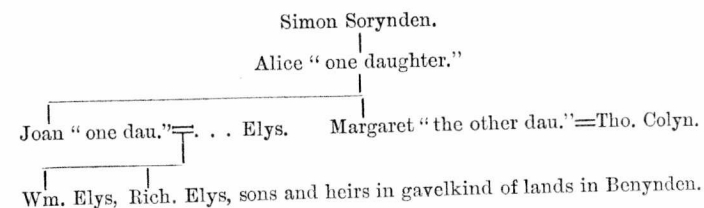


Amongst the Harleian Charters is a Deed of Release of Robert SORYNDEN, Thomas Elys of Kenington, and Roger Rye, to John Haute of Plokelei,

Turoid, son of Osbern de Freschenes, was a witness at the beginning of the eleventh century. In the twelfth century Raoul de Fresnay sealed with a fleur-de-lis (Danisy, *Recueil des Sceaux*). Hasted says the arms of Fresne were Or, a fleur-de-lis sable within a bordure of the same, and we shall see presently that the family of Pluckley sealed with a fleur-de-lis. By the Book of Aid, 20 Ed. III. (*Arch. Cant.*, X., 131), it appears that in the hundred of Calehill Richard *de Frene* and others then held one knight's fee which John de Pluckley and others had held in Pluckley. In Add. MS., Brit. Mus., 5481, before quoted, are abstracts of several deeds of Pluckley. In 1286, a charter of John de Pluckley, son of Sir Wm. de Pluckley, is sealed with a fleur-de-lis, and witnessed by Osbert de Pluckley. There is a deed dated "apud Toniford," 11 Edw. I., of John de Pluckley to Wm. de Pluckley his brother, sealed with a fleur-de-lis and the legend "Sig. Johis de Plucklei milit.;" the witnesses being Rob. de Suredene tunc ballivus de Westgate, Tho. de Toniford and Richard his brother. Another, dated 1292, of John, son of Will. Pluckley, Knt., to Robert his brother, is sealed with a fleur-de-lis. In 1308, a deed of Wm., son of John de Pluckley, gives to John Malmain land adjoining the lands of John de Selling, apothecary of London. In 6 Edw. III., William, son of John de Toniford, grants to Wm., son of John Pluckley and Isabella his wife, a messuage in Pluckley, the witnesses being John de Sellyng, John and Robert his sons, Robert de Pluckley and John his son.

dated 7 Henry V., the witnesses being John Darell, Edward Hardres, John Dygges, Wm. Barry, Wm. Scot, and others. There are three seals, two being devices, and the third, on a shield *a bend cotized indented*, with the legend "Sigillum Rob. . . ." In Add. MS. 5481 is an earlier Deed of Surrenden, dated 1378, with the same arms. The following pedigree from the De Banco Rolls, 24 Hen. VI., kindly furnished by Mr. Greenstreet, gives other members of the family:—



I now proceed to notice the knightly families of SELLING and SHELVING, and to consider their armorial bearings. Four coats are attributed to these names, viz. :—

1. Sir John de Shelving, who, according to a Kentish Roll in the handwriting of Philipot, Somerset Herald, bore Azure, a fess ermine, in chief 3 cinquefoils or. Mr. Greenstreet thinks the fess here came from Waleys.

2. In Pluckley Church, in the east window of the south chancel, is an impaled coat: the dexter Argent, on a cross azure 5 annulets or, which, Philipot says (Church Notes, Harl. MS. 3917), is for "Sellinge of Shurland;" the sinister being Billety, a griffin segreant argent. In Add. MS. 5481 is a deed, dated 37 Edw. III., sealed with the 5 annulets on a cross, (the legend being "Sigill. Johis de Sellinge,") of John filius Elyae de villa de Chilton, whereby he gives to Agnes, widow of John de Surrenden, and to John her son, all his

land in Pluckley and Parva Chart, which descended to him from Tho. de Pluckley and Isabella, mother of the said Thomas. According to a pedigree in Add. MS. 16279, this Isabella was daughter of Wm. de Pluckley, and married, first, Stephen Stace, of Chart Parva, and secondly, Elias de Chilton, and Thomas de Pluckley was her brother, not her son; he died without issue.

