborah Louise NICHOLS
b.1972
Lesley Joanne NICHOLS
b.1975
Gavin Peter WOOD b.1970
Zoë Clare WOOD b.1975
Jenna KEARY
b.1988

TAYLOR Chart



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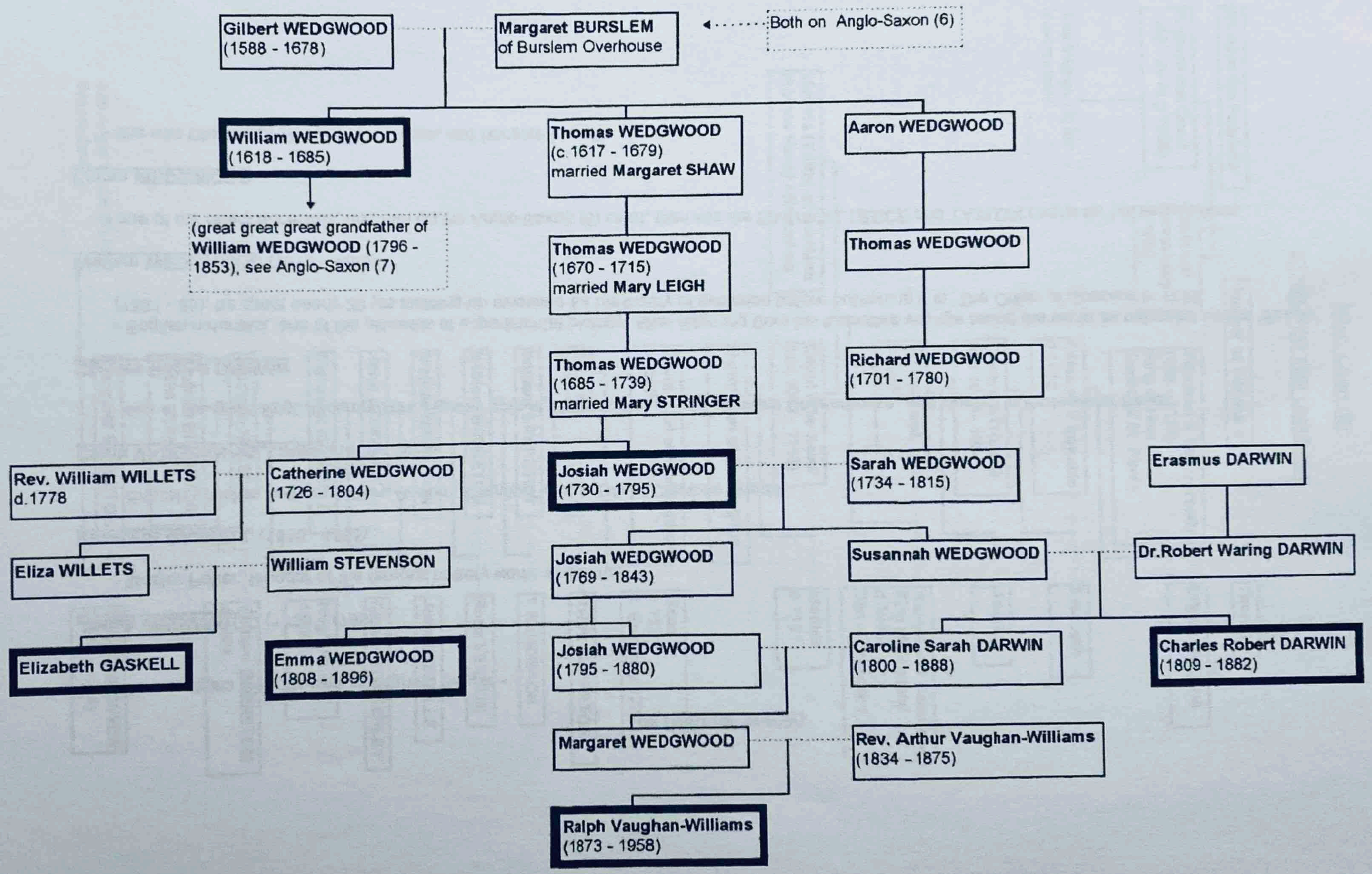


The DARWIN Branch

This chart contains the following highlighted people -

Josiah WEDGWOOD (1730 - 1795)

- Master Potter, founder of the famous pottery works at Etruria.

