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Genealogical Research Report number 1

**Searches in combined database
of selected CP 40 plea rolls [1349-1575]**

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SEARCHES IN COMBINED DATABASE OF SELECTED CP 40 PLEA ROLLS

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CURRENT COVERAGE OF DATABASE: 109 indexes from the period 1349-1575

Searched for the exact spelling Blaker and also using wildcards for Bla*k*er*, Bla*k*or* and Ble*k*er*, excluding results that appeared unrelated. (Among the forms excluded were Blakester, Blaykester, Blaykster, Blekster, Blekstere, although they may share the same root.)

This excludes four indexes from this period that have not yet been included in the database:

Roll numbers 758 (Trinity 1450), 799 (Michaelmas 1460), 1076 (Hilary 1533) and 1135 (Hilary 1548).

These cannot be searched using wildcards, but have been searched for these four forms found in the database:

Blaker, Blacker, Blakker and Blekker.

(1) Results for exact spelling Blaker

(a) Sussex (7 results, all of which are included in David Bethell's files)

CP 40/609 (Easter 1413)

Index entry: d 641 Sussex / trespass: rescue / Gorynge, John / Blaker, Thomas; Smyth, John, of Launcyng; Beneyt, Thomas

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT4/H5/CP40no609/bCP40no609dorses/IMG_0641.htm

[See David Bethell file: 'Lancing']

CP 40/717 (Easter 1440)

Index entry: f 768 Sussex trespass / Homewode, Gilbert / Weste, John, of Cokfelde, husbandman; Blaker, Thomas, of Cokefelde, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no717/aCP40no717fronts/IMG_0768.htm

[See David Bethell file: 'Cuckfield Early October']

CP 40/717 (Easter 1440)

Index entry: d 1209 Sussex / trespass: close & taking animals / Homewode, Gilbert / Weste, John of Cokefelde, Sussex, husbandman; Blaker, Thomas, of Cokefelde, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no717/bCP40no717dorses/IMG_1209.htm

[See David Bethell file: 'Cuckfield Early October']

CP 40/847 (Trinity 1473)

Index entry: d 1240 Sussex / debt / Stephens, Alexander / Blaber, Ralph, of West Preston, laborer; Blaker, Joan, of West Preston, widow

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT2/E4/CP40no847/bCP40no847dorses/IMG_1240.htm

[See David Bethell file: 'West Preston November 2022']

CP 40/847 (Trinity 1473)

Index entry: d 1446 Sussex / debt / Stephens, Alexander / Blaker, Ralph, of West Preston, laborer; Blaker, Joan, of West Preston, widow

Link:

https://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/bd/cp40_link.php?folder=91&image=1446

[See David Bethell file: 'West Preston November 2022']

CP 40/998 (Hilary 1512)

Index entry: d 63 Sussex / debt / Ashdowne, John, prior of Lewys Priory / Blaker, Richard, of Preston, yeoman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT2/H8/CP40no998/bCP40no998dorses/IMG_0063.htm

[See David Bethell file: 'Preston Episcopi October']

CP 40/1127 (Hilary 1546)

Index entry: 2178d Sussex / debt / Hanelys or Havelys, Peter, chaplain / Austen, Simon, of Selmeston, husbandman; Thaccher, Robert, of Selmeston, husbandman; Blaker, John, of Selmeston, husbandman; Raynger, John, of Barwyk, busbandman; Martyn, Robert, of Selmeston, chaplain; Rolfe, John, of Selmeston, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/aalt1/H8/CP40no1127/bCP40no1127dorses/IMG_2178.htm

[See David Bethell file: 'Selmeston May']

(b) Other counties (4 entries: 1 each from Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire)

[NB 5 other entries indexed as Blaker appear to have been misread. See below for my readings]

CP 40/636 (Hilary 1420)

Index entry: d 1139 Soms / trespass: taking / Martyn, William / Blaker, Thomas, of Asshewyke, collier

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H5/CP40no636/bCP40no636dorses/IMG_1139.htm

Translation:

Somerset

William Martyn appeared in person on the fourth day against Thomas Blaker of Asshewyke [Ashwick] in the aforesaid county, collier, concerning a plea why by force and arms he seized a certain horse of William found at Wellys [Wells] without reasonable cause, and kept it there so seized until William made a fine of 40 shillings with Thomas to have delivery of the horse, and other enormities etc to the grave damage etc and against the king's peace etc.

And he did not come. And the sheriff was ordered to take him etc. And the sheriff now reports that he was not found etc. Therefore as before he is to be taken so that he should be here 15 days from Easter etc.

CP 40/664 (Hilary 1427)

Index entry: d 1562 Wilts / trespass: close / Bradenestoke Priory, prior of / Mere, Nicholas, of Childe Compton, husbandman; Blaker, John, of Childe Compton, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no664/bCP40no664dorses/IMG_1562.htm

Translation:

Wiltshire

The prior of Bradenestoke by his attorney appeared on the fourth day against Nicholas Meere of Childecampton [Chilcompton, Somerset] in the aforesaid county [sic], husbandman, and John Blaker of Childecampton in the same county, concerning a plea why by force and arms they broke the close and buildings of the prior at Clakke [Clack, in Lyneham parish] and with certain cattle fed them on, trampled and consumed his corn and grass to the value of 20 pounds lately growing there, and other enormities etc to the grave damage etc and against the king's peace etc.

And they did not come. And the the sheriff was ordered to attach them. And the sheriff now reports that they have nothing etc. Therefore they are to be taken so that they should be here three weeks from Easter etc.

CP 40/732 (Hilary 1444)

Index entry: f 22 Cams / trespass: assault / Coterell, Nicholas; Burgh, John, bailiffs of Stane, Stapilho and Flendiche / Poperyke, John, of Chipenham, holy water clerk; Lak, John, of Chipenham, laborer; Carpenter, Thomas, constable of Chipenham, husbandman; Hervy, Thomas, of Chipenham, husbandman; Hervy, John, of Chipenham, husbandman; Norman, William, of Chipenham, husbandman; Baker, John, of Chipenham, husbandman; Berford, John, of Chipenham, husbandman; Cate, John, of Chipenham, husbandman; Pygot, Thomas, of Chipenham, husbandman; Asshele, John, of Chipenham, husbandman; Blaker, John, of Chipenham,

husbandman; Hakka, John, of Chipenham, husbandman; Busshell, Robert, of Chipenham, husbandman; Smyth, Adam, of Chipenham, husbandman; Lak, John, of Chipenham, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no732/aCP40no732fronts/IMG_0022.htm

Translation:

Cambridgeshire

The sheriff was ordered to take John Poperyke of Chipenham [Chippenham] in the aforesaid county, holy water clerk, and John Lak' of Chipenham in the aforesaid county, labourer, if etc. And saving etc. So that they should be here at this day, to wit, 15 days from St Hilary etc. And they did not come. And the sheriff now reports that by virtue of the aforesaid writ he made a warrant to Nicholas Cocerell [or Coterell] and John Burgh', the king's bailiffs of the hundreds of Stane, Stapilho and Flendiche [Staine, Staploe and Flendish], to arrest John Poperyk'. Nicholas and John Burgh arrested John Poperyke on Monday next after Christmas last past at Chipenham, and wished to take him to the king's gaol of Cambridge Castle. And on this, Thomas Carpenter, the constable of the vill of Chipenham, husbandman, Thomas Hervy of Chipenham, husbandman, and John Hervy of Chipenham, husbandman, William Norman of Chipenham, husbandman, [over erasure: John] Baker of Chipenham, husbandman, John Berford' of Chipenham, husbandman, John Cate of Chipenham, husbandman, Thomas Pygot' of Chipenham, husbandman, John Asshele of Chipenham, husbandman, John Blaker of Chipenham, husbandman, John Hakke of Chipenham, husbandman, Robert Busshell' of Chipenham, husbandman, Adam Smyth of Chipenham, husbandman, and Johannes Lak' of Chipenham, husbandman, with other unknown malefactors to the number of 40 persons arrayed in a warlike manner, by the common consent of John Poperyke, came and at Chipenham by force and arms, namely swords, staffs and daggers, assaulted Nicholas and John Burgh then and there, and beat and ill treated John Burgh so that his life was despaired of, and took John Poperyk' from the custody of Nicholas and John Burgh at Chipenham against their will and took him away. And on this comes John Vampage, who sues for the king, and he seeks a writ of attachment against Thomas, Thomas, John, William, William, John, John, Thomas, John, John, John, Robert, Adam et John. And it is granted to him, returnable here one month from Easter.

[Different hand:] Afterwards, to wit, on 24 April in the 23rd year of the reign [1444] come Thomas Carpenter, Thomas Hervy, William Norman, John Berford', John Blaker, John Cate, Thomas Pygot, John Asshele, John Hakke, Robert Busshell', John Hervy and John Poperyke before the justices here. And they seek to be admitted to a fine with the king. And they are admitted. And each of them is assessed by the justices at [amount blank] by the pledge of William Cecyll of Clerkenwell in the county of Middlesex, esquire, and John Tybbey de London, who being examined before the justices here, go bail for the fines thus assessed by the justices.

