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**Skypwyth, Sir William:** 1478 (mil.). Of S. Ormsby, Ingoldmells, Covenham, Calthorpe, etc., and lands in Yorks. Held in Saltfleetby of Louth Park Abbey. This is the son of Sir Thomas S. (died 1417), eldest son of John S. (died 1415) of S. Ormsby; his mother was Margaret daughter of William lord Willoughby d'Eresby who married (2) Sir William Oldhall (Sir W. S. was his tenant in Lincs.). In 1441, WS esq., released to Sir William Oldhall and Margaret his wife Margaret's rights in Skipwith and Menthorp, Yorks., and S. Ormsby, Kettonby, Calthorpe, Covenham, Laceby and other lands all late of Sir Thomas S. his father, *CCR. 1435-41/476*; cf. FF/G54, 62, 104. He was thus nephew of Patrick S. Born posthumously in 1418, he died in 1483; he married (1) Joan daughter of Sir Robert Mortimer and (2) Agnes daughter of Sir John Constable of Burton Constable, Yorks; he left issue Sir John S. of S. Ormsby, and two daughters of whom Alice married Sir John Markham, Madd. *Ped. 894-5*; Gibbons *Visit 52-3*. As beffited the main line of the family, was most prominent in local government, *JP Lindsey 1447-58, 1461-83*; escheator 1449, 1458; sheriff 1458 and 1463. Knighted 1449-51, he served regularly on commissions, to collect tax, severs, arrest, array, etc. *CPR. CFR.* He was steward of Hatfield and Conisbrough for the duke of York, and in his retinue (as of Calthorp and S. Ormby), and in 1452, as Sir WS of Hatfield, was accused of helping the duke of York, PRO, KB9/65A/20, but from 1457, was regularly on the commissions of array and other commissions in Lincs. under lord Beaumont; he had refused to join the duke at the battle of St. Albans in 1459, and was thus dismissed from his office by the duke of York, but was restored by the king in December 1459, while the duchy of York was temporarily forfeited, *CPR. 1452-61/34, 170, 398, 401, 409, 490, 552, 560, 650, 652*. But by 1461, he was restored to Yorkist favour; as king's knight was made steward of Burwell lordship; his life annuity of £20 (held since 1453) from Hatfield, Yorks., was renewed; in 1462 granted for life all the forfeited lands and offices of Henry earl of Northumberin in Lincs, and he served on many Yorkist commissions in Lindsey, *CPR. 1461-7/25, 53, 101, 205, 229*. Feoffed for Sir Thomas Burgh, 1475, *CPR. 1467-77/522*. He was in the service of the DL in Lincs., 1475-83, acting as deputy steward of Bolingbroke honor, Som. By the time of his death, he held only Ingoldmells; the rest had been settled on his son, *IPM. 413*; but see *Cal. IPM. I. 244*. 

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Skypwyth, William: 1433 (Skypworth), 1442 (of Haburgh), 1467 (gent.). Of Habrough, esq., 1431. Son of William S. of H. (died 1409); born 1408, inherited 1429, in Lincs. and Notts., CCR. 1429-35/6; CFR. 1405-13/14. He may be the WS gent. with interests in London, but is not the clerk of estreats, JP and MP in Norwich, 1463, CCR. 1447-54/519; 1454-61/116, 223, 163; CFR. 1452-61/366. Nor is he the WS of Louth esq., younger son of Patrick S; in 1471, there is mention of Sir WS of Louth, Gibbons Visit 52-3; cf. CFR. 1467-77/254. He is however most likely to be the WS gent. admitted to the gild of Corpus Christi in Boston, c.1475, PTB. 120.


Slory, John I: 1413. Of Stenford, lands in Raizeby, West Willoughby, Spalding, E.A. vi. 481. Son of Sidonea S. of Old Sleford (died 1397), Gibbons Wills 73. Keeper of the palace of Westminster until June 1412, when he gave the office to John de Sapurton, CCR. 1408-13/417; in 1414, was surety for Sapurton in this office and in the custody of the Fleet, CCR. 1413-16/159, 254; cf. CCR. 1413-19/347. Despite this office, held commissions in Kesteven and Lincs.; escheator 1403-4; JP 1406-22; commissions of seizers, inquisition, to collect tax, raise loan, etc., CFR. CCR. Feoffee for Marmyn family in Ringsdon, 1416, BM. Add. Ch., 21, 126. Dead by 1437, formerly feoffee in Boston, CCR. 1435-41/174; is he also the JS. late of New Sleford, clerk, in 1438, CCR. 1436-41/208? In 1436, a Thomas S. of Dorrington who held lands in Linke, London and Notts., and a William S. of Raizeby, with lands in Linke and London, PRO, E179/136/198.

Slurry, Richard: 1423, 1429 (arm.). The only thing known of him is that he witnessed the will of Sir William Clifford lord of Caythorpe, 1418, while in France, Gibbons Wills 149. A later RS of Uffington, gent., Cal. IPM III 1038.

