

# A Descent



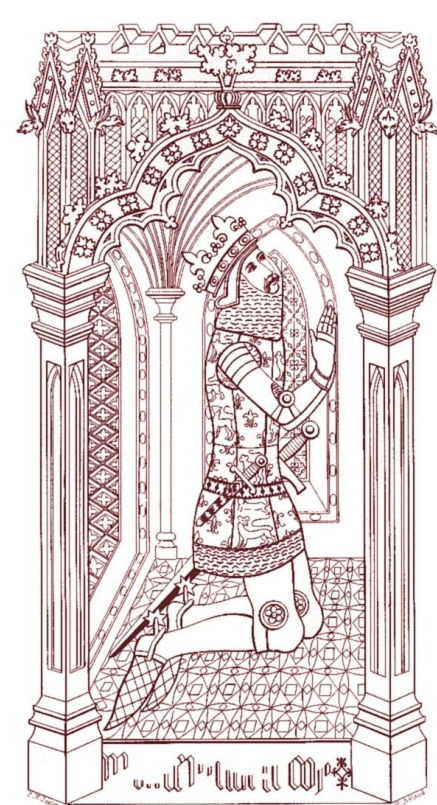
## from King Edward I of England to Amy Elizabeth Dowdey



Seal of Edward I.

**Edward I, King of England;** b. 1239, acceded 1272, d. 1307. He was a vigorous ruler who overcame youthful arrogance and impetuosity to become an astute administrator and a great lawgiver. He set out in 1270 to join St. Louis's crusade and spent 1271-2 in Acre, to no great effect in spite of his bravery. He conquered Wales but not Scotland.

**Eleanor of Castile;** b. 1241, d. 1290, daughter of **Fernando III, King of Castile**, and **Jeanne de Dammartin**.



Edward III, from a painting at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

**Edward II, King of England;** b. 1284, acceded 1307, murdered Berkeley Castle, 1327. While he had four children with his wife Isabel, he paid less attention to her than to his favorites, Piers Gaveston and later Hugh Despenser. His lack of interest in administration led to comparatively light taxation, which stimulated economic growth.

**Isabel of France;** b. 1292, d. 1358, Hertford Castle, daughter of **Philip IV of France** and **Jeanne, Princess of Navarre**. In 1326 she and her lover Roger Mortimer seized power, deposed her husband, and held onto power until her son asserted his independence and assumed personal rule in 1330.

**Edward III, King of England;** b. 1312, acceded 1327, d. 1377. He began the 100 Years' War to further his claim to the French throne. He was an excellent administrator and instituted various legal reforms. Both he and his wife were popular and respected. He has been described as handsome, energetic, and friendly. He founded the Order of the Garter in 1348.

**Philippa of Hainault;** b. ca. 1314, d. 1369, daughter of **William III, Count of Holland**, and **Jeanne of France**.

**John of Gaunt, K.G., Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster;** b. 1340, Ghent, Flanders, d. 1399, Leicester Castle. Father of King Henry IV.

**Katherine de Roet;** d. 1403, Lincoln. She was the widow of Sir Hugh de Swynford. Her sister married the author Geoffrey Chaucer.

**Ralph Neville, K.G., first Earl of Westmorland;** b. bef. 1364, d. 1425, Raby Castle. He played a leading role in obtaining King Richard II's abdication and elevating the Duke of Hereford (half brother of Ralph's wife) to the throne as Henry IV.

**Joan Beaufort;** b. ca. 1379, d. 1440, Howden, Yorkshire.

**Sir Edward Neville, Lord Bergavenny;** d. 1476. He and Catherine were excommunicated for having cohabited in the lifetime of his first wife, but were later absolved. He was summoned to Parliament from 1450 to 1472.

**Catherine Howard;** daughter of Sir Robert Howard of Stoke Nayland, Suffolk. She survived her husband.

**Sir John Brooke, 7th Lord Cobham;** b. ca. 1450, d. 1511/12. He was knighted at the Battle of Tewkesbury in 1471 and thereafter served in parliament for many years as well as in various expeditions in England and on the continent, including the siege of Boulogne.

**Margaret Neville;** d. 1506.

**Sir Thomas Brooke, 8th Lord Cobham;** d. 1529. He participated in the wars with France and was made a Knight Banneret in 1514. He was at the Field of the Cloth of Gold in 1520.

**Dorothy Heydon,** daughter of Sir Henry Heydon of Baconsthorpe, Norfolk, by Elizabeth or Anne, daughter of Sir Geoffrey Boleyn.



Thomas Wyatt by Holbein.

