

THE COMPLETE PEERAGE

OR A HISTORY OF THE HOUSE OF
LORDS AND ALL ITS MEMBERS FROM
THE EARLIEST TIMES

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PEROT, PIROT, PYROT^(a)

PIROT in 1086 had large holdings in Essex, Suffolk, Beds and Cambs.^(b) His wife was possibly a d'Aubigny.^(c) He *d.* probably in or after 1104.^(d)

ALAN, s. of Pirot, was enfeoffed of 6 knights' fees in Kent by William d'Aubigny, *Pincerna*, in the time of Henry I.^(e) He gave to St. Albans Abbey his chapel of Knowlton, Kent.^(f) With his (probably) 2nd wife, Sibyl, aunt (*avuncula*) of William de Watevill, he granted to Bermondsey Abbey the church of Beddington, Surrey.^(g) His widow probably *m.*, 2ndly, Ingram DE FONTENAYS.^(h)

RALPH PIROT, Alan's successor in the Kent manors in the time

(^a) The Editors acknowledge their indebtedness to accounts of this family by the late Dr. Fowler in Note 143 of his *Digest of Dunstable Cartulary* (Beds Hist. Rec. Soc. Publications, vol. x), and by Farrer, *Honors and Knights' Fees*, vol. iii, pp. 155-57, 217-19.

(^b) He held of *Eudo* (Eoun) *Dapifer* in Hawkwell, Essex, and Glemham, Suff. (*Domesday Book*, vol. ii, ff. 50, 403 b); in Sawston, *Œc.*, Cambs, and in Northill and Beeston, Beds; and of Nele d'Aubigny, of Cainhoe, in Wyboston and Streatley, Beds (*Idem*, vol. i, ff. 197 b, 212 b, 214 b).

(^c) Possibly a sister of his overlord Nele, of Cainhoe, of whom he held 4½ hides in Streatley, 3 hides of which were his wife's *maritagium* (*Idem*, f. 214 b). As to Nele's relationship to William d'Aubigny, *Pincerna*, see Loyd, *Beds Hist. Rec. Soc. Pub.*, vol. xix, p. 101 *et seq.*

(^d) When *Eudo Dapifer's* foundation at Colchester was at last consecrated. Various persons then contributed to its endowment (*Cart. Colchester Abbey*, Roxburghe Club, p. xvii). Pirot was among those whose gifts were confirmed by Henry I (*Idem*, pp. 6, 13).

(^e) See the return as to William d'Aubigny (*Red Book of the Exchequer*, Rolls Ser., p. 398). If his father *m.* as suggested above, William was probably Alan's cousin. These fees probably included Knowlton, Ringleton, Archeslowe, *Œc.* (Fowler, *op. cit.*, p. 280).

(^f) Dugdale, *Mon.*, vol. ii, p. 221. Dr. Fowler (*loc. ult. cit.*) cites Sloane (*recte* Stowe) M.S. 924 (which contains notes from a cartulary of Knowlton manor), f. 246, for a confirmation by Alice, Countess of Eu, to Ralph Pirot II of his Kent manors, to hold as Alan Pirot and Ralph Pirot held in the time of King Henry.

(^g) Notes from Bermondsey charters made by Fr. Thynne (*Lanc. Herald*, 1602-08), B.M. Stowe MS. 1047, f. 102. In 1152 he gave the same abbey 6,000 herrings from his manor of Archeslowe, and an acre of land there (*Annales Mon.*, Rolls Ser., vol. iii, p. 439). As to the untrustworthiness of the chronology of these annals, see Eyton, *Itinerary of Henry II*, p. 38, note 8.

(^h) With whom she confirmed to Bermondsey the church of Beddington as granted by her br. William de Watevill and her husband Alan Pirot (*Ann. Mon.*, vol. iii, p. 440, under the year "1159"). The suggested marriage should be checked with the evidence of a cartulary of Leeds Priory cited by Hasted, *Kent*, vol. iv, p. 200; Stowe MS. 1047, f. 102; both MS. Claud., viii, f. 111 (48); Eyton, *op. cit.*, *loc. cit.*

of Henry I,^(a) and in chronological probability his son, gave a rent in Carlton, Beds, to Colchester Abbey for the soul of his wife Aubreye. He took the cowl and was *bur.* with his wife there.^(b)

RALPH PIROT, s. and h.,^(c) in 1166 held 15 fees, in addition to the 6 fees in Kent.^(d) He *m.* Maud,^(e) and took the cowl at Woburn Abbey before Mich. 1195.^(f)

RALPH PIROT, 2nd but 1st surv. s. and h.,^(g) was accounting for the fines on his succession at Mich. 1195.^(h) In 1197 he fined for exemption from serving in the 3rd army of Normandy; and he was assessed to scutages in 1202, 1204 and 1206.⁽ⁱ⁾ There is no trace of his participation in the struggle between the Barons and the King. He *d.* in 1222.^(j)

^(a) See p. 473, note "f."

