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## THE CHEYNEYS OF EAST SUSSEX.

As we have already seen (p. 25), Agnes, daughter of William de Say, married Alexander de Cheyney, and so brought back into that family the Sussex manor of Street. Alexander seems to have owned no land before his marriage, as at the time of his death in 1295 his manors of Street in Sussex, Patricksbourne and Keston in Kent and Titeburste in Aldenham (Herts.) were all held of the Says.<sup>162</sup> In the case of Patricksbourne the feoffment had been made without the royal licence, but Edward I., wishing to reward Sir William, the son and heir of Alexander, for his good service in Gascony, excused the irregularity and received his fealty for the manor.<sup>163</sup> Sir William married Margaret, daughter and heir of Robert Shurland of Kent, and their eldest son William settled the manor and advowson of Street on himself and his wife Margery in 1333.<sup>164</sup> William had two brothers, as appears in 1332, when Robert, brother of Sir William de Cheney of Street, was pardoned outlawry for non-appearance in the King's Bench to answer a plea of trespass brought by Robert le Mareschal against them and Peter their brother.<sup>165</sup> Of Peter we hear no more, but on the death of William de Cheyney without issue in 1334, Robert, his brother, then of the age of 30 and upwards, succeeded to his estates.<sup>166</sup>

Robert Cheyney died in 1365, leaving two sons, Richard and Roger.<sup>167</sup> Richard married Margery, daughter and co-heir of Robert de Cralle by Margaret, daughter and heir of Simon Pepplesham, and had, according to the visitation pedigrees, five daughters and two sons, William and Simon. William, of Shurland, married Eleanore, daughter and co-heir of John and Agnes Salerne of Iden.<sup>168</sup> He is found acting as Justice of the Peace, and serving on various

<sup>162</sup> *Cal. Inq. p. m.* III., 335.<sup>163</sup> *Abb. Rot. Orig.*, I., 96.<sup>164</sup> *Feet of Fines*, 1826.<sup>165</sup> *Pat.* 6 Edw. III., p. 1, m. 23.<sup>166</sup> *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, VII., 614.<sup>167</sup> *Visit. of Berks.* (Harl. Soc.), 102.<sup>168</sup> Cf. *Early Chanc. Proc.*, 4, no. 78.

commissions between 1401 and 1407.<sup>169</sup> His son John is presumably the John Cheyne who on 14 July, 1417, pledged to Sir John Pelham at Laughton, as security for a loan of 60 marks,—“a vestment of blue velvet with orphreys of red velvet embroidered with lilies and ‘rounde clowdes,’ that is to say, a cope, 2 albs, 2 tunicles, a chasuble, 2 amuces, 3 ‘fanouns,’ and 2 stoles, also a cope of red velvet with orphreys checky of blue and (? *bagies*) embroidered with gold; also two books called ‘bybles,’ the one of the old testament the other of the new testament.”<sup>170</sup> This Sir John Cheyne married Eleanor, daughter and heir of Sir Robert Shottesbroke of Berkshire, by whom he had a large family. In 1474 we find his widow Eleanor, with (his sons) John Cheyne, esq., William Cheyne, esq., Roger, Alexander and Humphrey Cheyne, gent., licensed to found a chantry in the chapel of the Holy Trinity, lately built by Sir Robert Shotesbroke in the cemetery of the parish church of the Holy Trinity of Farringdon, Berks., for the souls of Sir Robert Shotesbroke, Edith his first wife, Elizabeth his second wife, and Sir John Cheyne.<sup>171</sup> Of these sons,<sup>172</sup> John became a Knight of the Garter, but died without issue; Roger was the ancestor of the Cheyneys of Woodhey (Berks.)<sup>173</sup>; and William, who died in 1486, seised of the manor of Legh *alias* Iden in Sussex,<sup>174</sup> was father of Sir Thomas Cheyne, K.G., Warden of the Cinque Ports, who died in 1558.<sup>175</sup>

Going back now to Simon the second son of Richard Cheyne, we find that he inherited his mother's estates of Cralle in Warbleton. The visitation pedigrees agree in assigning him as wife Eleanor, daughter of John Nottingham of Milsted in Kent. Simon Cheyne is found in 1439 dealing with land in Iden and Beckley<sup>176</sup> also, in conjunction with Alexander Cheyne, in 1437,

<sup>169</sup> *Cal. Pat. R.*, *passim*.

