

# Constance de Flamville and her heirs

## Mother of William (le Hardi) DOUGLAS

1243–1298

## Grandmother of James (The Good & The Black) DOUGLAS

1286–1330

Calendar of Documents pertaining to Scotland preserved in her majestys public Record office, London edited by Joseph Bain, Vol. I 1108-1272, H.M. General Register House 1881, Edinburgh:

#2281. Nov. 26, 1261.

Northumberland:---The king has taken the homage of Robert Bataile, son and heir of Constance de Flamville lately deceased for the lands that she held in capite, and has delivered him the lands. William de Latymer the king's escheator ultra Trent is commanded on taking security for 4s.6d. to give Robert seisin. [Tower of London] [ Originalia, 46 Henry III, m.2]

#653. 1199-1216.

Essoins de malo veniendi in the octaves of St. Hilary. Northumberland:---Constance wife of William Bataylle versus John Fitz Simon in a plea to hear her trial by Yedonus de Swouegheton, in fifteen days from Easter. The same day is given to William in banco. [Coram Rege Rolls, John 'incert' no. 60 m.1]

A moiety of the manor of Whittingham, including the hamlets of Barton and Thrunton, came to Henry son of John son of Henry on the death of his father in 1345.

John fitz Henry had succeeded to the moiety when his father Henry son of John died in 1327.

He was the son of John son of Hugh and Isabel Ryhill. John son of Hugh was murdered in 1304, leaving Isabel his widow who lived until 1320/1.

Isabel, in whose right the moiety was held, was the sole heir of her father Michael de Rihill, who had died shortly before 20 Mar 1291/2, when the writ of "diem clausit extremum" was issued.

Michael was the son and heir of Thomas son of Michael who died, holding the moiety, shortly before 15 Mar 1266/7.

This Thomas was the son of Michael son of Michael and his wife Alice, one of the four sisters and co-heirs of William de FLAMENVILLA.

King John on 30 Mar 1200 confirmed to William de FLAMENVILLA, a charter made to his father Roger de FLAMENVILLA by King Henry II.

As you can see this family of FLAMENVILLA died out with William. Of his four sisters, Alice, Constance, Christiana and Maud, the latter Maud died without heir, leaving three shares to her surviving sisters. In 1261 Robert Bataille, the son and heir of Constance and William Bataille sold his mother's share of the manor to Thomas, the son of Alice and Michael of Ryle. Thus the four shares were reduced to unequal moieties which descended thru the Ryall line and the de Eslington family which had purchased the share of Christiana and Robert de Glanton.

A charter of HenryII to Roger de Flamville granted him the manor of Whittingham, Northumberland and the hamlets of Throunton, Barton and Glanton. These were confirmed to son William de Flamville by King John in 1200. An IPM of 1350 for Henry FitzJohn FitzHenry (b. aft 1330) records the same properties and cites the charter of Henry II (CIPM, 23 Edw III, #417).

Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem, Vol. I, Henry III, Kraus Reprint, 1973:

Page 135:

478. Constance de Flaunvill alias de Flanwill.

Writ, 8 October 45 Henry III. Inq. (undated.)

Robert Batayle, her eldest son, is her heir, and of full age.

Northumberland. Vytincham, Trovinton and Barton, a third part (extent given) held of the king in chief by service of 1/3 of 1/2 mark.

C. Henry III. File 24. (13.)

A History of Northumberland, Vol. XIV, edited by Madeleine Hope Dodds, Andrew Reid & Company, Limited, Newcastle Upon Tyne, 1935:

Pages 508-510:

