

Robert De STAFFORD

Born: 1216, Stafford Castle, Staffordshire, England Died: 4 Jun 1261 / 1282 / AFT 15 Jul 1287 Notes: summoned to serve in Wales in 1260.

Cokayne's "Complete Peerage" (STAFFORD, p.171-172)

Father: **Henry De STAFFORD**

Mother: **Pernell De FERRERS**

Married: **Alice CORBET** (dau. of **Thomas De Corbet** and **Isabel De Valletort**) ABT 1240, Shropshire, England

Children:

1. **Alice De STAFFORD**
 2. **Nicholas De STAFFORD**
 3. **Isabella De STAFFORD**
 4. **Amabil De STAFFORD**
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Alice De STAFFORD

Born: ABT 1240, Stafford, England

Father: **Robert De STAFFORD**

Mother: **Alice CORBET**

Married: **John De HOTHAM (Sir)**

Children:

1. **John De HOTHAM**
 2. **Peter De HOTHAM**
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Isabella De STAFFORD

Born: 1265

Father: **Robert De STAFFORD**

Mother: **Alice CORBET**

Married: **William STAFFORD**

Children:

1. **John STAFFORD**
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Amabil De STAFFORD

Father: **Robert De STAFFORD**

Mother: **Alice CORBET**

Married: **Richard (Robert) RADCLIFFE**

Nicholas De STAFFORD

Born: 1246, Stafford, England

Died: 1 Aug 1287, Siege of Droselan Castle

Notes: actively engaged against the Welsh, in the reign of **King Edward I**, and was killed before Droselan Castle. His manors included Offley, Schelbedon and Bradley, Staffordshire

Father: **Robert De STAFFORD**

Mother: **Alice CORBET**

Married 1: **Anne De LANGLEY**

Married 2: **Eleanor De CLINTON**

Children:

1. **Richard De STAFFORD**
 2. **Edmund STAFFORD (1° B. Stafford)**
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Edmund STAFFORD (1° B. Stafford)

Born: 15 Jul 1272/3, Clifton, Staffordshire, England

Died: 26 Aug 1308

Father: **Nicholas De STAFFORD**

Mother: **Eleanor De CLINTON**

Married: **Margaret BASSETT (B. Stafford)** BEF 1298, Drayton, Staffordshire, England

Children:

1. **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**
 2. **Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**
 3. **Margaret STAFFORD**
 4. **William STAFFORD**
 5. **Humphrey STAFFORD**
 6. **Jacobus STAFFORD**
 7. **Catherine STAFFORD**
 8. **Elizabeth STAFFORD**
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Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)

Born: 1302, Tunbridge, Kent, England

Died: 1380, Pipe, Staffordshire, England

Buried: St. Andrew's Church, Clifton Campville, Staffordshire, England

Notes: summoned to parliament among the barons of the realm from 44th **Edward III** to 3rd **Richard II**. 1341, M.P. for Staffs. Seneschal of Gascony. 'Founder' of the later church of St. Andrew's, Clifton Campville although a church existed at the time of the Domesday survey in 1086-9. On the Council of State. BET 1341 - 1380, J.P. for Staffs. BET 1343 - 1368, Commissioner, Justice of Oyer, J.P., Collector of Subsidy. Styled Baron Clifton, Staffordshire by right of his wife **Isabel Vernon**. 1371, Summoned to Parliament as '*Sir Richard de Stafford le Piere*'. Lord of the Manor of Pipe 1337, by grant of his mother, **Margaret Basset**; Lord of the Manor of Clifton Campville by right of his wife **Isabel Vernon**. Memorial Brass at St. Peter's Church, Elford.

Father: **Edmund STAFFORD (1° B. Stafford)**

Mother: **Margaret BASSETT (B. Stafford)**

Married 1: **Matilda CRAMVILLE**

Children:

1. **Nicholas STAFFORD of Throwley**

Married 2: **Isabel De VERNON** 1337

Children:

2. **Catherine STAFFORD**
3. **Richard STAFFORD (Sir)**
4. **Edmund STAFFORD (Bishop of Exeter)**
5. **Matilda STAFFORD**
6. **Thomas STAFFORD (Sir)**

Married 3: **Matilda (Maud) STAFFORD** ABT 1357

Catherine STAFFORD

Born: 1338

Notes: heiress of the manors of Clifton and Pype.

Father: **Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**

Mother: **Isabel De VERNON**

Married: **John ARDERNE (Sir)**

Richard STAFFORD (Sir)

Born: 1339

Died: BET 1380 / 1381

Notes: died before his father. Not issue.