Smyth, William: 1459, 1478. The name is so common that sure identification is impossible. Most likely candidate is the family of Welton by Louth. If so, there were two:

WS. I: 1459, of Welton and Hackthorpe, merchant, who died 1467/8, Madd. Ped. 902. He had land at Ulceby, 1441, CCR. 1436-41/548. He was suing as WS of Welton, 1461, CCR. 1461-7/1; collector of tax, Lindsey, 1463, CCR. 1461-71/103, 109.


But there are other candidates. The collector of tax in Lincoln, 1434, and sheriff of Lincoln, 1454, AISR. 39, 236, is the tanner of Lincoln, 1445, CCR. 1430-7/196; FF/G73. WS junior of Grantham, scrivener, was accused of being a Yorkist in 1452; WS of Scotter, collector of tax in Lindsey in 1430; WS burgess of Grimsby, 1453; WS of Laughton, 1439, CCR. 1452-61/2; CCR. 1422-30/295, 332; HMC. 14 VIII 266; LAO. ASW. 2/1/13; PRO, KB9/65A/19.


Somercotes, John: 1432 (of Grantham). Trustee in Grantham and Gonerby, 1448, FF/G82. In 1452 JS of G. gent. was accused of being a Yorkist, PRO, KB9/65A/7.
Sotheby, John: 1427, 1436 (Sotheby of Croxby). Of Croxton, 1400, FF/E8; as John Sothyb, was coroner of Lincs., died by 1445, CCR. 1441-7/326. A JS of Hanworth was juror in 1428, F.A. iii 254. 

Sotheby, William: 1447.

Sothell, Gerard: 1423, 1425, 1433 (arm.), 1435 (arm.), 1436 (arm.), 1442 (arm.), 1447 (arm.), 1450 (arm.), 1453 (arm.). Of Redbourn (the manor of Sothell in Redbourn) held in chief of the king, 1428, 1431, also lands in Flixthorpe, Harpswell, Messingham (held by knight service of lord Roos of Hamelake), and Wescleyn manor in Redbourn, F.A. iii. 248, 267, 363; CCR. 1413-19/209. In 1436, lands valued at £20 p.a., PRO, E179/136/198. Son of Sir GS (died 1410), and Joan daughter of Sir Gerard Salvin, Madd. Ped. 914-5; Joan widow of GS of Linclon held Hackthorn manor in 1431, F.A. iii 356; LNO. 6. 154. GS was the eldest son and heir; John S. was a younger brother. The mother of Sir GS (here called Constance) married Peter Nevill and died 1426, CFR. 1422-30/136: GS esq. son and heir of Sir GS was declared her heir. He inherited his father's lands in 1427, CCR. 1422-9/367; IPM. 114. He was escheator in Lincs. 1430, and 1435-6 (when he attended election). GS was witness in 1443; feoffee for his brother John S., for Fulneyth and others, CCR. 1441-7/475; CPR. 1452-61/107; FF/G2l. 26. Joan his mother died in 1442, leaving lands in Lincs., Wils. and Yorks., CFR. 1437-45/197. He is reputed to have married (1) Elizabeth daughter of John Fulneyth and (2) the daughter of Sir Lyon Percy; but the pedigree is very corrupt, Madd. Ped. 914-5. Isabel his wife (GS. scn., esq.) in 1460 was sister and coheir of Roger Faucomberge of Thorp Hall in N. Cave, and Withernwick in Holderness; the other coheir in 1460 was Walter son of Constance Notulle, CFR. 1452-61/262. As GS. esq. his inquisition post mortem was held in 1463, CFR. 1451-71/94; IPM. 320-1. His lands were listed as Redbourn, Messingham and Hackthorn. He left issue, according to pedigrees, Jane who married Gilbert Lacy; Robert who married Elizabeth daughter of Sir John Bussy of Hougham; Gerard, Richard; another daughter is reputed to have married John Fulneyth, Madd. Ped. 378, 914-5.

Sothell, John: 1423, 1425, 1433 (arm.), 1435 (arm.), 1436 (arm.), 1442 (arm.). Of West Rasen, younger son of Sir Gerard S. (died 1410) and Joan daughter of Sir Gerard Salvin. John married Joan sister and heir of Henry Poucher and daughter of Sir John Poucher of West Rasen by 1421, CPR. 1416-22/343; from her he obtained in 1425 West Rasen held in chief, and Drax (Yorks.), CCR. 1422-9/215; he also held in Middle Rasen, Messingham, etc., F.A. iii 268, 281, 357. He and his wife also had interests in Westburgh, Lincs., CPR. 1429-36/346. He was sheriff, Lincs. 1442-3. He died soon after, 1445, leaving estates in Lincs., Yorks., and Wils., CFR. 1445-52/2. Joan his widow set up feoffees (including Gerard S.) in Drax, West and Middle Rasen, 1446; their lands held in chief were settled on his son and heir John S. esq. with his wife Agnes, with successive remainder to Robert, Henry, Gerard and Nicholas, the other sons of JS and Joan, CPR.1441-7/417;1452-61/107. There were other Johns at this time: one was clerk of the works at Tattershall Castle for Ralph lord Cromwell 1445-6; another was purveyor for the royal household, 1449-59; while one was escheator in Yorks., 1446-7, LRs. 55 p. xxvii; HMC Pemberton 210, 215; CPR. 1446-52/228, 324, 400; 1452-61/22, 141, 365, 387-8, 462; CRR. 1445-52/58.