CP 40/732 (Hilary 1444)

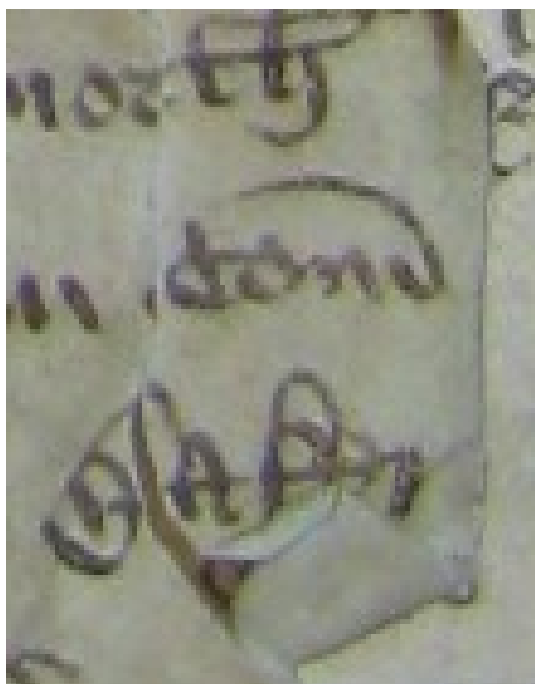
Index entry: d 1986 / debt / Blaker **[Blaket]** alias Barton, Richard, of Shelton / Joos, Henry, of Hardegrave, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no732/bCP40no732dorses/IMG_1986.htm
[apparently relates to Hargrave and Shelton, Northamptonshire]

CP 40/799 (Michaelmas 1460)

Index entry: d 1194 Shrops / debt / Lowe, William; Pynchebek, John / Smyth, Thurstan, of Bruggenorth, chapman; Barker, William, of Worfeld, husbandman; Blaker, Richard, of Bruggenorth, baker [this has been indexed as 'Blaker', but I think it is 'Baker' with a tear in the parchment producing the appearance of an 'l'; David Bethell notes that a related entry in CP 40/800 (Hilary 1461) gives the name as 'Baker'.]



Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no799/bCP40no799dorses/IMG_1194.htm
[See David Bethell file 'Bridgnorth September']

CP 40/841 (Hilary 1472)

Index entry: f 404 debt / Kent / Blaber or Blaker [Blaber, not Blaker], Richard, minister of Holy Trinity, Modynden / Pyx, Richard, of Yaldyng, husbandman; Morgan, Thomas, of Gosfeld, Essex, esq; Kychyn, John, of Chelmysford, Essex, husbandman; Eton, William, of Feversham, husbandman; Brodwey, John, of Horton, stainer

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT2/E4/CP40no841/aCP40no841fronts/IMG_0404.htm

CP 40/888 (Easter 1484)

Index entry: d 962 Devon / debt execution / Bremelcombe, Henry / Blaker [Blaket], John, of Toryton, yeoman; Baker, John, of Great Toryton, tanner; another,

of Great Toryton, miller; Neucombe, Simosn [Simon], of Whitteslegh, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/R3/CP40no888/bCP40no888dorses/IMG_0962.htm

CP 40/1064 (Hilary 1530)

Index entry: d c1032 Dorset / debt / Hurdeler, John / Wyllehams alias Blaker, Robert, of West Stoure, husbandman

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H8/CP40no1064/cCP40no1064dorses/IMG_1032.htm

Translation:

Dorset

John Hurdeler by his attorney appeared on the fourth day against Robert Wyllehams late of West Stoure [West Stour] in the aforesaid county, husbandman, otherwise called Robert Blaker of West Stoure in the aforesaid county, husbandman, concerning a plea that he should render to him 40 shillings which he owes him and unjustly keeps etc.

And he did not come. And the sheriff was ordered to summon him etc. And the sheriff now reports that he has nothing etc. Therefore he is to be taken so that he should be here 15 days from Easter etc.

CP 40/1157 (Hilary 1554)

Index entry: 177 d Suffk / debt / Tylney, Elizabeth, widow / Blaker [Blower], Geoffrey, of Debenham, gent

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/M/CP40no1157/bCP40no1157dorses/IMG_0177.htm

(2) Blacker/Blakker (24 results; 3 from Dorset, 3 from Hampshire, 1 from Lincolnshire, 3 from Somerset, 14 from Wiltshire)

CP 40/629 (Easter 1418)

Index entry: d 1003 Soms / debt / Thirmond, David; Thurmond, John, on his own account / Chedder, John, of Dynnersdon, Soms, husbandman; Beke, John, of Melles, husbandman; Durant, William, of Speghtbury, by Blandford, Dors, vicar; Pransfot, John, of Melles, Soms, husbandman; Blakker, John, of Melles, husbandman

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H5/CP40no629/bCP40no629dorses/IMG_1003.htm

CP 40/677 (Easter 1430)

Index entry: f 698 Wilts / trespass: taking a boat / Alisaundre, William, on his own account / Blakker, John, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no677/aCP40no677fronts/IMG_0698.htm

CP 40/677 (Easter 1430)

Index entry: d 1219 Wilts / debt / Dautesey, Edmund, on his own account / Blacker, Thomas, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], carpenter; Waryn, John, of Salisbury,

fuller

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no677/bCP40no677dorses/IMG_1219.htm

CP 40/685 (Easter 1432)

Index entry: d 1172 Soms / trespass: close and taking / Blacker, Thomas [by his attorney John Rewe] / Wylkyns, William, of Farnton, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no685/bCP40no685dorses/IMG_1172.htm

CP 40/692 (Hilary 1434)

Index entry: d 1275 Wilts / debt / Bromley, John, of Salisbury / Porter, Gerard, of Salisbury, goldsmith; Wodewere, William, of Warmystre, dyer; Blakker, John, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], dyer

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no692/bCP40no692dorses/IMG_1275.htm

CP 40/717 (Easter 1440)

Index entry: d 1481 Soms / trespass: close & taking / Sammell, John, junior / Blakker, Thomas, of Childe Compton [Childecompton], husbandman; Hunte, John, of Childe Compton, collier; Heyman, John, of Shepton Malet, husbandman; Mede, Willam, of Shepton Malet, collier

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no717/bCP40no717dorses/IMG_1481.htm

CP 40/717 (Easter 1440)

Index entry: d 1488 Wilts debt / Warwyk, Willam, of Salisbury, mercer / Gerard alias Blakker, Thomas, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], carpenter; Herneman, John, of Over Wallop, Hants, husbandman; Maryot, Stephen, Salisbury, fisher; Ovyng, Willam, of Salisbury, chandler

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no717/bCP40no717dorses/IMG_1488.htm

CP 40/732 (Hilary 1444)

Index entry: d 1451 Wilts / debt / Atkyn, John, dyer / Hendy, Ralph, of Salisbury, weaver; Blakker, Thomas, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], carpenter; Stone, John, of Plympton, Devon, gent; Ely, John, of Cranborne, Dorset, tucker

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no732/bCP40no732dorses/IMG_1451.htm

CP 40/853 (Hilary 1475)

Index entry: d 956 debt / Wilts / Blakker, Thomas [by his attorney] / Heyron, John, of Ambresbury, cordwainer

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT2/E4/CP40no853/bCP40no853dorses/IMG_0956.htm

CP 40/871 (Hilary 1480)

Index entry: f 111 debt / Southampton / Ambrose, Christopher / Michell, Walter, of Holwall, Soms, husbandman; Blakker, Thomas, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], chapman; Ape, John, of Brisport, Dorset, dyer; Tulle, Joan, of Chichester, Sussex, widow

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/E4/CP40no871/aCP40no871fronts/IMG_0111.htm

CP 40/883 (Hilary 1483)

Index entry: d 443 Southampton / trespass / Blakker, Thomas, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], tanner / Walker, John, of Southampton, merchant; Ambrose, Christopher, of Southampton, merchant

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/E4/CP40no883/bCP40no883dorses/IMG_0443.htm

CP 40/883 (Hilary 1483)

Index entry: d 530 Southampton / trespass / Blakker, Thomas, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], tanner / Walker, John, of Southampton, merchant; Ambrose, Christopher, of Southampton, merchant

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/E4/CP40no883/bCP40no883dorses/IMG_0530.htm

CP 40/890 (Michaelmas 1484)

Index entry: f 548 Wilts debt / Blakker, Thomas [by his attorney] / Maryner, John, of Southamton, shoemaker; Wexham, John, of Fordyngbryge, Hants, tanner; Ora_ (?), William, of Warminster, butcher; Haukyns, John, of Fontell Bishop, butcher; Cotes, William, of Salisbury, butcher

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/R3/CP40no890/aCP40no890fronts/IMG_0548.htm

CP 40/891 (Hilary 1485)

Index entry: d 784 Wilts / debt / Blakker, T_(?) [Thomas, by his attorney; cf parties in 890, 892 and 893] / Maryner, John, of Southampton, shoemaker; Wexham, John, of Fordyngbrige, tanner; Oram, William, of Warminster; Haukyn, John, of Fontell bishop, butcher; Cotes, William, of Salisbury

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/R3/CP40no891/bCP40no891dorses/IMG_0784.htm

CP 40/892 (Easter 1485)

Index entry: f 369 Wilts / debt / Blakker, Thomas [by his attorney] / Maryner, John, of Southampton, shoemaker; Wexham, John, of Fordyngbrige, tanner; Oram, William, of Warminster; Haukyn, John, of Fontell Bishop, butcher; Cotes, William, of Salisbury

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/R3/CP40no892/aCP40no892fronts/IMG_0369.htm

CP 40/893 (Trinity 1485)

Index entry: d 1616 Wilts/ debt / Blakker, Thomas [by his attorney John Hampton] / Maryner, John, of Southampton, shoemaker; Wexham, John, of Fordyngbrygge, tanner; Oram, William, of Warminster, butcher; Haukyns, John, of Fontell Bishop, butcher; Cotes, William, of Salisbury, butcher