Elizabeth GASKELL (1810 - 1865)

- English novelist, author of '*Mary Barton*', '*Cranford*' and a '*Life of Charlotte Brontë*'.

Ralph VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS (1873 - 1958)

- one of the great English composers. He was born in Gloucestershire and attended Charterhouse, and studied in Paris under Ravel.

Charles Robert DARWIN

- English naturalist, one of the pioneers of experimental biology. After returning from his formative voyage round the world as naturalist on the '*Beagle*' (1831 - 36), he spent nearly 20 yrs building up evidence for his theory of evolution before publishing it in '*The Origin of Species*' in 1859.

William WEDGWOOD (1618 - 1685)

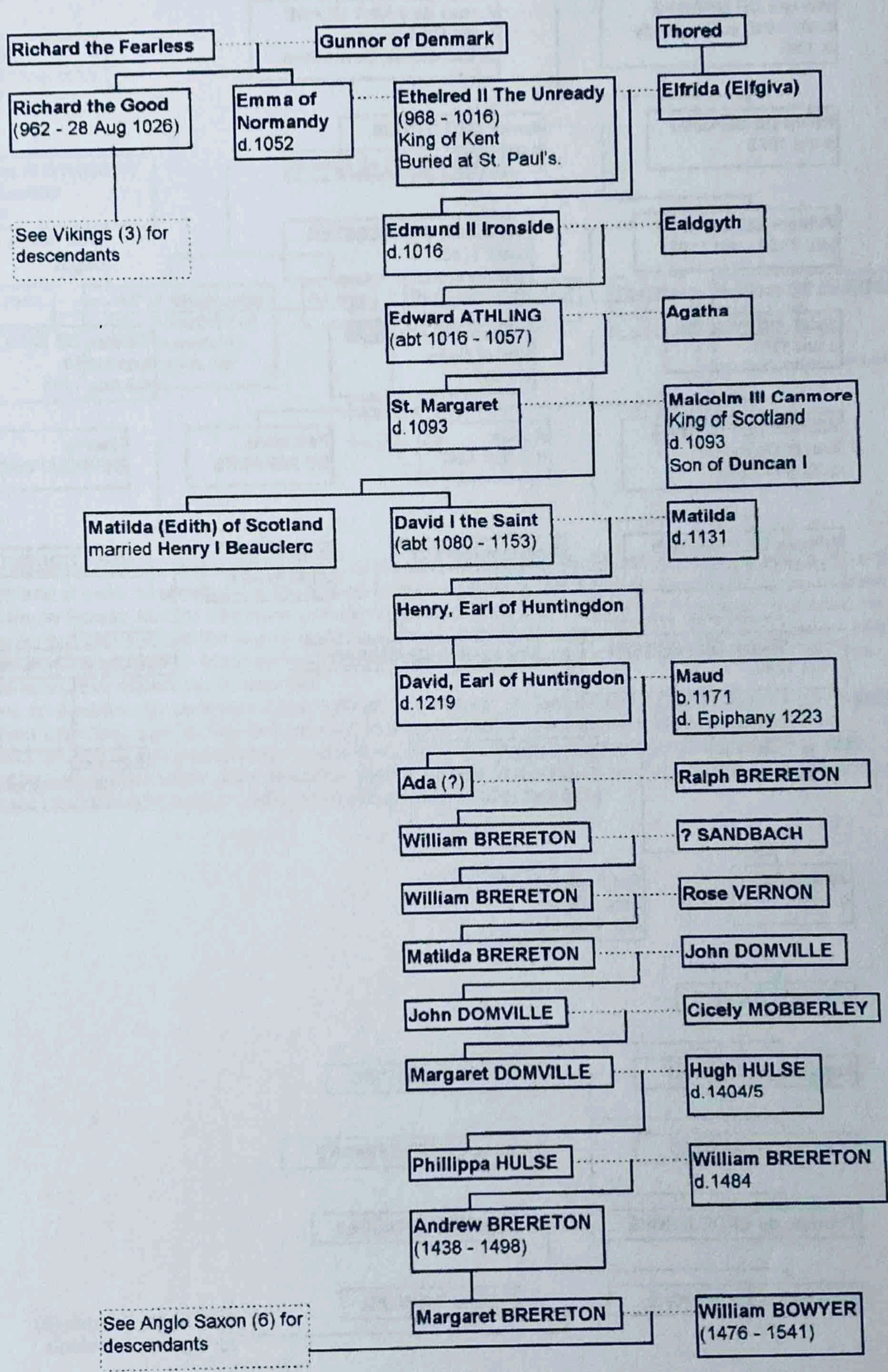
- one of our direct ancestors, find him on the Anglo-Saxon (6) chart, then see the DAWSON, LEECE and TAYLOR charts for his descendants..

