


Pedigree of the Tilghmans
 IN THE MALE LINE, FROM THE XIVTH CENTURY.



Family Records, brought from England in 1651 by Richard Tilghman, the Emigrant, and now in the possession of Colonel Richard Cooke Tilghman, of Anne's County, Maryland, mention all the individuals named in the above genealogical tree, who lived before that time, with the exception of the first three upon the List. —

The Histories of Kent, carry back the Pedigree to the reign of Edward the Third, at which time the family was seated at Coleray Court, in the Parish of Smedland. "Upon a serious perusal of the evidence and alliments which did relate to this mansion," says Phillips, at page 322 of his "Villare Cantuarum," published in 1639, "I found it, as high as they reached, that is to the reign of Edward the Third [1327 to 1377], to be the Antient house of the Tilghmans, and several very old Copies of Charters are retained in that Court of Arms, which the Tilghmans are entitled with in the last Vestment of Kent, and in this Name was the Commission for the same County, which was not till 1651."

Hasted, at page 149 of the 2^d Volume of his History of Kent, in 1782, speaking of Coleray Court, says, "Richard Tilghman, in the reign of King Henry the Seventh (1485 to 1509). He bore for his arms, the first with a bend, a Lion rampant, regardant, double guised, counterchanged, crowned or, as they were painted in very old glass in the windows of this House, and in his Descendants, it continued down to Edward Tilghman, who was of Smedland, Esquire," — the seventh on the List. Hasted then proceeds

to give the Pedigree from the first Richard down to Oswald, exactly, according to the Family Records, except some particulars. He omits William the 5th on the List, and attributes his two wives, and son Edward, to William the 3rd, his father, thereby giving them William no less than four wives (he and his son having each married twice), and of course confounding together two generations. This blunder has, no doubt, been occasioned by a scribble abstract from the Heraldic Books, cited by Hasted as his authority — the omitted William being mentioned in the Visitation of 1574, as appears from the List of the "gentes" then recorded by the Herald, contained in Lambard's Comarabulation of Kent, published in 1570. — The date given in the tree, is all taken from the Family Records.

The List of the Descendants of Richard the Emigrant, with the exception of that part subsequent to 1827, has been copied from a Register of the Family kept by the late Chief Justice Tilghman — The Motto "Sies alit Agricola", is taken from a copy of the Tilghman Arms made by William the 3rd on the List, on the 19th of April 1540; at which period, as the Saxon word "Tilghman" — synonymous with "Husbandman" — was not yet obsolete, the form implied in the Motto was, no doubt more obvious than at present. — Prior to 1800, the Name appears to have been written either "Tylman", "Tylmani", "Tylghman", or "Tylghman"; but the last form has, at all times, been most generally used in England, and especially by the family in America. In the Visitation of 1574 it is written "Tylghman", and is so copied into Edmondson's Heraldry (1780), from which it has been misprinted "Tilghman" in the recent American Dictionary of Porter and Perry.

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