



The
WORLDWIDE NEWBURGH FAMILY
MAPPING AND RESEARCH NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Friends!

Contained in this newsletter you will find the newest information from WWNP – [The World Wide Newburgh Project](#). It has been just over four years since the web site was launched in June of 2014. The reach and scope of the site has grown. What follows is a summary of recent research about the Newburgh/Newberry family.

If you would like to assist in research efforts I have launched a new [GOFUNDME](#) page. Simply click on the link to donate. You can also donate via U.S. mail. To download the form click [here](#) then scroll to the bottom of the page. To those who have already donated – many thanks for your assistance in resurrecting and preserving Lulworth's medieval history.

REDESIGN TOOK US OFFLINE

Last spring the web site went offline toward the end of June. After two months it was reinstated sporting a fresh new design. Content was edited with new pages and topics added. It is impossible to post all relevant research on the web site, so new publications are on the way.

UPCOMING PUBLICATION

For the past several years I have been working on a new book describing the history and monuments located on the sweeping headlands of East/West Lulworth. Lulworth was home to the armigerous Newburgh family, a cadet line to Henry Newburgh, the 1st Earl of Warwick.

The 13th century church of **St. Andrew**, currently located on the modern Weld Estate, was the catalyst for rescuing the vanishing history of the ancient **Crown manor of Lulworth St. Andrew** located near on Bindon Hill north of Lulworth Cove. St. Andrew's church was dedicated there in 1225 and moved in the 17th century to its current location. The Newburghs and their descendants were tenants-in-chief of the manor from the time of Henry I up through 1600. Patron records from Merton Priory reveal the church's existence on the Crown manor may have been as early as 1150. This recovered information has ignited new speculation into the vague history of the earliest castle of Lulworth first noted by William of Malmesbury during the Stephen and Matilda Civil Wars circa 1139. See an overview [here](#).

Publication is slated for release in late November and is titled: [The Lost Legacy of St. Andrew's Church and Medieval Lulworth; The Development of East/West Lulworth from Domesday](#). The volume is packed

with information, and heavy on citations from original medieval documents. New pedigrees populate the appendices. All original medieval documents used in this study have been translated from Latin by an expert in the UK. Why not order copies for the historians in your family? Christmas is coming! Watch the web site for more details.

ARCHIVED WEBSITE DATA from 2013

As the former administrator for the **Newberry** and **Morris** MyFamily web sites, I felt it was important to preserve the information we gathered and posted over the years before the sites were (involuntarily) retired. Weeks ahead of the deadline for removal, I carefully went through each site and copied the data. As I worked, **I manually deleted every bit of data from Ancestry's server**. However, there is no guarantee our proprietary family information was not archived by the company for future use. In this era of vague or shifting user agreements I hope these efforts were not in vain.

Nonetheless, I have archived original posts, photographs and documents pertaining to the Newberry and Morris families in the U.S. For those who may be interested, I am offering to create a CD of the preserved information. My time is limited - therefore I would do this **only if a substantial number of people respond with positive interest**. The CD will be limited to ANCESTORS - not living persons and their personal information. This is an initial interest poll. If you are interested in a CD, go to the [contact page](#) at WWNP and let me know your thoughts and which family (or families) is most important to you. Cost will be determined later and announced via email.

TEN YEARS OF MEDIEVAL RESEARCH - A QUICK SUMMARY

Over the past ten years I have worked with several brilliant colleagues in England. The goal has been to verify where our American Newberry clan originated in the UK. It has always been thought Richard Newbury's family was rooted near the tri-county of Dorset, Somerset and Devon counties. Dorset ancestors from the late medieval period complicated the search with multiple marriages and cadet lines. Therefore, we are still studying a broad spectrum of families.

There are many more English lines included in the early U. S. clans than what Joseph Gardner Bartlett published when he was commissioned by John Strong Newberry in 1914 to research and write the *Newberry Genealogy*. He studied only Thomas Newberry of Whitchurch Canonorum, Dorset who settled in Dorchester, MA in 1634. It is unknown if our Richard Newbury was related to Thomas, but most genealogists have used Bartlett as a framework seeking connections to Richard. YDNA has proven to be inconclusive.

Professional genealogists have discovered numerous errors in Bartlett's work. At one point [The College of Arms](#) in London attempted to enlighten him, genially offering their opinions, which were temporarily rejected. Many more errors have since been identified. Pedigrees relying solely on Bartlett's work are regrettably inaccurate.

Unlike some, I don't hold Bartlett culpable. Our research depends on the documents we are able to

access within an allotted time frame. Commissions such as Bartlett's have time limits. When the College approached him in 1925, over a decade had passed since he published his ambitious work. In letters exchanged with Alfred T. Butler, Bartlett claimed to have destroyed much of his research on the Newberry family. However, will abstracts from his work still exist at NEHGS*. According to Tim Salls, Archivist for R. Avery Stanton Special Collections, Bartlett took the College's comments to heart, and he was attempting to rectify errors in the pedigree before he died. Unfortunately those notes were lost.

WHY WE PURSUED THE MEDIEVAL LINE

Faced with numerous obstacles and getting nowhere in the 17th century, we decided to start from **The Conquest**. We used records available from antiquarians, but likewise acquired and analyzed ancient documents that have not seen the light of day for centuries. I cannot tell you how thrilling it is to pick up a document written by an ancestor in 1290 and actually hold it in your hands!

After studying Bartlett's conclusions, I realized crucial information was missing. According to several medieval wills the generations living in 1484/5 were brimming with males named John. Seeking the identity and connections of all the 'John Newburghs' in the 1485 time frame was vexing - there were no less than six attached to Dorset. I needed more information from the fine rolls to determine who was who, and to which line they belonged.