<sup>170</sup> *Add. Ch.* 30366.

<sup>171</sup> *Pat. R.* 14 Edw. IV., pt. 1, m. 13.

<sup>172</sup> Another son was Edward, Dean of Salisbury, 1485–1502.

<sup>173</sup> *Visit. of Berks.* (Harl. Soc.), 103.

<sup>174</sup> *Cal. Inq. p. m.* Hen. VII., 247, 277.

<sup>175</sup> *Will.* P.C.C., Chayney, 1.

<sup>176</sup> *Feet of Fines*, 3029.

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Alexander de Cheyney = Agnes de Say  
ob. 1285

Simon de Pepplesham =

Sir William = Margaret Shurland

Margaret = Robert de Cralle  
ob. s.p.

William = Margery  
ob. s.p. 1333

Robert =  
ob. 1365

Peter

Margery = Richard Cheyney

Roger

Eleanor Salerne = William  
c. 1410

Sir John = Eleanor Shottesbroke

(1) Isabel da. of Sir Geoffrey Bullen = William = (2) Margaret Yonge  
ob. 1486

Francis  
s.p.

(1) Frideswide = Sir Thomas = (2) Anne Broughton  
ob. 1558

Sir Roger =

John

Alexander =

Richard

Robert = Ann Lovelace  
ob. c. 1485

William = Margaret  
ob. 1494

(1) Agnes Farby = John = (2) Margaret Oxenbrigge  
ob. 1514

Henry, Lord Cheney  
of Tuddington  
s.p.

William = Malyn  
ob. 1508

Thomas = Constance Scrase  
ob. 1551

Elizabeth = H. Darell  
Margaret = - Oxenbrigge  
Pernel  
Joan

William = Margaret  
ob. 1562

Margaret

Thomas = Philippa  
ob. 1565

Robert  
s.p.

Felham  
ob. 1559

Richard =

William

Constance  
Margaret  
Elizabeth

John = Elizabeth  
ob. 1603

Constance

Sir Oliver Cheyney = Ann  
1624

Elizabeth = Thomas Culpepper

at Westfield<sup>177</sup>; in 1449 William, Simon and Alexander Cheyne were tenants of the manor of Shurland (Kent)<sup>178</sup> and in 1455 William Cheyne of Sheppey and Simon Cheyne, esq., appointed John Cheyne their attorney to give seisin of land in Hooe to Thomas Cobham.<sup>179</sup> Simon appears to have had four sons, of whom Robert was the ancestor of the Cheyneys of Higham and Milsted in Kent, while William settled at Warbleton.

William was Justice of the Peace from 1461 to 1474, and is found serving on a commission of array as late as 1484.<sup>180</sup> His son John had married Agnes (called in the visitation pedigrees daughter of John Farby) in or before 1467, when William Cheyne, esq., John Cheyne and Agnes his wife bought land in Ringmer.<sup>181</sup> He occurs in 1488 with John Thetcher and John Jefferay, as an executor of the will of Richard Heggynsworth of Waldron.<sup>182</sup> By his will,<sup>183</sup> which was proved in June, 1494, John Cheyny desired to be buried in the chapel of St. Thomas on the north of the choir in the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Warbleton. To his daughter Pernel Cheyny<sup>184</sup> he left a girdle with gilt mounts, a golden heart, and 110 marks to be paid when she married; to his daughter Elizabeth (wife of Henry) Darell, 10 marks, a book called a Prymer, and two gold rings; to his daughter Margery (wife of ? John), Oxenbrige, 10 marks and a gold ring; to his daughter Joan lands in Burwash.<sup>185</sup> To his son William he left various pieces of plate, including a silver "powdurbox"; and to his son Thomas a silver salt, a "flat pece litill gilt" and 12 spoons. He refers to his manors of Cralle and Crowham and certain lands which he had with his first wife Agnes; and appoints his wife Margaret as residuary legatee.

This Margaret was the daughter of Robert Oxenbrige of Brede. She died in 1514, and desired in her

<sup>177</sup> Add. Ch., 24861.

<sup>178</sup> Add. Ch., 44557.

<sup>179</sup> Harl. Ch. 47 H. 49

<sup>180</sup> Cal. Pat. R.

<sup>181</sup> Feet of Fines, 3178.

<sup>182</sup> Cal. Anct. Deeds, C. 915.

<sup>183</sup> P.C.C., Vox, 9.

<sup>184</sup> She afterwards married Richard Bellingham.