Father: **Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**

Mother: **Isabel De VERNON**

Married: **Alice BLOUNT** ABT 1365

Matilda STAFFORD

Born: 1346

Buried: St. Peter's Church, Elford, England

Father: **Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**

Mother: **Isabel De VERNON**

Married: **Thomas ARDERNE (Sir)**

Children:

1. **John ARDERNE (Sir)** (b. ABT 1368 - d. 1408) (m. **Margaret Pilkington**)
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Thomas STAFFORD (Sir)

Born: 1346

Notes: his son died without issue.

Father: **Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**

Mother: **Isabel De VERNON**

Married: ;?

Children:

1. **Thomas STAFFORD**
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Edmund STAFFORD (Bishop of Exeter)

Born: 1344

Died: 1419

Notes: Embracing the ecclesiastical state, **Edmund** obtained the degree of Doctor of Laws, and was a canon of York Minster, Rector of Clifton Campville. BET 1385 / 1393, Dean of York. BET 1389 - 1391, Lord Privy Seal. BET 1393 / 1395, Canon of Lichfield. **Pope Boniface IX** promoted him to the vacant see of Exeter, by his bull dated Rome, 15 Jan 1395, inserted in the beginning of the first volume of his register. He was consecrated at Lambeth by the primate **William Courtenay** on Sunday 20 Jun 1395, assisted by **Robert De Braybroke, Bishop of London**, and **John Waltham, Bishop of Sarum**; and, according to custom, "*ratione novae creationis*", the new **Bishop** assigned the pension of five marks to a clerk named by the crown, until he could institute him to a suitable living. As public business prevented his lordship from quitting the court, he lost no time in appointing an efficient vicar-general. **King Richard II** on 23 Oct 1396, nominated him Lord Chancellor, and he continued in office until the eve of the **King's** abdicating the crown; he had also appointed him one of his executors (Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. viii. p. 77). Released from the turmoil of state office, he hastened to visit his diocese. On his way hither from London we find him arrived at Salisbury on 18 Mar 1400: on 5 Apr he was domiciled at his manor-house of Bishop's Clist, and shortly after proceeded in his visitation through the counties of Devon and Cornwall. Thus he

continued in the discharge of his pastoral functions until 20 Jan 1401, when he started for London; and for those times, and at that season of the year, he must have travelled expeditiously, for a document is entered in his register dated but six days later "in hospitio nostro London". **King Henry IV** probably wished to have his counsel: on 9 Mar that monarch restored to him the Great Seal which he retained for nearly two years, when he returned to his diocese. We meet with him at Clist on 29 Mar 1403, and two days after he held an ordination in its domestic chapel. From this period until his death he absented himself as little as possible from his diocese; and the two folio volumes of his register, comprising nearly 1400 pages, attest his diligence in administering to his affairs and the zeal he evinced for the good government of all classes; in fact none of the episcopal registers before or after him are kept in a more business-like manner. The day before his death at Clist he confirmed the election made by the chapter of **John Cobthorne** for their dean; and on the very day of his death at Clist 3 Sep 1419, aged 75, he instituted an incumbent of Blackauton, and collated to a prebend and canonry in his cathedral, when his registrar adds "*et eodem die D. Edmundus, Exoniensis Episcopus, diem suum clausit extremum: cujus animæ propitiatur Deus, Amen*". The inquisition post mortem, anno sexto **King Henry V**, proves that he had estates in the counties of Leicester, Gloucester, Derby, Stafford, and Northampton. His will in **Archbishop Chicheley's** Register is dated 24 Jul 1418, and "was proved 18 Sep 1419". **Leland** in his 'Itinerary' (vol. iii. p. 44) has preserved the **Bishop's** epitaph, now illegible:

*Hic jacet Edmundus De Stafforde intumulatus
Quondam profundus legum doctor reputatus
Verbis facundus, Comitum De stirpe creatus
Felix et mundus Pater hujus Pontificatûs.*

Father: **Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**
Mother: **Isabel De VERNON**

Nicholas STAFFORD of Throwley

Born: 1331

Died: 1394, Throwley

Notes: Oct 1349, Granted a papal dispensation to hold a benefice. ABT 1355, Knighted. BET 1372 - 1373, Sheriff, Staffs. BET 1376 - 1392, J.P. for Staffs. BET 1377 - 1380, M.P. for Staffs. BET 1383 - 1391, Chief Steward, Earls of Stafford. 1385, Chairman, bench. Jun 1393, Pardoned.

Father: **Richard STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**

Mother: **Matilda CRAMVILLE**

Married: **Elizabeth MEVEREL** ABT 1353 (dau. of **Thomas Meverel of Throwley**)

Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)

Born: 24 Sep 1301, Stafford, Stafford, England
Died: 31 Aug 1372, Tunbridge Castle, Stafford, England
Buried: 1372 Tonburton Priory, England

Notes: Knight of the Garter. 1350 Earl of Stafford. Fought in the Battle of Crecy and Battle of Sluys. Served in the Scotch and French wars and in important diplomatic missions in European countries.