After the Norman conquest, the district continued to be held by the pre-Norman tenure of drengage. There was one dreng's holding at eslington and another probably at Whittingham, while Barton, Thrunton and half Glanton were the royal demesnes of which the drengs were the stewards. The first known dreng of Whittingham was Gamel, who held it in the twelfth century, and was succeeded by his son Uchtred, who in 1161 rendered account for 20 marks of drengage. At some time before 1189 Uchtred forfeited his lands to Henry II, who granted them to Roger de Flammaville. But John son of Simon (or Seman or Simeon), who in 1165 was one of the tenants of Roger Bertram of Mitford, laid claim to the land as his of right, and prevailed upon the king to grant another charter, conferring on John son of Simon half Whittingham and its dependent hamlets, and the other half on Roger de Flammaville and Alice his wife, the daughter of John son of Simon [Northumberland Pleas (NRC) no. 248]. Roger held his moiety by the service of rendering yearly to the king one sparrow-hawk of a year old; thus the drengage tenure was changed to serjeanty. John son of Simon held his moiety by a rent of 40s. a year and other services unspecified; he remained in possession for many years, but towards the end of his life Vincent of Whittingham, son of Gamel and therefore brother of Uchtred, dispossessed him, being supported by Hugh (Hugh Puiset bishop of Durham 1153-95). In John's reign however, Simon son of John son of Simon came to an agreement with Vincent. In 1202 Vincent acknowledged that a moiety of Whittingham belonged to Simon; Simon in return granted it to Vincent and Christiana of Trewhit (Tirewit) his wife for a sparrow-hawk of a year old or 8d. at Lammis and foreign service. If Vincent had no heir by Christiana, his heir by another wife should hold a moiety of the moiety, the other quarter reverting to Simon; if Vincent died childless the whole should revert to Simon, except 2 carucates in Thrunton, which should go to Vincent's right heir, free of multure and with house-bote in the wood of Whittingham; if Vincent's wife survived him, she was to have in dower his land in Barton and the land held by Adam son of Gamel in Whittingham, with reversion to Simon [Ibid. no. 35, 248; Feet of Fines (NRC) vol. I, no. 13; Arch. Ael. 1sr series, vol. II, p. 311].

Meanwhile Roger de Flammaville died, and William his son and heir in 1200 obtained from king John a charter which granted to him the whole of Whittingham, Thrunton and Barton, and half Glanton [Rotuli Chartarum, p. 42]. Simon son of John, however, in 1208 brought an action to compel William to acknowledge his right to a moiety [Northumberland Pleas, nos. 174, 248]. William de Flammaville married a lady called Mabel [Ibid. nos. 290, 292] but died young and childless; it was afterwards alleged that he was underage when he obtained the charter of 1200 [Ibid. no. 248]. His widow married Walter of Burradon [Ibid. nos. 290, 292]. William left four sisters and coheiresses under age, Alice, Constance, Christiana and Maud. Robert son of Roger obtained a grant of their wardship and marriage in 1209 and took possession of the whole of Whittingham. Alice married Michael son of Michael of Little Ryle; Constance married first William Battaille and second William of Roddam, Christiana married Robert of Glanton, Maud did not marry and died childless. The three sisters were married before 1212, when they and their husbands held half the vill of Whittingham by the service of a sparrow-hawk and the other half in drengage for a rent of 40s. [Book of Fees, Vol. i, p. 203]. In 1223 John son of Simon (son of John son of Simon), began a suit

against the coheireses and their husbands for the moiety of Whittingham that he claimed, Vincent having died childless [Northumberland Pleas, nos. 248, 253, 267, 279]. In 1227 the litigants had licence to agree, the terms of the fine being that the defendants granted to John 2 carucates in Whittingham and Barton, with common pasture, for 6d. or a sparrow-hawk yearly and foreign service for 1 carucate.

Michael of Ryle and Alice his wife were succeeded in or before 1261 by their son Thomas to whom in that year Robert Bataille, teh heir of Constance and William Bataille, sold his share of t he inheritance [Feet of Fines, Vol. I, no. 243]. Thus Whittingham and its dependent hamlets were divided between the descendants of Alice and Michael of Ryle, and those of Christiana and Robert of Glanton, the heir of Constance the third sister having sold his share to the Ryle family, and Maud the fourth sister having died without children.

Taking first the Ryle family, who never assumed a surname, we find that Thomas son and heir of Alice and Michael was living in 1266. He confirmed a grant of land in Barton and Whittingham to Brinkburn Priory which was made by John son of Simon, and this was also confirmed by his son Michael [Brinkburn Chartulary, Surtees Society Publications, Vol. 90, pp. 132, 208].

The Chartulary of Brinkburn Priory, Surtees Society Publication, No. 90, 1893:

Pages 208-210:

[Fine touching lands in Whittingham, Thrunton, Barton and Glanton].