Spalding, John: 1450 (arm.). Of Spalding. As JS of S. gent., was feoffice in Gosberton; collector of tax in Holland (1428), 1450, ECP. i 46; CPR. 1422-30/221; 1445-52/170. The family may be well related—Alice lady Wake left a legacy in 1398 to John S. ‘my son’, Gibbons Wills 104.
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Spanby, John: 1472 (arm.), 1478 (arm.). Of Spanby. He is likely to be heir of JS of S., collector of taxes in Kesteven, 1416-34; holder of lands in Spanby, Billinghay, Thorp, and Bampton (Oxon.), F.R. iii 336; vi. 480; CPR. 1413-22/152, 301; 1430-7/194; PRO, E179/136/198. A JS was citizen and mercer in London, 1448-9 CCR. 1447-54/94, 112. JS esq. was witness in Linces. 1474, CCR. 1468-76/358.

Spenser, Henry: 1459. Of Wyberton; trustee there 1418; sold the lands of his wife Amabilla in Kirton in Holland, 1419; was trustee in Wyberton, 1435, FF/F21, 26; G41. This may be the father of the elector. There was a contemporary HS, woolman, yeoman of the chamber 1450-61, and an HS. MP for Wallingford 1450, 1459. The MP is most unlikely to be the elector in 1459. See WB.

Spenser, John: 1427. Of Grimoldby, with lands in Yarborough. There are several JS at this time but since Thomas S. of Somercotes was also present in 1427, it would seem that JS was the son of this Thomas S. If so, he held lands in Yarborough in 1410 (JS of G), FF/E54; LAO, Cragg 3/47. He was surety (JS of Lincs.) in Linces. 1413, and witness in Ingleby in Linces., 1430, CPR. 1413-22/53; CCR. 1441-7/350. With Thomas his father was feoffee in Algarthorpe 1439, FF/G57. He was succeeded by another Thomas S. in Grimoldby and Somercotes, FF/I125. There was a JS of Corby, witness in 1456-7, LAO. Misc. Don. 83/2/4-7. He is unlikely to be the JS merchant and alderman of Hull, MP 1449, 1459, 1463; this may be related to the JS of Barton who with Joan his wife held lands in Burton Stather 1402-3; or to JS of Goxhill on Humber, feoffee in 1416, FF/E16, F13; WB. On the other hand, JS of Hull merchant was accused in 1452 of aiding pirates in Grimsby, along with William Yarborough of Y. and many Grimsby merchants, PRO, KB9/65A/7.

Spenser, Thomas I: 1427. Of Somercotes, gent., feoffee for Sir William Fraunke in Somercotes, Saltfleetby and Louth, 1431; executor of Sir John Welles, 1431, F.R. iii 353; CPR. 1429-36/97. He was a feoffee for Sir John Gray in Ingleby, Moulton Hall and elsewhere, 1423-1437, for Stanes in Algarthorpe 1439 (with John his son), and for others; executor for Sir Nicholas Hebben of Golberton, 1416, ECP. I. 117; II. 33; CCR. 1435-41/159; 1441-7/207, 350; 1447-54/44; CPR. 1446-52/457-8; Gibbons Wilts 124; FF/G57; LAO, 2 Anc. 3/A/15. In one of the Gray trusteeships, he is called TS of Somercotes, auditor; and c.1410 he was paid for writing the household accounts of Maud Lady Cromwell, ECP. I. 117; HMC Penhurst 203.

Spenser, Thomas II: 1450, 1472. Of Spalding. He is probably TS heir of John S; for in 1468 TS and Katherine sold lands in Grimoldby and Somercotes, FF/I125. One TS sold lands in Clee to Thomas Duffield before 1474, HMC. 14 VIII 267; again this is most likely to be the TS with interests in Grimoldby and Somercotes. The elder TS of Somercotes had extensive interests (mainly as feoffee) in Spalding area; and this man may have moved to Spalding. As TS of Spalding was witness 1462; was collector of tax in Holland, 1463, CCR. 1476-85/63; CPR. 1461-71/104, 110.

Spenser, William: 1427. Since he was present in 1427 with Thomas and John S of Somercotes, he is probably related. He was dead before 1430 when Anne his widow and executrix, who had married John Halle, was involved in a suit in Boston, CPR. 1429-36/19. He is not the WS of Hull and Howden, wool merchant, who is perhaps also the WS of N. Allerton chapman, for this man was alive in 1435 and later, CPR. 1436-41/294-5; 1446-52/392.
Spert, Richard: 1472 (arm.), [1478]. Of Hagworthingham. According to WB, he is RS of Hellingly (Sussex) and of Stanesby (Lincs.), gent, a lawyer of London, who was MP for Shoreham in 1460. If so, he was under-sheriff of Surrey and Sussex, 1453-4; later of Lincs. In 1460, he was nominated as steward of Tattershall College lands in Tumby and Candlesby, HMC. Pennhurst 188. Escheator of Lincs., 1461-2. As RS esq., was secoffey for Tilney and Talboys in Lincs., CCR. 1468-76/93. He had interests in Keisby, ECP. I. 267. JP Lindsey 1468-death (1503) (also of London). In 1471, was made receiver of Long Bennigton for life; from 1475 to 1486, was feodary of Bolingbroke honor. Held many local commissions, including some in 1471 on behalf of Edward IV; in 1472 was made surveyor during pleasure of all king's castles and lands, and supervisor of the unnage in 7 midland shires, including Lincs., CPR. 1467-77/329, etc. Was trustee for Hussey, 1474, 1476; and (as of Hagworthingham) in Thynelby lands, 1484, FF/H17, 20-1, 47. With Katherine his wife, made award in Someries and Bag Enderby, 1483. LAO. LB. 1/2/1/1.