Father: **Edmund STAFFORD (1° B. Stafford)**

Mother: **Margaret BASSETT (B. Stafford)**

Married 1: **Catherine HASTINGS** ABT 1326

Children:

1. **Margaret STAFFORD**

Married 2: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)** 6 Jul 1336, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Children:

2. **Elizabeth STAFFORD (B. Ferrers of Chartley)**

3. **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

4. **Ralph STAFFORD**

5. **Beatrice STAFFORD (C. Desmond)**

6. **Joan STAFFORD (B. Powis)**

7. **Catherine STAFFORD**

8. **John STAFFORD**

9. **Agnes STAFFORD?**

Margaret STAFFORD

Born: BET 1330/1336, Tunbridge, Kent, England

Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Catherine HASTINGS**

Married: **John STAFFORD (Sir)**

Children:

1. **Humphrey STAFFORD of Hook**

2. **Margaret STAFFORD**

3. **Ralph STAFFORD**

4. **Joan STAFFORD**

Elizabeth STAFFORD (B. Ferrers of Chartley)

Died: 7 Aug 1375

Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)**

Married 1: **Fulke Le STRANGE (3° B. Strange of Blackmere)** 12 Mar 1346, contract

Children:

1. **Maud Le STRANGE**

2. **Fulke STRANGE**

3. **Margaret Le STRANGE**

4. **Eleanor Le STRANGE**

5. **Joan Le STRANGE**

Married 2: **John De FERRERS (4° B. Ferrers of Chartley)**

Children:

6. **Robert De FERRERS (5° B. Ferrers of Chartley)**

Married 3: **Reynold De COBHAM (Sir)**

Ralph STAFFORD

Born: ABT 1337, Tunbridge, Kent, England
Died: 1347
Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**
Mother: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)**
Married: **Maud PLANTAGENET (C. Holland)** 1 Nov 1344

Beatrice STAFFORD (C. Desmond)

Born: ABT 1340, Tunbridge, Stafford, England
Died: 13 Apr 1415
Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**
Mother: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)**
Married 1: **Maurice FITZMAURICE FITZGERALD (2° E. Desmond)** 1350
Married 2: **Thomas De ROS (5° B. Ros of Hamlake)** 1 Jan 1357/58, Stoke Albany, Northamptonshire, England
Children:
1. **Elizabeth ROS (B. Clifford)**
2. **Margaret ROS**
3. **John De ROS (6° B. Ros of Hamlake)**
4. **William De ROS (7° B. Ros of Hamlake)**
5. **Robert De ROS**
6. **Thomas De ROS**
Married 3: **Richard De BURLEY (Sir)** 1385

Joan STAFFORD (B. Powis)

Born: ABT 1336, Stafford, Staffordshire, England
Died: BEF 1397
Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**
Mother: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)**
Married 1: **John CHERLETON (B. Powis)**
Children:
1. **John CHERLETON (B. Powis)** (b. 25 Apr 1362 - d. 19 Oct 1401) (m. **Alice Fitzalan**)
2. **Edward CHERLETON (B. Powis)** (b. 1371 - d. 14 Mar 1420) (m.1 **Eleanor Holland** - m.2 **Elizabeth Berkeley**)
Married 2: **Gilbert TALBOT (3° B. Talbot)** BEF 16 Nov 1379

Catherine STAFFORD

Born: 16 Sep 1348, Tunbridge, Stafford, England
Died: BEF 25 Dec 1361
Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**
Mother: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)**
Married: **John De SUTTON** 25 Dec 1357
Children:
1. **John SUTTON**

Agnes STAFFORD

Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**
Mother: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)**
Married: **John CAREY**

Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)

Born: 1334, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Died: 16 Oct 1386, Rhodes, England

Notes: Knight of the Garter. Served in the wars in France and elsewhere.

Father: **Ralph STAFFORD (1° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Margaret AUDLEY (B. Audley)**

Married: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)** (b. 1334 - BEF 6 Apr 1386)
(dau. of **Thomas De Beauchamp** and **Catherine De Mortimer**) BEF 1 Mar 1350

Children:

1. **Ralph STAFFORD**
 2. **Margaret STAFFORD (C. Westmoreland)**
 3. **Thomas STAFFORD (3° E. Stafford)**
 4. **Humphrey STAFFORD**
 5. **William STAFFORD (4° E. Stafford)**
 6. **Catherine STAFFORD (C. Suffolk)**
 7. **Joan STAFFORD**
 8. **Edmund STAFFORD (5° E. Stafford)**
 9. **Hugh STAFFORD (Sir Knight)**
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Ralph STAFFORD

Born: 1354, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Died: 1385

Buried: Langley, Herfordshire

Notes: Killed by **Richard II**'s half brother, **Sir John Holland**, later 1st and last Duke of Exeter of the 1397 creation, on the way between York and Bishopsthorpe, to avenge the killing by one of **Ralph**'s retainers of his favourite Esquire.