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/R3/CP40no893/bCP40no893dorses/IMG_1616.htm

CP 40/907 (Hilary 1489)

Index entry: d 1489 Wilts / debt / Blakker, Thomas / Molens, Richard, of Sandehill, Fordyngbrigge, Hants, gent

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/H7/CP40no907/bCP40no907dorses/IMG_1489.htm

CP 40/951 (Hilary 1500)

Index entry: f 338 Wilts / debt / Blakker, Thomas [by his attorney] / Gendon, John, of Salisbury, carpenter

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H7/CP40no951/aCP40no951fronts/IMG_0338.htm

CP 40/1049 (Hilary 1526)

Index entry: d 392 Dorset / debt / Jamys, William / Adys, John, of Shaftesbury, plumber and innholder; Blacker, Thomas, of Shaftesbury, innholder

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/H8/CP40no1049/bCP40no1049dorses/IMG_0392.htm

CP 40/1076 (Hilary 1533)

Index entry: 6519 d Dorset / Jenkyns, Henry, clerk / Lasy, John, executrix of; (Blacker, Agnes, of Wyke, [in the parish of] Mylborne Port, Soms, widow)

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H8/CP40no1076/bCP40no1076dorses/IMG_6519.htm

CP 40/1084 (Hilary 1535)

Index entry: d 2932 debt / Wilts / Chafyn, Thomas, of Salisbury, mercer / Lawrens, John, of Malmysbury, yeoman; Blakker, William, of Gyllyngham, Dorset, yeoman; Lewes alias Taylour, Robert, of Wymburne Minster, Dorset, tailor or innkeeper

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H8/CP40no1084/bCP40no1084dorses/IMG_2932.htm

CP 40/1084 (Hilary 1535)

Index entry: d 2935 debt/ Wilts / Chaffyn, Thomas, of Salisbury, mercer / Lawrens, John, of Malmysbury, yeoman; Blakker, William, of Gyllyngham, Dorset, yeoman; Lewes alias Taylour, Robert, of Wymburne Minster, Dorset, tailor or innkeeper

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H8/CP40no1084/bCP40no1084dorses/IMG_2935.htm

CP 40/1092 (Hilary 1537)

Index entry: d 3245 Dorset / replevin / Rede, Thomas; Blacker, William [by his attorney]; Smale, Thomas; Mathewe, John; Caffè, Thomas; Philippys, William; Kyrby, Richard / Browne, Joan, widow

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H8/CP40no1092/bCP40no1092dorses/IMG_3245.htm

CP 40/1207 (Hilary 1563)

Index entry: 1207/f 292 Lincs / common recovery / Mounson, Robert; Broxholme, John, esq / Rotheram, Christopher; Blacke, William; Toynton, Henry; Bylclyffe, Edward; Blacker, Robert [with others held the manor of Wyckenby alias Whyckenby (i.e. Wickenby)]; Bowcooke, John

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/Eliz/CP40no1207/aCP40no1207fronts/IMG_0292.htm

(3) Blekker (3 results; 2 from Bristol, 1 from Somerset)

CP 40/618 (Trinity 1415)

Index entry: d 2028 / trespass: taking / Bristol / St Katherine Hospital, Bedminster juxta Bristol, master of / Blekker, John, senior, of Bristol, brewer; Scharshull, Adam, of Bristol, weaver

Link: http://aalt.law.uh.edu/H5/CP40no618/bCP40no618dorses/IMG_2028.htm

CP 40/654 (Trinity 1424)

Index entry: f 197 Soms / Mede, Walter / Blekker, Walter, of Bath, fuller ['toker'] account as receiver

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no654/aCP40no654fronts/IMG_0197.htm

CP 40/677 (Easter 1430)

Index entry: f 568 Bristol / debt / Buklond, Anisia, prioress of / Blekker, John, senior, of Bristol, brewer; Person, John, of Bristol, dyer; Shire, Henry, of Bristol, weaver

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT1/H6/CP40no677/aCP40no677fronts/IMG_0568.htm

Genealogical Research Report number 2

**A claimed Blaker entry
in a Sussex Assize Roll of 1279**

[September 2024]

REPORT NUMBER 2. SEPTEMBER 2024.

A CLAIMED BLAKER ENTRY IN A SUSSEX ASSIZE ROLL OF 1279

Chris Phillips

In his book "Searches into the history of the family of Blaker of Sussex" (1894), on [pages 9 and 10](#), Walter Charles Renshaw wrote that the earliest known reference to a Blaker in Sussex was to a "John de (?le) Blaker", who held land in New Shoreham in 1330. For this reference, Renshaw cited an article by Edward Turner about Sele Priory. He added that Turner had also mentioned a "John le Blakere" in 1279, but Renshaw apparently dismissed this because another author, Cartwright, had transcribed the same name as 'Bakere', not 'Blakere'.

THE earliest known reference to a Blaker in Sussex occurs in 1330, when John Kingeswode of Findon gave to the Carmelite Friars of New Shoreham a tenement situate there, and bounded on the west in part by property of John de (?le) Blaker (a).

(a) Surtees Society Publications, vol. lxxix. p. 18, *note*.

(b) As edited by Marshall, p. 96, and see pp. 2 and 75. See also pedigree of Ernley in Elwes' Castles, &c., of Western Sussex, p. 75.

(c) In the proceedings in a chancery suit, temp. Eliz., relating to the manor of "Downhead," the names of the litigant parties are spelt John Blaker and Walter Blaker (Record Office, Chanc. Proc., Series II., Bundle 23, No. 7). There is a deed between Anthony Kempe and William Blacker of New Sarum, dated in 19 Eliz. (Close Rolls, 1010).

(d) Register of Oxford University, pub. by Oxford Hist. Soc.

(e) Sus. Arch. Coll., vol. x. p. 109, where mention is made of a John

le Blakere in 1279, but in Cartwright's Rape of Bramber, p. 51, the name referred to as identical is Bakere.

Turner's article had appeared in Sussex Archaeological Collections, volume 10 (1858). The reference to a John le Blaker in 1279 appeared in a footnote on [page 109](#),

where he wrote that the "John de Blaker" who held land in New Shoreham in 1330 was no doubt an ancestor of the Blaker family who were at Shoreham and later at Kingston and Portslade. He added that one of the family, John le Blakere, was returned in an assize roll of 1279 as a defaulter, for selling wine contrary to the assize.

¹ No doubt an ancestor of the ancient family of Blaker, who originated at Shoreham, but who, in more modern times, resided at Kingston and Portslade, and one

of whom, John le Blakere, is returned in an assize roll dated 1279, as a defaulter, for selling wine contrary to the assize.

In the other work cited by Renshaw - Edmund Cartwright's "The parochial topography of the rape of Bramber", volume 2, part 2, [page 51](#) (1830) - is a list of 11 people who were presented for selling wine in 1279 in New Shoreham, and as Renshaw wrote, here the name is given instead as "John le Bakere".

In the assize roll of 1279 is a return of defaulters who had sold wine, since the last iter, contrary to the assize: viz. "Nicholas at Wald, 80 casks; Clement le Taverner, 60; Isabel, the widow of Henry Pecher, 30; Adam Everard, 20; Alan de Pennock, 16; John le Bakere, 12; Grey Lambert, 10; Ralph Kekey, 10; William Poyning, 10; William Ichnore, 8; William Aken, 4; all of New Shoreham, who were amerced."^c

^c Rot. Assis. 7 Edw. I. in the Chapter House, Westminster.

This was the basis on which Renshaw dismissed Turner's reference to a Blakere in 1279. However, according to C. R. J. Currie and C. P. Lewis's "A guide to English County Histories", page 388 (1997), Cartwright's work had been noted for its inaccuracy - "C. F. Trower in 1875 enumerated 19 separate mistakes in the descent of Findon manor."

In view of this, it seemed possible that Renshaw had been wrong to conclude that Turner had misread the name, so I looked at the Sussex assize rolls for 1279 in order to try to clarify the question.

Breaches of the assize of wine appear among the crown pleas in the assize rolls. Neither Cartwright nor Turner gave any more information about the roll than the year and the county. There are actually four surviving rolls containing crown pleas at the assize held at Chichester on 27 June 1279 - one roll compiled for each of three justices, and the "rex roll" compiled for the record keeper. The contents of these rolls are essentially the same, but there are differences in spelling of names and in some of the contents.

All these rolls are available on the Anglo-American Legal Tradition website. Although there were several hundred photographs to search, fortunately they were

arranged by hundred and town. I searched only sections for the half-hundred of Fishersgate in the rape of Bramber, which contains Shoreham, and for the town of Shoreham itself.

In the four rolls I found ten references to the John in question:

(1) He appeared in a list of 11 people who were said by the jurors for the town of Shoreham to have sold wine after the last eyre, against the assize, and were therefore in mercy (i.e. liable to be 'amerced' or fined). John had sold 12 casks. There is a version of this list in each of the four rolls.

(2) In one roll there is a list of fines and amercements, in which a payment of one mark by John for selling wine against the assize is recorded under Shoreham.

(3) Also in the section for the town of Shoreham is an entry concerning William Chamond, who was presented for two exchanges of money and made a fine of 40 shillings, for which John was one of two sureties. The sureties are named in only one of the four rolls.

