# GEORGE WASHINGTON’S ANCESTRY

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Sir William de Hertburn/Washington
1156-94
born in Whashton. m Margaret of Huntingdon (1153-1213) in 1183 (her 3rd marriage at 30!), so her sons naturally had prominent Breton relations). Also had fief at Hertburn, Durham, but paid quitrent to the Bishop to exchange for manor of Washington next door and knighthood c.1180. This improved his status so he could marry Margaret when his father died 1183

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Geoffrey 1158-86
4th son. of Henry II (trampled to death at Paris tournament)

Arthur, Count of Brittany and Earl of Richmond. Murdered by King John

Constance of Brittany/Penthèvre
1161-1201
m. 1181Geoffrey Plantagenet
1158-86

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m Elizabeth Burnsheved 1260
Robert de Wessington de Millburn 1265-1324
m Alicia de Kerneford
Got moiety of Carnforth, Wharton and Kendal de jure uxoris.
Knight of Shire for Westmorland 1300
2 others
m Joan de Strikeland 1292 (1274-1352)
of Carnforth
m Agnes derling 1295 (1280-)

Sir Robert de Washington de Carnforth 1296-1348
m Agnes le Gentyl (1300-1353)
stepmother Agnes
Agnes 1340-1406 m. Edmund Lawrence of Ashton
John 1359-1408 d. Tewitfield, Lancs
m Eleanor/Aliana Garnet de Wharton (1305-82)
m Joan de Croft 1382 (1363-1450)
Sir John 1385-1423 wounded at Agincourt, stepmother Eleanor. m1 400. d Tewitfield
John 1330-65 b Wharton. m Joanna
Edmund 1334-1402 Lonsdale, Lancs
John 1380 Wharton. Lanes
William 1405 Priest.

John de Washington 1305-86
Tewitfield
half-brother of Sir Robert. m Alianora. Lived Washington Old Hall.
Sir William de Wessyngton d. 1367
Sir William de Wescington d 1399
Alianora 1384-1451 m Sir William Tempest
Alianora 1430 who became Lord of Wessington
William d.1443 m. Elisabeth Montgomery
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Thomas 1310-83
Had feudal duties in Durham Palatinate
Thomas 1340-92 dsp

Dionisia m William Mallory 1430 who became Lord of Wessington
Isobel John d 1450
End of male line at Washington Old Hall
Robert 1404-1479
Wharton/Tewitfield

Robert 1460-1517
Borwick, Lancs. m
Elisabeth Westfield

John 1478-1528
m Margaret Kitson
Lived Wharton

Lawrence 1500-83
m Ann Pargiter.
Tewitfield, Lancs.
Mayor of
Northampton. 1538
was granted manor of
Sulgrave at dissolution
of monasteries.

Robert 1544-1619. Sulgrave.
m. Elisabeth
Light

Laurence 1548-1619
Lawyer.
m. Martha

Lawrence 1568-1616
Sulgrave
m
Margaret
Butler

Walter 1570-1597

Thomas 1577-1616
m
Christopher
1060-39

Laurence 1579-1623
m. Ann Lewyn

Lawrence 1602-51
Sulgrave
m
Amphyllis
Twigdon
1632
John 1633-1677
became
disillusioned by the
English Civil War
and settled in
Westmoreland
and County, Virginia.

Col John
1671-1712
m. Mary Townsend

Capt Lawrence
1659-99
m. Mildred Warner

Etc to GEORGE WASHINGTON
“Hervey Fitz-Akaris, Lord of Ravensworth who, being a noble and good knight and much esteemed in his country, gave consent that Conan, then Earl of Richmond and Brittany, should translate the Abbey of Charity into the fields at East Witton, and there place it on the verge of the river Jore, from which it was thenceforward called Jorevaux. This Hervey d. circa 1182, and was s. by his son, Henry Fitz-Hervey.” [Sir Bernard Burke, Dormant, Abeyant, Forfeited and Extinct Peerages, Burke’s Peerage, Ltd., London, England, 1883, p. 207, FitzHugh, Barons FitzHugh]

The point of this is to show that Akaris’ family were closely related to with the Breton branch. It would be an obvious move for Margaret of Huntingdon, Duchess of Brittany, to marry William, Akaris’ grandson and Hervey’s nephew, at the death of her second husband, Conan, son of Alan Niger II, brother of Geoffrey Boterel II. Akaris himself and most of his relations lived in Brittany near Margaret. Her other relations were kings of Scotland and Earl of Huntingdon. Washington is within easy reach of both.

Some family trees claim that Margaret married the son of Fitzpatric, a Scottish noble. There is no evidence for this. The Fitzpatrics had been called ‘Fitzpatric’ for five generations previously. They would certainly have continued to use the name, but it does not appear in any of the subsequent progeny of Margaret. The names that do appear are Conan (her first husband, duke of Brittany) and for generations afterwards William and Robert – the Conqueror and his brother. The counter argument might be that she met Gospatric, Earl of Dunbar and Earl of Northumbria at the Scottish court in 1165 when her brother, William the Lion, was crowned. Did she marry his son 18 years later? No evidence for this, and anyway he married Sibylla of Dunbar!

GEORGE WASHINGTON’s family originated in Brittany, not Scotland.

The reason for exchanging Hertburn for Washington is that Washington was adjacent to Ravenshire and it carried status. Washington Irving in ‘The life of George Washington’ supports this. He says that ‘Hertburn was taken from a village on the palatinate (the Bishop’s domains) which he held of the bishop in knight’s fee.’ He then mentions the Bolden Book – ‘In this it is stated that William de Hertburn had exchanged his village of Hertburn for the manor and village of Wessyntong, likewise in the diocese; paying the bishop a quitrent of four pounds, and engaging to attend him with two greyhounds in grand hunts, and to furnish a man at arms whenever military aid should be required of the palatinate.’

I do not offer my research as definitive, merely a reasonable attempt. Hopefully, others will correct it if necessary.

http://bottrillfamilyhistory.com and www.bottrillfamilyhistory.blogspot.com.es have more information and a book on the family