

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY of the FAMILY of the

WAUNCY'S

from the Conquest.

Collected from the Court Rolls testa de Nevel Pope Nicholsons (?) survey; Blomefield History of Norfolk; Bloomfield under-head of West Barsham; Chauncey's Hist. of Hertfordshire etc., Bridges History of Northamptonshire. See Dugdale's Monasticon under Castle Acre.

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1066 A.D.

Hugo de Waunci came over from Normandy under William Earl Warren his patron, who marrying the Conqueror's daughter gave him lands mentioned in Domesday book - namely, Barsham in Norfolk which was his place of residence. His arms are painted in glass in the old Church at West Barsham.

1072

A Charter was granted to Castleacre Church by William Earl Warren of lands and it is signed and witnessed by Hugo de Waunci. Sir Hugo gave Thrupton Church to Castleacre Priory and also Depeden Church. (Dug.Mon.I. 622).

1085

1 W.11.

In 1085 William Earl Warren died and left it to Hugh (or Hugo) de Waunci to finish Castleacre.

1088

Sir Ralph de Waunci son of Hugo is mentioned in the public deeds. Hugo de Waunci died soon after 1088 and before 1090. Esmond, daughter of Hugo de Waunci, married Philip le Vetre (or the huntsman) and was a benefactress to Castleacre Priory founded partly by her father to whose care the erection of the Priory was committed while Earl Warren was absent in Normandy and on a pilgrimage to Rome. The Priory was of the order of the Clunias monks and its ruins are venerable to this day.

1090

A Charter is dated this year of lands given by the second Earl Warren to the said Priory wherein mention is made of the Church of Depeden having been given by the late Hugo de Waunci. (See Blomefield Vol. III. p. 753.)

Blomefield says that the foundation of the erecting of the Abbey of Castleacre Nr. Swaffham Norfolk was owing to the Wauncies who also left large property to it.

1100 H.1.

In the reign of William Rufus and Henry I. Sir Roger de Waunci, probably a younger son of Hugh, held Stansted under Richard de Clare Earl of Pembroke, the Founder of Tintern Abbey (See Chauncey's History of Herts.)

1117

King Henry I. founded Merton Abbey and Roger de Wauncie signed the Charter as a witness: and he gave to it the Church of Stansted in Hertfordshire where he lived. The Rectory of Hunsdon (Hunsden) he also gave in perpetual alms. (Provisions were so cheap in England at this time that a shilling would purchase a day's corn for 100 men and a groat was the price of a sheep) Hunsdon is close to Stansted.

- 1133 A.D. A Charter to Daventry Church (Northre) of the grant of Matilda de Senliz, sister in law to King Henry I and Aunt to the Empress Maud and wife to David King of Scotland is witnessed first by Hugo de Waunci grandson of Hugh who first settled at Barsham (Dug. Mon. vol. p.676) This Matilda was of the blood royal of the Saxon Kings of Northumberland, being daughter of Earl of Walsheof and married David King of Scotland for her second husband. (Hugh de Wancy in Dugd. Mon.)
- 1154 H.II. Geoffry Wamnoi held lands at Leewarton in Berkshire and Senescamp and left lands to Castle acre Priory.
- 1154 Giles Waunci son of the second Hugh was a man of large property. He assumed for his arms 6 dexter hands coupee argent. These arms, says Blomefield, are still to be seen in Thursford Church and other places.
- C 1160 Walter de Wanci his brother and second son of
1161 Hugh witnesses a charter of Nesta de Cokefield to Heyriensis in Suffolk temp. Robert Earl of Gloster natural son of Henry I.
- 1162 Michael de Wanci holds two knights fees at Stanstead.
- 1167 Charter of Roger de Sanford to Church of St. Nicholas of Sandford of gifts to pray for the soul of the Empress Maud, and as witness to this deed was Domino Galfredo de Wanci. (Dug. Mon.)
- 1170-1189 William de Wauncy is Eschaetor for Berks. between 1170 and 1189.
- 1180 Giles Waunci died in 1180.
- 1189 R.I. Michael de Waunci may have died or gone elsewhere before 1189 as in that year Richard I gave up Stansted Manor left to his father by Michael de Waunci. Leabridge in Hertfordshire was given to Waltham Abbey by Michael de Waunci in 1166.
- 1192 Robert Waunci patronised by the Baron Pinkeneys of Northamptonshire of whom he rented Astwell etc.,
- 1199 John In the Charter of King John to the Abbey of Amesbury, Wilts, where his mother had been placed by Henry II. one of the witnesses is Ricardus de Wanci (or Waunci) 30. Aug. Capud ripen audel (Swallowlift) Swallowliffe Down in S.Wilts?
- 1210 The Jews at this time were grievously amerced for large payments and in default thereof were rigourously dealt with.
- 1216 H.III Robert de Waunci holds one fee in Astwel in Northamptonshire of Henry son of King John, the Pinkeney estates having devolved to the Crown. Robert de Wance witnesses deed of Geoffry de Leserves to Castle Acre Priory.
- 1221 William de Wancy is Eschaetor with H. de Sacchano and W. de Stanford. Rogerus de Vantesey held a

