

PREFACE

In 1972 I published a book entitled *Royal Ancestors of Some LDS Families* that sold 7,000 copies. In 1975 a supplement was added that further outlined royal connections for 146 American colonists who have large American posterities and whose lines were accepted by American scholars in such works as the *Ancestral Roots* and *Magna Charta* publications by Weis and Sheppard and the five-volume *Blood Royal* series by Adams and d'Angerville.

Between 1975 and 1982, a 50,000 chart Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Library was compiled under my direction. It contains the ancestry of the largest 10,000 Mormon pioneer families.

In the mid-1980s, several months were spent at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, evaluating and challenging claimed pre-colonial and royal lineages for hundreds of American colonists, with the assistance of Gary Boyd Roberts.

In 1985 permission was obtained from NEHGS to publish an original manuscript that had been donated by America's great medievalist George Andrews Moriarty, entitled *The Plantagenet Ancestry of King Edward III and Queen Philippa*. The manuscript was published late that year by the Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Society (now Pioneer Genealogy Society). Roderick Stuart later prepared a complete index for the Moriarty publication, obtained my mailing list to share the index, went on to incorporate Detlev Schwennicke's work on European royalty, and re-published the data (but without Moriarty's extensive notes and comments) in his book *Royalty for Commoners*.

In 1989 the book *Royal Ancestors of Some American Families* was published, which expanded and updated my earlier 1972 and 1975 work. The 1989 book contained 454 five-generation pedigree charts (plus 384 more added in a second volume in 1991) and tied in connections for 184 American colonists and 329 Mormon pioneers.

INTRODUCTION

When this present work began in 1996, it was not anticipated that it would evolve into a nine-year project. Additional months and years could easily be spent, because a work of this nature and scope is never done.

The immediate inspiration for this work came with the publication of *Plantagenet Ancestry of Seventeenth-Century Colonists* by David Faris in 1996 and his announced plan to also complete a series of books on the descent of colonists from the Magna Charta Sureties, from the earlier feudal English barons, and from the Emperor Charlemagne. It appeared to me that much additional information could be added and a popular presentation on pedigree charts could be provided that would be useful to many people.

In the year 2000 I began working with David Faris and Douglas Richardson by reviewing and making many suggestions on a Magna Carta manuscript they were preparing for publication. Later that year, David sent me his Carolingian (Charlemagne) manuscript to review. After David's untimely death, his 1714-page baronial manuscript was obtained from Douglas, who inherited and is carrying on David's work.

Those who find much of their ancestry in this *Royal Ancestry Bible* are encouraged to also obtain Douglas Richardson's *Plantagenet Ancestry* (2004) for historical information and additional documentation on many key ancestors. Richardson's *Magna Carta Ancestry* (April 2005), which is now on the press, is also recommended.

THE SCOPE OF THIS WORK

This work attempts to include all colonists who have at least 20,000 living American descendants and who descend from English or French kings or the Emperor Charlemagne. Colonists descending from only Welsh kings are not included. For a comprehensive inclusion of additional colonists who do not have significant American posterities, see *The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States* (2004), by Gary Boyd Roberts.

The beginning person on each charted line in this publication is always born before 1690 and is usually an American colonist, a child of colonists who both have royal ancestry, or a parent of multiple colonists. An effort has been made to include all known descents for these colonists from English or French kings or the Emperor Charlemagne. Most colonists have thousands of known ancestors who have been charted. Each chart has been

finished as completely as possible, but all lines with no descent from kings are terminated at the end of the chart (except on the ancestry of Richard Plantagenet & Cecily Neville, which is fully charted). Otherwise, the size of this publication would be more than doubled.

