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## Audley Family History

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### The Family Tree of The Early Barons Audley Prior to 1391.

#### Revisions

Date	Details
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	First Published
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2015	Minor corrections made
30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Completely Revised

#### Introductions

There have been several publications which describes the family tree of the Early Barons Audley. There are a number of inconsistencies between the various publications The aim of this document is to highlight the differences between the different documents.

In the above title I have referred to 'The Family Tree of the Early Barons Audley Prior to 1391' by prior to 1391 I am referring to the period before the title of 'Baron of Audley' was transferred through Marriage to the Touchet family

In this document I have not attempted to consider which of the early Audleys were Barons and which were not.

The publications discussed in this document include:

- The Parentage of James De Audley, K.G. by Josiah Wedgewood MP and published in *Staff. Cols.* Vol. IX , New Series, pages 245- 68. published ?????
- The Complete Peerage by GEC published edition 2 1910 – 1954
- Baronagium Genealogicum originally compiled by Sir, William Segar (c1564 – 1633) and continued by Joseph Edmondson (d 1786)
- The Baronage of England by Sir William Dugdale published 1675

The bulk of this document contains seven family trees each one aimed at pointing out differences between the above published document and as a basis for what is and what is not included in the 'Audley Family ZA' file

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### Tree 1

This family tree is that described in *The Parentage of James De Audley, K.G.* by Josiah Wedgewood MP and published in *Staff. Cols.* Vol. IX , New Series, pages 245- 68. As it appears to be the most comprehensive family tree published of the early Barons Audley, it is the version that has been used in the production of 'Audley Family ZA'. The author Josiah Wedgewood MP was also used as a consultant for those parts of the Complete Peerage for the Audley Family prior to 1391.

### Tree 2

The reason why Josiah Wedgewood published his document was that he believed that a number of authors had incorrectly stated that the James Audley who was the hero of Poitiers and Knight of the Garter was the James Audley who was Baron of Heighley.

Josiah Wedgewood in his publication indicates that at the time James Audley was fighting in Poitiers, there were 4 living people with the name James Audley. These James Audleys are shown in Tree 2. along with their relationship to each other.

Josiah Wedgewood concludes that {ZA27} and not {ZA13} was the hero of Poitiers and a Knight of the Garter. This conclusion is shown in Tree 2.

Josiah Wedgewood believes the following authors have the above information wrong:

Every schoolboy has heard of the famous James de Audley whose prowess fills Froissart's *Chronicles*. Every local antiquary and historian knows the famous Audleys, lords of Heley Castle. Dugdale in his *Baronage* (1675) and Ashmole in 1693 said that the hero of Poitiers was the lord of Heley, and every local history has since followed in their train.

Ormerod's *Cheshire*, Sleigh's *Leek*, Ward's *Stoke-on-Trent*, Burke's *Peerage and Landed Gentry*, Harwood's *Notes to Erdeswick*, and Eyton's *Antiquities of Salop*, all perpetuated the error. Even General Wrottesley, finding James de Audley, lord of Heley, a frequent warrior in France (1344-52), once upon a time accepted Froissart's account as referring to the Heley Baron—a view he soon after corrected in his *Crecy and Calais*.

The imperial novelist has adopted the story, and Sir A. Conan Doyle in his *White Company* shows us filing by, on the road to Spain and glory, the lord of Audley and his four squires Dutton of Dutton, Delves of Doddington, Hawkstone of Wrinehill and Fowlehurst of Crewe. Are not the statues of the baron and his four squires still to be seen in Doddington Park to witness to all time ?

The above 3 paragraphs are the first three paragraphs of 'The Parentage of James De Audley

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### **Tree 3**

Whilst there is the main Baron Audley of Heighley line there are the following branches:

- Audley of Blore
- Baron Audley of Stratton-Audley
- Hugh Audley who became Earl of Gloucester

The relationship of these three branches of the Audley Family to the Main Baron Audley of Heighley line is shown in Tree 3.

### **Tree 4**

The name of Eve Clavering appears twice in the family Tree; firstly as the Wife and Widow of {ZA11} Thomas, Baron Audley and the second as the Mistress of {ZA26} James Audley. The two positions of Eve Clavering are shown in Tree 4.

### **Tree 5**

Tree 5 is a comparison between the information in:

- The Parentage of James De Audley, K.G. and
- The Complete Peerage. By G. E. Cokayne.. M.A., F.S.A.,

The Complete Peerage contains fewer individuals than the Parentage of James De Audley KG as it only considers the Baronial lines and does not include those people who did not become Baron.