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Knight's fee in Wivelsford. Ralph de W. holds two fees tenet duo feodo in Depeden in the hundred of Risbridge, Suffolk, de Com: Warren (Testa de Nevel). Geoffry de W. holds in Clive Wancy in N. Wilts half a military fee of the Earl Marshall (Earl of Clare) and he of the King and one fee (feodum) in Leewarton in Berkshire.

- 1228 Walter de Wancy is witness to a deed of Roger of Coxford. Ralph de W. holds in Hilmerton (called Adhelmartin in Domesday) in N. Wilts a military fee from Roger de Bluet.
- 1231 Nicholas de Wauncy and Alice Darmartin his wife are charged with £130 of the goods of Elias (there called) Bishop, or High Priest, of the Jews.
- 1237 Nicholas de W. is Sheriff of Surrey for 3 years. Nicholas de W. holds two Knight's fee at Wullhampton of the honor of Arundel also the Chapel of Bishopston.
- 1240 Walter de Wancy signs two charters for Nesta de Cokefield to the Priory of Keresey in Suffolk.
- 1246-1256 Sir Ralph de Wancy signed a deed which is a grant by William Lungespee to Roger de London, parson of Culing and his heirs and assigns in perpetuity, of "all the land which Roger de Mortimer held of the gift of Sir Henry Trublevele in the vill of Culing with the advowson in part, of the chapel of St. Margaret in Culing etc.,
- 1247 Nicholas de W. is Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex for three years more. Ralph de W. signs gift of Queen by Henry III to Mayor and Corporation of London Radulf de Wanciae.
- 1248 Ralph de W. signs a deed of Henry III. granting the manor of Queenhythe to the Mayor and Corporation of London. William de Wauncy, Subdean and Clerk held the living of Stene in Northamptonshire presented by Baron Robert de Pinkeney.
- 1272 E.I. Geoffry de Waunci (or Vanci) (Dugd.Mon.V.3.p.14) held one fee in Leewarton, Berks, out of which he gave land for the health of his soul, of his father Robert's and of his mother Avis and Cecily his wife.
- temp. H.III Giles de Waunci, great grandson of Hugo, and living at West Barsham, leaves his estates to his brother Sir William de Wanci with remainder to his son William and in default of issue to his nephews the sons of this William - Walter, Edward, Thomas, (Nicholas) Robert and Hugh. (Some of these branched out and became heads of families in Northants, Herts, Surrey, Sussex and Wilts.) He bore for his arms Gules 6 dexter hands erect coupee argent.
- 1286 William Wancy 14 E.I. claimed a fare at Barsham for 29th August and impleaded the Prior of Castle Acre for 20 marks due to him and the Prior was amerced.

1289

Lucia (Lucy) de Waunoi died, seized of house and lands at Chinting on the Sussex coast which fell to the King (R.I.) for want of heirs (Vide Rot. Hund. Vol. p.205)

A William de Wancy noticed in a precept of Edward I. that Adam Talbot held of William de W. in Fincham (Norfolk) 60 acres in villanage and 7 cottages with 16 customary tenants. Customary tenantry was an obligation to find the land 60 days labour from the gules of August to the feast of St. Michael - the lord paying them at the time's price.

1296

Robert de Wanceio witnessed lands given by Richard the beloved son of Gilbert de Clare (Earl of Gloster) (son in-law to Hubert de Burgh) and it is witnessed also by his sons Walter and Robert. (Dug. Mon. Vol. 3 p.1008)

1301

Richard de Wauncey (probably grandson of Nicholas the Sheriff) was Rector of St. Nicholas Church in Guildford, which he held for 24 years. He

1307 E.II.

built and endowed a chapel on Catherine Hill about one mile out of Guildford, 50 ft. by 25 ft. the ruins of which still remain. This chapel of St. Catherine was built on the ruins of a former house of religion. In this ancient St. Catherine's Abbey there is a tomb and window (?) of a de Waunoi who was Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex.