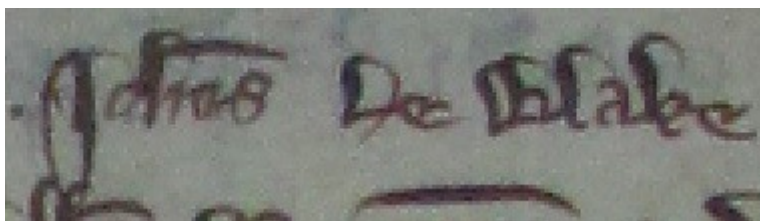
(4) John is also listed as one of the jurors for the town of Shoreham. The jurors are listed in all four rolls.

The photographs below show how the name was written in each of these ten entries.

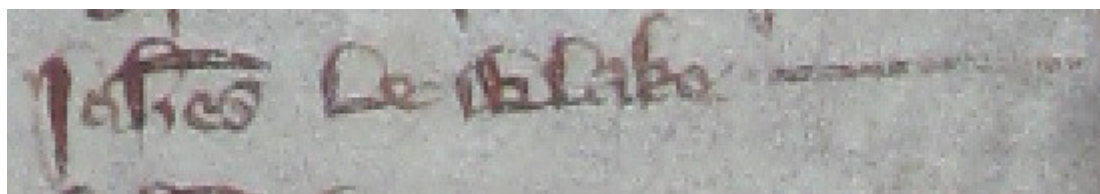
JUST 1/915

Sussex eyre of 1279, Rex roll of crown pleas, gaol delivery, plaints, amercements and fines and jury calendar (39 rotulets)

Wine ([rot. 19](#))



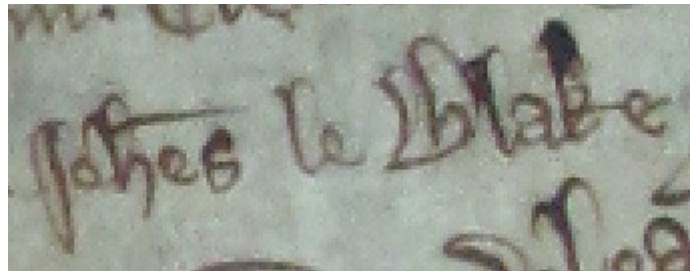
Jurors ([rot. 1](#))



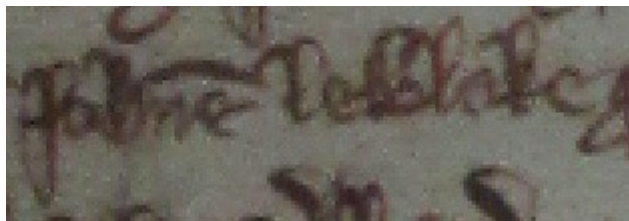
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Sussex eyre of 1279, Boyland's roll of crown pleas, gaol delivery, plaints, amercements and fines and jury calendar (41 rotulets)

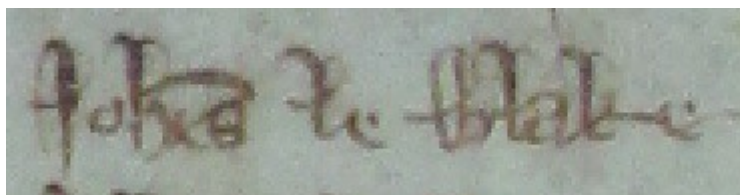
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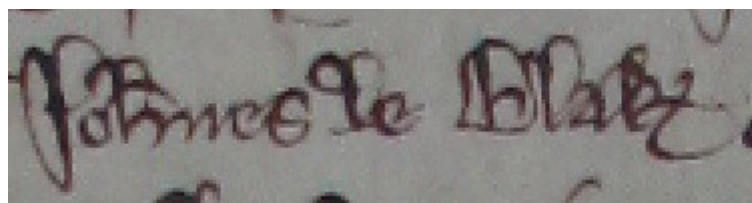
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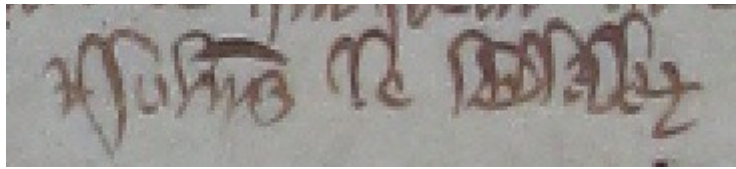
JUST 1/921

Sussex eyre of 1279, Reigate's roll of crown pleas, gaol delivery, complaints and jury calendar (35 rotulets)

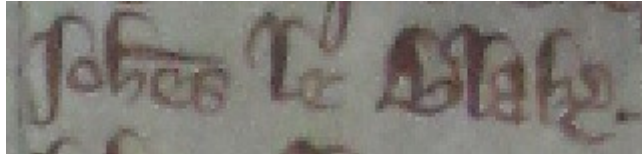
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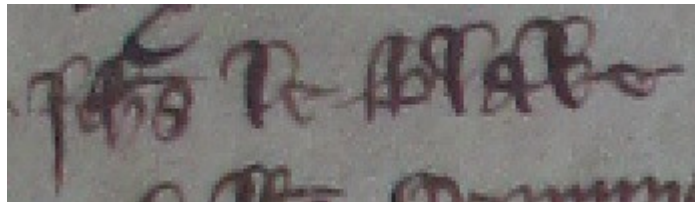
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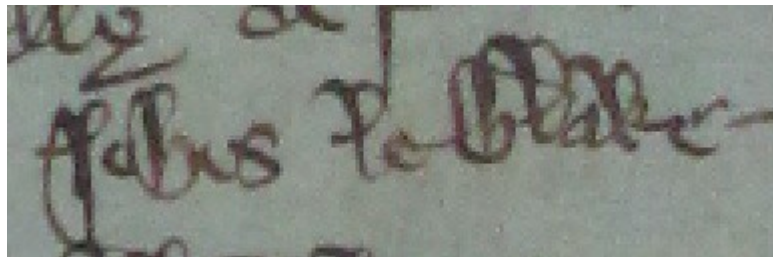
JUST 1/923

Sussex eyre of 1279, Rochester's roll of crown pleas, complaints and jury calendar (30 rotulets)

Wine ([rot. 23d](#))



Jurors ([rot. 30d](#))



It is clear from these extracts that the surname is neither 'Blakere', as Turner had read it, nor 'Bakere', as Cartwright had read it, but 'Blake'. In three of the rolls - numbers 915, 917 and 923 it is written simply as 'Blake'. In the other - number 921 - it is written as 'Blak' with an abbreviation mark at the end. In two of the entries this is just the usual abbreviation used when there is a 'k' at the end of the word, and would be understood to indicate the omission of the following 'e'. In the third entry there is an additional flourish which does resemble the usual sign for an omitted 'er'. But in this case it seems to be just an idiosyncrasy of the clerk, as a number of other words ending in 'k' have the same mark, and these include surnames derived from place-names which certainly do not end in 'er' (for example 'Trobewyk' - Trubwick in

Cuckfield - and 'Gotewyk' - Gotwick in Rusper).

Comparison of the spellings of names in the different rolls with those in Cartwright's translation suggests that he saw the entry in roll number 917. It may seem strange that he could have misread 'Blake' as 'Bakere'. But evidently the criticisms of his accuracy were fully justified, because there are major misreadings in most of the names in his list. For example, among the forenames, he misread Michael as Nicholas, Alexander as Alan and 'Guydo' (Guy) as Grey, while among the surnames he misread 'Peuense' (Pevensey) as 'Pennock', 'Tuthome' as 'Ichnore' and 'le Keu' as 'Aken'.

Turner presumably saw the entry in roll number 921, in which the surname is abbreviated, and wrongly extended the abbreviation as 'ere'. Unfortunately this raises a question over the reference to a "John de Blaker" in 1330, also in Shoreham, for which Turner was Renshaw's source.

Conclusion

The surname of the man presented for breaking the assize of wine at Shoreham in 1279 was not Bakere, as read by Cartwright in 1830, or Blakere, as read by Turner in 1858, but Blake.

Genealogical Research Report number 3

A claimed Blaker in New Shoreham in 1329

[October 2024]

REPORT NUMBER 3. OCTOBER 2024.

A CLAIMED BLAKER IN NEW SHOREHAM IN 1329

In a previous report a name in a 1279 assize roll entry for Shoreham, previously read as John le Blaker, was examined and found to read John le Blake. It had been read as Blaker by Edward Turner, and mentioned by him in an article on Sele Priory published in [Sussex Archaeological Collections, volume 10](#) (1858). In the same article, Turner also mentioned a deed dated 1330 (actually 1329) by which a tenement in New Shoreham was given to the Carmelite friars there. The charter specified the tenants of the neighbouring tenements, one of whom (according to Turner) was named "John de Blaker".¹ As Turner misread "Blake" as "Blaker" in the assize roll, his reading of the charter needed to be checked.

The name in question actually occurs in two charters, both dated 1329, which are now among the records of Sele Priory held by Magdalen College, Oxford (numbered Shoreham 14 and Shoreham 16). This question had previously been investigated by David Bethell (see volume 2, pages 203-209), who was sceptical of the accuracy of Turner's reading but couldn't reach a definite conclusion because the College was unable to provide copies of the charters.

Fortunately the College Archives now has a policy of fulfilling small reprographic requests free of charge, and kindly supplied photographs of the two charters and their seals to me.

In summary, the texts of the charters are as follows:

(1) Shoreham 14.