The following differences have been noted between these two publications:

- The Parentage of James de Audley refers to the wife of {ZA7} as Matilda whereas the Complete Peerage refers to Her as Maud.
- The Parentage of James De Audley states 'He {ZA13} Married (2) Isabell, whom G. E. C. calls for no discoverable reason da. of Wm. Malbanc She died 1359-74'. I do not understand this as in the copy of the Complete Peerage on the website it states: He married secondly before December 1351, Isabel, said to have been the daughter of Roger (Le Strange) 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Strange of Knockyn. I can only assume that this is because the first edition of the Complete Peerage was first published between 1887 and 1898, i.e. before the publication of 'The Parentage of James De Audley' and the second edition of the 'Complete Peerage' was corrected and published after 'The Parentage of James De Audley' It should be noted that it is that refers to the second wife of {ZA13} as being Isabel daughter of William Malbank.

### **Tree 6**

Tree 6 is a comparison between the information in:

- The Parentage of James De Audley, K.G. and
- Baronagium Genealogicum

The following differences have been noted between these two publications:

- There is an additional generation at the beginning of the tree namely {ZA1} Adam de

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Aldithley which Baronagium Genealogicum refers to as 'Temp Henry 1' that is 1068 to 1135. The Parentage of James De Audley commences with {ZA2} Liulf De Aldidele and the Complete Peerage commences with {ZA5} Henry of Aldithley who is described as second son of {ZA34} Adam of Aldithley by Emma daughter of Ralf fitz Orm.

- Baronagium Genealogicum has the Father of {ZA5} Henry of Aldithley as being {ZA4} Hugh de Aldithley and his Grandfather as being {ZA3} James De Aldithley with James De Aldithley being the Brother of {ZA34} Adam de Aldithley. The Parentage of James De Audley makes no reference to {ZA3} and {ZA4} and has {ZA34} as being the Father of {ZA5}
- The difference in the surname of the second Wife of {ZA13} James Audley is discussed under tree 5.

### Tree 7

Tree 7 is a comparison between the information in:

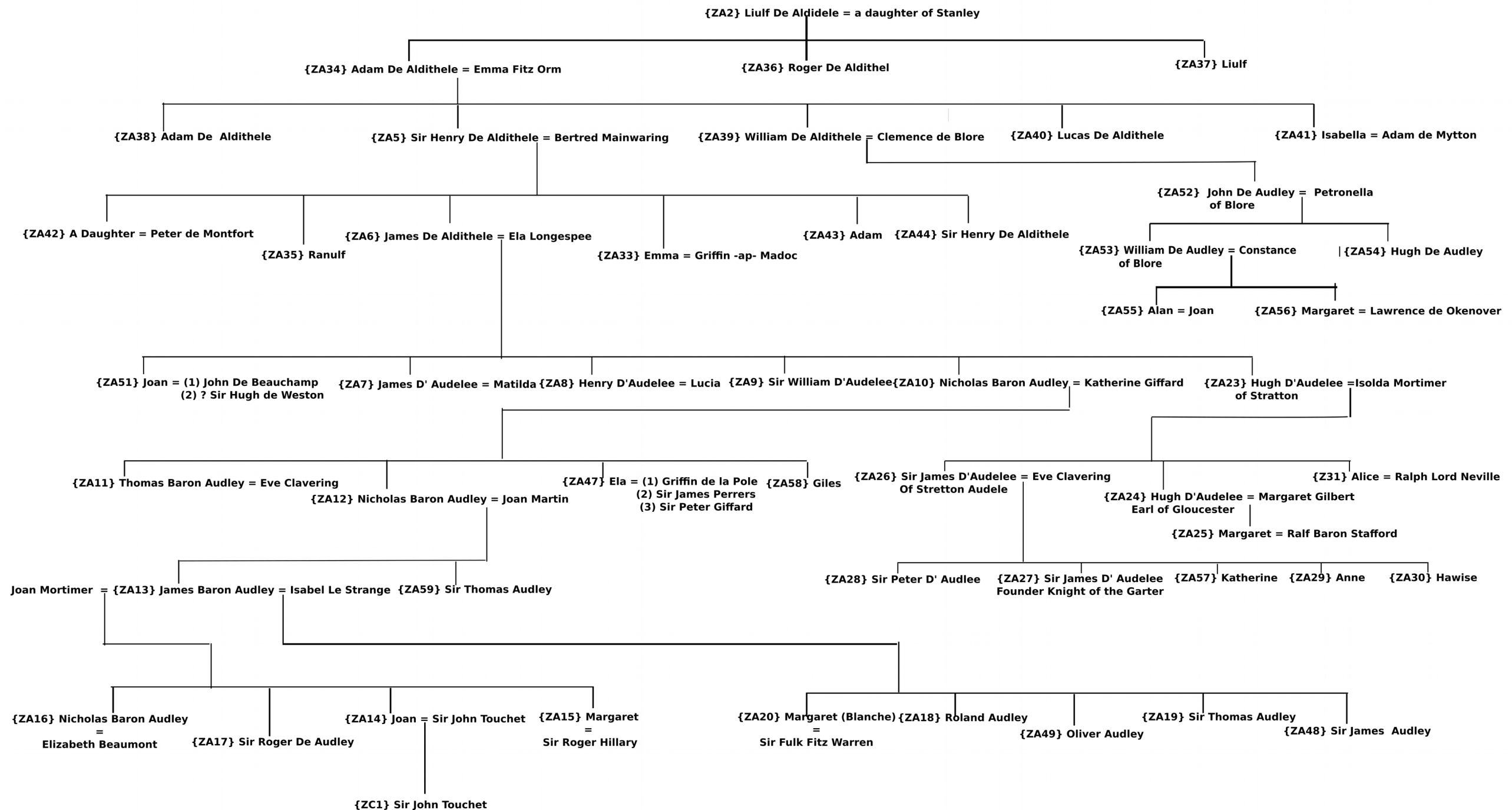
- The Parentage of James De Audley, K.G. and
- The Baronage of England

