

History of the Flower Family Line

According to Sir Edmund Burke, a branch of the noble family of Flower was anciently seated at Oakham, in the County of Rutland, and possessed Estates held of the Lord of the Manor by fealty only, the greater part of which was sold in Queen Elizabeth's time by William Flower, a younger son of the family, to Hugh Booth, Rector of Cassington, in Leicestershire.

1. William Flore or Flower of Oakham, was sheriff of the County of Rutland, 10th of Richard II, (1386) and its Representative in Parliament the 6th and 8th of that King (1382, 1384). By his Wife Helena he had issue.

2. Roger Flower born about 1360. He was successor to his Father.

He was Knight of the Shire for Rutland County, 10th Richard II (1386), and 1st and 4th of Henry IV (1399 and 1402), and the 2nd Henry V, (1414). He was in the 4th, 5th and 7th years of the last reign, and 1st of Henry VI, (1429), Speaker of the House of Commons. He was a person of great note in the said town and county. He died in 1434 and left issue by Catherine, daughter and heir to William Dalby, of Exton, in the County of Rutland, five sons and one daughter. His eldest son was Thomas.

3. Thomas Flower was born in Rutland, England, between 1380 and 1400.

Thomas Flower of Oakham, oldest son of Roger Flower, was Sheriff of the County of Rutland in 1430; and three years after, returned by the King's Commissioners (who were appointed to take an account of all the gentry of England), as being one of the

Gentlemen of that county, of which he was again Sheriff in 1441, 1450, 1456, 1565 and 1470. He married Agnes, daughter and heiress of Richard Saltby, of the county of Lincoln, and dying in 1473, left Roger, his son and heir.

4. Roger Flower was born in Rutland, England, between 1405 and 1430. He succeeded to his father at Oakham, and by Jane, daughter and co-heiress to Sir John Frances, of Burley, was father of Sir Richard Flower.

5. Sir Richard Flower was born at Oakham, Rutland, about 1435. He removed to Whitwell in same shire.

Sir Richard Flower in 1501 was a Knight and Sheriff of the County of Berkshire, which Office he served for Rutland in 1507, and died 1523. His first wife was Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Sir John Tessington, of Stamford, Knight, by whom he had Roger Flower who succeeded him. Sir Richard Flower, by his second wife Elizabeth, daughter of William Brookesby, of the county of Leicester, had many children, of whom George was the sixth son.

6. George Flower was born at Whitwell, Rutland, England, about 1485. He married Margaret, daughter of John Salisbury, Esq., and was the father of Francis Flower.

7. Francis Flower was born at Whitwell, Rutland, England, about 1520. He was for some time an attendant on St. Christopher Hatton, Lord-Chancellor of England. His son was Sir George Flower.

8. Sir George Flower, Major and Governor, was born at Whitwell, Rutland, England, about 1550. In Queen Elizabeth's reign (1559 to 1604) he was an officer in the British Army, of great skill and bravery, and enjoyed the confidence of the Government,

and was rewarded in the bestowment of many offices of honor and trust. He died in 1627, and was succeeded by his son Sir William Flower.

9. Sir William Flower, born at Whitwell, Rutland, England, about 1600. He succeeded his father, Sir George Flower, at his death about 1628-1630.

Sir William Flower was an officer in the Army, and rendered signal service in the rebellion in 1641. At the restoration of Charles II, he was returned member for Irishtown. Sir William Flower married Frances, daughter of Walter Weldon Esq., of St. John's Bower, Kildare, Ireland, and widow of William Savage; and by her had three sons and one daughter.

10. Captain William Flower was their third son, born at Whitwell, Rutland, England, about 1637. His son Lamrock Flower emigrated to America.

A. Lamrock Flower was the progenitor of the Flower Family in New England. He was born in England, about 1660. He emigrated to America prior to 1685, and was at hartford Connecticut in 1686. He married Lydia Huitt Smith on 10 April 1686. They had eight children. He died there 19 June 1716 in Hartford, Connecticut.

B. Lamrock Flower, the second child of Lamrock and Lydia Flower, was born in Hartford, Connecticut on 25 March 1689. He was married about 1712 and had six children. He died 4 March 1771 at Hartford, Connecticut. One of these children was Dinah.

C. Dinah Flower was born in Hartford, Connecticut, about 1714. She married John Merry on 16 December 1736. She died 22 July 1775 in Hartford, Connecticut.