

## **Line of Descent of Sampson Lennard Brad Leonard, bradsport.com**

Since there is a large amount of Leonard genealogy on the Internet based on 19<sup>th</sup> Century claims that would have James and Henry Leonard descending from Sampson Lennard, the latter's ancestry and descendants are included here. There is considerable doubt as to whether "our" (James and Henry) Leonards are descendants of the Lennards or whether they descend from French and other ironworkers. The Thomas Lennard who was the supposed father of James, Henry, Philip, and Thomas was Thomas<sup>6</sup> in the following, who died unmarried.

The Dacre Lennards were wealthy and titled, meaning their lines of descent were matters of state and inheritance and periodically verified by the Crown. One of Sampson's descendants was a "Blue Herald," one of those officials checking lines of descent. If James or Henry had been in line for the title and the inheritance, this surely would have been known and documented to all.

The wishful thinking about a noble descent seems to have started with several Loyalist Leonards after the Revolutionary War. Both were descendants of James and had lost fortunes in the War and were seeking recompense. One such was Daniel Leonard of Taunton, son of Ephraim, a wealthy lawyer who spent time in England and later became Chief Justice of the Bermuda Supreme Court. Another was George Leonard of Boston, son of Nathaniel, on whose ships the British evacuated Boston and who was given lands in Canada and resided there.

### **First Generation**

George<sup>1</sup> Lennard, b. abt. 1422, d. 1462 in England, m. Matilda, b. abt. 1443

### **Second Generation**

John<sup>2</sup> Lennard, (George<sup>1</sup>) Esq., b. 1459 in Knole, Kent, d. 1530 in England, m. Anne Bird, b. abt. 1458 in Middlesex, England

### **Third Generation**

John<sup>3</sup> Lennard, (John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) Prothonotary of North Wales, b. 1479 in Knole, Kent, England, d. 1554 in England, m. abt. 1484 in Chepsted, Kent, Catherine Weston

William<sup>3</sup> Lennard (John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>), b. 1482, Heathfield, Sussex, England (no info on marriage)

George<sup>3</sup> Lennard, (John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) b. abt 1483, Yorkshire, England (no info on marriage or children)

### **Fourth Generation**

John<sup>4</sup> Lennard, (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) High Sheriff and barrister of Lincoln's Inn, b. 1508 in Chevening, Kent, d. 12 Mar 1590 in Chevening, Kent, m. abt. 1538 in Knole, Kent, Elizabeth Harmon, b. 1520 in Elam, Crayford, England, d. 18 Oc 1585 in Chevening, Kent. She was the dau. Of William Harmon, b. abt. 1488 in Ellam

Thomas (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>), dsp. After 1588

Thomas<sup>4</sup> Lennard (William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) of Northampton m. ? Snowball

John<sup>4</sup> (William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>)

### **Fifth Generation**

Samson<sup>5</sup> Lennard, (John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) b. abt. 1544-5 in Knole, Kent, d. 20 September 1615, m. Margaret Fiennes, Baroness Dacre, b. 1540/1 in Pontypool?, d. 10 Mar 1611 in Chevening, Kent. They had 13 children, four of the seven sons died in infancy. When his wife died, his son and heir became Baron Dacre of the South by official letter from King James. The title was restored, having been lost by an earlier Lord Dacre, but that's another story. The names Thomas and Gregory run in the Dacre line.

Dorothy<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. 1527, Herstmonceux, Sussex, England (Why was she born at the castle well before Sampson married into the D'Acre family? Why was she born 17 years before the birth of the next child?)

Timothy<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. 1546, Knole, Kent, England (married? Children?)