The Appendix includes tie-ins for additional colonists who were born after 1690 or whose lines have not been fully charted for various reasons. A few lines that are only possibilities are included, with appropriate notes. Also included are all known tie-ins for 22 presidents of the United States, for eight presidents of the LDS Church, and for 53 Mormon pioneers who are believed to each have more than 20,000 living descendants.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Of the dozens of persons who have made a significant contribution to this work, five stand apart. These are Frederick Lewis Weis, George Andrews Moriarty, David Faris, Gary Boyd Roberts, and Douglas Richardson. Each of them has been innovative and has changed the genealogical landscape in a lasting way. Each has set a new standard for others to follow. Instead of criticizing the work of others, each has produced and organized and shared a prodigious amount of work that will benefit millions. This present work would not have been possible without the contributions of any of these five.

Two of these individuals have been especially helpful to me, both as mentors and as friends. To Gary Boyd Roberts and Douglas Richardson, I owe a special thanks.

Finally, I want to thank my wife Mary for her computer assistance and for her many hours spent in typing and re-typing the pedigree charts.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Below is an alphabetical list of major sources used. The abbreviated source as given in the text is followed by a more complete description. Sources used infrequently are not listed here. Additional sources appear on the pedigree charts and in the Appendix.

1. *Ancestral Roots*: Frederick Lewis Weis and Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., *Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists Who Came to America before 1700* (7th Edition, 1992), published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
2. *Ancestral Roots* 8 (2004): Frederick Lewis Weis, Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., Edited with Additions and Corrections by William R. Beall and Kaleen E. Beall, *Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists Who Came to America before 1700* (8th Edition, 2004), published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
3. *Blood Royal*: H. H. d'Angerville (and initially, Arthur Adams), *Living Descendants of Blood Royal* (5 volumes, 1959-1973), published by World Nobility and Peerage.
4. *Boyer Abell* (2001): Carl Boyer, 3rd, *Medieval English Ancestors of Robert Abell*, self-published.
5. *Complete Peerage*: George Edward Cokayne, *The Complete Peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain and the United Kingdom, Extant, Extinct, or Dormant* (14 volumes in 15, 1910-1998), published by St. Catherine Press.
6. Consultation with Douglas Richardson: Much of this consultation was in the year 2000 and refers to a review by Douglas of my first 1,000 pedigree charts and a review by me of the Magna Carta manuscript he and David Faris were preparing for publication. Frequent consultation has continued until the present (June 2005).
7. *Emperor Charlemagne 1*: Marcellus Donald Alexander R. von Redlick, *Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants* (Volume 1, 1941), reprinted 1972 by Genealogical Publishing Company.
8. Faris: David Faris, *Plantagenet Ancestry of Seventeenth-Century Colonists* (1st Edition, 1996), published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
9. Faris 2: David Faris, *Plantagenet Ancestry of Seventeenth-Century Colonists* (2nd Edition, 1999), published by New England Historic Genealogical Society.
10. Faris preliminary baronial manuscript (1998): This refers to a 1714-page unpublished baronial manuscript prepared by David Faris and updated to about the year 1998.
11. Faris preliminary Charlemagne manuscript (June 1995): This refers to a 288-page unpublished Carolingian (Charlemagne) manuscript prepared by David Faris and last updated and printed on June 3, 1995. When Dr. Faris sent me this manuscript late in 2000, he told me that he had originally planned to publish this volume first, before his *Plantagenet Ancestry*, but that he had run into so many problems he decided to set it aside until later. He told me he had concluded that a lot of the problems stemmed from relying too heavily on West Winter's update of Brandenburg (fourteen generations of the descendants of Charlemagne; see item 36 below) and had decided that Brandenburg was still the most reliable. Moriarty (see item 18 below) relied heavily on Professor Brandenburg's work, calling it "an especially authoritative and valuable compilation" in the forward to his *Plantagenet* manuscript.
12. Faris-Richardson 3 (July 2002 preliminary): This is an unpublished update of portions of the Faris 2 book (see item 9 above) and a precursor of the Richardson *Plantagenet* (2004) book (see item 25 below).
13. Faris-Richardson preliminary Magna Carta manuscript (June 2000): This 552-page unpublished manuscript, printed June 18, 2000, has evolved into the Richardson *Magna Carta* (April 2005) book (see item 24 below), which is on the press as I write.
14. *The Genealogist*: This journal was started in 1980 by Neil D. Thompson.
15. Kraentzler: Ernst-Friedrich Kraentzler, *The Ancestry of Richard Plantagenet and Cecily de Neville* (1978). This book of pedigrees is better than Turton (see item 34 below) in the later medieval period, but its inclusion of many unsupportable connections to early Roman and Biblical lineages has brought it criticism.