Sprotburgh, John: 1432 (of Ingoldesby).

Stanes, William: 1427. Perhaps the WS of East Halton (Halton Holgate), husbandman, sued in 1429 for rescuing a distraint, CPR. 1422-9/512; PRO, C47/67/13/557. The family name was not settled—there was a John Stanys alias Benefield in Halton upon Bain in 1439, CCR. 1435-41/339. In 1438, 1443 and 1447, there was a WS of Horncastle involved in litigation, making loan to king, and witness for lord Willoughby, CCR. 1435-41/191; PRO, E34/1B; CPR. 1446-52/91. On the other hand, the attessor was present at the election with John and Thomas Spenser, both of whom acted as secoffey for Stanes in Algarthorpe in 1439, FF/G37. This family survived until at least 1519, LAO. Misc. Don. 169, fols. 11-12. Of these the East Halton family is most likely.

Stanley, John: 1470 (arm.). Of Doodington Pygott. His family relationship is not clear. As JS esq., he married, in the church of St. Margaret’s, Lincoln, in 1461 Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Beelsby and widow of Sir John Pygott. She died in 1473, leaving estates in Doodington, Thorpe on the Hill, Beelsby, Thorbanby, Horsington, Harlaxton, and rents in the Grimsby and Grantham areas and elsewhere, LAO. A/2/34 fol. 91d; IPM. 365; CPR. 1471-85/61. In view of his estates close to Lincoln, it is tempting to identify him with the JS, sheriff of Lincoln, 1477, but this is more likely to be John Stanlow, esq. of Silk Willoughby who was clearly mayor of Lincoln 1483, and was JP in Kesteven from 1470, A/SSR. 39, 238. As JS of Doodington Pygott, esq., he and Elizabeth were involved in suits, 1472, CPR. 1467-77/322. His relations with the main Stanley family are obscure. He may be the JS esq., junior, squire of the body in the royal household in 1454, POPC. vi. 223-4, but this may be another JS.

Stanlow, William: 1442, 1449 (arm.). Of Silk Willoughby. He held Silk Willoughby in chief; manors in Dimbleby, Silk Willoughby and Kirkby Laythorpe of lord Beaumont by duty of castle ward at Folkingham castle and suit of the rear-county at Michalman and Elaster, Cal. IPM. I. 1149. Probably the son of John S. esq., a servant of the duke of York in 1443, and treasurer of Normandy, POPC. v. 289-90, 306, WS, was a lawyer with extensive local interests, especially in Lincoln. JP in Kesteven, 1437-61 and in 1470 (the commission issued by Edward IV); escheator in Linne. 1437, 1442; MP for Lincoln 1442. Career is a clear example of the power of patronage. He first appears as attorney (1433) and receiver-general for Ralph lord Cromwell, 1434, 1438-9; by 1439 had transferred to the Exchequer where he held the office of foreign apposer, 1439-45, WB; LRS. 55.1; HMC. Pennhurst 17-18. His connections with Cromwell continued—he was feeoff and executor for him,
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farmer in 1450 in Somerton castle and lands; he was executor for Sir Ralph Rochford (one of Cromwell’s connections) 1439 (indeed in 1421 he was associated with Rochford in a grant of an alien priory in Dorset, CPR. 1446-52/219); he acted as executor with Cromwell to Elizabeth widow of Richard lord Grey of Codnor, 1445; and as feoffee and executor to a large number of local gentry and nobility, including Sir John Bushey, Tailboys, William lord Ferrers (in Derbyshire), New College, Oxford, and in 1449 for Richard duke of York in Lichfield. HMC. P5 of 121: 17-18; CER; CPR.; CCR.; Gibbons Wills 168, 182; Foster Wills 88. According to WB, he married Joan daughter of the chief justice John Markham; but Madd. Ped. calls her daughter of Sir John Bushey of Hougham. He and his wife were associated with the purchase by the city of Lincoln of the Markham manor in Canwick, CPR. 1452-61/327; CCR. 1454-61/60; LAO, A/2/34, fol. 294; AOD 757; HMC. 14. VIII. 11; IPM. 298. He was a frequent surety. After the death of Cromwell, he was most active under lord Beaumont who was his landlord in Dimbleby and Silk Willoughby (lands which he acquired from Sir John Bushey of Hougham); up to 1455 his local commissions had been rare (a commission to collect the tax in Kesteven, 1450, is the only one apart from his escheatorships), but he had several grants, the farms of Somerton castle and the Swynford lands (with Cromwell), of the Bushey lands in Frampton, held of the honor of Richmond; and of Burwell manor, 1434-9, CPR. 1430-7/204, 323; 1437-45/95, 106-7, 120; 1445-52/170; CCR. 1441-7/376. In 1452 however he was a juror on the Lancastrian commission, PRO, KB9/65A/3. Later 1458-60, he was most active under lord Beaumont in Kesteven commissions of array and of arrest, CPR. 1452-61/402, 410, 490, 560, 652. After the accession of Edward IV, his career is obscure. There is a reference to Margaret his widow in 1467, but one WS was JP in 1470 under Edward IV and died in 1476, leaving John his son and heir, Cal. IPM. I. 1149. Margaret, who had formerly married William Ayrmyn, died 1507, Cal. IPM. III. 348.