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: ;? ABT 1380

Margaret STAFFORD (C. Westmoreland)

Born: ABT 1364/5, Stafford, England, or in Brancepeth, Durham, England

Died: 9 Jun 1396, Castle Raby, Durham, England

Buried: Jun 1396, Brancepeth Castle, Durham, England

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: **Ralph NEVILLE (1° E. Westmoreland)** ABT 1382, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Children:

1. **Maud NEVILLE (B. Mauley)** (b. ABT 1383 - d. Oct 1438)
 2. **Alice NEVILLE**
 3. **Anne NEVILLE**
 4. **Phillippa NEVILLE (B. Gillesland)**
 5. **John NEVILLE (Sir)**
 6. **Elizabeth NEVILLE** (b. ABT 1389)
 7. **Ralph NEVILLE (Sir Knight)**
 8. **Margaret NEVILLE (B. Scrope of Bolton)**
 9. **Anastasia NEVILLE** (b. ABT 1395)
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Thomas STAFFORD (3° E. Stafford)

Born: 1368, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Died: 4 Jul 1392, Westminster, Middlesex, London, England

Buried: Stone

Notes: 4° B. Stafford. As a minor, he was retained to stay with **King Richard II** for life. In the wars of France, in the 15th year of that **King**, under the conduct of **Thomas of Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester**. Murdered?.

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: **Anne PLANTAGENET (C. Stafford and Eu)** ABT 1390

Humphrey STAFFORD

Born: ABT 1376, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: **Emma ?**

Children:

1. **John STAFFORD (Archbishop of Canterbury)**
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John STAFFORD (Archbishop of Canterbury)

Born: ABT 1387

Died: 25 May 1452, Maidstone, Kent, England

Buried: Canterbury Cathedral

Notes: brought up at Southwick Court in Wiltshire, a moated manor house which still stands (in private ownership). His father was **Sir humphrey Stafford**, a 'Knight of the Shire ' (related to other branches of the Stafford family who later became Earls of Devon and Dukes of Buckingham) and his mother, **Lady Emma**. He studied law at Oxford in 1413 and was patronised by **Henry Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury**. It was only six years later that the young **John Stafford** was promoted to Archdeacon of Salisbury - his promotion was very rapid as this is the minimum period which must elapse before a priest can be appointed archdeacon.

Henry V appointed him Dean of the Court of Arches, Archdeacon and Chancellor of Salisbury, Dean of St. Martin's (London), Dean of Wells, Lord Privy Seal and Lord High Treasurer. It was at about this time, with the monarch falling towards insanity, that factions were aligning for that long series of conflicts which would later be known as the Wars of the Roses. **Stafford** was regarded as a cautious administrator and must have been a steadying influence in such troubled times. As chancellor, he was the first to be styled 'Lord Chancellor'. In 1425, **Pope Martin V** made him Bishop of Bath & Wells and, for seventeen years, held the office of Lord Chancellor. His political influence was employed on the side of those who desired to promote peace with France. **Archbishop Chicheley** recommended Stafford to **Pope Eugenius IV** as his successor on the grounds of "*his high intellectual and moral qualifications, the nobility of his birth, the influence of his relations and his own almost boundless hospitality*". **Stafford** was accordingly translated to Canterbury in 1443. There was religious as well as political turmoil in the country as the Lollards, forerunners of the Reformation, were raising their voices against **Pope** and clergy. As Archbishop, **Stafford** was required to deal with the Lollards but, while he upheld the Church's position, he would not allow persecution. His mother, **Lady Emma**, joined him at Canterbury to become a nun at the Priory of the Holy Trinity there.

It was at the Priory that she died in 1446.

John Stafford died on 25May 1452 at the Archiepiscopal Palace at Maidstone, and is buried in the south choir aisle of Canterbury Cathedral.

