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## NOTES ON THE MANOR, ADVOWSON, AND CHURCH OF DAGLINGWORTH.

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### THE MANOR.

DAGLINGWORTH is not mentioned in the Domesday Survey. It is thought to have been included under Stratton, which was held by Roger de Laci, or under Duntsborne, which was held by William de Ow. Sir Robert Atkyns affirms that Ralph de Bloet held Daglingworth in the time of Henry II., 1154-1189.

In 2nd John (1200-1) Robert Bloet paid Nesta Bloet 40s. for a hide of land in Daglingworth.

In 9th Henry III. (1224-5) William Bloet confirmed an earlier gift of the advowson of the Church of Daglingworth to the Abbess of Godstow. In a roll of arms of the date of Henry III., given by Fosbroke in his History of Gloucestershire, Vol. I., p. 18, Sir Walter Bluet appears as one of the Knights of Gloucestershire bearing *Or, une chevron enter iij egles vert.* The same bearing is given to him in a later roll of the reign of Edw. I. A junior branch<sup>1</sup> of the family of Bluet held Daglingworth, the senior branch being settled in Wiltshire. Ralph Bloet held in Daglingworth one Knight's fee of William Bloet, of Lacham, who held it of the Earl Mareschal, who held it of the King.

Ralph Bluet held Daglingworth 9th Edward II. (1315-6) and 17th Edward II. (1323-4) under Audomar de Valence.<sup>2</sup> In 20th Edward III. (1346-7) Ralph Bloet paid aid for Knighting the Black Prince for two Knights' fees in Daglingworth.<sup>3</sup>

John, son and heir of Ralph Bluet, held Daglingworth under Elizabeth, wife of Richard Talbot, heir of Valence, 46th Edw. III. (1372-3).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Fosbroke, Vol. I., p. 23.

<sup>2</sup> Non. Villar. and Inq. p. mort. Aud. de Valence 17th Edward II. No. 75, quoted by Fosbroke Vol. II. 499.

<sup>3</sup> Which Ralph, his ancestor, held before, that is in 18th Edw. I.—See ante Vol. X., p. 281.

<sup>4</sup> Inq. p. mort. 46th Edward III. No. 66, quoted by Fosbroke, Vol. II., p. 500.

This John Bluet, Smyth says, was the son of Ralph Bluet and of Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir of Reys ap Ryes.

In 1368 Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Bloet, and wife of Bartholomew Pyncott, alienated Daglingworth to Lionel, Duke of Clarence; but on his death it reverted to her and her heirs.

Smyth<sup>1</sup> says that this Elizabeth married James Lord Berkeley: but Sir Henry Barkly shows that it must have been her daughter that married him, as the son and heir of James Lord Berkeley by this marriage was not born till 1394, 36 years after the death of Sir John Bluet.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Wakeman, in the *British Archæological Journal*, gives a curious version of the way in which Raglan passed to the Berkeleys towards the close of the 14th century, but adduces no evidence in support of it.

According to him, Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John Bluet, of Raglan, had an only son by Bartholomew Pycot, named John, on whose death, without issue, "his cousin Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir John Bluet, of Daglingworth, in Gloucestershire, succeeded as heir-at-law. This lady was the wife of Sir James Berkeley, of Berkeley, to whom Henry IV. confirmed the Manor of Raglan by patent."

This theory of two John Bluets, each with a daughter and heiress named Elizabeth, does not appear probable, and it is far more at variance with Smyth's story than the supposition, that the two Elizabeths were mother and daughter.

Thus the Berkeleys became possessed of Daglingworth; and it remained in their hands until 1440, when James, Lord Berkeley sold it Nicholas Poyntz and his wife Elizabeth.

It was recovered, however, as entailed property by Maurice, son of this Lord James in 1491.<sup>3</sup>

It was ultimately sold by the Berkeleys for £1,320 to Sir Henry Poole, of Sapperton. Sir Robert Atkyns purchased it of

<sup>1</sup> *Lives of the Berkeleys*, edition for B. & G. Arch. Soc., by Sir John Maclean, F.S.A., Vol. I., p. 375.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* Vol. II., pp. 162-4.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

of the heirs of Sir H. Poole, and Allen Lord Bathurst bought it of the family of Sir Robert Atkyns.

The following very interesting remarks on the Bluet family have been sent to me since the meeting by the President for 1886-7, Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B., &c.

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#### ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE MANOR OF DAGLINGWORTH.

*By Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B., G.C.M.G. (President).*

The Bluets do not appear among the Domesday Tenants *in capite*, but the surname is ascribed to Ralph, one of the feoffees of William de Ow, in Hampshire, viz: "Ipse Will<sup>s</sup> (de Ow) tenet Silcestre in Holsete Hundred et Radulfus (*sic*) de eo Alestan tenuit de rege E. in alodium," &c., &c.

Later records prove that it must have been this same Ralph who held Hinton (Blewett), in Somersetshire, and Lacham, in Wiltshire, under William de Ow. It is not so certain that he was the Ralph who held under him at Duntisborne, in Gloucestershire, but it is probable enough.

This Ralph Bluet speedily acquired a direct holding from the King, for we learn from the Cartulary of St. Peter's, Gloucester, that, in the reign of Rufus, he gave or confirmed to that abbey the manors of *Rodley* and of *Bulley*, in the Forest of Dean. It has hitherto, I believe, escaped notice that both these manors belonged at the date of the Survey to *Walter Balistarius*, whose heir therefore Ralph had in some way become. Most probably he had married his daughter, but it is at least possible that Walter, whose profession alone is indicated, was Ralph's father or uncle.

It is noteworthy, at any rate, that besides the foregoing manors Walter held that of Frampton (Cotele), the only one of the possessions of the great Saxon thane, Alestan of Boscumbe, which had not gone to William de Ow. It had presumably been assigned to Walter by Earl William Fitz Osbern, William's predecessor in most of his estates, and the presumption that there was some connection between the Earl and the Military Engineer