In 2011 I visited the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, looking for a specific edition of the Dorset Feet of Fines aka *Pedes Finium*. That day started off slow, because the missionary who assisted me had a difficult time locating the source. It was as if the ancestors were making sure I was absolutely serious about the research. We finally located the appropriate film. The years between 1448 and 1449 opened a whole new chapter of previously missing history. It was then I realized John Newburgh, Esq., b. 7 July 1402, d. 27 March 1484, had been married twice (1) Edith Attemore in 1422 (2) Alice Carent Westbury in 1449. The fines showed me his first wife Edith's sons in birth order beginning in 1431. Several sisters preceded the first born son.

Bartlett's work completely overlooked the Esquire's first wife of twenty-six years, stating she had died young. Only by reading the fines volume was the history set straight – and in only two consecutive and *golden pages*. Most of the Esquire's children were from his *first* marriage, not his second as suggested by Bartlett. Fast forward . . .

In 2015 I flew to England on a research trip. My husband and I spent time in London visiting the British National Archives and the British Museum. However, I couldn't wait to get out to the magical coast of Dorset! We spent four days at Lulworth living out of a charming renovated stable complex, and tramped the coastal cliffs and local monuments snapping photos, meeting the locals and dining at some incredible pubs.

A colleague from the [Dorset Castles Research Group](#) (DCRG) met us at Lulworth Castle and arranged an introduction to Mr. James Weld, Esq. whose family has owned Lulworth Castle (built in 1609 by Thomas Howard) since 1641. We toured the castle with historian, David Greenhalf and visited the two churches

on the property. That trip has kept me motivated for the past three years.

BACKWARD TIES

From his first marriage, John Newburgh Esq.'s sons numbered three. Edith Attemore bore **John Jr., Robert, and Thomas**. Robert disappeared after 1449. At the time John Jr. was just eighteen and had set out on his own. He appears to have been married to a girl named Edith and was living in Swanage near Carent Court. Thomas, the youngest son of the Esquire, was later given the manor of Berkeley in Somerset sometime before 1485 presumably by his step-mother Alice Carent. Thomas' line joined the earlier collateral members of Somerset, where his progenitors lived under the names of Beaumont and Newburgh.

As a widower, the Esquire consummated his second marriage to Alice Carent Westbury and sired a *fourth* son **William** born after 1450. William died in May of 1471 at the Battle of Tewkesbury. William's sons with wife, Christian Gouvis *als.* Smyth, were four in number - **John Sen., Roger, William, and John 'the younger'**.

At the Esquire's decease 27 March 1484, rather than passing customary primogeniture to his eldest son John Jr., (son of Edith) he left Lulworth to his **grandson** John Sen., (son of William). This occurred via several charters managed through the Esquire's feoffees, the first dated September of 1471. Customary primogeniture generally favored the first born son of the patriarch, but the rub seems to have come with John Jr.'s politics. His digression from the family's Lancastrian loyalty echoes through extant documents during the time of Edward IV when the Yorkist king showed John Jr. Royal favoritism. At the end of his life thru the kindness of his father, John Jr. occupied the manor of Tonerpuddle; which at his death was returned to the main family legacy under the jurisdiction of Roger Newburgh Lord of East Lulworth. It seems John Jr.'s politics and William's untimely death at the hands of the Yorkists caused an enormous rift in the family that never healed. One can only speculate the circumstances.

John Senior (grandson of the Esquire) died less than a year after the Esquire. He had no issue, and his young wife died the next day. His brother Roger then took the helm of Lulworth until his death in 1515. His daughter Christian became heiress to the Lulworth legacy and married Sir John Marney.

TODAY'S RESEARCH

Today a major research effort is underway to investigate the Esquire's descendants through **his third son Thomas** who has not been studied adequately in the past. We believe he may be the progenitor of Richard Newbury of Malden, Massachusetts. The original documents we are acquiring are archived at the British National Archives, the Dorset History Centre and other repositories. Currently we are working on translating a large group of records, many of which are written in Latin. Thus far, the documents are highly charged with confusion and contentious litigations over properties that once were part of the Newburgh legacy in Dorset circa 1485. We hope to learn a lot more in the coming year.

If you are interested in helping to fund this project please go to our [GOFUNDME](#) page. Donations will be

used to acquire and translate relevant 17th century documents. Donors will receive member status on the website with a password to private pages where abstracted information will be shared. These pages will not be publicly available.

Acquisition and translation of documents is expensive. We are asking for your help to accelerate acquisition and study of these remarkable fragments of history. Please make your best contribution to assist in continued research. Many thanks in advance! We will continue reporting new findings as they come to light. Some folks may not be comfortable donating online. Optionally, donations can be made via U.S. mail. A downloadable form is available on the web site [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page.

NEW COLLEAGUE

Recently, I was fortunate to meet an energetic young man from the English Newbury line - Jacob Newbury. He has determined from his own research that his family's ancestor went to New England in the 1640's. He believes our Richard of Malden, Massachusetts and his ancestor are one in the same. Together we are trying to figure out where Richard originated before sailing for New England and under what circumstances he arrived.

Jacob discovered that Richard of Malden's great grandson, Joseph (b. 1713) son of John James Newbury whose father was Tryal - returned to merry old England, where he raised a family. Currently, we are analyzing Chancery proceedings, parish records, wills and Inquisitions from Stockland and the surrounding area. Jacob is astute and very talented in this work. We look forward to bringing the family together on both sides of The Pond. Please stay tuned.

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