Father: **Humphrey STAFFORD**

Mother: **Emma ?**

William STAFFORD (4° E. Stafford)

Born: 21 Sep 1375, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Died: 6 Apr 1395, Pleshey, Essex, England

Buried: Tonburton Priory, Tonbridge, England

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Catherine STAFFORD (C. Suffolk)

Born: ABT 1376

Died: 8 Apr 1419

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: **Michael De La POLE (2° E. Suffolk) 1383**

Children:

1. **Elizabeth De La POLE**
 2. **Michael De La POLE (3° E. Suffolk)**
 3. **William De La POLE (1° D. Suffolk)**
 4. **John De La POLE (Sir)**
 5. **Alexander De La POLE**
 6. **Thomas De La POLE (Clerk)**
 7. **Phillippa De La POLE**
 8. **Isabel De La POLE (B. Morley)**
 9. **Catherine De La POLE (Abbess of Barking)**
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Joan STAFFORD

Born: 1378, Holland, Lancashire, England

Died: 1 Oct 1442

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: **Thomas De HOLLAND (3° E. Kent)** (son of **Thomas De Holland, 2° E. Kent**, and **Alice Fitzalan**) 20 Oct 1392

Hugh STAFFORD (Sir Knight)

Born: ABT 1382, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Died: 25 Oct 1420

Notes: Knight of the Garter. Served with **Henry V** in Normandy.

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: **Elizabeth BOURCHIER** BEF Sep 1410

Edmund STAFFORD (5° E. Stafford)

Born: 2 Mar 1377/8, Staffordshire, England

Died: 21 Jul 1403, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England

Buried: Austin Friars Church, Stafford

Notes: Knight of the Garter. Elder brother **William, 4th Earl**, died 6 Apr 1395 prior to his investiture as Earl. KG (1402), KB (1399); Constable of England 1403; married his brother's **Thomas's** widow **Anne** and was killed fighting for the King at the Battle of Shrewsbury. [Burke's Peerage].

Father: **Hugh STAFFORD (2° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Phillippa BEAUCHAMP (C. Stafford)**

Married: **Anne PLANTAGENET (C. Stafford and Eu)** ABT 28 Jun 1398

Children:

1. **Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)**
 2. **Anne STAFFORD (C. March)**
 3. **Phillippa STAFFORD**
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Anne STAFFORD (C. March)

Born: ABT 1408

Died: 24 Sep 1432

Buried: St Katherine by the Tower, London, Middlesex, England

Father: **Edmund STAFFORD (5° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Anne PLANTAGENET (C. Stafford and Eu)**

Married 1: **Edmund MORTIMER (5° E. March)** ABT 1415

Married 2: **John HOLLAND (1° D. Huntingdon)** (b. 29 Mar 1395 - d. 5 Aug 1447) (son of **John Holland, 1° D. Exeter**, and **Elizabeth Plantagenet**) (m.2 **Anne Montague**) ABT 24 Oct 1429

Children:

1. **Henry HOLLAND (2° D. Exeter)** (m. **Anne Plantagenet**)
 2. **Anne HOLLAND** (m. **James Douglas, E. Morton**)
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Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)

Born: 15 Aug 1402, Stafford, Staffordshire, England

Died: 10 Jul 1460, Battle of Northampton, England

Notes: Knight of the Garter. Created 14 Sep 1444, as also earlier 1431 Count of Perche, Normandy (part of **Henry VI's** policy of conferring native fiefs on his leading supporters in English-occupied France), having apparently already been recognized as Earl of Buckingham in right of his mother, KG (1429), PC (1424); knight 1421, Lt-General of Normandy 1430-32; Seneschal of Halton 1439, Captain of Calais and Lt of the Marches 1442-51, Ambassador to France 1446, Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover and Queensborough Castles 1450; was killed fighting on the Lancastrian side at the Battle of Northampton. [Burke's Peerage]

Father: **Edmund STAFFORD (5° E. Stafford)**

Mother: **Anne PLANTAGENET (C. Stafford and Eu)**

Married: **Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)** BEF 18 Oct 1424, Raby, Durham, England

Children:

1. **Humphrey STAFFORD (7° E. Stafford)**
2. **Henry STAFFORD**
3. **Edward STAFFORD**
4. **Catherine STAFFORD (C. Shrewsbury)**
5. **George STAFFORD**
6. **William STAFFORD**

7. John STAFFORD (1° E. Wiltshire)
 8. Joan STAFFORD
 9. Anne STAFFORD
 10. Margaret STAFFORD
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Henry STAFFORD

Born: 1425

Died: 1481

Father: Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)

Mother: Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)

Married: Margaret BEAUFORT (C. Richmond / C. Derby) BEF 1464

Margaret STAFFORD

Born: 1435, Buckingham, England

Father: Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)

Mother: Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)

Married: Robert DUNHAM

Children:

1. John DUNHAM (Sir)
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Catherine STAFFORD (C. Shrewsbury)

Born: 1437

Died: 26 Dec 1476

Father: Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)

Mother: Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)

Married: John TALBOT (3° E. Shrewsbury) ABT 1467

Children:

1. George TALBOT (4° E. Shrewsbury)
 2. Thomas TALBOT (b. 1470 - had no Children - i. Praedican's Priory, London)
 3. Anne TALBOT (B. Sudeley)
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George STAFFORD

Born: 1439

Notes: Twin of William.

