

Stanley of Tardebigge and Cladswell.

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RICHARD STANLEY, of Tardebigge, = PERNELL. . . Left a widow in Co. Worcester. A grandfather at the date of his will, made 9th October, 1555, proved in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of the Lord Bishop of Worcester, 31st March, 1556. Buried in the Churchyard of St. Bartholomew, Tardebigge.

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CHRISTOPHER STANLEY, of the Parish of Tardebigge, with eight children living at the date of his father's will, in 1555. Born soon after Christopher Columbus discovered America. Buried at Tardebigge. His will of 9th November, 1558, proved at Worcester, 21st February, 1558/9.

= AGNES [? JAMES]. Buried at Tardebigge 4th September, 1583. Her will of 3rd September, 1583, proved at Worcester, 4th October, 1583, in which she refers to her eight children and her brother, William James.

RICHARD STANLEY, eldest son, of Bentley Pauncefoot, Parish of Tardebigge, yeoman. Buried at Tardebigge, 20th January, 1588/9. His will of 19th January, 1588/9, proved at Worcester, 11th October, 1589. Overseers: his brothers-in-law, William Cookes, of Bentley, and Henry Cookes, of Skeltwood, and William Mascall, of Hemlockhill; all in the Parish of Tardebigge in Feckenham Forest.

= DEANES,¹ eldest daughter of William Cookes, of Tardebigge (his will was proved at Worcester, 16th June, 1563) and Isabell, his wife. Married at St. Bartholomews, Tardebigge, 28th September, 1567. Buried there 18th January, 1606/7. Her will of 25th November, 1606, proved at Worcester 23rd May, 1607, by her eldest son, John Stanley.

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¹ Henry Cookes, the brother of Deanes, was the great-grandfather of Sir William Cookes, first Baronet of Norgrove, High Sheriff of Co. Worcester, who joined Charles I. at the Battle of Worcester, when, according to family tradition, Charles gave him the family motto "*Deo Regi Vicino.*" His eldest son, Sir Thomas Cookes, Bart., was the Founder of Worcester College, Oxford.

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<p>JOHN STANLEY, of Bentley Pauncefoot, in Parish of Tardebigge, yeoman. Buried at Tardebigge, 16th April, 1654. Born <i>circa</i> 1570. His will of 30th March, 1654, proved at Westminster, 16th June, 1654.</p>	<p>= ALICE, daughter of William Mascall, of Hemlockhill in Parish of Tardebigge. Bapt. there 31st December, 1571. Married there, 30th June, 1594.</p>
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<p>FOULKE STANLEY, of Cladswell, in Parish of Inkborough, Co. Worcester. Baptised at Tardebigge, 24th August, 1608. Youngest of nine children.</p>	<p>= FRANCES WILD. Married at Tardebigge, 30th December, 1640. Died, a Quaker, 22nd April, 1677.</p>
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<p>JOHN STANLEY, of Cladswell, in Parish of Inkborough. Baptised there 3rd January, 1648. Died there 1st April, 1706. Entertained George Fox. His first wife was Mary Reading, who died 4th November, 1693. Elizabeth Somerford was the widow of Roger Chandless, of Perton.</p>	<p>= ELIZABETH, daughter of Thomas Somerford, of Somerford Hall, in the Parish of Brewood, Co. Stafford, gentleman, twenty-fourth in descent from Alfred the Great and seventeenth from William the Conqueror. Her grandmother was Dorothy² Onslow (a Quaker), of the family of the present Earl of Onslow. Elizabeth married John Stanley, at F.M.H., Worcester 12 March, 1694/5. She died at Cladswell, 23 January, 1732, and was the ancestor of all John Stanley's descendants.</p>
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Morgan Bunting, of Darby, Pa., has rendered valuable service by compiling *A List of the Records of the Meetings constituting the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends held at Fifteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia* (8¾ by 6¼, pp. 104).

² The esteem in which Dorothy (Onslow) Somerford, daughter of George Onslow, of Boreaton, was held by Friends in Staffordshire is shown by the following record of her burial in Book 249, page 53, at Somerset House:—

“Dorothy Sumerford of Sumerford Hall, widow, a zealous woman for God and His Truth and a lover of all people who did truly serve the Lord, And of good report and repute amongst her nibors where shee lived, departed this life the 12th day of the Eighth Month called Octobr, and was buried at Stafford the fifteenth day of the same month in ye year of O^r Lord Christ according to the common account one thousand six hundred ffoore scoor and one, 1681.”