<sup>185</sup> Probably those he had acquired in 1492; Feet of Fines, 3276.

will<sup>186</sup> to be buried in St. Thomas chapel in Warbleton church, to which chapel she left "ij aulter clothes of blake damaske with curteyns and a vestymment of the same." She also gave 6 kine "to the payntyng of the Rode Lofte in Warbylton church," and others to maintain the lights before Our Lady and the Trinity in the choir. To her namesake Margaret Cheyney she left two gilt salts, to be given her when she came to the age of eighteen; if she died unmarried before that age, they should go to her brother William, to whom she left "a playne cuppe of sylver with a skochyn and armys under the botom and xij sylver spones with rounde gylt knoppes." In disposing of certain land in Eastbourne, Berwick and Warbleton, she refers more definitely to William, son of William Cheyney, and Margaret, his sister, which identifies them as the children of her husband's eldest son William, who had married Malyn (Oxenbrigge, sister of the testator), and had died in 1509.<sup>187</sup> She also leaves to Joan Cheyney (her step-daughter) "vj spones of sylver with slyppes and a lytle depe goblett of sylver," and also "the bed that she lyeth in." She refers to her brother Sir Goddard Oxenbrigge, to whom she left the use of her storehouse in Winchelsea, and his son Robert; her late brother Thomas; her brother John Oxenbrigge, clerk; her sister Malyn Carewe, who seems to have been the widow of William Cheyney and wife of Richard Carewe<sup>188</sup>; her niece, Mary Pelham; a Thomasine Cheyney, whom I cannot identify; and to John and Goddard, sons of Humphrey Bannister, and Margaret and Mary their sisters, who appear to have been relations of hers. Finally she wills that the profits of certain lands in Warbleton shall go for twenty years to the prior of "the Newe Pryory" (that is, the priory of Hastings, which had been re-founded at Warbleton) to pay for the annual celebration of obits for the souls of

<sup>186</sup> P.C.C., Holder, 3.

<sup>187</sup> Will, P.C.C., Bennett, 17.

<sup>188</sup> See pedigree of Oxenbridge, *S.A.C.*, VIII., 231, where she is confused with Margaret.

William Fincheham,<sup>189</sup> John Cheyny (her husband), Robert Oxenbrigge and Anne his wife (her parents), Margaret Cheyny (her mother-in-law), Laurence Fincheham and Elinor his wife.

William the eldest son of John Cheyney died, as we have seen, in 1509. His son and namesake married Margaret (? Palmer), who survived him, dying in 1563.<sup>190</sup> Their eldest son Robert died without issue, as did his brother Pelham Cheyney, who was buried at Glynde in 1559.<sup>191</sup> There remained two more brothers, Richard and William, and three sisters, Constance, Margaret and Elizabeth. Richard, who was still under age at the time of his mother's death in 1563, seems to have been the father of Sir Oliver Cheyney, who, with Ann his wife, parted with Cralle and other Sussex property between 1604 and 1624.<sup>192</sup>

John Cheyney left a younger son Thomas, who married Constance Scrase and died in 1551,<sup>193</sup> leaving sons, Thomas and Richard. Of these, Thomas married Philippa (said to have been daughter and heir of — Hinksted of Winchelsea), and had a daughter Constance who married William Relfe, iron-master,<sup>194</sup> and a son John, who married Elizabeth (daughter of John Palmer of Angmering), and died 17 Sept., 1603, leaving an only child Elizabeth, who married Thomas Culpepper of Guestling.<sup>195</sup>

I have now dealt, to the best of my ability, with those branches of the Cheyney family that either were associated with Sussex or are definitely traceable to the Ralf de Caisned of Domesday. There were a number of other branches which I have not attempted

<sup>189</sup> The visitation pedigrees give Malyn Fincham as the name of the wife of William son of John Cheyney.

<sup>190</sup> Will, P.C.C., Chayre, 20.

<sup>191</sup> Will, P.C.C., Chayney, 34; see also, *Post Mortem Inq., Eliz.* (Suss. Rec. Soc.), 16.

<sup>192</sup> *Sussex Fines* (Suss. Rec. Soc.), 23, 115.

<sup>193</sup> Will, at Lewes; quoted *S.A.C.*, XXV.

<sup>194</sup> *S.A.C.*, XVIII., 13.

<sup>195</sup> *Inq. p. m.* (Suss. Rec. Soc.), 243.