I **John de Kyngeswod'** have granted to the religious men of the order of the blessed Mary of Mount Carmel dwelling at Nouam Shorh[a]m the tenement with houses built on it that I have in the vill of Noua Shorh[a]m on the fee of the former Temple [between the tenement(s) which was/were*] of **Ralph Joye** on the south side and the tenements which were of **John le Blak'**, **Robert le Poffere** and **John Judde** on the west and the field of the aforesaid brothers called le Templested' on the north and east side, to hold to the prior and brothers and their successors in pure and perpetual alms. Warranty.

Witnesses: William de Northo, Nigel de Coumbes, Robert Michel, John de Bokyngham, John de Peuenese of Shorh[a]m, Germanus de Obelyt, Thomas de Weston', Guy de Cly [sic] and others.

Given at Shorh[a]m on Monday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 3 Edward III [3 July 1329].

¹ The names are also given by Henry Cheale, in 'The Story of Shoreham' (1921), p. 87, but apparently these are essentially based on Turner's article.

[* These words were omitted from the text.]

(2) Shoreham 16.

I **John de Kyngeswod'** have granted to the religious men of the order of the blessed Mary of Mount Carmel dwelling at Nouam Shorh[a]m the tenement with houses built on it that I have in the vill of Noua Shorh[a]m on the fee of the former Temple between the tenement which was of **Simon de Crabwyk'** and the tenement which was of **Robert Heryng'** on the south and the tenements which were of **John le Blak'** and **John le Knaue**, **John le Ferur** and **Simon Trenchemere** on the west and the field of the aforesaid brothers called le Templested' on the north and east, for a certain sum of money paid to me, to hold to the prior and brothers and their successors freely, quietly and peacefully in perpetuity. Warranty.

Witnesses: William de Northo, Nigel de Coumbes, Robert Michel, John de Bokyngh[a]m, John de Peuenese of Shorh[a]m, Germanus de Hobelyt', Thomas de Weston', Guy de Ely and others.

Given at Shorh[a]m on Monday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 3 Edward III [3 July 1329].

It is strange that both these charters bear the same date and apparently concern the same land. The main difference is that the names of the neighbouring tenants nearly all differ between the two charters, John le Blak' being the only one common to both. There are also some differences in the wording. In one the land is to be held by the friars in alms, while in the other the gift is made for a sum of money paid and is to be held simply in perpetuity. I can only think that after one of these versions was sealed the parties wished to change the wording, and the other version was drawn up instead. It seems the opportunity was also taken to revise the names of the neighbouring tenants, presumably because they had been copied from an older document and were out of date.

Bethell examined the names of the neighbouring tenants in Shoreham 16, and those on the west side in Shoreham 14, which were supplied to him by Robin Darwall-Smith, the then archivist of Magdalen College. He compared them with the published lay subsidies of 1296, 1327 and 1332.² Of the names in Shoreham 16, in 1296 Simon de Crabbewyke appears among the villeins of Hugh Bardulf [p. 104], Robert Heryng in New Shoreham [p. 67] and Simon Trenchemer in Brighton with Moulsecoomb [p. 42]. Of the names in Shoreham 14, Robert le Poffere occurs in Shoreham in both 1327 (as Puffare) and 1332 (as Puffar) and John Judde occurs in Shoreham in 1332 [p. 152, 227]. To these can be added the southern neighbour Ralph Joye, who also appears in Shoreham in both 1327 (as Joie) and 1332 [p. 152, 227].

From this, it would seem that these three names in Shoreham 16 (and probably also John le Knaue and John le Ferur) represent neighbouring tenants perhaps a generation

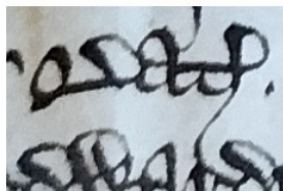
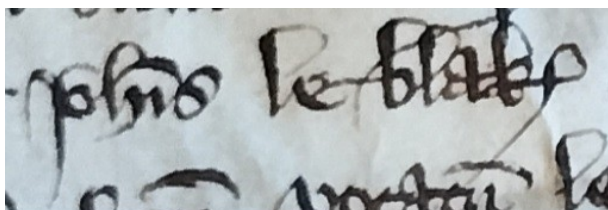
² [The three earliest subsidies for the county of Sussex in the years 1296, 1327, 1332](#), edited by W. Hudson (Sussex Record Society volume 10, 1909).

or more before the date of the charter, while those in Shoreham 14 are their successors in 1329. If Shoreham 14 was a replacement, drawn up in haste on the same day, that might explain the omission of several words from the text before the name of Ralph Joye. As for John le Blak', he too must have been a tenant at the earlier time, but it's not so clear whether he was still a tenant in 1329 or whether his name simply remained in the revised text because the name of the current tenant was unknown.

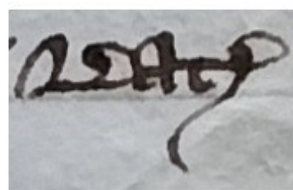
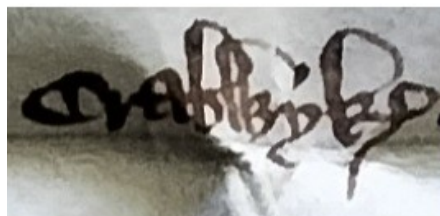
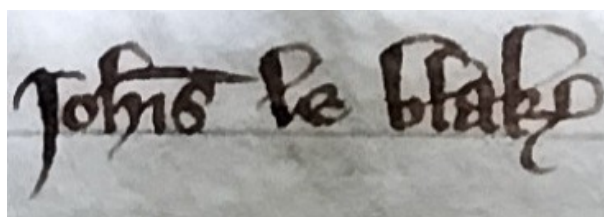
Turner certainly made an error in giving the name as "*de* Blaker". But was he right to interpret "Blak'" as "Blaker"? Darwall-Smith commented to Bethell that at the end of the word there was "*a flourish, which Turner must have interpreted — I think probably correctly — as an abbreviation for "-er", to give us "Blaker".*" But he noted that the Victorian cataloguer read the name simply as "le Blak".

In fact it seems clear that in both charters the flourish is simply the ordinary abbreviation mark at the end of a word, indicating an omitted letter or letters, not the specific abbreviation for "er". Exactly corresponding abbreviations are found in both dating clauses (Dat' for Datus), and in Shoreham 16 exactly the same mark appears at the end of the surname Crabwyk'. This would have originated from the place-name Crabwick (now Crabbet in the parish of Worth). So, as with the assize roll of 1279, the name seems to be simply "John le Blake". In fact, if this - like the other names in Shoreham 16 - was the name of a neighbouring tenant perhaps a generation or more before the date of the charter, he may have been the same man named in the assize roll.³

Shoreham 14



Shoreham 16



³ In 1353 a man named William le Blake was among those charged with murdering two pirates who had been captured by men of Shoreham and had sailed from there for Normandy. The accused men were pardoned. (Cheale, *Story of Shoreham*, pp. 112, 113.)

Genealogical Research Report number 4

**Searches in combined database
of selected CP 40 plea rolls (1576-1596)
and in miscellaneous lists and indexes
on the AALT website**

[November 2024]

REPORT NUMBER 4. NOVEMBER 2024.

SEARCHES IN COMBINED DATABASE OF SELECTED CP 40 PLEA ROLLS (1576-1596) AND IN MISCELLANEOUS LISTS AND INDEXES ON THE AALT WEBSITE

(I) Additional searches in the combined CP 40 database

Report number 1 (August 2024) contained the results of searches in the database, which then covered indexes to selected rolls in the period 1349-1575 (excluding four indexes for which there were technical problems). Thirty more indexes covering rolls from the period 1576-1596 have now been included, and the four previously excluded indexes have been added. Data that were missing from two other indexes have also been supplied.

This additional material has been searched for the surname Blaker and variants. As before, wildcard searches for Bla*k*er*, Bla*k*or* and Ble*k*er* have been carried out, and surnames that appeared unrelated to 'Blaker' have been excluded.

No new entries were found in the period up to 1575. The results for the range 1576-1596 are shown below.

(1) Results for the exact spelling Blaker (2 entries, both from London)

CP 40/1352 (Hilary 1578)

Index entry: f 288 London / debt, undefended / Edmond[es], Ambrose, of Staunton St John, Oxon, gent / Blaker, Barnard, [clerk,] rector of Elsfeld, Hants

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT5/Eliz/CP40no1352/aCP40no1352fronts/IMG_0288.htm

CP 40/1354 (Hilary 1578)

Index entry: d 694 London / debt, execution / Edmond[es], Ambrose, of Stanton St John, Oxon, gent / Blaker, Barnard, [clerk,] rector of Elsfeld, Hants

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT5/Eliz/CP40no1354/bCP40no1354dorses/IMG_0694.htm

(2) Results for Blacker (14 entries, 9 from Wiltshire, 3 from Lincolnshire and 1 each from Hampshire and Yorkshire)

CP 40/1420 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: d 513 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, administrator of; (Blacker, William, gent, during minority of Thomas Davy & John Davy, sons of John Davy) /

Cunditt, William, of Kevell, yeoman; Townsend [or Townesend], William, of Sutton, yeoman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT4/Eliz/CP40no1420/bCP40no1420dorses/IMG_0513.htm

CP 40/1420 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: d 513 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, administrator of; (Blacker, William, gent, during minority of Thomas Davy & John Davy, sons of John Davy) / Howle, Thomas, of Droitwich, [Worcs,] gent; Thorley, William, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], gent

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CP 40/1420 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: d 513 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, administrator of; (Blacker, William, gent, during minority of Thomas Davy & John Davy, sons of John Davy) / Westall, John, of Market Lavynnton [simply Lavynnton in the record], yeoman; Pereson, John, of West Lavington, tucker