Father: Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)

Mother: Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)

William STAFFORD

Born: 1439

Notes: Twin of George.

Father: Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)

Mother: Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)

Joan STAFFORD

Born: 1442

Died: 1484

Father: **Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)**

Married 1: **William BEAUMONT**

Married 2: **William KNYVETT (Sir Knight) 1477**

Children:

1. **Benedicta KNYVETT** (d. 1499, Unmarried)
 2. **Margaret KNYVETT**
 3. **Charles KNYVETT**
 4. **Joan KNYVETT**
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Anne STAFFORD

Born: 1446

Died: ABT 14 Apr 1472

Buried: Lingfield, Surrey, England

Notes: directed in her Will that she should be buried in Lingfield Church *'where my dear heart and late husband lyeth'*.

Father: **Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)**

Married 1: **Aubrey De VERE (JP) Apr 1460**

Married 2: **Thomas COBHAM (4° B. Cobham)**

Children:

1. **Anne COBHAM (B. Cobham)** (b. 1467, Sterborough, Surrey, England - d. 26 Jun 1526) (m.1 **Edward Blount, 2° B. Mountjoy** - m.2 **Edward Borough, 2° B. Gainsborough**)
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John STAFFORD (1° E. Wiltshire)

Born: 1427

Died: 1473

Notes: Knight of the Garter.

Father: **Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)**

Married: **Constance GREEN**

Children:

1. **Edward STAFFORD (2° E. Wiltshire)**
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Edward STAFFORD (2° E. Wiltshire)

Born: 7 Apr 1470

Died: 24 Mar 1498/99

Father: **John STAFFORD (1° E. Wiltshire)**

Mother: **Constance GREEN**

Married: **Margaret GREY 3 Jul 1494**

Humphrey STAFFORD (7° E. Stafford)

Born: 1424, Stafford, Staffordshire, England
Died: 22 May 1455, Saint Albans, Hertfordshire, England
Father: **Humphrey STAFFORD (1° D. Buckingham)**
Mother: **Anne NEVILLE (D. Buckingham)**
Married: **Margaret BEAUFORT (C. Stafford)** ABT 1453
Children:
1. **Henry STAFFORD (2° D. Buckingham)**
2. **Dau. STAFFORD**
3. **Dau. STAFFORD**

Henry STAFFORD (2° D. Buckingham)

Born: 4 Sep 1455, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales
Died: 2 Nov 1483, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England
Buried: Grey Friars, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England
Notes: Knight of the Garter. Constable of England. He played a major role in **Richard III's** rise and fall. He is also one of the primary suspects in the disappearance (and presumed murder) of the Princes in the Tower.

His father, **Humphrey, Earl Stafford**, a Lancastrian, was killed at the first Battle of St Albans in 1455 when **Henry** was an infant, and his grandfather, the **First Duke of Buckingham**, another leading Lancastrian, was killed five years later, in 1460. The new Duke eventually became a ward of **Queen Elizabeth Woodville**, consort of **Edward IV**. He was recognized as Duke of Buckingham in 1465 and married the next year to the **Queen's** sister **Catherine Woodville** - she was 24, and he was 12. He never forgave **Elizabeth** for forcing him into that marriage, and he resented his wife and the other Woodvilles, as well. When **Edward IV** died in 1483, and the showdown came between the Woodvilles and **Edward's** brother **Richard, Duke of Gloucester**, over who was going to be in charge of **Edward V** until he came of age, **Buckingham** was on **Richard's** side at first. Then Parliament declared **Edward V** illegitimate and offered **Richard** the throne, and he accepted it and became **Richard III**. After dithering between them for a short while, **Buckingham** started working with **John Morton, Bishop of Ely**, in the interests of **Buckingham's** second-cousin **Henry Tudor** and against those of **King Richard**, even though it meant being on the same side with his in-laws, the Woodvilles.

When **Henry Tudor** tried to invade England to take the throne from **Richard** in Oct 1483, **Buckingham** raised an army in Wales and started marching east to support **Henry**. By a combination of luck and skill, **Richard** put down the rebellion: **Henry's** ships ran into a storm and had to go back to Brittany, and **Buckingham's** army was greatly troubled by the same storm and deserted when **Richard's** forces came against them. **Buckingham** tried to escape in disguise but was turned in for the bounty **Richard** had put on his head, and he was convicted of treason and beheaded in Salisbury on 2 Nov. Following **Buckingham's** execution, his widow, **Catherine**, married **Jasper Tudor, 1st Duke of Bedford**.