Stayman, Robert: 1429, 1433. Of Stallingborough, juror 1402. Also Skayman, collector of tax in Lindsey 1406 (RS of Stallingborough), and coroner of Lincs. up to 1435, F. A. ii 241; CPR. 1405-13/90; CCR. 1435-41/12. Name appears also Saksayman.

Stevenson, Thomas: 1433. Of Boston, 1429; or of Careby, collector of tax in Kesteven, 1432, ECP. I. 52; CPR. 1430-7/105. Of the latter, nothing more is known. There were one or two TS of Boston. One married Elizabeth heir of William Malerton, parson in Market Deeping, and was involved in suits over her inheritance in 1429, ECP. I. 52. A TS of Boston was dead by 1444, leaving a son and heir Alard in a tenement called “the George” in Boston, CCR. 1441-7/223. But in 1431, a TS of Boston, Calais stapler, lent money to the government at Bruges, repayment of which was claimed in 1443, PRO, E34/1B. He was admitted to the gild of Corpus Christi, Boston, c.1455, PTD. 119. In 1457 Margaret widow of Thomas Arderne quitclaimed to TS of Boston, Calais stapler, her dowry tenements in Calais, CCR. 1454-61/215-6. He is likely to be the TS of Tetney, senior, Calais stapler, licensed to export wool via Boston and Hull, 1450-5, Rot. Parl. v. 295-6; CPR. 1446-52/316, 323; 1452-61/210-2; CCR. 1454-61/6,15. This TS was feejee for Tetney for Hauley, 1447, 1451, FF/G84; CCR. 1447-54/281. While the Calais stapler was the more prominent, it is likely that the elector was the tax collector of Careby.


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Sturdy, John: 1432 (of Sedgebrook).


Sutton, Philip: 1467 (gent.). Only sign is the PS late of Walpole, Norfolk, gent., dead by 1488 when Thomas Sutton of Gedney was executor, C.P.R. 1485-94/246.

Sutton, Richard: 1432 (of Welburn).

Sutton, Robert: 1450 (arm.). Of Lincoln, Girsey. Son of Hamo Sutton. He married Agnes daughter and heir of John Hauley and inherited her lands in Burgh on Bain in 1449, C.C.R. 1447-54/92. MP Lincoln 1449, 1450 (arm.). Feoffee in 1449 for his sister Agnes, C.C.R. 1447-54/164. He died 1452; his heir was his son Hamo II, who succeeded to his grandfather in 1467. He is to be distinguished from RS Calais stapler of Boston. See WB.; Madd. Ped. 938-9.

Swynford, Thomas I: 1423. Of Kettlethorpe, A.S.R. 31. 61-64. This is probably the TS esq., son of Sir TS who in 1423 was feoffee with his father in Ingleby for Sir John Gray, C.P.R. 1446-52/457; C.C.R. 1447-54/44. He was thus son of Sir TS of Kettlethorpe (lieutenant for the duke of Exeter in Calais), and Joan Crophill, his
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first wife. Sir TS married (2) Margaret widow of John lord Darcy, and held estates in Laughton, Fenton, Newton, Colby, Barton on Humber and elsewhere (including Ireland), F.A. vi. 483; iii. 366; CPR. 1413-16/394; 1416-22/378; 1441-6/373; CFR. 1437-45/106. He died 1432, CFR. 1430-7/52, 300; CPR. 1429-35/271; IPM. 138. Margaret died in 1454, Line. Wills. 5; CFR. 1452-61/56. In 1439 the lands of Sir TS were placed in the custody of lord Cromwell's servants, CFR. 1437-45/196. TS esq. married by 1423 Elizabeth daughter of Sir William Beauchamp of Powick, sister and heir of her brother, Sir Walter Beauchamp, CPR. 1422-9/453; 1436-61/364-6; he thus came into interests in Yorks. (Smith), Surrey, Herefordshire, Bedfordshire, the Welsh Marches, etc; as late as 1460, they were setting up foecesses (including John lord Beauchamp) in these lands, CFR. 1422-30/258; CCR. 1454-61/454. In 1425 as TS of Linca. esq., was surety, CFR. 1422-30/116. By 1426 was in the service of Thos. Beaufort duke of Exeter. He was dead before 1440 CPR. 1436-41/364; IPM. 333.


Swyneshede, John: 1414 (of Forthyngton).