1308

John de Wauncey holds the living of Wynterbourne Elystone (Belstone in Dorset) being presented to it by John Giffard and Margaret of Bremmersfield.

1314 S.E.II.

Westley Waterlei. very close to us when we lived at West. Dorkham. Waterlei means West's meadows.

Edmund de Vauncey Chevalier held Westley Waterlei. Manor extent Cantabr. (Testa de Neville). John de Wancey was Rector of Merton near Ambrosden in Northamptonshire till his death in July 1361. This was in the Diocese of the Bishop of Lincoln (Vide Kennets Parochial Antiq). He was the Rector of Merton for 47 years: after being Rector of Wynterbourne.

1315

Robert de Wauncy held Astwel Manor of the Baron Pinkenys.

1317 10E.II.

Robert Wauncy of King's Walden, Clerk, was Vicar of Wymondham in Norfolk from 1317 to 1333 (16 years) when he exchanged it for the Rectory of Colton (or Cotton) in Norfolk which he held till 1343.

1318

Robert de W. son and heir of Robert de W. gave 100/- for his relief and had Astwell Manor. He held it of the Crown in capite as of the Baron of Pinkeny by the service of one Knight's fee and 20/- towards the guard of Windsor Castle.

1326 19.E.II.

1327 1. E.III.

Amongst the escheats of land belonging lately belonging to David Strathbridge Early of Athol and Johanna his wife is mentioned 8 parts of a Knight's fee possessed by William de Wauncy at North Barsham in Norfolk. N.E. Castle acre at this time belonged to this David Strathbridge by right of his wife (cousin) Countess of Adomaise de Valence, Earl of Pembroke. (Testa de Nevil).

- 1330 3.E.III. Robert de Waunoy had livery of the Manor of Lilburn and held possession till his death 20. E.III. 1347.
- 1331 Geoffry de Waunoi inherits half the Manor of Senoamp in Herts. William de la Beeske and Euphemia his wife feoffed Geoffry de Waunoy of the Manor of Senoamp in Herts.
- 1332 5.E.III. John Waunoy and John Ross conveyed to Lawrence Sealy, a Messuage in East Cheap London near the Church of Nicholas ad Macella.

1337 20.E.III. Edmund de W. by the death of his uncles becomes heir to Barsham but as he was then serving the King in the wars in Gascoigny under the Black Prince he is therefore excused homage for livery of lands at that time. His daughter Catherine is married to Edmund Gourney who served in the wars with him and by her right upon the death of his only son Edmund in 1357, only seven years of age, he became Lord of Barsham, Depeden etc.,

Barsham passed to the Gournys.

1347 Upon an aid to make the King's son a Knight, Robert de Waunoy, Thomas de Astley and Robert of Edgebarton as joint possessors of Lilbourne Castle and Barony were assessed for one Knight's fee of the honor of Leicester.

1348 Robert Waunoy the younger held two thirds of the Manor of Bifield in Northamptonshire and paid the King 12/- yearly - while the remaining one third belonged to William Verney.

*1353
Came across my father's
of this in a book by Susan
Hegny. 'An Endless
Hall' written in 18th century.*

1353 Walter Wanoy, Clerk, gave to the Master and School of Michael house in Cambridge one acre of land in Groudesburg in Suffolk which is since very valuable and is held to this day by Trinity College.

1357 Battle of Poitiers where the Black Prince took King John of France prisoner and here Froisard mentions Edmund Gourney - him who married Catherine Wanoy and had the family estates at Barsham etc., Sir Edmund de Wansy is said to have captured Philip of France at the Battle of Poitiers (See letter on the subject by Mr. Brace in Gentleman's Magazine Dec. 18)

20.E.III. Edmund de Waunoi was Lord of West Barsham and being in the King's service in Gascoigny under the Black Prince, has the King's licence to delay livery. He died 46 E.III. 1373.

1357 The Abbot and monks of Egnisham, patrons of the Church of Merton near Ambrosden applied to the Bishop of Lincoln to obtain Merton Church after the present incumbent John de Wanse who held it 47 years, till his death in July 1361. Geoffry Waunoy son of Robert Waunoy.