Buckingham's motives in these events are disputed. His antipathy to **Edward IV** and his children probably arose from two causes. One was his dislike for their mutual Woodville in-laws, whom **Edward** greatly favored. Another was his interest in the Bohun estate. **Buckingham** had inherited a great deal of property from his great-great-grandmother, **Eleanor De Bohun**, wife of **Thomas of Woodstock** and daughter of the

Earl of Hereford, Essex and Northampton. Eleanor's sister and co-heir **Mary De Bohun** married **Henry IV**, and so the other half of the estate was eventually inherited by **Henry VI**. When **Henry VI** was deposed by **Edward IV**, **Edward** incorporated that half into the Crown property. **Buckingham** claimed those lands should have devolved to him instead. It is likely that **Richard III** promised to settle the estate on **Buckingham** in return for his help seizing the throne. After **Richard's** coronation he did award the other half of the Bohun estate to **Buckingham**, but it was conditional on the approval of Parliament. Historians disagree on whether this condition was in fact a way for **Richard** to appear to keep his promise while actually breaking it. So it might have been a motivation for **Buckingham** to turn against **Richard**.

It's also possible that, if **Richard** was responsible for killing the Princes in the Tower, the murders caused **Buckingham** to change sides. On the other hand, **Buckingham** himself had motivation to kill the Princes. He was next in the Lancastrian line after his cousins **Henry Tudor** and **Henry's** mother (some say his claim was better than Tudor's, as his descent was considered legitimate). If he killed the Princes and threw the blame on **Richard**, he could foment a Lancastrian rebellion. Then after eliminating **Henry** he could take the throne. Some historians take this line of reasoning. In fact, a few go even further and claim **Buckingham's** plotting started much earlier in **Edward IV's** reign. If they are right then **Buckingham** had a very elaborate and lengthy plan, but one which very nearly succeeded. -It is worth noting in this connection that according to a manuscript discovered in the early 1980s in the Ashmolean collection, the Princes were murdered "*be [by] the vise*" of the **Duke of Buckingham**. There is some argument over whether "vise" means "advice" or "devise," and, if the former, in what sense; for a discussion of the matter, see the article by Richard Firth Green, who discovered the manuscript, in the English Historical Review of 1984.

Father: **Humphrey STAFFORD** (7° E. Stafford)

Mother: **Margaret BEAUFORT** (C. Stafford)

Married: **Catherine WOODVILLE** (D. Buckingham/D. Bedford) Feb 1466

Children:

1. **Edward STAFFORD** (3° D. Buckingham)
2. **Elizabeth STAFFORD** (C. Sussex)
3. **Henry STAFFORD** (3° E. Wiltshire)
4. **Anne STAFFORD** (C. Huntingdon)

Elizabeth STAFFORD (C. Sussex)

Died: BEF 11 May 1532

Buried: Boreham, Essex, England

Father: **Henry STAFFORD** (2° D. Buckingham)

Mother: **Catherine WOODVILLE** (D. Buckingham/D. Bedford)

Married: **Robert RADCLIFFE** (1° E. Sussex) 23 Jul 1505

Children:

1. **Henry RADCLIFFE** (2° E. Sussex)
 2. **George RADCLIFFE**
 3. **Humphrey RADCLIFFE**
 4. **Thomas RADCLIFFE**
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Anne STAFFORD (C. Huntingdon)

Born: ABT 1483, Ashby, Leicestershire, England

Buried: Stoke Pogis, Buckinghamshire, England

Father: **Henry STAFFORD (2° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Catherine WOODVILLE (D. Buckingham/D. Bedford)**

Married 1: **Walter HERBERT (Sir Knight)** AFT 1489

Married 2: **George HASTINGS (1° E. Huntingdon)** Dec 1503

Children:

1. **Francis HASTINGS (2° E. Huntingdon)**
2. **William HASTINGS** (ABT 1510, Huntingdon, Brewick, Scotland)
3. **Catherine HASTINGS**
4. **Thomas HASTINGS (Sir)**
5. **Edward HASTINGS (1° B. Hastings of Loughborough)**
6. **Henry HASTINGS** (b. ABT 1508, Huntingdon, Berwick, Scotland)
7. **Mary HASTINGS (B. Berkeley)**
8. **Dorothy HASTINGS**

Associated with: **William COMPTON (Sir Knight)**

Associated with: **HENRY VIII TUDOR (King of England)**

Henry STAFFORD (3° E. Wiltshire)

Born: 1479, Brecknock Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales

Died: 6 Mar 1522/23

Notes: Knight of the Garter. **Margaret Grey**, who had been married with her cousin **Edward Stafford**, was daughter of **Edward Grey, 1° V. Lisle**, and cousin of **Thomas Grey, 1° M. of Dorset**, of whom **Cecily Bonville** was a widow when she married **Henry Stafford**.