^(b) *Cart. of Colchester Abbey*, pp. 179, 180. He gave to St. Julian's Hospital, founded by Abbot Geoffrey of St. Albans (1119-46), tithes of his demesnes of Lindsell and Hawkwell (Dugdale, *Mon.*, vol. vi, p. 619); and was a benefactor of Woburn Abbey (*Idem*, vol. v, p. 479) and of the nunnery of Sopwell (*V.C.H.*, Herts, vol. ii, p. 390).

^(c) For the health of the souls of himself and his wife Maud, in a charter witnessed by his brothers William and John, he confirmed to Colchester Abbey the land in Carlton and Harlington, Beds, and Babraham, Cambs, which his father Ralph had given on becoming a monk there (the *Cartulary*, p. 179). With his father he had witnessed a charter of Robert d'Aubigny, of Cainhoe, to Sopwell (Dugdale, *Mon.*, vol. iii, p. 365).

^(d) According to the returns made by 4 overlords (*Red Book of the Exchr.*, pp. 275, 324, 355, 365). Included in the fees held of the barony of Cainhoe were lands in Harlington, Radwell, Wyboston, Beeston, Pulloxhill and Carlton, Beds (Dr. Fowler, *op. cit.*, p. 280).

^(e) See note "c" above.

^(f) *Rot. Cur. Regis* (Pipe Roll Soc.), p. 136. At Mich. 1195 Ralph Pirot [his son] owed 30 marks for his fine on 4 knights' fees (*Pipe Roll*, 7 Ric. I, p. 121). According to his great-grandson, his heir was in possession in the time of Hen. II (*Cur. Regis* Roll, Hil. 43 Hen. III, m. 11 d), presumably because his father became a monk before 1189. He probably left a younger s. Alan, whose lands in Kent were restored to him on his returning to his allegiance, 1217 (*Rot. Lit. Claus.*, vol. i, p. 325).

^(g) His elder br. Simon, who lived to attain his majority (*Cart. Colchester Abbey*, p. 179; *Coll. Top. et Gen.*, vol. iv, p. 138), *d. s.p., v.p. et m.* For his soul his father gave land in Lindsell to Walden Abbey (the cartulary—Harl. MS. 3697, f. 207).

^(h) See note "f" above.

⁽ⁱ⁾ *Pipe Roll*, 9 Ric. I, p. 75; 4 John, p. 269; Pipe Rolls, 6 and 8 John (Essex and Herts). William Perrot probably served for him in the Irish campaign of 1210 (*Prestitum factum militibus apud Dublin. . . . Willelmo Perrot, ij m. super Radulphum Perrot—Rotuli de Liberate, &c.*, p. 218).

^(j) *Ann. Mon.*, vol. iii, p. 77.

RICHARD PIROT, 2nd but 1st surv. s. and h.,^(a) did homage for his inheritance 25 Dec. 1222. He had joined the Barons' party against the King.^(b) He *d. s.p.*, between Oct. 1224 and Dec. 1227.^(c)

RALPH PIROT, br. and h., fined for exemptions from accompanying the King upon his expeditions to Brittany, 1230, and to Gascony in 1242.^(d) He *m.* Joan (who survived him),^(e) and *d.* shortly before 19 Feb. 1251/2.^(f)

SIR RALPH PEROT, s. and h., was a knight at the time of his succession.^(g) He served in the 1257 campaign against Llewelyn;^(h) attended the King in France, 1259, and was sum. for service in Wales, 1263.⁽ⁱ⁾ He was an active partisan of Simon de Montfort in the Barons' War,^(j) and was captured in a sortie under the younger Simon,

(^a) His elder br. Thomas appears to have been living 1201 (*Cur. Regis Rolls*, vol. ii, p. 39). Hasted (*Kent*, vol. x, p. 149) says that Thomas Pirot *d.* seised of Sandown manor, in Worth, Kent, 4 Hen. III (1219–20). In 1259 Thomas's nephew Ralph stated that his uncle Thomas *succeeded* Thomas's father Ralph, *d. s.p.*, and was succeeded by his br. Richard (*Curia Regis Roll*, 43 Hen. III, *m.* 11 d). No proof of this has been found in material available at the time of writing.

(^b) *Excerpta e Rot. Fin.*, vol. i, p. 97. He appears to have been already in possession of the Sawston fees in 1214, when he served with the King in Poitou; and of lands in Kent in 1217, when he had re-seisin of them, on returning to his allegiance (*Rot. Lit. Claus.*, vol. i, pp. 177, 327; *Patent Rolls*, 1216–25, p. 81).

