

Descendants of Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32

Generation 1

1. DEVON PEDIGREE (DODDISCOMBSLEIGH-1481) 32¹ .

More About Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32:

Pedigree: Bef. 1481 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Devon Pedigree 32

Also Known As: Devon Pedigree 32

Residence: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England

Sex: Male

Notes for Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32:

For a wide variety of reasons, we may never know exactly to which lineage of Babbs this important family connects. The earliest records of the first 140 years of Doddiscombsleigh were already perished "irrecoverably" as far back as 1842. Most other records it mentions were lost in a blitz of Exeter in 1942. Through lack of a male heir, the family seems to have given way to the Ducke family and then to Thomas Roach, who sold the Estate in 1769. Because of the vast devastation of the records we have a very limited view of this family and had to reconstruct primarily through secondary accounts such as the Rev. George Oliver's "Ecclesiastical Antiquities in Devon" written in 1842. He points out the lack of early evidence, even at that time. Unfortunately, the copies of wills he mentions were later destroyed prior to having been copied. Oliver's account sheds much light on this family, but lacks in certain ways.

He does however confirm the details of the Babb Arms that was submitted by A William Babb of Doddiscombsleigh in approximately 1620. There are three William's alive at this moment, but it is likely to be the eldest of at the 3 (William 1543-1627) who was also Lord of the Manor from 1602-1627. He failed to get the arms recognized and is deemed by William Camden as an "ignoble omnes". Let's examine that phrase up close:

Ignoble, (ig-noh-buh l): 1. of low character, aims, etc.; mean; base, 2. of low grade or quality; inferior. 3. not noble; of humble descent or rank.

Omnes, 1. all, 2. everybody, 3. everyone

Pulling these together, we see that it was not just a rebuke of the one person, but of the entire family, to describe their claim as illegitimate and their character as low. Given that the family continued to use the arms even after this rebuke may indicate that the description was apt. Oliver described the Crest as "Gules, a bend, Or, between 3 Shovellers heads erased, Or."

This sounds rather short and vague at first, but is the essential info that is needed to reconstruct the arms. Let's look at each word individually.

Gules, (fr. gueules): the heraldic name of the tincture red. The term is probably derived from the Arabic gule, a red rose, just as the azure was derived from a word in the same language, signifying a blue stone. The word was, not doubt, introduced by the Crusaders. Heralds have, however, guessed it to be derived from the Latin gula, which in old French is found as gueule, i.e. the "red throat of an animal." Others, again, have tried to find the origin in the Hebrew word gulade, which signifies red cloth. Gules is denoted in engravings by numerous perpendicular lines.

Bend, (fr. bande): the bend dexter is perhaps one of the most frequently used of Ordinaries, q.v., being a straight piece extending from the dexter corner to the opposite edge of the shield. It is said to derive its origin from the belt, baudrick or baldrick (Baltheus, Cingulum militare), which was once a mark of knighthood; other heralds, however, have seen in it the idea of a scaling-ladder. According to Legh and other heraldic writers, the bend should occupy one-third of the field when charged, and one-fifth when plain. In English arms the bend is always placed straight athwart the shield, and never bowed as in foreign arms: at the same time, in some late MSS. it is fancifully drawn with a curve, in order to represent the convexity of the shield. A bend is very frequently subjected to a modification of its margin, and is engrailed, invected, indented, embattled, counter-embattled, bretessed, raguly, champaine (or warriated), nebuly, wavy; also bevilled, cotticed and fimbriated, all of which terms will be found explained.

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Or, (fr. from Latin aurum): the chief of the tinctures, i.e. gold. Engravers represent it by an indefinite number of small points. The term Gold is frequently used by heralds to avoid repetition, and the French word Jaune, i.e. yellow, is met with in old heraldic poetry.

Shoveller. The Male Shoveler (formerly Shoveller) is characterized by a dark green head, yellow eyes and a bill that appears longer than the head itself, thus resembling a shovel. As this is a very patriarchal society, the ducks pictured were most likely Males. See Ducks.

Ducks, (fr. canard): We find this very large family (anatinœ) represented in heraldry under several names. The duck proper, as also the drake. The shield-drake, or sheldrake, as it is written (anas tadorna). The wild-duck (anas boschas), with the teal (anas crecea) and the mallard. What is meant by the sea-teal is not certain. The sholarde, or shoveller (anas clypeata) may be distinguished by two small tufts of feathers, one on the back of the head, another on the breast.

