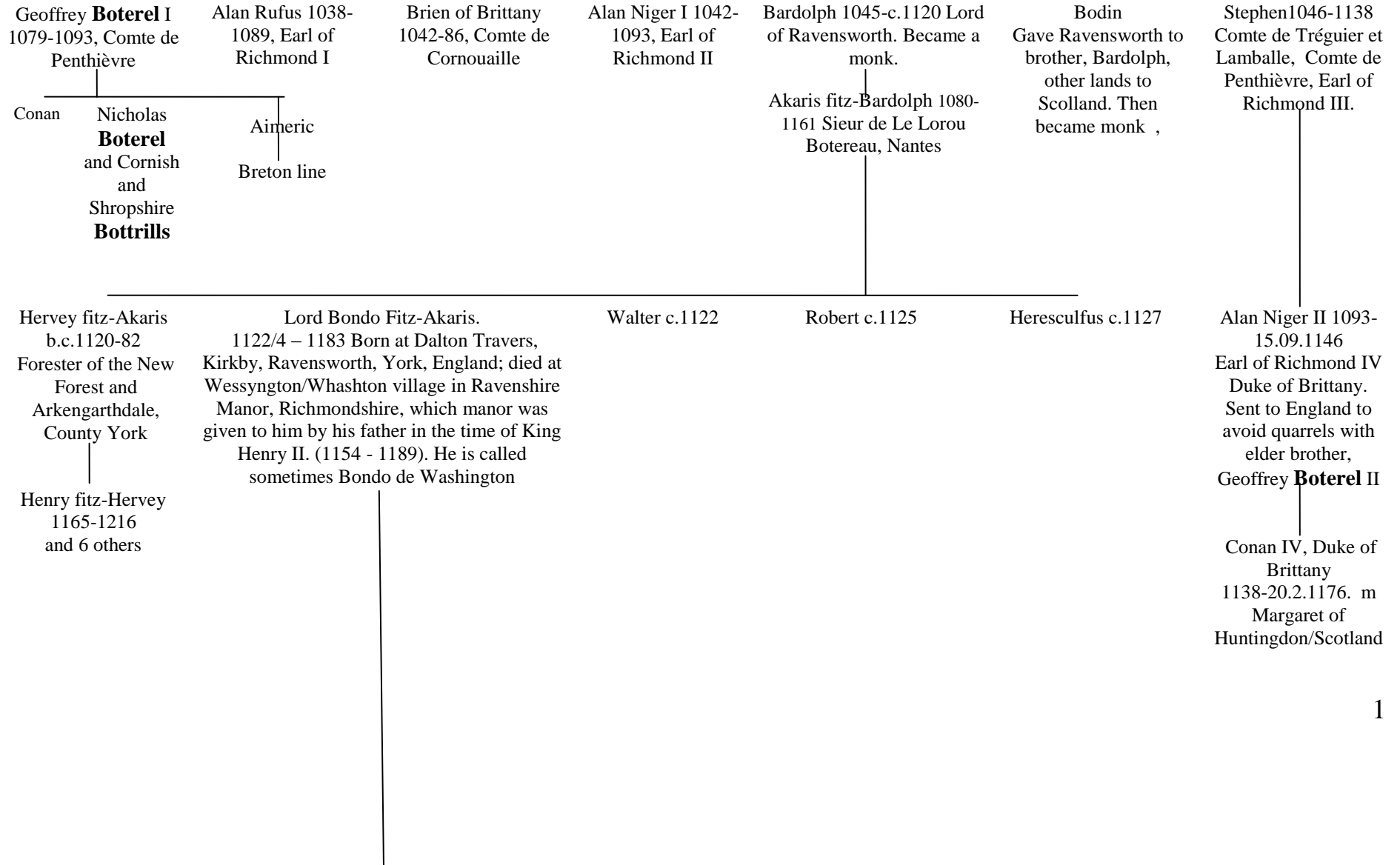


GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ANCESTRY

Eudes 999 – 7.1.1079 , Count of Penthièvre, Duke of Brittany, cousin of William the Conqueror's father



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

Sir William de Wessington c.1183–c.1239.
Half-brother of Matilda Bohun, Henry de Bohun I, Margaret Bohun, Matilda Bohun, Savary de Bohun, and of Constance of Brittany from Marg of Huntingdon's previous marriage to Duke Conan. ,m Alice de Lexington 1212 – paid King John 40 marks for licence

Sir Walter 1212-64
Died in the battle of Lewes May 1264 against Simon de Montfort.
m Joan de Whitchester.