Tailboys, Henry: 1442 (arm.), 1459. Of Faldingworth; he may also be the HT. of Hurworth, collector of tax in N. Riding, Yorks., 1420, who was commissioner to assess the tax in the bishopric of Durham, 1436, CFR. 1413-22/219; 1430-7/262; cf. CPR. 1405-9/183. As of Faldingworth was surety 1423, CPR. 1422-30/58. Receiver-general for lady Cromwell, 1429-30, HMC. Pendhurst 207-8.

Tailboys, John: 1425 (arm.), 1426, 1427 (arm.), 1429 (arm.), 1433 (arm.), 1436 (arm.), 1442 (arm.), 1447 (arm.), 1450 (arm.), 1453 (arm.). Of Stallingborough, 1428, 1431, F.A. iii 271, 343. Younger son of Sir Walter T. of Goltho and Kyme (died 1418) and Margaret, CPR. 1441-6/215; his elder brother Walter T. of Goltho settled Stallingborough on him, Gibbons Visit. 97. JT married Agnes daughter and heir of Sir Robert Cuckfield of Basford and Nuttall, Notts. First appears at Agincourt, LNO. 23. 24-6. Commissioner of sewers, 1418, CPR. 1416-22/203. Escheator Lincs. 1424-6 (first appears as escheator while in office); sheriff 1426 (one JT, not arm. was listed as escheator while our JT acted as returning officer), JP Lindsey 1437-58, 61-7. Commissioner of array, 1427, CPR. 1422-9/405. Fought in Calais expedition 1434 (with Hauley and Sothell), CPR. 1429-36/359. From 1431, interests in Grimby appear, and in 1454, he was holding lands in Swallow which belonged to the corporation, Court Roll 33HVI. Very closely tied to Cromwell family and party - acted as foecese and executor for Cromwell, Sir William Fraunke, Elizabeth widow of Richard lord Gray of Codnor, Gibbons Wills 168, 182; CPR. 1429-36/291-2, 366; 1452-61/200, 341; F.A. iii 340, 348, 353; HMC Pendhurst 17; associated with building of Tattershall Castle, 1434-5, LRS. 55.13. Farmer of Somerton castle with Cromwell's other servants Stanlowe and Orme, 1450 (JT. sen. esq.), CPR. 1457-45/96, 120; 1445-52/170; and of other lands in the custody of Cromwell, FF/G41, 66, 88-9, 133, 136. Very many local government commissions - array, inquisition, gaol delivery, tax assessment and collection, loan, sewers, CPR. passim; CPR. .. despite his exemption (JT of Stallingborough', esq., 1442), CPR. 1441-6/58. MP for Lincs. 1439. Received a number of grants - the custody of the priory of Newstead on Anholme (with Sir Thomas Cumberworth and others); the farm of Bonby manor; the custody
of Somerton castle; the wardship of the heir and lands of Robert lord Roos of Gedney (in 1441, the custody of the marriage of Eleanor, his daughter and heir; exchanged in 1442 for the custody of Hummanby manor, Yorks.), CPR. 1429-36/333; CPR. 1413-22/248, 344; CFR. 1437-45/95, 98; CPR. 1441-6/2, 51. Very frequent feoffee and executor - as “cousin”, was supervisor of will of Sir Thomas Cumberworth, Linc. Doc. Docs. 56; cf. Gibbons Wills 171-2; CCR. 1422-9/395; 1447-54/412; CPR. 1461-7/419; for earl of Northumberland, William lord Zouche, for lord Ferrers, lord Willoughby, and others, FF/G50, 52-3, 58-9; CCR. 1435-41/191, 353, 369; 1441-7/289, 313-7, 466-71, 475. But most of these are with servants of Ralph lord Cromwell, and with Fulhethy, servant of the family of lord Roos of Gedney, FF/G21, 41, 44, 54, 56, 57, 73, 131; CAD II. 502. Involved in long suit of Walter T. against Sir John Kygley over Theddelthorp manor; in 1444, JT esq. was granted lands in Stallingborough, Swallow and Mavis Enderby by Kyghley, with remainder to Margaret wife of John Aiscoth and daughter (and heir) of John son of JT; with eventual remainder to Walter son of JT sen., CCR. 1441-7/213; Gibbons Visit 80. JT was called senior as from 1436, FF/G44, 131. Despite his connections with Sir William T. of Kyme (he acted as feoffee for him), he did not lose favour on the accession of the Yorkists, CPR. 1461-7/101, 205, 371; CPR. 1461-7/119, 103. He died in 1467; see WB.

Tailboys, Robert: 1472. This is not the RT. esq. of Kyme and Stallingborough who was elected MP in this parliament and died 1495 - see WB. There is no sign of another RT but this may be a son of the MP, although there is no sign of such a son, Cal. IPM. I. 1037.

Tailboys, Walter I: 1427 (jun., arm.), 1442, 1447 (arm.), 1450, 1453, 1460 (arm.).

Tailboys, Walter II: 1472 (arm.).