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CP 40/1420 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: f 587 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, administrator of; (Blacker, William, gent, during minority of Thomas Davy and John Davy, sons of John Davy) / Barnes, John, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], spurrier; Hooper, Henry, of Salisbury [Nova Sarum], or of Lincolns Inn, Middx, gent

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CP 40/1420 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: f 587 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, administrator of; (Blacker, William, gent, during minority of Thomas Davy and John Davy, sons of John Davy) / Graunt, Richard, of Uffynnton [or Uffington], Berks, yeoman; White, William, of Moiles Court, Hants, esq

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CP 40/1420 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: f 587 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, administrator of; (Blacker, William, gent, during minority of Thomas Davy and John Davy, sons of John Davy) / White, William, of Moiles Court, Hants, esq; Graunt, Richard, of Uffynnton [or Uffington], Berks, yeoman

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CP 40/1420 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: f 588 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, administrator of; (Blacker, William, gent, during minority of Thomas Davy and John Davy, sons of John Davy) / Smyth [or Smith], Henry, of Cossam, gent; Vyner [or Vynar], John, of Fulswicke, gent

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CP 40/1421 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: d 1056 / Yorks / debt / Blacker, George / Forde, Thomas, of Wakefeld, yeoman

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CP 40/1422 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: d 576 / Hants / debt / Wither, George / Blacker, Barnard, of Elsfild, clerk, administratrix of; (Blacker, Agnes, of Elsfilde, widow)

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT4/Eliz/CP40no1422/bCP40no1422dorses/IMG_0576.htm

CP 40/1423 (Hilary 1584)

Index entry: f 14 / Wilts / debt / Blacker, William / Hunter, John, of Wilton, or [citizen] of London, ironmonger

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CP 40/1436 (Hilary 1585)

Index entry: d 118 / Lincs / debt / Marshe, William / [_, Thomas (obscured in photograph);] Blacker, Robert, of Fockingham, glover; Plommer, Walter, of Borne, glover; Flyntam, Thomas, of Easton, Nhants, laborer

Link:

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CP 40/1438 (Hilary 1585)

Index entry: f 530 / Wilts / debt / Davy, John, esq, executor of; (Blacker, William, gent) / Vynar, John, of Fulswicke, gent

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT5/Eliz/CP40no1438/aCP40no1438fronts/IMG_0530.htm

CP 40/1506 (Hilary 1593)

Index entry: f 627 / Lincs / debt / Wrawby, William / Blacker, William, of Aylesbye [or Aylesby], husbandman; Wyllys, William, of Aylesbye [Aylesby], husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/Eliz/CP40no1506/aCP40no1506fronts/IMG_0627.htm

CP 40/1577 (Michaelmas 1596)

Index entry: f 1040 / trespass: close / Lines / Blacker, Isabel / Harrison, John, of senior, Alesbie, husbandman; Harrison, John, junior, of Alesbie, husbandman; Robinson, Thomas, of Alesbie, husbandman

Link:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/Eliz/CP40no1577/aCP40no1577fronts/IMG_1040.htm

(II) Searches in other lists and indexes on the AALT website

In addition to the CP 40 indexes covering the period 1349-1596, [the Anglo-American Legal Tradition website](#) hosts quite a large number of lists and indexes covering miscellaneous records from the medieval and early modern periods.

Unlike the CP 40 database, it is not possible to search these for surnames using wildcards. The web pages have to be searched individually for particular spellings. Twenty-one sets of indexes, listed below in section III, were searched in this way, using the four possible spellings of the Blaker surname previously identified from wildcard searches of the CP 40 database, namely Blacker, Blaker, Blakker and Blekker.

The results of these searches are listed below. (Note that there are also about 80 indexes to the King's Bench plea rolls still to be searched.)

(1) CP 40 (Court of Common Pleas plea rolls)

Seven additional indexes to plea rolls from the 1640s, which unfortunately cannot be incorporated into the database because of their format.

Blaker

CP 40/2495 (1642 Trinity)

Index entry: B477 / Sussex / Edward Blaker, gent / Edward Field [Feild] de Worth, innholder; And v. John Field [Feild] de Bolney, carpenter; And against Edward Corner de Southwick [Southweeke], husbandman / Debt: each render 15 [pounds]; sum; nh; capias / m. 197 / d [784]

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CP 40/2495 (1642 Trinity)

Index entry: B478 / Sussex / Edward Blaker, gent / Richard Parson de West Grinstead [Westgrinsted], yeoman / Scire Facias on a Common Pleas recovery in Debt for £200 plus 100s damages / m. 330 / f [785]

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CP 40/2498 (1642 Trinity)

Index entry: B255 / Sussex / Edward Blaker / Thomas Hyder de Ditchling [Ditchelinge], gent / Debt on an obligation: £100; undefended; (53s4d damages) / m. 1676 / f[450]

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CP 40/2498 (1642 Trinity)

Index entry: B256 / Sussex / Edward Blaker / William Perkins de Ditchling [Ditchelinge], yeoman / Debt on an obligation: £100; undefended; (53s4d damages) / m. 1676 / f[451]

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(2) C 33 (Chancery Orders and Decrees)

Blaker

C33/182 (1642)

Henry Scras, infant, by William Hay, curator / George Bedford, executor of Richard Scras; Charity Rivers, relict and executrix of James Rivers; Richard Unedale [Uvedale]; Edward Blaker

First Volume Link: (H1642) Link[2,891]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_7871.htm

Other Volume Links: (H1642) Link[2,892], [2,893], [2,894], [2,895], [2,896], [2,897]; (E1642) [2,898], [2,899]; (T1642) [2,900], [2,901], [2,902]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_7916.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_7959a.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_7962.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8006.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8011.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8015.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8060a.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8068.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8160.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8245a.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no182/IMG_8248a.htm

Reference: C33/182, p. (H1642) 196r; (H1642) 241r, 284v, 287r, 310r, 335r, 339r ; (E1642) 376v, 384r ; (T1642) 473r, 558v, 561v

Blacker

C33/181 (1642)

Gervase Cooper / Mary Blacker; and Henry Garforth /Garfoote

First Volume Link: (H1642): Link[2,406]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no181/IMG_6568.htm

Other Volume Links: (E1642): Link[2,407]; [2,408]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no181/IMG_6688a.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no181/IMG_6870a.htm

Reference: C33/181, p. 433r, (E1642) 552v, (T1642) 727v

C33/181 (1642)

Jervase Cowper / Mary Blacker, widow

First Volume Link: (H1642): Link[2,634]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C1/C33no181/IMG_6494a.htm

Reference: C33/181, p. 359v

(3) Review Procedures (review of cases from both local and central courts by the Court of King's Bench)

Blaker

KB 27/1656 (1640)

Index entry: AM / Error. Common Pleas (14 Charles I) / Indebitatus Assumpsit / Judgment rendered / George Blaker v. Alice Atree de Brighthelmston, Sussex, widow

Links: f[70]; d[71]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/C1/KB27no1656/aKB27no1656fronts/IMG_0719.htm

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT3/C1/KB27no1656/bKB27no1656dorses/IMG_1734.htm

(4) C 78, 79 (Chancery Final Decrees)

Checked 117 annual calendars for 1534-1650.

Blaker

1638 7 Nov / 14 Charles I / Henry Scras of Blechington, Sussex v Edward Blaker & William Scras / Debts and bonds / C78/414, no. 5 [147]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/C78/C78no414/IMG_0050.htm

1639 12 Dec / 15 Charles I / George Bedford v James Rivers; Simon Stone; Edward Blaker; Roger Coby / Reimbursement of bail money payable from profits of sale of unspecified lands / C78/479, no. 31 [204]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/C78/C78no479/IMG_0290.htm

1646 12 Feb / 21 Charles I / Henry Scras an infant by William Hay v George Bedford; Charity Rivers relict & executrix of James Rivers since decd, Richard ...att and Edward Blaker / Estate of Tuppin Scras late father of the complt. Lands in Hainsey, Essex / C78/1328, no. 1 [8]

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/C78/C78no1328/IMG_0067.htm

(III) List of miscellaneous indexes on the AALT website checked for the surnames Blacker, Blaker, Blakker and Blekker

(1) CP 40 (Court of Common Pleas plea rolls). In addition to the database covering indexed rolls from the 14th to the 16th century, seven indexes to plea rolls from the 1640s:

https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/The_Coming_of_the_English_Civil_War_at_Law
For 4 Blaker entries, see Section III, part 1, above.

(2) REQ1 (Court of Requests). Four indexes from the period 1639-1642:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/Indices/REQ1Indices/REQ1_Indices.html

(3) C 33 (Chancery Orders and Decrees). Three indexes from the 17th century:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/C33IDX/1606_4pl.htm

http://www.uh.edu/waalt/index.php/Modern_Index_for_C33/181

http://www.uh.edu/waalt/index.php/Modern_Index_for_C33/182

For 1 Blaker and 2 Blacker entries, see Section III, part 2, above.