Conan De Washington,
born c. 1154 in Washington *d. infant*

Walter fitz-Bondo de Washington, third son of Bondo fitz- Akaris, born at Wassington c.1160-1245.
Lord of Milburn in Westmoreland and other large estates in the counties of Northumberland and Westmoreland, in right of his wife Agnes, in the time of King John (1199-1216).
Lived at Welleburne, in Westmoreland

m. Agnes de Welleburne c.1195 (c.1160-1247)
Robert 1195-1235 lived at Welleburne
Robert 1230

Ralph c. 1165

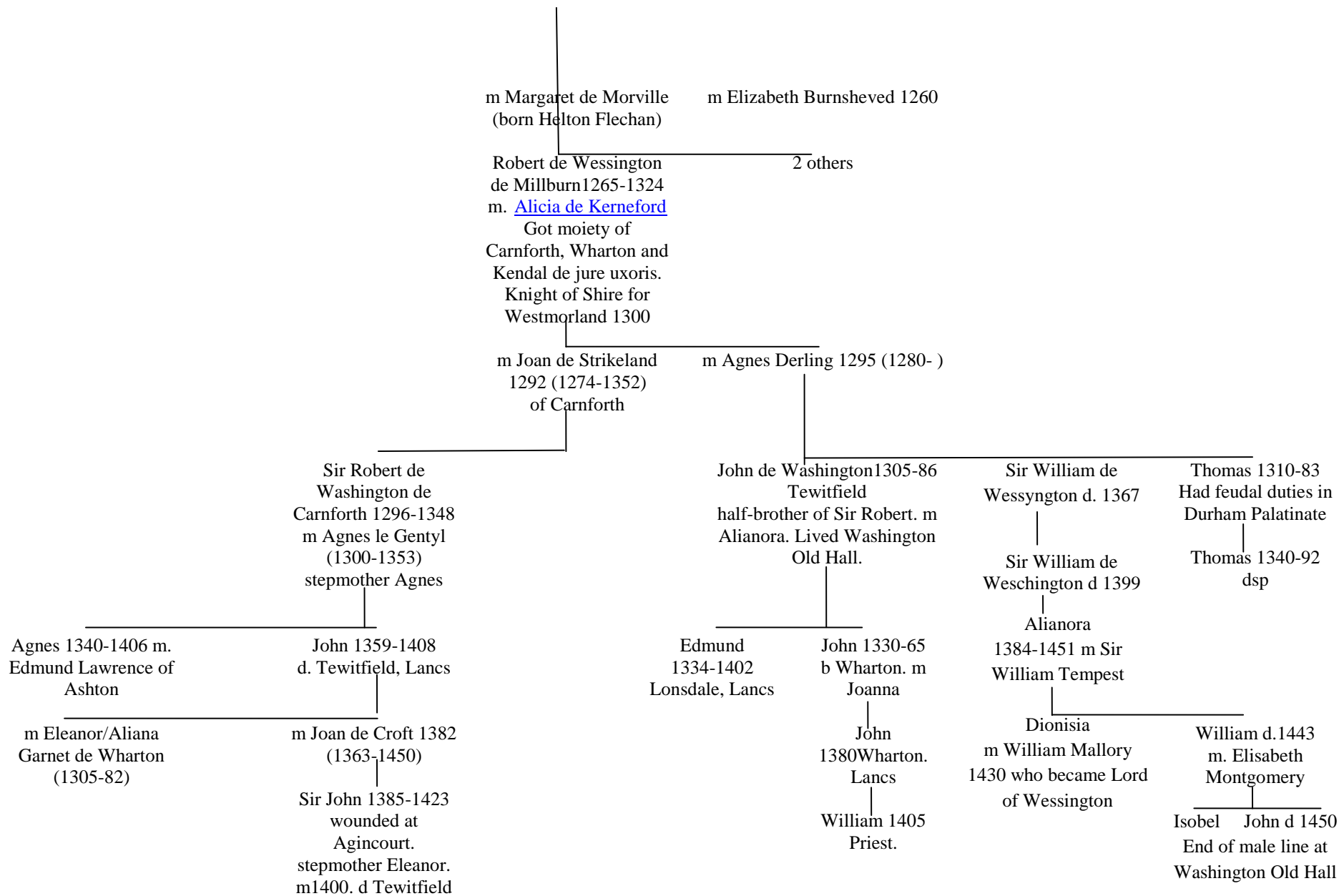
Robert c.1170-1218
d. Whashton.
Alan 1195 Whashton
Geoffrey c.1199
Nicholas 1205
Alan priest