The Baronage of England contains fewer individuals than the Parentage of James De Audley KG as it only considers the Baronial lines and does not include those people who did not become Baron.

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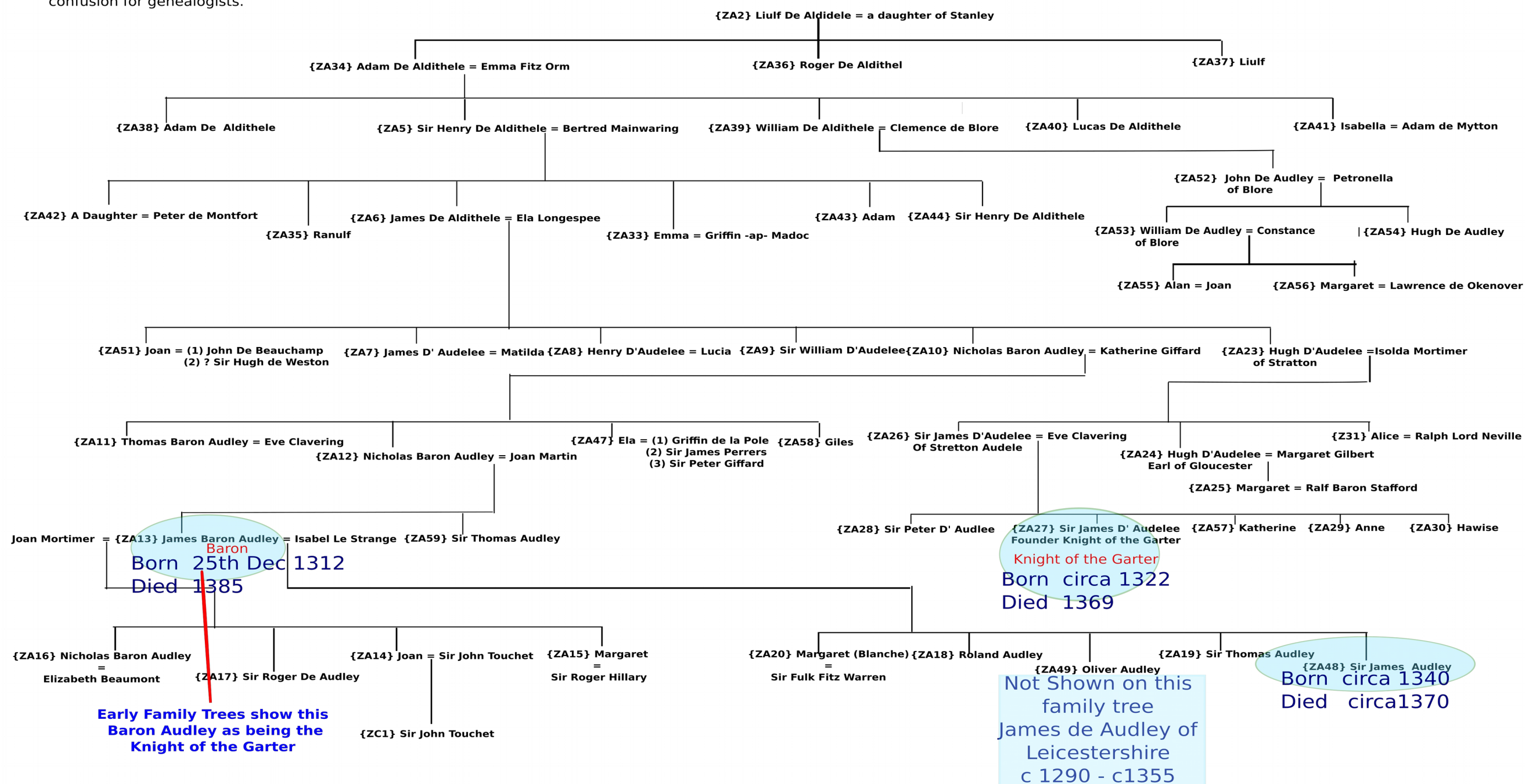


