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## The Heynes Family of Church Stretton

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Hi Peter,

After reviewing the two conflated Heynes family pedigrees, I find the earliest of them was the Heynes family of Stretton. A later family was seated at Bausley in the Welsh commote of Gorddwr, both being branches of the Powys Royal Family. Gorddwr was added to Shropshire in the 1070's, retaken by Llewelyn the Last in the late 1200's, and reclaimed by Shropshire after the 1292 conquest of Wales. It had always lain on the "wrong" side of Offa's dividing line (so far as Wales is concerned), but the Welsh residents were left in place when the Corbet family ruled it in William the Conqueror's reign. It also had Saxon residents who were likewise undisturbed.

Stretton is a bit farther east and had been held by the Saxons when the Normans came. It also became a part of Corbet's land called Caus. That Heynes Family pedigree found in the 1623 Visitation of Shropshire was NOT taken by the Herald, Robert Treswell. It had been drawn up about 1569 and virtually all the men in the pedigree were dead before 1623. My charts had incorrectly extended the Bausley family to 1600, but the last known man in that line was Thomas Einnes born c. 1475. His ancestors bore names almost identical to the earlier family. Thus, the only William Heynes now in my charts was the man in the Stretton family and he WAS born c. 1540. I'll show the connection between the families a bit later.

First, we should discuss the pedigree charted by Beriah Botfield in his 1858 family history which he titled "Stemma Botevilliana". Mr Botfield did not cite the sources for any of his data, so the reader cannot tell the difference between material extracted from credible sources and material which is merely his conjecture. He did review many credible sources during his family study so much of what he says is correct. But some of what he said is clearly not true....some is based on errors he made in identifying men named in his sources.

Let's review the pedigree he cast for "Pedigree of Heynes".

1. The "Gwyn ap Gruffudd ap Beli" is the 3rd of that name, born c. 1150 and probably IS the one who was Lord of Cegidfa (Guilsfield).
2. This Pasgen ap Gwyn was born c. 1180 and DID NOT marry Nest dau to Llewelyn Fychan ap Llewelyn ap Einion. All of the citations I've seen say that "Nest ferch Llewelyn ap Meilyr Gryg" married Pasgen ap Gwyn, but that Nest was born c. 1095 and she married the Pasgen ap Gwyn of 1080, he of the 2nd iteration of the repeated name string. This Nest had a brother named Einion whose son Llewelyn named a son Llewelyn Fychan but that man had no known daughters. Mr. Botfield altered the real citations in an attempt to make the lady fit with a c. 1180 Pasgen. Meilyr Gryg was also descended from Brochwel Ysgithrog and resided at Gregynog in the cantref of Cydwain in Powys. His ancestor was a brother of the c. 850 Selyf in our chart below.
3. Cadwgan Wenwys was born c. 1285, did NOT have a father named Gwyn and wasn't even born when someone witnessed a 1270 deed. However, he did reside in the Alberbury area. NO son of the 1150 Gwyn ap Gruffudd would have still been alive in 1270. If Mr. Botfield had told us his source for the deed, we could look at it to see who he THOUGHT was Cadwgan Wenwys among the witnesses. (or its correct date) The pedigree of this man is "Cadwgan Wenwys (1285) ap Dafydd (1250) ap Einion (1215) ap Griffri (1185) ap Gwyn III (1150)"
4. This Trahaearn ap Pasgen was born c. 1215 and he DID marry Margaret Goch, she born c. 1220 Her father lived in Arwystli, a cantref in Powys south and west of Gorddwr.
5. This Hywel ap Trahaearn was born c. 1250 and he DID marry Janet Corbet of Leigh, she born c. 1265
6. This Rhiryd ap Hywel was born c. 1280 in Cawrse (Caus) but his wife is unknown. He might have married a Corbet lady but no Welsh sources confirm it.
7. This Einion ap Rhiryd was born c. 1310. No wife is known for him and the lady "dau of John ap Meredith Vychan" is wholly absent from Welsh sources.