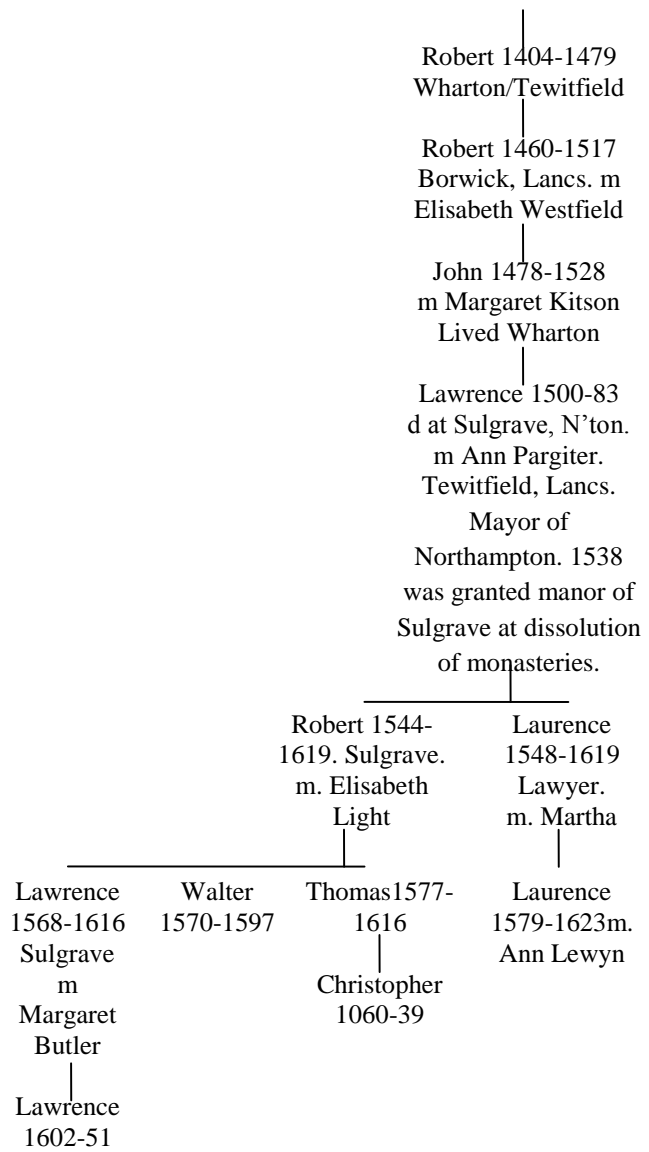
Walter's second wife, Juliana (1200-1250), who survived him, claimed dower in the lands of her husband, in Northumberland and Westmoreland, and amongst others, she claimed, against Robert de Washington, his son, the third part of the manor of Milleburne (or Welleburne), county Westmoreland, 30 Henry III. (1246).

(cousin of Henry II).
Constance of Brittany/Penthièvre 1161-1201
m. 1181 Geoffrey Plantagenet 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

Walter Sir William 1245-90 John





Sulgrave
m
Amphyllis
Twigdon
1632

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John 1633-
1677

became
disillusion
ed by the
English
Civil War
and settled
in
Westmorel
and
County,
Virginia.

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Col John
1671-1712
m. Mary
Townsend

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Capt
Lawrence
1659-99
m. Mildred
Warner

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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 Wessyngton, 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