Emma WEDGWOOD

- she was Charles DARWIN's first cousin, and became his wife.

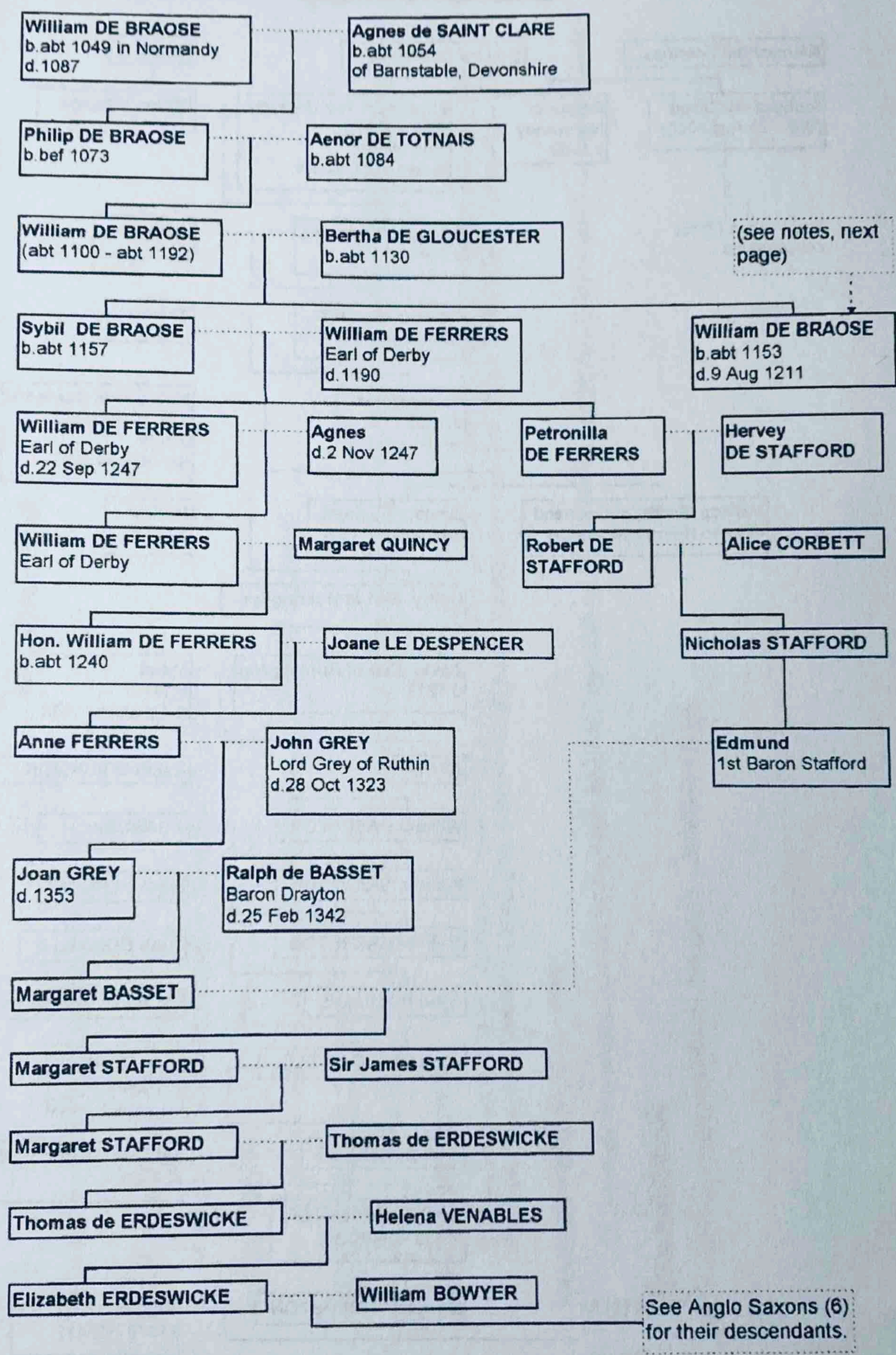
Misc. Chart (B)

