Audley Family History

Coat of Arms Supporting Information Part 1

Revisions

Date	Details	
	Added images Part 1;No 4b; No 4c & No 5b Comments for Part 1 No 3 updated	
13 th October 2021	Tag numbers corrected	

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Part 1 No1		The Verdun Coat of Arms 'Feudal Coats of Arms' by Joseph Foster Page 197 has 'or fretty gules' as the coat of arms Sir Theobald de Verdon of Alton 1297; John Verdon (in Surry) 1270. Other members of the Verdon family bore different arms Complete Peerage vol 12 part 2 pages 246-6 John de Verdun, who died in 1274 bore a shield, shown below and described as 'or fretty gules'. That is a gold shield with a red lattice. Information from; Complete Peerage 12(2) pages 246-8 & Glover Roll B90. Comment The Glover's Roll of Arms c1240-1245 was created by Robert Glover in 1586 from a now lost roll of arms of the reign of King Henry III (1216 –1272) In this roll the arms are not drawn but only blazoned (described in words). In the above two references one refers to "de Verdon" and the other to "de Verdun" these are both variations of the same name. For more information on the Verdon (Verdun) family see the website http://www.de-verdon.uk/

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		The Arms of {ZA5} Henry de Aldithley.
		Complete Peerage footnote (a) Vol 1 page 337 by G.E.Cokayne = (GEC)
		{ZA5} Henry of Aldithley seals in 1233 with a shield of Fretty, with a quarter charged with a cross formy. His and Heir, {ZA6} James, and his heirs after him bore gules fretted with gold, the quarter and the cross disappearing. The fret is derived from the arms of the Verdons, the overlords of the earlier Audley's
	Part 1	Baronage of England by Sir William Dugdale
Part 1		He ({ZA5} Henry) bore for his Arms the same Ordinary as Verdon did viz. Frettề but distinguished with a large Canton in the Dexter part of the Shield, and thereon a Cross patề;.
No 2	XXX	'Feudal Coats of Arms' by Joseph Foster pages xii & xiii
		There is a photograph of the Seal of Henry De Audithelega 1233 which is described as 'fretty on a canton a cross pattee.
		Comment GEC mention 'with a shield of Fretty' but it does not state whether the shield is 'gules fretty or' or 'or fretty gules'. The fact that it is 'or fretty gules' comes from Sir William Dugdale's comment that {ZA5} Henry's shield was the same Ordinary as Verdon. GEC refers to a 'quarter' whereas Dugdale refers to a large Canton; We believe a 'quarter' and a large canton are the same thing also a cross formy and a cross pate are the same thing.
		From the two descriptions we cannot decipher the colour of the cross or the quarter/canton.

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		The Coat of Arms of {ZA9} Willam de Aldithleigh; {ZA10} Sir Nicholas Audley;
		<u>'Feudal Coats of Arms' by Joseph Foster</u> Sir Nicholas de Audley, who was Baron of Heleigh from 1297 - bore at the Battle of Falkirk in 1298, a shield described as 'gules a fret (vel fretty) or'. That is a gold interwoven lattice on a red background. The above shield was also borne also by Nicholas' son James, who was one of the heroes of Poitiers and a founder Knight of the Garter and by William de
		Audley. Information from The Dering Roll by Sir Edward Dering.
		Comments
Part 1		The Falkirk Roll circa 1298 lists the Knights who fought with King Edward I at the Battle of Falkirk. The Battle of Falkirk took place on Tuesday 22nd July 1298. The English Army, led by King Edward I, defeated the Scots, led by William Wallace, Guardian of Scotland.
No 3		The Dering Roll is the oldest English Roll of Arms surviving in its original form. It was created between 1270 & 1280. It was acquired by Sir Edward Dering during the 17th Centuary and acquired by the British Library in 2008
		We have assumed that the William referred to is the older Brother of {ZA10} who died before his Father and therefore did not inherit the title of Baron Audley.
		James the hero of Poitiers did NOT use this shield even though this shield is displayed in St Georges Hall, Windsor, as being his. Reference the drawing by Henry Emlyn of James Audley KG's arms. Henry Emlyn (1728/9 to 1815) was an architect from 1761 he was employed as a carpenter at Windsor Castle and from 1784 to 1791 he was also the official carpenter of St George's Chapel. (For the true shield of {ZA27} James Audley the hero of Poitiers see Coat of Arms Part 1 No 4a)

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		The coat of arms of {ZA27} Sir James Audley K.G. (the hero of Poitiers) and his Grandfather {ZA23} Hugh Audley
Part 1	XXXX	'Feudal Coats of Arms' by Joseph Foster says:
No 4a		Whilst {ZA12} Nicholas was alive his Son {ZA13}Sir James differenced his arms with 'a label (3) azure i.e. differentiated his arms by adding a blue label of 3 bars
		Concern {ZA12} Nicholas Audley died aged 27 when his Son {ZA13} Sir James Audley was only 3 years of age; at an age of up to three years he is unlikely to have needed a shield Unless {ZA13} was born earlier.
		Memorials of the Most Nobel Order of the Garter etc by G F Beltz
		has on page 395 Appendix 9 attributes seal 'Part1 No 4b to {ZA27}Sir James Audley the hero of the Battle of Poitiers
Part 1		Seal 7019 in The British Library attributes Seal 4c to Hugh Daudelee or de Audelegh of Horseheath Co Cambridge Knight. From the information about Horseheath, Cambridgeshire {ZA23} Hugh Audley occupied Horseheath Cambridgeshire from 1302-
No 4b		1305. The seal is dated 1305 by the British Library. It should be noted that {ZA23} Hugh Audley was the Grandfather of {ZA27} Sir James Audley (the hero of Poitiers) and therefore it is entirely possible that both used the same coat of arms
		Conclusion Fosters attribution of the coat of arms of Part 1 No4a is incorrect and it is in fact the coat of arms of {ZA27} Sir James Audley (the hero of Poitiers) and his Grandfather {ZA23} Hugh Audley

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Part 1 No 4c	C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	

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Part 1 No 5	Coat of Arms	Supporting Information
		has for Longspee: Longspée, William, Earl of Salisbury -(H III Roll) bore azure six lyonceux rampant (3, 2, 1) or; Howard, Glover & Grimaldi Rolls See Item 1 5a below.

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Part1 No 5a	Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign	
Part 1 No 6		(Not sure who he is in the Audley Family) 'Feudal Coats of Arms' by Joseph Foster James differenced his arms 'with a label gobony argent and azure': Interpretation' differentiated his arms with blue and silver squares' Cotgrave;

Number	Coat of Arms	Supporting Information
Part1 No7		(Not sure who he is in The Barons Audley Family ZA) 'Feudal Coats of Arms' by Joseph Foster Sir Hugh of Co. Gloucester differenced his arms with 'a label (5) azure ', Interpretation 'differentiated his arms by adding a blue label of 5 bars'. Cotgrave and Thomas Jenyns' Ordinary E111