**Sir Thomas Wyatt of Allington Castle and Boxley Abbey, Kent,** poet to King Henry VIII, Esquire of the Body, Marshal of Calais, Sheriff of Kent, Ambassador to the Emperor; b. 1503, d. 1542. His parents separated when he was a child, and he was probably raised by his paternal grandparents. He studied at St. John's College, Cambridge. He was a great admirer of Anne Boleyn in the early-to-mid 1520s. He and Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, were the first poets to use the form of the sonnet in English. The first book of his poetry was not published until 15 years after his death.

**Elizabeth Brooke;** d. 1560.

**Sir Thomas Wyatt, of Allington Castle, Kent, Sheriff of Kent;** b. about 1522. He led an armed rebellion against Queen Mary when she was making plans to marry Prince Philip of Spain. He was captured and was beheaded in the Tower of London, 1554.

**Jane Hawte (or Haute);** b. ca. 1522, daughter and co-heiress of Sir William Hawte of Bishops Bourne, Kent.

**George Wyatt, Esq., of Allington Castle and Boxley Abbey, Kent;** b. 1550, d. 1624 in Ireland.

**Jane Finch;** daughter of Sir Thomas Finch of Eastwell, Kent. She was living in 1639.

**Rev. Hawte Wyatt;** bapt. 1594, d. 1638. He matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, 1611. He came to Virginia on the *Georgia* in 1621 with his brother Sir Francis Wyatt (Governor of Virginia, 1621-1626 and 1639-1642), and served as the minister of Jamestown, 1621-1625, after which he returned to England and was vicar of Boxley, Kent.

**Barbara Mitford;** bapt. 1594, St. Within's Parish, Worcester, England, m. 1618/9, London, daughter of **Philip Mitford** of Worcester (a descendant of **Edward III, King of England**, through his son **Lionel of Antwerp, Duke of Clarence**, and **Elizabeth de Burgh**).

**George Wyatt;** bapt. 1619, St. Helen's Parish, Worcester, England, d. before 1671/2. Of Middle Plantation (York Co), VA. A cooper by trade.

**Susannah \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Richard Wyatt;** b. 1650. Of Gloucester Co, VA.

**Sally Peyton, of Virginia.**

**Henry Wyatt;** b. 1690. Of Gloucester Co, VA.

**Elizabeth Dandridge;** b. about 1696, aunt of Martha Dandridge Custis Washington.

**Joseph Wyatt;** b. 1728. Of New Kent and Charlotte Co, VA. Member of the Virginia Assembly for more than 20 years.

**Dorothy Peyton Smith;** b. about 1730. Of royal descent through her great-grandfather Maj. Lawrence Smith (1629-1700).

**Col. Joseph Wyatt;** b. about 1751, VA, d. 1843, Charlotte Co, VA. His nephews William Wyatt Bibb and Thomas Bibb were the first two governors of Alabama.

**Dorothy \_\_\_\_\_.**

**William Arnold;** b. about 1775, prob. Bedford Co, VA, d. about 1848, prob. Benton, Co, TN.

**Dorothy Wyatt;** m. 1796, Laurens Co, SC.

**Wyatt H. Arnold;** b. about 1798, GA, d. 1869, Bibb Co, AL.

**Charlotte Brown;** b. 1796, SC, m. 1816, d. Bibb Co, AL.

**Pressley Berry Arnold;** b. 1828, AL, d. 1913, Cullman Co, AL.

**Martha Parker;** b. 1835, AL, m. 1853, Bibb Co, AL, d. 1887.

**William Thomas Seay;** b. 1852, Bartow Co, GA, d. 1916, Brookwood, AL.

**Dovie Daughtry Arnold;** b. 1862, Bibb Co, AL, m. 1880, d. 1901, Jefferson Co, AL.

**Robert Snow Wildsmith;** b. 1884, Elyton, AL, d. 1947, Birmingham, AL.

**Alice Virginia Seay;** b. 1884, Jefferson Co, AL, m. 1903, Brookwood, AL, d. 1963, Birmingham, AL.

**Henry Alexander Wildsmith;** b. 1909, Birmingham, AL, d. 1965, Birmingham.

**Elizabeth Sudderth;** b. 1913, Birmingham, AL, m. 1934, Birmingham, d. 2003, Birmingham.

**Benjamin Charles Dowdey, M.D.;** b. 1948, Birmingham, AL.

**Susan Lee Wildsmith;** b. 1953, Birmingham, AL, m. 1979, Birmingham.

**Amy Elizabeth Dowdey;** b. 1981, Birmingham, AL.