Samuel<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. 1546, West Wickham, Kent, England, d. 20 Sep 1615

Mary<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. abt. 1549, d. 7 Dec 1620 in Kent, England, bur. Titsey, Surrey, England

Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. abt. 1551 at Knole, Kent, England, d. 21 Dec 1630 at West Wickham, Kent

Samuel<sup>5</sup> Lennard (Sir), b. 1553 (2 sons named Samuel, both of whom lived?) of West Wickham, d. 1618

Rachel<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. 1553 Knole, Kent, England, d. 15 Oct 1616, Birling, Kent

Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. 1553, Chevening, Kent

Anne<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. 1556, Chevening, Kent, d. Buckinghamshire

Timothea<sup>5</sup> Lennard, b. 1558, Chevening, Kent

Sampson<sup>5</sup> (William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) d. 1628, "A Herald"

Thomas<sup>5</sup> (William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>)

Thomas<sup>5</sup>, (Thomas<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) d. 1653

Francis<sup>5</sup> (Thomas<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) of Heathfield, Sussex, m. Judith Farmer

William<sup>5</sup>, DD (Thomas<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>)

### **Sixth Generation**

John<sup>6</sup> Lennard, b. abt. 1567 in Sevenoaks, Kent, buried 10 Oct 1575 in Sevenoaks, Kent

Henry<sup>6</sup> Lennard (Lord Dacre), chr. 25 Mar 1569 in Chevening, Kent, buried 9 Aug. 1616 in Chevening, Kent, m. 21 May 1590 at St. Stephen and St. Benet Sherehog, London, Chrysigona Baker, buried 30 Sep 1616 in Chevening, dau of Richard Baker and Mary Gifford

George or Gregory<sup>6</sup> Lennard, Esq., chr. 25 Oct 1573 in Chevening, Kent, d. 28 Feb 1618/9, m. abt. 1598 in Chevening, Kent, Matilda Price

Mary<sup>6</sup> Lennard, m. Ralph Bosville, Esq.

Thomas<sup>6</sup> Lennard, chr. 23 May 1577 in Sevenoaks, Kent, buried 16 Nov 1638 in England. He was unmarried. Thomas' will describes him as of "Eveuns Green in the parish of Sundrish, Kent." He appointed his brother-in-law, Sir Francis Barnham, his executor, and left the residue of his property to his godson Thomas Lennard, who his greatnephew, being the second son of Richard Lord Dacre.

Margaret<sup>6</sup> Lennard, m. Sir Thomas Waller

Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Lennard, chr. 5 Jun 1580 at Sevenoaks, Kent, buried 20 Oct 1581 in Sevenoaks, Kent

Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Lennard, m. Sir Francis Barnham

Son<sup>6</sup> Lennard, b. 1582/3

Frances<sup>6</sup> Lennard, m. Sir Robert More

John<sup>6</sup> Lennard, chr. 11 Oct 1584 in Sevenoaks, d. bef. 1615

Anne<sup>6</sup> Lennard, m. Herbert Morley, Esq.

Thomas<sup>6</sup> (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>), b. 1628

Richard<sup>6</sup> (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) d. infant 1616

Francis<sup>6</sup> (Francis<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>), b. 1623

### **Seventh Generation**

Children of Henry<sup>6</sup> (Lord Dacre) and Chrysigona:

Barbara<sup>7</sup> Lennard, b. abt 1608 in St. Anne Blackfriars, London

Margaret<sup>7</sup> Lennard, chr. 27 Oct 1794 in Sevenoaks, Kent

Richard<sup>7</sup> (Baron Dacre), b. Apr 1596 in Chevening, Kent

Fiennes<sup>7</sup> Lennard, chr. 21 Jan 1598 in Sevenoaks, Kent

Philadelphia<sup>7</sup> Lennard, chr. 21 Jan 1598 in Sevenoaks, Kent

Pembrook<sup>7</sup> or Penelope<sup>7</sup> Lennard, chr. 5 Jul 1602 in St. Helen Bishopsgate, London, may have married William Brooke, gent. 17 Sep 1623 at Hollingbourne, Kent

Edward<sup>7</sup> Lennard, chr. 30 Nov 1611 at Chevening, Kent

Child of George or Gregory Lennard and Matilda Price:

Margaret<sup>7</sup> Lennard, chr. 27 Oct 1594 in Sevenoaks, Kent

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