1360 Hugh Waunoy clerk is Rector of Uphill and Harpley, being presented to it by the Patron Edmund Gourney his near relation.

1368 Sir Edmund de Vaunoy, Knight, married Joan, daughter and heiress of Sir William de Creke and was owner of the manor of Lockley bury (or Lockleys) in Welwyn, Herts. This Knight died without issue in 1390, leaving his sister Joan his heiress who

was married to Thomas Prior and the estate devolved to him. The arms of Sir Edmund de Vauncy were sable, 3 sinister hands, coupé, argent (Edmondson) also sable, 3 gloves in pale argent.

- 1377 R.II. William Wauncy was "janitor", (Porter, guardian, agent) of the "Maner" de Woodstoe at plitum etc.,
- 1380 "I Sylusby married the daughter and heiress of Robert de Wauncy and through whom Shirly Lord Ferres now holds the lands."
- 1431 9.H.VI. M. Wanesey. See Tower Records.
- 1434 Sir Michael Wonsy, Chaplain, was witness to a will of Mick Excestre of Bristol, Sept. 16, 1434. (Wadley's Bristol Wills.)
- 1485 Walderne Wauncy. See Tower Records. N.19. 42. (of King's Walden?)
Walderne Wauncy " " " frequently mentioned
- 1514 Oct. 9th. Leland in his Collectanea mentions amongst the persons attending the Princess Mary (daughter of Henry VII, being affianced to Louis the Dauphin of France) to France on her marriage to the Dauphin a Monsr. de Wansay. Mary was sister to King Henry VIII.
- 1521 Waunsel or Waunsey is mentioned in Fox's book of Martyrs 1521 as one of those who on account of a charge of heresy were enjoined by Bp. Capon and Geoffry his Chancellor the penance of bearing a faggot at Devizes. He was a fishmonger (Bp. Capon 1539-60).
- 1545 36.H.8. Walliam Wansey died in Warminster. In his will he bequeaths 3/4d. to buy a cloth for the high altar in Warminster Church and leaves legacies to Elizabeth his wife, to John his son and to Richard his kinsman. He holds the farms of Norrige and Thoulston. His lease of Thoulston he devised to his wife and son ... and also an acre of land in Wodeman's Mede, so long as Richard Daniel holds the farm of Norrige. Elizabeth his widow died in 1546 (her first husband's name was Hyde and she had one son Wm. Hyde and one daughter Elizabeth who married Richard Daniel) and she gave 3/4d. to make a paling round the cross before her door. She left legacies to the high altar in Warminster Church and to our Lady's altar also to Richard Daniel her son-in-law, to her son Wm. Hyde and to Elizabeth her daughter. She lived at 27 Emwell Cross.
- 1546 Henry Wansey died, a glover, leaving by will money to buy a cloth to cover the high altar and one for that of the Holy Virgin. He had several children, and his wife was probably Margerie or Margaret Wansey who died in 1560 aged 53.
- 1558 John Wansey Clerk of the Parish.
- 1558 Nov. 4th. Christopher Wansey baptized, 2nd son of George Wansey, a glover.
- 1560 May 20th. John Wansey batpized and Margaret Wansey buried.
- 1562 Feb. 21st. Richard Wansey baptized.