[H]aec est finalis concordia facta in Curia domini Regis apud Novum Castrum die Jovis pximo post Purificationem Beatae Mariae, anno regni Henrici filii Regis Johannis decimo nono, coram Rogero Bertram, Roberto Ros, Ada de Novo Mercato, Willelmo de Eboraco et Juliano de Nevill, justiciariis itinerantibus, et aliis Domini Regis fidelibus, tunc ibidem presentibus. Inter Joannem filium Symonis, petentem, et Michaelem filium Michaelis et Aliciam, uxorem ejus, Robertum de Glantedon, et Christianam uxorem ejus, Constantiam de Flanvill et Matildam de Flanvill, sorores praedictae Aliciae. tenentes de quatuor caracutis terrae com pertinentiis in Whittyngham, Throunton, Barton, et Glantedon unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia, scilicet, quod praedicti Michaelis, Alicia, Robertus, Christiana, Constantia, et Matilda dederunt et concesserunt praedicto Johanni duas carucatas terrae cum pertinentiis de easem terra in paredictis villis de Whyttyngham, Throunton, Barton, simul cum toto capitali messuagio de Barton, scilicet. sexaginta acras terrae. quae jacent inter Butterford, et molendinum de Thrountoun, et extendunt ad campum, qui vocatur Rig', et campum, qui vocatur Rudemanstane, et de Kildmanstane (sic) usque ad exitum villae de Whityngham versus boscum, et vii acras terrae quae jacent in Waldesflatdene, et xiiii acras terrae quae jacent in Flasches, et v acras terrae quae jacent subtus Grensidene, et abutant versus Glandon, et viii acras quae jacent Butterlawe et abutant versus Whittingham, et ii acras terrae quae jacent in Crumforland et abitant versus Brenwell, et quatuor acras terrae quae jacent in Redpath et abutant versus Barton, et v acras terrae quae jacent super Tremore et abutant versus pratum de Glantdon, et duas bovas terrae cum tofto et crofto quas Ricardus filius sacerdotis quondam tenuit, et duas bovas terrae cum tofto et crofto quas Ranulphus Ruddle quondam tenuit, et duas bovas terrae cum tofto et crofto, quas Guinardus Pyrkevel quondam tenuit, et duas bovas terrae cum tofto et crofto, quas Ulkell filius Gamell quondam tenuit. Et praeterea concesserunt pro se et heredibus ipsarum Aliciae, Christianae, Custantiae et Matildae quod praedictus Johannes et heredes sui et homines ipsorum de Whittyngham habeant estoveria sua in bosco praedictorum Michaelis, Aliciae, Roberti, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae et heredibus ipsarum Aliciae, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, e Whittyngham, arandum, claudendum, aedificandum, per visium et liberationem forestarii praedictorum Michaelis, Alicae, Roberti, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, et heredum ipsarum Alicae, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae; et quod praedictus Johannes et heredes sui habeant commumam pasturae in terra ipsorum Michaelis, Aliciae, Roberti, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, et heredum ipsarum Aliciae, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, de Whittyngham, Throunton, et Barton ad omnimoda propria averia ssua et pecora sua, cujuscunque generis fuerint, ubicunque averia praedictorum Michaelis, Aliciae, Roberti, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, et heredum ipsarum Aliciae, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, pascere poterunt, et quod homines praedicti Johannis et heredum suorum de Whittingham habeant communem pasturae in praedictis villis ad omnimoda averia sua et pecora sua, cujuscunque generis fuerint, ubicunque averia hominum praedictorum Michaelis, Aliciae, Roberti, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, et heredum ipsarum Aliciae, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, pascere poterunt absque omni impedimento imperpetuum. Habendum et tenedum eidem Johanni et heredibus suis, de Praedictis Michaele, Alicia, et heredibus ipsis Aliciae, ut de primogentita sorore Willelmi de Flanvill', fratris ipsarum Aliciae, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, cujus heredes ipsae sunt, de assenu et voluntate praedictorum Roberti, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae. Reddendo inde annuatim praedictis Michaeli, Aliciae, et heredibus ipsis Aliciae unum sparvarium

sorum vel vi d. ad festum Sancti Jacobi, et faciendo capitalibus dominus illius feodi, per manum praedictorum Michaelis, Aliciae, et heredum ipsius Aliciae, forinsecum servitium pro praedictis duabus carucatis terrae cum pertinentiis, quantum pertinet ad unum carucatem terrae, de eodem feodo in eisdem villis pro omni servitio et exactione. Et praedictus Michaelis et Alicia, et heredes ipsius Aliciae, warrantizabunt praedicto Johanni et heredibus suis praedictas duas carucatas terrae cum pertinentiis per praedictum servitium contra omnes gentes, Et pro hac donatione, concessione, warrantizatione, fine, et concordia idem Johannes remisit et quietum clamavit de se heredibus suis praedictis Michaeli, Aliciae, Roberto, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, et heredibus ipsarum Aliciae, Christianae, Constantiae, et Matildae, totum jus et clamium quod habuit in superplusagio totius praedictae terrae cum pertinentiis. Et praeterea praedicti Michaelis, Alicia, Robertus, Christiana, Constantia, et Matilda dederunt praedicto Johanni decem marcas.