3. In the Vis. of Kent 1619 (Harl. MS. 1548), in the notes to the pedigree of Ellis, of Otham and Kennington, a trick is made of a coat of Shelving, viz., Party per pale, a lion rampant, impaling Ellis, with this remark underwritten: "These armes remayne thus impaled in Woodchurch; the seat of this Shelving was at Bourne, where now Sir Anthony Aucher dwelleth; the female heir of that family was married to Hawte, and from the heiress of Hawte the Wyatts and the Culpeppers are descended."* And in the pedigree this Shelving is made the husband of a daughter of Tho. Elys, the Sheriff, Towne marrying another daughter, and his arms impaling Elys are said to "remayne yett in a window of Kenyngton Church."

4. Another coat attributed to Shelving, or Shel-

* Philipot in his Church Notes has (in pencil) *Gedding* and Ellis, after Ellis and Walkesley (*i.e.* for Guy Elys, son of the Sheriff, who married a daughter of Wm. Walkesley). But such a match has no confirmation. Few notices and no pedigree of Gedding are to be met with; Sir John de Gedding, according to the Parliamentary Roll, bore—Chequy argent and sable, on a fess azure 3 buckles or. Gedding might easily have been misread for an undecipherable note of Shelving. Besides, as the family of Towne was connected with that of Shelving, relationship would indicate the latter name to be the one intended. The Shelving coat—Per pale azure and vert, a lion rampant ermine—is quartered by Culpeper after Hawte, who married the daughter and heiress. This coat may in some way have been got from Cawne (*vide Arch. Cant.*, IV., 223, and V., 324).

vynk, is Azure, a chevron engrailed between 3 martlets arg., as quartered by Watton (*Arch. Cant.*, IV., 258). The order of the marshalled coats with which this is connected is—3 Towne, 4 Detling, 5 Shelvynk, 6 Dene, 7 Gatton. The following pedigree, founded on Inquisitions, etc., given in *Top. and Gen.*, iii., 202, will shew how this coat is brought in:—

John de Shelving, of Shelving, in Woodnesborough, dead 1412.

John Detling Brampton, of Det- ling, Ist.	<i>alias</i> — and coheir.	Joanna, dau. of Henry de Apulder- field, living 1365, Dead 1412.	Bene- dicta s.p.	Elizabeth.
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Benedicta.— jure ux. owner of Throwley, B. Malherbe, and Wormesall.*	—	Stephen de Bettenham, Ist. Thomas at Towne, of Towne Place, in Throwley. His son left three coheirresses, who married Sondes, Watton, and Lewknor. Sondes quar- ters the same coat as Watton for Shelving.
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* In 15 Edw. III. there was a fine levied between Thomas de Dene and Martha his wife, quer., and Benedicta de Shelving, deforc., of the manors of Bocton-Malherbe, Wormesall, and Throwley. If Thomas die without heirs, to remain to James Shelving. 13 Edw. III. there was a fine between John de Gosehale and Elizabeth his wife, quer., and Benedicta que fuit uxor [widow] of John de Shelving, one of the deforciant, of the manor of Goldstanton. If the said John die without heirs, the said manor, after the death of the said John and Elizabeth, to go to James de Shelving and his heirs, and if he die without heirs, then to Henry, son of Henry de Gosehall, and his heirs. Another fine, 18 Edw. III., is between John de Goshall, chivaler, and Elizabeth his wife, quer., and Osbert de Wynbrok, capellan, and John . . . , deforc., of the manor of Gosehall, to go after the death of said John and Elizabeth, to Elizabeth, daughter of John . . . , chivaler, and if the last Elizabeth die without heirs, then to go to Walter de Gosehale, and if he die without heirs, then to Waresius de Valoyns, chivaler, and if he die without heirs to Henry de Gosehale, remainder to James de Shelving. For these three Fines I am indebted to Mr. Greenstreet. By the Book of Aid, 20 Edw. III., it appears that Benedicta de Shelving [widow] and Thomas de St. Leger were then assessed for $\frac{2}{3}$ knight's fee, which John de Shelving and Edmund de St. Leger had formerly held in Woodnesboro'. John de Shelving had died seised of part thereof, 4 Edw. III. (Inq. p.m.). As it would be a hopeless task to endeavour to bring all the members of the Shelving family into a