- 1563 June 4th. Oliver Wansey baptized.
- 1564 The Plague visited Warminster. Oliver died in March, Christopher and Richard in August and a second Christopher Wansey in Sept. while Sir John Crocker the Vicar and John Wansey the Clerk died and were buried together on August 24th. The Plague in London was in 1564, 1624, 1665.
- 1573 Henry Wansey married Katherine Stibs.
- 1576 Deanes Wansey baptized died aged one.
- 1578 John, son of Henry Wansey died.
1581 William Boyes married Xtian Wansey
1582 Elizabeth dau. of Henry Wansey baptized.
- 1583 Deed between Henry Wansey, glover and others: his son John Wansey is a skinner. Shirley house and land, now (1873) Langley's was his and the lime pits for his skins remain there.
- 1585 March, John Wansey son of Henry Wansey baptized.
- 1588 June, Marie Wansey dau. of Henry Wansey baptized.
- 1589 William Wansie of Whidborne, parish of Corsley, near Warminster made a will 9th April. (Unreg) (Somerset House Arch Sarum Court 1528-1799) His widow's will Alice Wansie of Gt. Corslie als. Chyles, als. Waggen. 1st December 1595.
- 1592 Henry Wansey a trustee of St. Lawrence's Chapel.
- 1595 Walter Wansie, tanner of Warminster, Will dated 30 Nov. 1595.
- 1611 or 1616 John Wansey married Margaret Yookhey.
- 1612 Nov. Mary Wansye dau. of John Wansys baptized.
- 1614 Christian Wansye dau. of John Wansys baptized. Christopher Wansy is Churchwarden of Warminster Church.
- 1615 Christian Wansy dau. of John Wansy baptized.
- 1616 Dec. 1. John Wansey son of John Wansey baptized.
- 1618 John Wansey was Church Warden. Henry Wansie son of John Wansye baptized.
- 1622 John Wansie son of John Wansye baptized.
- Mary Wansey dau. of John Wansey baptized. John Wansey died in 1626 and left his widow Margaret with a large family, namely, John, Jehu, Henry, George and another George the youngest. Of these six sons most of them were fighting in the Civil Wars, and two or three lost their lives. One of the Johns was killed in the seige of Plymouth. Jehu Wansey was shot in Ireland and Henry died there in the gatehouse from hard usage in prison. Thomas was Lieutenant of Hurst Castle, while King Charles was a prisoner there. Thomas Wansey's two daughters married two Buckler brothers.
- 1624 Elizabeth Catherine Wansey dau. of John Wansie baptized.

- 1626 Thomas Wansey son of John Wansey baptized.
- 1627 John Wansey yeoman of Warminster. Will 30 Aug. 1627 (Unregistered)
George Wansie son of John Wansey (deceased) baptized
- 1631 John Wansey the Elder, Gunsmith, Maiden Bradley, Will 3. Oct. 1631. R.
- 1636 William Wancy son of Christopher Wancy baptized.
- 1641 John Wancy son of Christopher Wansea baptized.
- 1648 Henry Wansey a Major in the army under General Ludlow presents a petition from his townsmen to the Commons in Parliament assembled, against the conduct of Woodard Vicar of Warminster.
- 1649 George Wansey son of George Wansey baptized.
- 1651 Elizabeth " dau. " " " "
- 1652 Thomas " son of John Wansey baptized.
- 1655 Henry Wansey son of George Wansey "
- 1656b Ap. 17. Ephraim Wansey son of John Wansey baptized.
- 1657 Jan. 16. Margaret daughter of George Wansey "
- 1674 John Wansey yeoman of Maiden Bradley Will. 19 May 1674
- 1677 Henry Wansey of Maiden Bradley. Will 14. Nov. 1677. Unre
- 1683 Aug. 16. Elizabeth day. of George Wansey baptized
- 1684 Nov. 27. Elizabeth " " " " "
- 1686 Sep. 12. Sarah " " " " "
- 1687 George Wansey and Esther French married 17 May 1687.
- 1688 Oct. 24. George son of George Wansey baptized.
- 1690 May. 28. Henry " " " " "
Mary Wansey widow of M.B. Will 30 Oct. 1690. Unreg.
Andrew Wansey, Baker of Maiden Bradley, Will 11 April 1695 (Unreg.)
- 1695 John Wansey Malster of Warminster, Will, 21 Jan. 1695 (Unreg.)
- Rev. John Wansey is mentioned in the history of Ambrosden and Burchester in the county of Bucks and Oxford (See Kennets parochial antiquities) John Wansey was Steward to Earl Tilney and had children John and Ann.
- 1697 Ephraim Wansey married to Bathsheba Crabb.
- 1699 George Wansey (Senior) of Warminster, Will, 21 Nov. 1699 (unregistered)
- 1705 Andrew Wansey, husbandman of Maiden Bradley, Will 18 March 1705 (unregistered)

1713	July 4. George son of Henry Wansey	baptized
1714	Sep. 9. Hester dau. " "	"
1716	May 19. Henry son " "	"
	John Wansey (Senr) yeoman of Warminster Will pr.17 April 1716 (unregistered)	
1717	Nov.26. Susannah dau.of Henry Wansey	baptized
1718	Feb. 1. Henry son of Henry & Elizabeth W.	"
1719	Dec.25. James son of James Wansey	"
	Ephraim Wansey, Warminster, Bond, 3 Nov.1719.(Unreg)	
1721	John Wansey married Katherine of Bulkington. Tayler als. Tayler Bond 21 March 1721. K. of B. widow Will 10 May 1721.	

(Unregistered against each entry in Somerset House
means that only the original Will exists - no copy -
and 1/- has to be paid for its production.