The identification of this man is difficult. The most prominent WT was WT esq. of Goltho, son of an earlier WT (died 1418), MP, 1425-31; JP 1424-44, the real founder of the family’s fortunes. He however is clearly the senior implied in 1427 (he is called senior in 1428, 1431 and 1439); and since he died in 1444, he cannot be the elector in the later years. He is thus only able to be the elector in 1442 and this is unlikely. See Gibbons Visit 97; Madd. Ped. 945-6; CCR. 1430-7/327-8; 1437-45/96, 275; CCR. 1429-35/223 (he is called WT of Lincoln, esq.), 1432; Gibbons Wills 172; CPR. 1446-52/5; POPC. iv. 326. Despite pedigrees, he is called Sir WT only once in 1431, CCR. 1429-35/109-110 (which speaks of Sir WT sen., and WT jun.).

There are two other candidates for the elector. WT of Goltho esq., had a son WT. In 1428, WT jun. confirmed a grant made by WT sen. his father; and in 1439, WT esq. sen. and WT gent. jun. both of S. Kyme, were involved in a dispute with lord Beaumont of Folkingham, CPR. 1436-41/271; CCR. 1422-9/395. This WT however does not appear again; the heir in 1444 was Sir William T. of Kyme, and although it is tempting to read the elector in 1427 as being the son of WT of Goltho, esq., who was chosen as MP in that election, this is unlikely.

The other WT was a younger son of John T. of Stallingborough. This WT appears first with his father in 1443 when they sued together in Grimsby; in 1444, Sir John Kyghley settled lands in Stallingborough, Swallow and Mavis Enderby on John T. of Stallingborough and on Margaret, JT’s grand-daughter by his eldest son John, with eventual reversion to WT, son of JT senior, CCR. 1441-7/213. This WT is to be distinguished from the WT of Ratheby who was witness to this settlement in 1444; he may be the WT, late of Darley, Derbyshire, gent. who was accused of riot in 1444 and thus perhaps the son of WT of Goltho, for that branch of the family had Derbyshire interests. CPR. 1441-6/253; CCR. 1441-7/213. It is
significat that until 1453, our WT attended the same elections as John T of Stallingborough.

The only other references to this WT are in 1460-1 when he was appointed to a commission to arrest certain robbers in Lincoln, and was feoffee Sir William T. of Kyme, CPR. 1452-61/652; 1461-7/371. But in 1467 was held the inquisition post mortem on Sir WT of Stallingborough. 'This must mean that the elector in 1472 (arm.) was yet a further WT, who as WT esq. acted as feoffee in 1468, IPM. 339; CPR. 1468-70/93.

Tailboys, William: 1421 (i). It is clear that this is not the WT, son and heir of Walter T. of Goltho, esq., later the Sir William T. of Kyme, so-called 'earl of Kyme'; for this William was born in 1415, GEC. VII. 359. But no other William T. occurs in the pedigrees or in contemporary records at this time.


Tatweell, Ralph: 1427. Of Tatweel, 1428, 1443, PRO, E34/18; F.A. iii 266. Lands in 1436 valued at £6 p.a., PRO, E179/136/198. As of T, was witness, 1422; gave recognizance as RT of Lincs., esq., 1430, CPR. 1422-9/47; 1429-35/40. Feoffee in Scearhio, in Willingham, in Legbourn and for John Thoresby in Stainton, ECP. I. 22, 53; FF/E57; CPR. 1436-41/481.

Telfe, Richard: 1432 (of Boothy). See Tille. If these two are connected, then this Boothy is most likely to be Boothy Grasflee.

Tetford, Philip: 1427, 1433, 1435, 1436 (of Rathey). Of Raithby.


Tetford, William: 1420, 1425, 1427, 1433, 1435, 1436 (of Rathey), 1442. Of Raithby; of Skidbrook, 1428, F.A. iii 258. Probably son of Philip T. and brother of Robert T. As of E. Keal, juror, 1431; gave loan, 1443; F.A. iii 345; PRO, E34/18 - but another entry in same list reads WT of Sturton, and there was a WT junior at this time, FF/G76 (1445). In 1436, WT of East Keal had lands worth 10 m.p.a., PRO, E179/136/198. Feoffee with Robert, 1437; dead by 1450, LAO. Goulding, 1/38; 3/16-17.

Tetny, .......... : 1453. A William T was feoffee with John Langhomb in Stickford, 1444, involved in a suit against William Boleyn, ECP. I. 172. He must be the WT, suing in Berks, 1457, CPR. 1452-61/323. But there was also an Alan Tetney of Huttoft, 1456-60, ECP. I. 261; he bought land in Huttoft in 1450, FF/G87.

Thymelb, Richard: 1414 (arm.). Of Holton le Moor. It is not clear where RT fits into the pedigree, but the family was extensively endowed, especially in Ashby by Partney. Collector of tax, Lindsey, RH of H le M, 1415-1416, commissioner of array in Lindsey, 1415, CPR. 1413-22/87, 122; CPR. 1413-16/408. He may be the RT of "Hownton" [? Holton or Houghton], Lincs., 1445, CPR. 1437-45/307; this RT married (as second wife) Margaret Fernell, 1442, FF/G65. Is he the legatee (with John his brother) of Sir Thomas Cumberworth in 1451, Linc. Doc. Does 56?