16. LDS records: This refers to the LDS Ancestral File or to older family group sheet collections completed by the early 1970s. Theodore M. Burton authorized me to reproduce royal family group sheets prepared by the LDS Genealogical Society's professional staff, and Bob Gunderson and others gave me access to some collections not publicly available.
17. *Magna Charta*: Frederick Lewis Weis and Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., *The Magna Charta Sureties, 1215* (4th Edition, 1991; 5th Edition, 1999), published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
18. Moriarty: George Andrews Moriarty, *The Plantagenet Ancestry of King Edward III and Queen Philippa*. This 300-page manuscript was first microfilmed by Harvard University in 1955, was donated to NEHGS in 1965, and was finally published by the Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Society in 1985. Moriarty was America's leading medievalist in the field of genealogy.
19. MPGL: Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Library, a 50,000 chart collection containing the ancestry of the largest 10,000 Mormon pioneer families, compiled 1975-1982 by Michel L. Call. In this *Royal Ancestry Bible*, the starting pedigree chart for each colonist identifies children who have Mormon Pioneer descendants in MPGL.
20. *NEHGR: The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.
21. *NGSQ: National Genealogical Society Quarterly*.
22. Paget: Gerald Paget, *The Lineage and Ancestry of H. R. H. Prince Charles, Prince of Wales* (2 volumes, 1977), published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
23. Paget (1957): Gerald Paget, *An Official Genealogical and Heraldic Baronage of England*, unpublished, approximately 2,000 pages, filmed in 1957 by the Genealogical Society of Utah.
24. Richardson *Magna Carta* (April 2005): Douglas Richardson, *Magna Carta Ancestry: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families*, published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
25. Richardson *Plantagenet* (2004): Douglas Richardson, *Plantagenet Ancestry: A Study in Colonial and Medieval Families*, published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
26. Roberts *AAP*: Gary Boyd Roberts, *Ancestors of American Presidents* (1st Authoritative Edition, 1995), published by Carl Boyer, 3rd.
27. Roberts *500*: Gary Boyd Roberts, *The Royal Descents of 500 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States* (1993), published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
28. Roberts *500 (600)* updated manuscript (November 2000): This is an unpublished update of the Roberts 1993 book (see item 27 above) and a precursor of his 2004 book (see item 29 below).
29. Roberts *600* (2004): Gary Boyd Roberts, *The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States*, published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
30. *Royal Ancestors* (1989): Michel L. Call, *Royal Ancestors of Some American Families*, self-published. This book contained 454 five-generation pedigree charts (plus 384 more added in a second volume in 1991) and tied in 184 American colonists and 329 Mormon pioneers. Two sets of family group sheets were also published with the series.
31. Schwennicke: Detlev Schwennicke, *Europäische Stammtafeln: Stammtafeln zur Geschichte der Europäischen Staaten* (20 volumes, 1980-1995), published by Verlag von J. A. Stargardt.
32. Stuart: Roderick W. Stuart, *Royalty for Commoners* (3rd Edition, 1998), published by Genealogical Publishing Company.
33. *TAG: The American Genealogist*.
34. Turton: W. H. Turton, *The Plantagenet Ancestry* (1928), reprinted 1993 by Genealogical Publishing Company.
35. Von Isenburg: Wilhelm Karl Prinz von Isenburg, *Stammtafeln zur Geschichte der Europäischen Staaten* (2 volumes, 1953). This has now been superseded by Schwennicke (see item 31 above).
36. West Winter: H. M. West Winter, *The Descendants of Charlemagne (800-1400): Part I "Brandenburg Updated" Generations I-XIV* (1987), unpublished.