

Thomas Gerard



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Born: 1487 ENG

Married: Margery Trafford

Died: 27 Nov 1583 Berwick, ENG

Parents: Peter Gerard & Margaret Stanley

Resource: Edwin Beitzell. Gerard and Cheseldine Families
Ancestor Chart made by Dr. David Spalding. GeorgeWash. Univ. Wash. DC
Robert Garrett, Researcher. Employed by W.W.Folger of Tennessee.
Plantagenet Ancestry 17th Century Colonists by Faris pg 113

Edwin Beitzell: "Sir Thomas succeeded his grandfather to the estates of Byrn, Bromley and Kagsley and other land holdings. He employed the famed Lancashire Archers against the Scots in 1513 to aid Thomas, Earl of Surrey while Henry VIII was busy in his wars in France. He is credited with behaving with great valor at Flodden Field when the Earl of Surrey defeated and killed James IV of Scotland. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford in Lancashire." Of her, he had eight children.

Faris states on pg 269 that Margaret Trafford married Thomas Gerard, Knight of Kinglsey and Bryn. He was the Son of Peter Gerad of Kinglsey of Magna Carta Surety descent and descended of Charlemaign. If one is to follow the Gerad family to its origin one must remember this.

Before Thomas Gerrard was killed in the battle of Berwick, he had already discussed with his young brother William the future of NewHall. William knew that he was not the first born or the second born son, so he was not eligible to inherit New Hall. Through the generosity of Thomas of Kingsley and Byrn, they came to an agreement that Thomas would leave Newhall to William to be inherited by William's baseborn son, Thomas. After Thomas died and the Castle at Newhall went to William and Thomas, the children of Thomas began a lawsuit to retain the castle or home at NewHall. William and son, Thomas won the suit. There are lots of court records in existance telling of this case. And so it was that Thomas the grandfather of Dr. Thomas Gerard of Maryland inherited Newhall and subsequently the property went to his son John and then to Thomas Gerard.

Faris indicates that Gerard's mother was Margaret Stanley, daughter of Thomas Stanley, Knight of Hooten. Faris, too, states that he was killed while fighting the Scots at Berwick on 7 Nov 1523. He left a will dated 13 Sep 1522 which named his wife, four sons and four daughters.

Information from online research at: Ancestry.com