

SOME ROYAL DESCENTS IN THE SMYTHIES FAMILY.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

Since Sir Bernard Burke published his book of Royal Descents in the early part of the last century, the tracing of pedigrees of this character has been pursued with great diligence, and the result is that Burke's list, which included, *inter alia*, the Raymond descent, has now been supplemented by a very large number of others. The fullest details regarding the descents recorded in these Records will be found in the Mortimer-Percy Volume (Part I.) of that valuable series of genealogical works entitled, "The Plantagenet Roll of the Blood Royal," compiled by the Marquis of Ruvigny. In that volume, on p. 631, etc. (Essex Supplement), will be found particulars of the Smythies descent, through the Ansteys, from Roger, 4th Earl of March; the descent through the Raymonds, from Lady Elizabeth Mortimer, will be found on p. 122, etc., and the descent through the Fosbrookes from the same lady on p. 474, etc. It will be interesting also to note, by reference to Table I. in the above-mentioned volume, that descendants of Roger, 4th Earl of March, through the marriage of his daughter, Lady Anne Mortimer, to Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cambridge, are, through the last-named, descended from Edmund, Duke of York, fourth son of Edward III., as well as from Lionel, Duke of Clarence, his second son; and further, that his descendants, through the marriage of Lady Isabel Plantagenet (his granddaughter) to Henry, 1st Earl of Essex, are, in addition, descended from Thomas, Duke of Gloucester, fifth son of Edward III., who was grandfather of the said earl. In the same Table it may be observed that descendants of Lady Elizabeth Mortimer, through the marriage of her son Henry, 2nd Earl of Northumberland, to Lady Eleanor Nevill, are, through Lady Eleanor (a granddaughter of John of Gaunt) descended from John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, third son of Edward III., as well as from Lionel, Duke of Clarence, his second son.

Hence it will be seen that:—

Isabella Smythies (*née* Raymond) descends from the second and third sons.

Raymond Brewster Smythies descends from the second and third sons.

Elizabeth Anne Smythies (*née* Fosbrooke) descends from the second and third sons.

Yorick Palmer Fosbrooke Smythies descends from the second and third sons.

Francis Palmer Smythies descends from the second and third sons.

Isabella Jane Smythies (*née* Anstey) descends from the second, fourth, and fifth sons.

Raymond Henry Raymond Smythies descends from the second, third, fourth, and fifth sons.

It is believed that a line of descent from Plantagenet ancestors might be traced in the case of some members of the second branch of the Smythies' family descended from John Smythies, the eldest son of the Rev. Palmer Smythies by his second wife, but so far the pedigrees given below are all that it has been possible to verify.

The living descendants of Margaretta Smythies, who married John Greene, Esq., of Bury St. Edmunds, include John Wollaston Greene, John Cecil Wollaston Greene, Kenneth Wollaston Greene, Ella Wollaston Greene, Hilda Wollaston Mrs. Maugham (*née* Greene), Rhona Wollaston Greene, Rev. Carleton Greene, Francis Carleton Greene, Marion Raymond Greene, William Herbert Greene, Charles Raymond Greene, Henry Graham Greene, Alice Marion Greene, Maud Churchill Greene, Nora Carleton Greene and Frances Elizabeth Raymond Mrs. Oliver Raymond (*née* Greene). Full particulars of their descent are given on p. 126 Mortimer-Percy Vol., Part I. of Ruvigny's "Plantagenet Roll of the Blood Royal."