Erased, eraced, or erazed(fr. arraché): violently torn off, leaving a jagged edge. Then term is chiefly applied to the heads and limbs of animals. When applied to birds' legs the expression à-la-quise, i.e. à la cuisse, is often added to signify that the upper part of the leg is shewn. A head erased close signifies that it is torn off without any part of the neck remaining attached to it.

Pulling this all back together we have a Red ridged background with a Gold diagonal stripe running approximately 1/5th of the size of the entire shield from the top right shoulder of the bearer to the bottom left hip (this is always described from the point of the view of the person holding it, not from the perspective of the person viewing it). The Gold is dotted throughout. Three Male Shoveler Duck heads without a neck and a tattered end adorn the Red ridged background on either side of the gold stripe. The heads are Dark Green and two small tufts of feathers, one on the back of the head, another on the breast. This is offset by the gold eye on each of the duck heads.

The only remaining question is which side had two ducks and which side had 1. The text does not tell us, but we will continue to look for examples and adjust as more information becomes available.

The family is known to us as Devon Pedigree 32 and is not currently connected to a particular Y-DNA proven lineage. Given the lack of male heirs, we are unable to tell at this time to which lineage they properly belong. There was at least one example of the crest that survived into modern times in the form of a bowl, but the exact location of the bowl is not currently known. It is believed to be in the US. A picture of the bowl exists but has not yet been located as of this writing.

If you have information regarding these arms, please contact the Babb Family Association or myself.

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Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32 had the following child:

2. i. WYLLYAM² HEXT was born before 1481¹.

Generation 2

2. **WYLLYAM² HEXT** (Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32¹) was born before 1481¹.

More About Wyllyam Hext:

Also Known As: Wyllyam Babb

Sex: Male

Wyllyam Hext had the following children:

3. i. JOHN³ BABB was born before 1494. He died on 01 Jan 1596/97 (listed as deceased prior to his son William).

Generation 2 (cont.)

- ii. WYLLYAM HEXT was born before 1573. He died after 1586².

More About Wylllyam Hext:

Residence: Bet. 1580-1600 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Remodelling of ancient Mansion House of Doddiscombsleigh by the Babbs who own and live in it²

Residence: 1586 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Wylllyam Hext alias Babb acquires the Manor from his brother, John²

Also Known As: Wylllyam Babb

Sex: Male

Generation 3

3. **JOHN³ BABB** (Wylllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32¹) was born before 1494. He died on 01 Jan 1596/97 (listed as deceased prior to his son William).

More About John Babb:

Residence: Bet. 1524-1527 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; The biggest land owner by far in Doddiscombsleigh³

Residence: Bet. 1580-1600 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Remodelling of ancient Mansion House of Doddiscombsleigh by the Babbs who own and live in it³

Residence: Jul 1586 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; John, son of Wylllyam Hext, alias Babbe of Dodescombsleigh yeoman purchases the Manor called Dodescombleighe from Anthony Pollarde of Horwood. Doddiscombsleigh Mansion House is part of this.³

Also Known As: John Hext

Burial: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; John is mentioned on this stone as the Father of William, but is not explicitly mentioned as buried here

Sex: Male

John Babb had the following child:

4. i. **WILLIAM⁴ BABB** was born about 1507⁴. He died in Jan 1597 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Babb, son of John Babb dies aged 90, January 1597⁴).
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Generation 4

4. **WILLIAM⁴ BABB** (John³, Wylllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32¹) was born about 1507⁴. He died in Jan 1597 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Babb, son of John Babb dies aged 90, January 1597⁴).

More About William Babb:

Burial: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England

Sex: Male

William Babb had the following children:

5. i. **WILLIAM⁵ BABB⁵** was born in 1543 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England⁵. He died on 11 Nov 1627 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Hext alias Babb, the elder son of William Babb, dies aged 84, November 1627⁵). He married **ELIZABETH STOFFORD**. She was born before 1575⁶. She died on 05 Sep 1623⁶.
- ii. **JOHN BABB⁷** was born after 1543⁷. He died after 1602⁷.

More About John Babb:

Residence: 1602 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Mr William Babb, Mr John Babb and Mr William Dudney are three of the Lordes of the Manor of Doddiscombsleigh⁷

Sex: Male

Generation 5

5. **WILLIAM⁵ BABB** (William⁴, John³, Wylllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32¹)⁵ was born in 1543 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England⁵. He died on 11 Nov 1627 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Hext alias Babb, the elder son of William Babb, dies aged 84, November 1627⁵). He married **ELIZABETH STOFFORD**. She was born before 1575⁶. She died on 05 Sep 1623⁶.