(^c) *Curia Regis Roll* 88, *m.* 17 d; his brother did homage on succession, 27 Dec. 1227 (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.*, vol. i, p. 166). He was a benefactor of Dunmow Priory (the cartulary—Harl. MS. 662, f. 54).

(^d) *Pipe Roll*, 14 Hen. III, p. 63; 26 Hen. III (ed. Cannon), p. 113.

(^e) In Mich. term 1253 Joan, who was wife of Ralph Pirot, was suing Ralph Pirot, s. of Ralph Pirot, as to [? land] in Cambs, and was defendant as to land in Sawston in 1256 (*Cur. Regis Roll* 148, *m.* 6 d; Feet of Fines, Cambs, 40 Hen. III, no. 1).

(^f) *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. i, no. 241. He presumably left younger sons: Sir Henry Pirot, an adherent of Simon de Montfort, whose land at Ringleton, Kent, was seized in the troubles of 1264–65, and restored to him (*Cal. Inq. Misc.*, vol. i, no. 732; *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1258–65, p. 509); and Alan Pirot, who held at Knowlton of Ralph (*Arch. Cantiana*, vol. xii, p. 209).

(^g) When he was said to be aged 26 and more (his father's *inq. p. m.*). He paid a relief of £20 (*Excerpta e Rot. Fin.*, vol. ii, p. 125).

(^h) Doing, as a member of the household of Ralph le Botiller (of Oversley and Wem) the service which he owed the King, for defence of the March, under John FitzAlan (*Close Rolls*, 1256–59, pp. 147, 148; *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1247–58, p. 596).

(ⁱ) *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1258–66, p. 55; *Close Rolls*, 1261–64, p. 304.

(^j) Though in 1265 the jurors of Eastry Hundred, presenting seizures of the lands of Sir Ralph and Sir Henry Peroch (so printed), asserted that there was no rebel in their Hundred (*Cal. Inq. Misc.*, vol. i, no. 732; cf. *Idem*, no. 1024).

when the King took Northampton, Apr. 1264.^(a) After the royalist victory at Evesham, Aug. 1265, Ralph became a captain of the Disinherited in the Isle of Ely, who lived by pillaging the country-side, till they surrendered, with the honours of war, to Prince Edward in July 1267.^(b) Ralph thereupon accepted the *Dictum* of Kenilworth.^(c) He was in the Tower of London, 1274-76, upon charges of breaches of the King's peace.^(d) In 1277 and 1282 he did personal service in Wales, and he was sum. again in 1283; and in 1294 for service in Gascony; for service in Scotland, 1296 to 1298, and in 1303.^(e) By writ of 26 Jan. 1296/7, addressed *Radulfo Perot*, he was sum. to an assembly of Earls, Barons and military tenants at Salisbury; and, *cum equis et armis*, to a military council at Rochester, 20 Aug. 1297; but never as a peer to a properly constituted Parliament. He *m.* Cassandra,^(f) and *d.* shortly before 26 Apr. 1305.^(g)

[RALPH PEROT, 1st s. and h. ap., served with his father in Wales in 1277,^(b) and *d. v.p.*]

(a) Rishanger, *Chron.*, Camden Soc., O.S., vol. 15, p. 124; *Ann. Mon.*, vol. iii, pp. 229, 230.

(b) From Dunstable they carried off the good horse in the priory mill, and from the village every horse which they could find (*Idem*, pp. 245-46; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, vol. ii, p. 56; *Rotuli Selecti*, pp. 112, 114, 115 and *passim*; *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1266-72, p. 279. See also *Royal and Hist. Letters*, Hen. III, Rolls Ser., vol. ii, p. 297).

(c) *Rotuli Selecti*, p. 248; *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1266-72, pp. 80, 97, 153.

(d) *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1272-79, pp. 88, 289, 290.

(e) *Parl. Writs*; *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1272-81, p. 217; *Cal. Chanc. Rolls, Various*, p. 122.

(f) Perhaps da. of Sir Giles de Argentein. In 1279 Sir Ralph and Dame Cassandra his wife were in receipt of a rent from tenements in Cambridge by assignment of Sir Giles; and it was Sir Giles who, with Reynold (his son) and Richard de Argentein, bailed Sir Ralph out of the Tower of London in 1276 (*Rot. Hundredorum*, vol. ii, p. 372; *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1272-79, p. 289). Sir Giles's mother was Cassandra, da. of Robert de L'Isle (Cussans, *Hertfordshire*, vol. ii, pt. iii, p. 51).

