A Stump Descendant

A fascinating story, of hard work, opportunism, murder, and the rise to power of the successful family of a weaver from North Nibley. This was the story that the Stinchcombe History Society was told by Historian Tony McAleavy last Friday 8th in the Village Hall. The story was of a man called William Stumpe who was a just poor weaver in North Nibley but set off to make his fortune in the 1500's.

The King is a direct descendant of a man from North Nibley!

In around the year 1500 William Stumpe moved to Malmesbury where he became extremely wealthy as a result, first, of his successful business making wool cloth and, second, by the way he obtained control of much of the property of Malmesbury Abbey after the Dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII in 1539. Tony McAleavy, a local historian from Malmesbury, has investigated William Stumpe's family tree and discovered that King Charles III is a direct lineal descendant of the man from North Nibley. Some seventeen generations separated the King from his North Nibley ancestor. The following chart supplied by Tony shows the direct line of descent from Stumpe to our King today.

Generation	Decendant
1st	**William Stumpe of North Nibley (died 1552)** married Joyce Berkeley
2nd	**Sir James Stumpe (died 1562)** married Bridget Baynton

Generation	Decendant
3rd	**Elizabeth Stumpe later Lady Elizabeth Knyvett (died 1587)** married Sir Henry Knyvett
4th	**Katherine Knyvett later Countess of Suffolk (died 1633)** married Thomas Howard, 1st Earl of Suffolk
5th	**Lady Katherine Howard later Countess of Salisbury (died 1673)** married William Cecil, 2nd Earl of Salisbury
6th	**Lady Elizabeth Cecil later Countess of Devonshire (died 1689)** married William Cavendish 3rd Earl of Devonshire
7th	**William Cavendish, 1st Duke of Devonshire (died 1707)** married Lady Mary Butler
8th	**William Cavendish, 2nd Duke of Devonshire (died 1729)** married Lady Rachel Russell
9th	**William Cavendish, 3rd Duke of Devonshire (died 1755)** married Catherine Hoskins
10th	**William Cavendish, 4th Duke of Devonshire (died 1764)** married Lady Charlotte Boyle

Generation	Decendant
11th	**Lady Dorothy Cavendish, later Duchess of Portland (died 1794)** married William Cavendish-Bentinck, 3rd Duke of Portland
12th	**Lord Charles Bentinck (died 1826)** married
13th	**Rev. Charles Cavendish-Bentinck (died 1865)** married Caroline Burnaby
14th	**Cecilia Cavendish-Bentinck later Countess of Strathmore (died 1938)** married Claude Bowes-Lyon, Earl of Strathmore
15th	**Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon later Queen Elizabeth (died 2002)** married King George VI
16th	**Queen Elizabeth II (died 2022)** married Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
17th	**King Charles III**

The Stump Family Tree

Local History in the Five Valleys

Stinchcombe History Society is participating in a local history exhibition at ***Museum in the Park***, which is located in Stratford Park in Stroud.

TripAdvisor rates the Museum as the second best thing to do in Stroud so it's worth a look. If you're wondering, Woodchester Mansion came out as the top attraction.

The exhibition is called ***Local History in the Five Valleys*** and runs from Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd July. Shh … don't tell them that Stinchcombe isn't in the Five Valleys! ☺

See the ***Museum's webpage for opening times***.


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