Father: **Henry STAFFORD (2° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Catherine WOODVILLE (D. Buckingham/D. Bedford)**

Married: **Margaret GREY** ABT 1502?

Married: **Cecily BONVILLE (B. Hartington)** (b. BET 1460/61 - d. 12 May 1529) (dau. of **William Bonville, B. Harrington** and **Catherine Neville**) (m.2 **Thomas Grey, 1° M. Dorset**) 22 Nov 1503

Edward STAFFORD (3° D. Buckingham)

Born: 3 Feb 1478, Brecknock Castle, Wales, England

Died: 1521, Tower Hill, London, Middlesex, England

Notes: See his biography.

Father: **Henry STAFFORD (2° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Catherine WOODVILLE (D. Buckingham/D. Bedford)**

Married: **Eleanor PERCY (D. Buckingham)** 14 Dec 1490

Children:

1. **Elizabeth STAFFORD (D. Norfolk)**
 2. **Henry STAFFORD (1° B. Stafford)**
 3. **Mary STAFFORD (B. Abergavenny)**
 4. **Catherine STAFFORD (C. Westmoreland)**
 5. **Margaret STAFFORD**
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Elizabeth STAFFORD (D. Norfolk)

Born: ABT 1494

Died: 30 Nov 1558, Howard Chapel, Lambeth, England

Father: **Edward STAFFORD (3° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Eleanor PERCY (D. Buckingham)**

Married: **Thomas HOWARD (3° D. Norfolk)** 8 Jan 1512/13, Easter Time

Children:

1. **Catherine HOWARD (C. Derby)**
 2. **Henry HOWARD (E. Surrey)**
 3. **Mary HOWARD (D. Richmond)**
 4. **Thomas HOWARD (1° V. Bindon)**
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Mary STAFFORD (B. Abergavenny)

Born: ABT 1495, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales

Died: AFT 17 Dec 1545

Father: **Edward STAFFORD (3° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Eleanor PERCY (D. Buckingham)**

Married: **George NEVILLE (3° B. Abergavenny)** ABT Jun 1519,
Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales

Children:

1. **Catherine NEVILLE**
 2. **Margaret NEVILLE**
 3. **John NEVILLE (b. ABT 1524)**
 4. **Mary NEVILLE (B. Dacre of the South)**
 5. **Dorothy NEVILLE**
 6. **Ursula NEVILLE**
 7. **Henry NEVILLE (4° B. Abergavenny)**
 8. **Thomas NEVILLE (b. ABT 1532)**
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Catherine STAFFORD (C. Westmoreland)

Born: ABT 1499, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales

Died: 14 May 1555, Holywell-in-Shoreditch, Middlesex, England

Father: **Edward STAFFORD (3° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Eleanor PERCY (D. Buckingham)**

Married: **Ralph NEVILLE (4° E. Westmoreland)** BEF Jun 1520,
Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales

Children:

1. **Henry NEVILLE (5° E. Westmoreland)**
 2. **Margaret NEVILLE (C. Rutland)**
 3. **Dorothy NEVILLE (C. Oxford)**
 4. **Ralph NEVILLE (d. 1565)**
 5. **Thomas NEVILLE**
 6. **Christopher NEVILLE (Sir)**
 7. **George NEVILLE**
 8. **Edward NEVILLE**
 9. **Elizabeth NEVILLE**
 10. **Cuthbert NEVILLE**
 11. **Eleanor NEVILLE**
 12. **Mary NEVILLE**
 13. **Eleanor NEVILLE**
 14. **Anne NEVILLE**
 15. **Ursula NEVILLE**
 - ¿16. **William NEVILLE (Sir)?**
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Margaret STAFFORD

Born: ABT 1511, Wilton, Cleveland, Yorkshire, England

Died: 25 May 1537, Tyburn, Westminster, Middlesex, England

Notes: executed for her part in the Pilgrimage of Grace.

Father: **Edward STAFFORD (3° D. Buckingham)**

Mother: **Eleanor PERCY (D. Buckingham)**

Married 1: **William CHENEY**

Married 2: **John BULMER (Sir Knight)** (b. ABT 1490, Kirleatham, Yorkshire, England - d. 25 Aug 1537, Smithfield, Middlesex, England)
(son of **Sir William Bulmer** and **Margery Conyers**) (w. of **Anne Bigod**)
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Children:

1. **Martha BULMER**
2. **Francis BULMER**
3. **Anne BULMER**
4. **John BULMER** (b. 1536 - d. 6 Feb 1608)