Generation 5 (cont.)

More About William Babb:

Residence: 1602 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Mr William Babb, Mr John Babb and Mr William Dudney are three of the Lordes of the Manor of Doddiscombsleigh⁵

Burial: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England

Sex: Male

More About Elizabeth Stofford:

Residence: 1604 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; W.B. 1604 E.B. William and Elizabeth Babb⁶

Sex: Female

William Babb and Elizabeth Stofford had the following child:

6. i. WILLIAM⁶ BABB⁸ was born in 1588 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England⁸. He died on 26 Jun 1667 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Hext alias Babb, son and heir of William, dies aged 79, June 1667⁸).

Generation 6

6. **WILLIAM⁶ BABB** (William⁵, William⁴, John³, Wyllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32¹)⁸ was born in 1588 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England⁸. He died on 26 Jun 1667 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Hext alias Babb, son and heir of William, dies aged 79, June 1667⁸).

More About William Babb:

Residence: 1643 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; William Babb of Doddiscombleigh and James Rodd of Stoke Cannon divide some lands in Doddiscombsleigh which they hold jointly including part of Preisthaie Meadow adjoining one herb garden now in the possession of William Babb⁸

Also Known As: William Hext⁸

Burial: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England

Sex: Male

William Babb had the following children:

7. i. AGNIS⁷ BABB⁹ was born between 1601-1644⁹⁻¹⁰. She died on 04 Apr 1657 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England⁹. She married RICHARD DUCKE. He died in 1657¹¹.
- ii. WILLIAM BABB¹² was born after 1601 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England¹². He died on 20 Apr 1683 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Babb dies and leaves an inheritance to nephew Philip Ducke of Heavitree. 20th April 1683¹²). He married Mary Baker on 19 Dec 1682 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (William Babb marries Mary Baker and settles £40 annuity on her issuing from the cappitall Messuage Barton and farme in Doddiscombsleigh now in his possession¹²⁻¹³). She was born before 1669. She died after 1696.

More About William Babb:

Residence: 1682 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; William Babb marries Mary Baker and settles £40 annuity on her issuing from the cappitall Messuage Barton and farme in Doddiscombsleigh now in his possession¹²

Sex: Male

More About Mary Baker:

Sex: Female¹⁴⁻¹⁵

- iii. JOHN BABB¹⁶⁻¹⁷ was born in 1629¹⁶⁻¹⁷. He died on 01 Aug 1697 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (John Babb, elder brother of William Babb, dies aged 68, 1697¹⁶⁻¹⁷).

More About John Babb:

Burial: 1697 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Inside St Michaels Church, to the right of the alter¹⁷⁻¹⁸

Sex: Male

- iv. MARIE BABB¹⁹. She died on 06 Sep 1645 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England¹⁹.

Generation 6 (cont.)

More About Marie Babb:

Burial: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Burial Cemetery: St Michaels Church, Doddiscombsleigh¹⁹

Sex: Female

Generation 7

7. **AGNIS⁷ BABB** (William⁶, William⁵, William⁴, John³, Wyllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32¹)⁹ was born between 1601-1644⁹⁻¹⁰. She died on 04 Apr 1657 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England⁹. She married **RICHARD DUCKE**. He died in 1657¹¹.

More About Agnis Babb:

Burial: Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England; Burial Cemetery: St Michaels Church⁹

Sex: Female

More About Richard Duce:

Will: 13 Nov 1657¹¹

Residence: Heavitree, Devon, England

Residence: Mount Radford, Devon, England¹¹

Sex: Male

Richard Duce and Agnis Babb had the following children:

8. i. **PHILIP⁸ DUCKE**^{14-15, 20-21} was born before 1651 in Heavitree, Devon, England (Assumes that Philip must have been at least 13 years old at the time he inherited Doddiscombsleigh in 1683²⁰). He married (1) **MARY BAKER** after Apr 1683 (Mary Babb, widow of William, marries Philip Duce of Heavitree, after April 1683^{12, 20}). She was born before 1669. She died after 1696.
 9. ii. **RICHARD DUCKE**²² was born before 1651 in Doddiscombsleigh, Devon, England (Assumes that Richard must have been at least 13 years old at the time he inherited Doddiscombsleigh in 1697. Probable brother of Philip Duce as he is not listed as his son.²²). He died after 1697²².
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Generation 8

8. **PHILIP⁸ DUCKE** (Agnis⁷ Babb, William⁶ Babb, William⁵ Babb, William⁴ Babb, John³ Babb, Wyllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddiscombsleigh-1481) 32¹)^{14-15, 20-21} was born before 1651 in Heavitree, Devon, England (Assumes that Philip must have been at least 13 years old at the time he inherited Doddiscombsleigh in 1683²⁰). He married (1) **MARY BAKER** after Apr 1683 (Mary Babb, widow of William, marries Philip Duce of Heavitree, after April 1683^{12, 20}). She was born before 1669. She died after 1696.