(g) *Cal. Fine Rolls*, vol. i, p. 516; *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. iv, no. 325; vol. v, no. 489. He left younger sons—at his death middle-aged men—among whom and their sister he appears to have divided the bulk of the Pirot fee, to the exclusion of his heir. Simon received Lindsell and Sawston for life (*Abbrev. Rot. Origin.*, vol. i, p. 143; *Cal. Fine Rolls*, vol. i, p. 515; *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1302-07, p. 282; and the *inq. p. m.* of his father); Master Thomas, Knowlton and the Bucks property (*Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. vii, no. 293; the Knowlton cartulary; see *ante*, p. 473, note "e"); Reynold, Harlington (Wrottesley, *Pedigrees from the Plea Rolls*, pp. 348, 356; *Placit. Abbrev.*, p. 320); Alan, Ringleton (the Knowlton cartulary); and their sister Joan, Windridge, near St. Albans, and Ashingdon, Essex (*Feudal Aids*, vol. ii, p. 427; Walsingham, *Gesta Abbatum* (Rolls Ser.), vol. ii, p. 46; *Year Books* (Rolls Ser.), 16 Edw. III, pt. ii, p. 547).

(h) *Parl. Writs*.

RALPH PEROT, kinsman and h. of Sir Ralph (*d.* 1305), was aged 13-14 in 1305.^(a)

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EARLDOM [S.] I. JAMES (DRUMMOND), LORD DRUMMOND [S.],^(b) s. and h. of Patrick, 3rd LORD DRUMMOND [S.], by his 1st wife, Elizabeth, 1st da. of David (LINDSAY), 9th EARL OF CRAWFORD [S.], was *b.* about 1580; *ed.* in France *circa* 1598-1603;^(c) *suc.* his father in the peerage [S.] about 1602, and as hereditary Steward of Strathearn and Keeper of the Forest of Glenartney.^(d) He was attached to the Court of King James I in England. He was *cr.*, 4 Mar. 1604/5, EARL OF PERTH [S.],^(e) with, it is said, remainder to his heirs male whatsoever.^(f) He was in the suite of the Earl of Nottingham on his embassy to the Court of Spain in 1605;^(g)

(a) *Cal. Inq. p. m.*, vol. iv, no. 325. He seems to have found means, on coming of age, to have another *inq.* taken upon the death of Sir Ralph Perot, in an effort to establish a right to an inheritance dispersed by grants nominally for life (*Idem*, vol. v, no. 489). In May 1322 land in Ashingdon was said to be held of him (*Idem*, vol. vi, no. 323), and in 1349 of his heirs (*Idem*, vol. ix, no. 395). As to his heirs *cf.* the statement of the 2nd *inq. p. m.* of Sir Ralph Perot, showing $\frac{1}{2}$ fee in Sawston, with the holders of $\frac{1}{2}$ fee there in 1346 (*Feudal Aids*, vol. i, p. 161).

(b) For histories of the Drummond family see those by D. Malcolm (1808) and the Hon. W. Drummond, ed. by D. Laing (1831). This is also one of the twelve families in H. Drummond's *Noble British Families* (1846).

(c) *Memoir of John second Earl of Perth*, "under his own hand," Spalding Club *Miscellany*, vol. ii, p. 393.

(d) *Reg. P.C.* [S.], vol. iv, p. 453; *Acts of Parl.* [S.], vol. viii, p. 259.

(e) "aganes the quhilk, perthe protestit, and wer miscontent" (*The Chronicle of Perth*, Maitland Club, p. 10).

(f) The words "The creatioun parfyted 4 March 1605" were added to a document (at Fyvie Castle in 1876) dated 11 Feb. 1605 and entitled "Commission for creating Lords Home, Drummond and Fyvie, Earls of Home, Perth, and Dunfermling" (*Hist. MSS. Com.*, 5th Rep., p. 644). Lord Fyvie, the newly appointed Lord Chancellor (and brother-in-law of the 1st and 2nd Earls of Perth), had returned to Edinburgh from London at the end of Feb. 1604/5 (*Reg. P.C.* [S.], vol. vii, p. 23, note). The 2nd Earl of Perth, writing in 1657 (see his *Memoir* in note "c" above), states that the patent of the Earldom of Perth was dated 11 Feb. 1605 at Whitehall, and was then (1657) in the Earl of Dunfermline's keeping. It is reasonable to suppose that the limitation in the case of Home and Perth was the same as that of Dunfermline, *i.e.* to "heirs male" (*Reg. Mag. Sig.* [S.], 1593-1608, no. 1565), for the brother of the grantee succeeded to Perth in 1611, and Home descended in 1633 to a collateral heir male.

(g) Robert Treswell, *Journey of the . . . Earl of Nottingham*, p. 2; Winwood's *Memorials*, vol. ii, pp. 50, 73. According to the Venetian Ambassador in Spain, he was offered a pension of 200 crowns a month by the Spaniards (*Cal. S. P. Venice*, 1603-07, no. 393).