ETHELRED THE UNREADY



Misc. Chart (C)

DE BRAOSE



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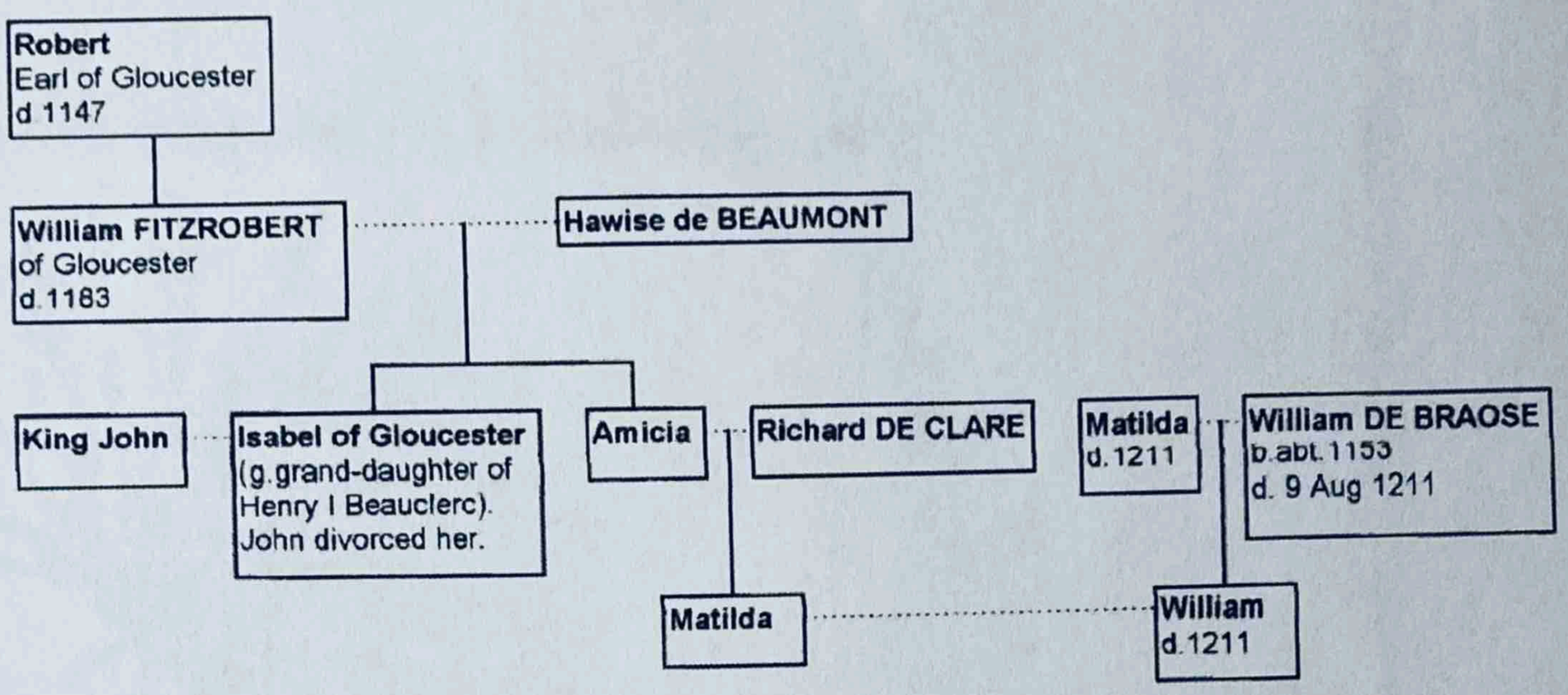

It is widely suspected that King John, son of Henry II of England, murdered his nephew Arthur, Count of Brittany,in order to prevent any thought of Arthur's coming to the throne of England in place of John. William de Braose had for sometime previously been in charge of Arthur's imprisonment, but when he believed that John meant the boy no good,he refused to remain responsible for the boy's welfare. Arthur mysteriously disappeared while under John's control in Rouen. Arthur's body was recovered from the Seine and given decent burial near Bec.

Later, an occasion arose where John required that William de Braose and his wife Maude (also called Matilda) give their sons to him as hostages, to ensure William de Braose's good behavior. Maude refused, stating or insinuating that she would not give her children into the hands of a man who had murdered his own nephew. John made her pay heavily for this remark. He imprisoned her and her son, William, in Corfe or Windsor Castle, where they were starved to death.