More About Philip Duce:

Residence: 20 Apr 1683 in Heavitree, Devon, England; William Babb dies and leaves an inheritance to nephew Philip Duce of Heavitree.²⁰

Sex: Male^{14-15, 21}

Philip Duce had the following child:

- i. **MARY⁹ DUCKE**¹⁵ was born in 1694.

More About Mary Duce:

Baptism: 06 Nov 1694 in Dunchideock, Devon, England¹⁵

Sex: Female¹⁵

More About Mary Baker:

Sex: Female¹⁴⁻¹⁵

Philip Duce and Mary Baker had the following child:

- ii. **ELIZABETH DUCKE**^{14, 21} was born in 1696. She died about 18 May 1802 in Norfolk, England²¹.

More About Elizabeth Duce:

Baptism: 15 Sep 1696 in Dunchideock, Devon, England¹⁴

Generation 8 (cont.)

Burial: 18 May 1802 in Norfolk, England²¹

Sex: Female^{14, 21}

9. **RICHARD⁸ DUCKE** (Agnis⁷ Babb, William⁶ Babb, William⁵ Babb, William⁴ Babb, John³ Babb, Wyllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddyscombsleigh-1481) 32¹)²² was born before 1651 in Doddyscombsleigh, Devon, England (Assumes that Richard must have been at least 13 years old at the time he inherited Doddyscombsleigh in 1697. Probable brother of Philip Duce as he is not listed as his son.²²). He died after 1697²².

More About Richard Duce:

Residence: 1697 in Doddyscombsleigh, Devon, England; Richard Duce, great grandchild of John Babb, inherits the Babb estates including the Mansion House. Mr Rodd holds Barton of Shippen.²²

Sex: Male

Richard Duce had the following child:

10. i. **RICHARD⁹ DUCKE²³⁻²⁴** was born before 1714. He died after 1754. He married Mary Vaughan on 22 Oct 1718 in Ottery Saint Mary, Devon, England²⁴.

Generation 9

10. **RICHARD⁹ DUCKE** (Richard⁸, Agnis⁷ Babb, William⁶ Babb, William⁵ Babb, William⁴ Babb, John³ Babb, Wyllyam² Hext, Devon Pedigree (Doddyscombsleigh-1481) 32¹)²³⁻²⁴ was born before 1714. He died after 1754. He married Mary Vaughan on 22 Oct 1718 in Ottery Saint Mary, Devon, England²⁴.

More About Richard Duce:

Baptism: 10 Oct 1690 in Heavitree, Devon, England²³

Residence: Bet. 1714-1754 in Doddyscombsleigh, Devon, England; Richard Duce the younger of Doddyscombsleigh, owner and occupier.

Residence: 1745 in Doddyscombsleigh, Devon, England; Richard Duce and William Rodd are both Lords of the Manor of Doddyscombsleigh

Sex: Male²³⁻²⁴

More About Mary Vaughan:

Sex: Female²⁴

Richard Duce and Mary Vaughan had the following child:

- i. **MARGARET¹⁰ DUCKE²⁵** was born before 1739²⁵. She died after 1752. She married Thomas Roach on 14 Sep 1752²⁵. He was born before 1739²⁵. He died after 1769²⁵.

More About Margaret Duce:

Sex: Female

More About Thomas Roach:

Residence: Bet. 1754-1769 in Doddyscombsleigh, Devon, England²⁵

Residence: 1769 in Doddyscombsleigh, Devon, England; James Rodd, of city of Exeter, acquires the Mansion House (now known as Town Barton), thus ending the Babb ownership

Sex: Male

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The manor of Doddiscombsleigh was also known as Legh- Peverel in church records of the 14th century. the latter name was dropped when it changed hands from the Legh to the Doddescomb family. A Sir Ralph Doddescomb was living in the old mansion house in the reign of Henry 111 (1216-1272). Today, the old mansion is Town Barton lying adjacent to the church.
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