(4) E 13 (Exchequer of Pleas). Four indexes from the period 1627-1640:

http://aalt.law.uh.edu/Indices/E13Indices/E13_Indices.html

(5) Review Procedures in KB 27 (King's Bench plea rolls). 43 lists and sub-lists from the 1290s to the 1640s:

https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Review_Procedures

(6) London Sheriffs' Register of Central Court Writs 36 Henry VI. One list:

https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/London_Sheriffs

[%27_Court_Register_of_Central_Court_Writs_36_Henry_VI](https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/London_Sheriffs/Court_Register_of_Central_Court_Writs_36_Henry_VI)

(7) Medieval Parsons up to 1500. One list:

https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Medieval_Parsons_up_to_1500

(8) Lists of Defendants accused of Felony, up to 1350, and 16th century. Two lists:

https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/List_of_Defendants_accused_of_Felony_up_to_1350

https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/List_of_Defendants_accused_of_Felony_16th_century_onwards

(9) Calendars of Rex Rolls in KB 27. Five lists, covering the years 1317-1327 and 1399-1401:

https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/The_Rex_Rolls_Project

<https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/IDXRexH1317-M1327>

<https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/IDXRexM1400-T1401>

- (10) Review of Final Concords at Common Law. One list:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Review_of_Final_Concords_at_Common_Law
For 1 Blaker entry see Section III, part 3, above.
- (11) Miscellaneous Chancery Records enrolled at Common Law. One list:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Miscellaneous_Chancery_Records_enrolled_at_Common_Law
- (12) E 124, E 126 (King's Remembrancer, Orders Calendars). 18 transcripts of handwritten calendars of Entry Books of Orders and Decrees, covering 1603-1671:
[https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/KR_Orders_Calendars_\(E124,_E126\)](https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/KR_Orders_Calendars_(E124,_E126))
- (13) Inquisitions Post Mortem in Common Law Records. One list:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Inquisitions_Post_Mortem_in_Common_Law_Records
- (14) Glorious Revolution Project. One list:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Glorious_Revolution_Project
- (15) General Pardons. One list:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/General_Pardons
- (16) Gaol Delivery Rolls in KB27s. One list:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Gaol_Delivery_Rolls_in_KB27s
- (17) Enrolled Writings, Indentures, etc. 13 pages, from the period up to 1600:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Enrolled_Writings,_Indentures,_etc
- (18) SP 12 and other sources (Elizabethan State Papers Project), 312 calendars, from the period 1558-1580/1:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Elizabethan_State_Papers_Project
- (19) STAC (Elizabethan Star Chamber Project). Files for English and Welsh counties, universities, maritime and Ireland:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/STAC_Cases_by_County
- (20) Court Clerks of Edward I and Edward II. One list:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Court_Clerks_of_Edward_I_and_Edward_II
- (21) C 78, C 79 (Chancery Final Decrees). Annual lists from 1534, checked up to 1650:
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Chancery_Final_Decrees
For 3 Blaker entries see Section III, part 4, above.

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A 13th-century Blakwere in South Malling, Sussex

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A 13TH-CENTURY BLAKYERE IN SOUTH MALLING, SUSSEX

At one time it was believed that the earliest record of a Blaker in Sussex was an entry in the 1279 assize roll for Shoreham, which was thought to mention a "John le Blaker". There was also believed to be a reference to a "John le Blaker" in a Shoreham charter from 1329.⁴ In both cases, the presence of the article 'le' would indicate an occupational surname. Unfortunately, it is now known that both these names had been misread, and that the men (or man) in question were called John le Blake.⁵ This would leave no references to Blakers in Shoreham before the 16th century, and would make the 1327 lay subsidy return for Cuckfield - which includes a William Blaker - the earliest dated record of the family in Sussex.

However, there is another undated but early reference to a Blaker in Sussex. This occurs in a custumal of the Archbishop of Canterbury's manor of South Malling, which was published by the Sussex Record Society in 1958.⁶ The manor was part of a large estate which had been granted to the archbishop before the Norman Conquest, which stretched from South Malling near Lewes in the south-west to Wadhurst on the border of Kent in the north-east. The entry occurs in a list of free tenants under the heading 'Mallinges', and in the published translation it reads:

"Alice, widow of le Blakyere, holds a built-on croft of 1/2 rood for 6d.; 3d. at Easter and Michaelmas."⁷

This relates to a small enclosed piece of land of about an eighth of an acre with a building on it, presumably a dwelling. Unfortunately the forename of Alice's deceased husband is not given, but there is no doubt that "le Blakyere" is a surname here, as shown by other similarly worded entries.⁸

Dating and relationship to other sources

Although the custumal of South Malling is not dated, limits can be placed on its date. The text survives in a later copy, written in the 15th or early 16th century, which also includes custumals of manors in other counties. Two of the Kent custumals specify

4 [Sussex Archaeological Collections, volume 10](#), page 109 (1858).

5 David Bethell, *Blaker Family*, volume 2, pages 203-209; Chris Phillips, *Blaker Family*, volume 4, pages 14-20 and 21-24.

6 B. C. Redwood and A. E. Wilson, [Custumals of the Sussex manors of the Archbishop of Canterbury](#) (Sussex Record Society, volume 57, 1958). The original document is Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library, Lit. MS E24.

7 Redwood and Wilson, p. 112.

8 For example, "Helwis, widow of le Knyth" (Redwood and Wilson, p. 113), and "Mabel, widow of Self" (p. 112), who also occurs as "Widow Self" (p. 114).

the archbishop's year of office in which the preceding inquisition was taken, giving dates in the range 1283-1285.⁹ As a result, these custumals as a whole are often dated to 1285.

The internal evidence in the South Malling section is consistent with such a date, but allows a wider range of possibilities. The section must date from 1270 or later, as Boniface of Savoy, who died in that year, is referred to as a previous archbishop.¹⁰ The date is unlikely to have been very much later than that, as Wymark de Aqua, a widow, whose father-in-law is stated to have acquired the holding in the time of Stephen Langton (d. 1228), is listed as a tenant.¹¹

The names mentioned in the custumal can also be compared with those in the lay subsidy return of 1296¹² and a rental of South Malling dated 1305-1306.¹³ No Blakers appear in either the lay subsidy return or the rental.

Comparison between the custumal and the rental shows many tenants holding the same tenements in both. In some cases the succession of tenants can be identified, showing that the custumal is certainly earlier than the rental.¹⁴

In contrast, the list of taxpayers in 1296, under the heading Malling and Cliffe, is much shorter than the lists of manorial tenants in the custumal and the rental, and has little overlap with them. There are only six names in common between the 1296 lay subsidy and the 1305-1306 rental, and none at all between the lay subsidy and the custumal (unless Richard 'Cosin' in the former is the same person as Richard 'Coffyn' in the latter). Possibly that may indicate a rather earlier date than 1285 for the custumal.

Discussion

On the evidence discussed above, Alice, the widow of le Blakyere, was a tenant of the manor of South Malling, probably around the mid-1280s. By 1305-1306 she was no longer a tenant, presumably because she had died, remarried or gone to live elsewhere. She was at South Malling 40 years or more before the first known record of a Blaker elsewhere in Sussex, at Cuckfield in 1327. The presence of the article 'le' in her husband's surname indicates unambiguously that its origin was occupational.

9 Redwood and Wilson, page xxv.

10 Redwood and Wilson, pages 112, 114, 115, 118. The editors note that the text also incorporates some material older than this.

11 Redwood and Wilson, page 115.

12 William Hudson, [The three earliest subsidies for the county of Sussex in the years 1296, 1327, 1332](#). (Sussex Record Society, volume 10, 1910).

13 Also published by Redwood and Wilson (pages 123-138).

14 For example, "William de Benetle" in the custumal (p. 111) is succeeded by "Isabel, widow of William de Benetlegh" in the rental (p. 135), "Basilia Bunye" in the custumal (p. 113) by "Ralph le Kyng, half of Basil Bonye's cot" in the rental; (p. 136) and (in Cliffe) "Simon le Bunne" in the custumal (p. 116) by "The Sacrist for Simon Bun's tenement" in the rental (p. 134).

But as South Malling is about 11 miles south-east of Cuckfield, it is not clear whether the two families were related.

The fact that Blakers are listed at Cuckfield in the 1327 lay subsidy but not in 1296 might suggest that the surname had been adopted between those two dates.¹⁵ But the lack of overlap between the list of South Malling taxpayers in 1296 and the lists of manorial tenants from the same period should make us cautious about drawing conclusions from the absence of a surname in the lay subsidy return. The lay subsidy was a tax on moveable goods, but was payable only by those with goods worth more than 11 shillings,¹⁶ so the return is certainly not a record of the whole population. The threshold in 1327 was similar - 10 shillings¹⁷ - but obviously the fortunes of a family can vary from generation to generation. Nor is any Blaker listed at Cuckfield in the lay subsidy return of 1332.

There is one possible connection between the Cuckfield area and South Malling which may perhaps suggest a relationship between the two families. There was another manor of South Malling, which has often been confused with the archbishop's manor.¹⁸ This was also an extensive estate, which had been granted before the Norman Conquest to what later became the Collegiate Church of South Malling. For that reason it was also known as South Malling manor, but unlike the archbishop's manor it included no land in South Malling, but was centred on Stanmer, Lindfield, and Burleigh, further to the north-west and west. To avoid confusion, it is now known as the manor of South Malling Lindfield.

Lindfield is the parish immediately to the east of Cuckfield, and there are a couple of hints in the records that some families may have held land in both these manors, which were both owned by the church and both administered from South Malling. A list of surnames recorded in the manor of South Malling Lindfield in the late 14th century includes the uncommon name Tynker,¹⁹ and the same name is found in the custumal and the rental of South Malling.²⁰ Conversely, the surname Stanmer also occurs in the records of South Malling,²¹ and suggests a family that originated from Stanmer, in the territory of South Malling Lindfield. Such a pattern could conceivably explain why a family that was at South Malling in the late 13th century might later be found at Cuckfield, near Lindfield, in the 14th.