Thymelb, Richard: 1472 (arm.). There were two RTs in Lincolnshire at this time, RT of Pootham in Woodford (died 1512, leaving Thomas as his son and heir) and RT who married Elizabeth daughter and coheir of Godfrey Hilton and who by this
marriage entered into Irnham; the latter died in 1522 and left Richard as his son and heir, LNO. 10. 120-121; LAO. Report 7/38. The executor was probably of Poolham, son and heir of William T. of Poolham. The family was closely linked to the Monson family and to the Haunsards, Cal. IPM. II 204. It is not easy to distinguish between the two men. In 1465, one was feoffee in Nocton and Dunston. In May 1471, a commission was issued for his arrest, while in November 1472, RT was on the commission of sewers in Lindsey. In 1475, he acted as witness, CPR. 1461-7/467; 1467-77/286, 354; CCR. 1476-85/71. In 1484, he bought lands in Manby by Legbourne; at some time, appointed to the commiss of array in Lindsey, he was called "of Colom" and "of Hoton", but in August 1489 this was given correctly as "of Poolham, esq."
(a general exemption for life on the grounds that he suffered from internal ulcers caused by his horse running with him against an oak tree, while courting, so that he was unable to go on horseback without endangering his life), CPR. 1476-85/398, 491; 1485-94/774. He was probably the "master RT of Beelsby esquire" in Grimsby in 1484 and 1491, but it was probably the other RT who was deputy steward under Lord Welles in the honor of Bolingbrooke in 1491 and 1493, JP in Lindsey 1486-1509. The situation is complicated by the appearance at this time of a third RT, son of RT, called in 1499 RT of Irnham, senior. This younger RT does not appear clearly until well into the reign of Henry VIII, FF/H47; K17, 26, 41; L69, 72; Grimsby Court Book I, fol. 25d.; Som. 577.

Thamelby, Walter: 1447 (arm.).


Thoresby, John I: 1416 (of Staynton), 1423, 1425. Of Croxby, 1428, FA. iii 267-8; tenant of DL; lands in East Rasen, Thoresway and N. Stainton; FA. iii 267, 268, 299, 357. Madd. Ped. 964-5 is inaccurate. Our JT was son and heir of JT son and heir of Geoffrey de T. His father (who may be the JT of Louth who with Alice sold land in 1394-5, FF/D156) was dead by 1414 when Juliana his grandmother (widow of Geoffrey) died, leaving the manors of Stainton and Searby, which JT inherited. Stainton was held in chief by knight service; CPR. 1413-22/60. Our JT married Joan daughter and heir of Sir Roger Aysteyrby, and left issue, JT. II, Margaret (who married Andrew Gudehand) and Beatrix (who married Thomas Mougne). He is to be distinguished from the merchant of King's Lyhn. As JT of Lincs., gave recognisance, CCR. 1413-19/116; collector of tax, Lindsey, 1418, CCR. 1413-22/60. Juror in 1428, FA. iii 267. Commission of sewers, 1431, gave oath with gentry of Lincs., 1434, JT of Croxby, CPR. 1429-36/132, 382. As JT of Croxby, senior, set up feoffees in Stainton le Hole, 1440, CPR. 1436-41/481.

Thoresby, John II: 1459 (arm.). Of Stainton. Son of JT I. With Margaret his wife (who was apparently a member of the Haunsard family, Madd. Ped. 964-5), he leased a manor in Market Rasen to his aunt's husband, Andrew Gudehand, 1440-1, FF/G60. Coronc of Lincs., 1457, CPR. 1452-61/361. He died, 1480, seised of the manor of Stainton le Hole, IPM. 402. His daughter and heir, Joan, married John Sheffield of Croxby.
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- AASR — Reports and Papers of Associated Architectural and Archaeological Societies.
- AQD — Inquisitions Ad Quod Damnum (references to PRO Index pages).
- CCR — Calendar of Close Rolls.
- CFR — Calendar of Fine Rolls.
- CPL — Calendar of Papal Letters.
- CPR — Calendar of Patent Rolls.
- ECP — Early Chancery Proceedings (references to pages in PRO Indexes I and II).
- EG — Information from Grimby Archives given by E. Gillett.
- FA — Feudal Aids.
- FF — Feet of Fines (references to abstract in Foster Library, LAO).
- Foster, Wills — AASR 41 (1932), pp. 61-114 (Lincoln Wills in P.C., 1384-1468, ed. C. W. Foster).
- Foster Lincoln Wills — Lincoln Wills ed. C. W. Foster, British Record Soc., I (1902).
- Gibbons Wills — Early Lincoln Wills, ed. A. Gibbons (1888).
- HMC — Historical Manuscripts Commission.
- IPM — Inquisitions Post Mortem (Rec. Comm.), vol. IV.
- LAAS — Reports and Papers of Lincolnshire Architectural and Archaeological Society.
- LAO — Lincolnshire Archives Office.
- Lincoln Wills — Lincolnshire Wills, ed. A. R. Maddison (1888, 1891, 2 vols.).
- LNO — Lincolnshire Notes and Queries.
- Peck — Antiquities of Stamford, ed. F. Peck.
- PRO — Public Record Office.
- PTB — History of Boston, by Pinhey Thompson.
- Rep. — LAO Reports.
- RP — Rotuli Parliamentorum.
- SGS — Spalding Gentleman’s Society MSS.
- Stark — History of Lincoln, A. Stark (1810).