15 David Bethell, *Blaker Family*, volume 2, pages 228, 229.

16 See the National Archives [catalogue entry for E 179/189/1](#).

17 See the National Archives [catalogue entry for E 179/189/3](#).

18 Mary S. Holgate, [The canons' manor of South Malling](#) (Sussex Archaeological Collections, volume 70, pages 183-195, 1929).

19 [The Manorial Court Records of South Malling Lindfield and Walsted](#), on the website of the Felbridge and District History Group.

20 Redwood and Wilson, pages 112-115, 136

21 Redwood and Wilson, page 114.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Some thoughts on the 16th-century Cuckfield Blakers

[November 2008]

Some thoughts on the 16th-century Cuckfield Blakers

Chris Phillips
November 2008

Renshaw gives details of the wills of Richard Blaker of Cuckfield (d. 1546) and John Blaker of Cuckfield (d. 1567/1568). Richard's will mentions his wife Agnes, his son John and three daughters. John's will mentions his wife Katherine, his son Richard [d. 1623] and his daughter Elizabeth.

In addition to this "main line", he gives details of Arthur Blaker of Cuckfield (d. 1618), whose will mentions a wife, a son Alexander and four daughters, and also a Francis Blaker of Cuckfield (d. 1610), who had sons named Arthur and Edmund and two daughters.

The chronology of these early generations is difficult to gauge, but Arthur would appear to be a generation or two younger than the elder Richard. Yet on the evidence of the wills, Arthur was not a descendant of the elder Richard.

Francis was perhaps a generation younger than Arthur, but judging from Arthur's will, Francis was not a son who predeceased him. The younger Richard (d. 1623) did not leave a will, so it is impossible to be sure that Francis was not a son of his. But the fact that Francis named his son Arthur suggests that he was closely related to Arthur, rather than to the "main line", and the fact that Francis is not named in the will of Richard's son Edmund (d. 1634/1634/5) - who died childless and mentioned his sister and two brothers - tends to confirm this conclusion. So it seems possible that Francis was a nephew of Arthur, or some other close relation.

The other information on 16th-century Cuckfield Blakers given by Renshaw comes from Tudor lay subsidies. In summary:

(1) E 179/189/119: Buttinghill Hundred, 1524:

Richard Blaker assessed on £20 goods

Ralph Blaker ... 20s goods

(2) E 179/190/192: Buttinghill Hundred, 1545:

Edmund Blaker ... £4 goods

John Blaker ... £16

Richard Blaker ... £16 goods

(3) E 179/190/267: Buttinghill Hundred, 1560:

John Blaker ... 20s goods

Edmund Blaker ... £5 goods

(4) E 179/190/299: Buttinghill Hundred, 1576:
John Blaker's widow

(5) E 179/190/342: Cuckfield, 1622 [misdated 1601 by Renshaw]:
Richard Blaker 20s lands

Apparently the elder Richard, John, John's widow and the younger Richard from the "main line" are recorded as expected. But at least one more family seems to be present, represented successively by Ralph (1524) and Edmund (1545 and 1560). These could naturally be seen as the predecessors - perhaps even as the father and grandfather - of Arthur Blaker, and the fact that Francis named his younger son Edmund could be seen as some confirmation of this. On the other hand, it's worth bearing in mind that Buttinghill Hundred included 12 parishes in total, not just Cuckfield. So the picture may be more complicated than it seems at first sight.

Appendix B

Blaker entries in an Irish muster roll for 1395-7

[January 2024]

Blaker entries in an Irish muster roll for 1395-7

Chris Phillips

January 2024

The [Medieval Soldier database](#) includes entries showing payments to two John Blakers, serving as archers under Sir Stephen le Scrope in Ireland. The source is [a muster roll](#) held at the National Archives from the period 1395-7.

The entries are as follows:

Blaker, John:

Archer

Standing Force, Ireland

Orell, Nicholas de

Scrope, Stephen le, Sir (d. 1408)

13950425

Roll of payments to soldiers with names [NationalArchives], E101/41/39, m. 1ii

Blaker, John

Archer

Standing Force, Ireland

Orell, Nicholas de

Scrope, Stephen le, Sir (d. 1408)

13950425

Roll of payments to soldiers with names [NationalArchives], E101/41/39, m. 4ii

Translations of the entries in E 101/41/39

I visited the National Archives and found the corresponding entries on the muster rolls. Translations are given below.

[**Image E101_41_39-1**

Post-medieval description of the roll]

19-20 Richard II.

Account of the pay-roll of Stephen Lescrop, lieutenant of William Lescrop, chamberlain and justiciar of Ireland and of the men at arms etc in the parts of Langen' [Leinster], Mamon' [Munster] and Uriell' [Oriel].

[Images E101_41_39-2 and 3

Heading of membrane 1]

Payments of wages of William Lescrop, chamberlain and justiciar of Ireland, by the hands of William Periate, clerk, for the wages of Stephen Lescrop, lieutenant of the said justiciar, paid both to the men at arms and the archers, being both in the company of the aforesaid lieutenant in the parts of Leinster, Munster and Oriel and in diverse guards [wardiis*] remaining in the same place, for the quarter of one whole year from 25 April, 18 Richard II to 24 July, 19 Richard II [1395].

[* Wardia could mean "watch and ward" - standing guard by day and night - or "castle-guard"]

[Images E101_41_39-4 and 5

Heading of Nicholas Orell's section on membrane 1]

And to Nicholas Orell for [deleted: his wages for 10 (3 written above, also deleted) men at arms and] 24 archers in diverse guards of the earl of Wexford* for the cause abovesaid, taken for his wages for men at arms and archers as above.

One of the entries in the list under Names of the Archers is for John Blaker.

[* Apparently this refers to Richard Lord Talbot, who held the Honor of Wexford.]

[Images E101_41_39-6 and 7

Heading of Nicholas Orell's section on membrane 4, which is for the quarter from 25 July to 23 October, 19 Richard II [1395]]

And to Nicholas Orell [deleted: 5 men at arms and] 24 archers in a certain guard in the county of Wexford for the safe guarding of the [?]men of the lord king in the same place, taken for his wages for men at arms and archers as above.

One of the entries in the list under Names of the Archers is for John Blaker.

Comments

The roll contains a series of lists of men at arms and archers who were paid wages, each covering a quarter of a year, for the period 19-20 Richard II [1395-1397]. The roll relates to a military operation to enforce Richard II's lordship over Ireland, which began in October 1394. The king returned to England in April 1395. The two John Blaker entries in fact relate to the same man, who served under Nicholas Orell in the county of Wexford, and who appears in the lists for the quarters 25 April-24 July

1395 and 25 July-23 October 1395. I realised afterwards that I should also have noted the dates of the lists of Nicholas Orell's men in which John Blaker didn't appear, but judging from the online database there were seven such quarterly lists and their sequence is fairly clear (the lists are not placed in chronological order in the roll). The two lists in which John Blaker appears seem to be the earliest in the roll.

It seems that between the second and third lists, four out of the 24 archers disappeared, including John Blaker. However, the strength of Orell's contingent of archers didn't fall below 20 until later, when in the last two lists there were only 12 archers. So it's not clear why John Blaker disappeared from the lists. One obvious possibility would be that he died.

In any case I am not sure there is any reason to think John Blaker would have remained in Ireland afterwards (though of course if you know of other early Blakers in Wexford that might be an indication that he did). Nicholas Orell came from a Lancashire family, and it looks as though at least some of the men who served under him in Ireland would have been recruited locally. There are two places named Orrell in Lancashire, one in the parish of Wigan and the other in the parish of Sefton. I think our man's family would have originated from Orrell in Wigan, as a Nicholas de Orell was a juror in 1385 in an inquisition concerning land in Westhoughton (<https://archive.org/details/chartularyofcock6433manc/page/1116/mode/2up>), which is about 8 miles from Orrell in Wigan. The Victoria County History account of Orrell in Wigan says that a branch of the family was at Turton in the parish of Bolton-le-Moors. In the lists of archers there are at least three surnames corresponding to nearby places in Lancashire - Blackburn, Buckshaw and Shakerley, which are all roughly 8 miles from Turton.

So it may have been that John Blaker was a local Lancashire man, though on the other hand there are other names on the list that seem to come from further afield, such as David or Davey Walsh or Walsheman, who must have been Welsh.

I can't see any other possible entries in the database for this John Blaker under other variants of the surname. The database includes some other rolls listing archers serving under Nicholas Orell in Ireland in 1389, but John Blaker doesn't appear there. It would be natural to assume he was recruited for the military operation that began in 1394.

Appendix C

**Deposition of John Blaker, joiner,
bound for Breda in Holland
in their Majesty's service, 1691/2**

[March 2024]

Deposition of John Blaker, joiner, bound for Breda in Holland in their Majesty's service, 1691/2

Chris Phillips
March 2024

The following deposition, among the records of the Middlesex Sessions of the Peace, was identified using the '[Discovery](#)' catalogue on the website of the National Archives.

This Deponent John Blaker Joyner maketh Oath That he this Deponent is now bound unto Breda in Holland in their Ma^{ty's} service as a Joyner to the Kings house there And is obliged by the next oppertunity to depart from the City of London on his voyage to Holland in the service aforesaid.

John Blaker

Jur' cor' me 26^o
die Februarij 1691
Tho: Stampe Major

[Sworn before me 26 February 1691[/2]
Thomas Stampe, mayor (of London)]

[Endorsed:] Affid[avi]t for Blaker

[London Metropolitan Archives, MJ/SP/1692/02/001]