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Tree 2

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Showing the 4 James Audleys living at the same time hence causing confusion for genealogists.

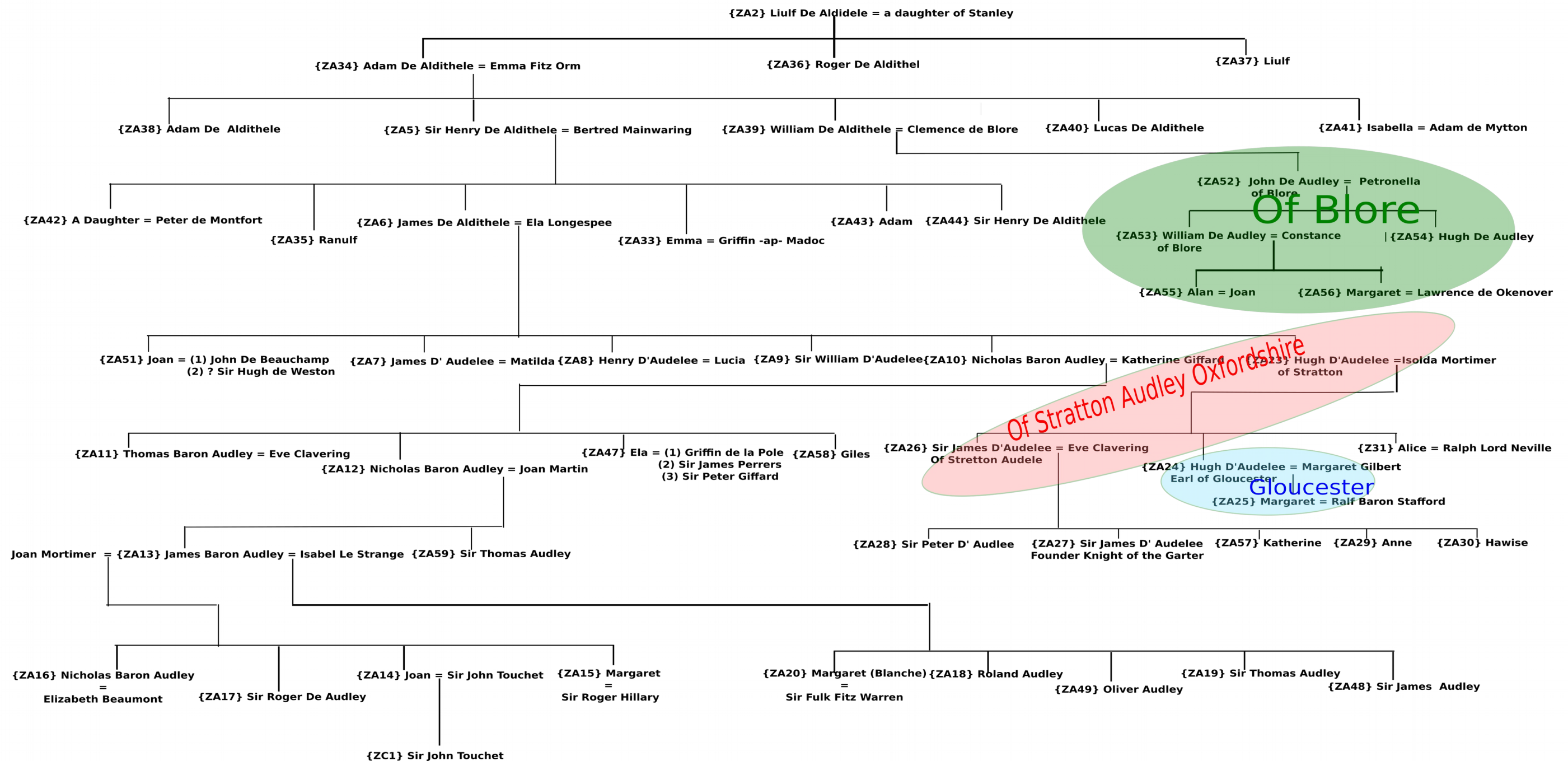


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Tree 3

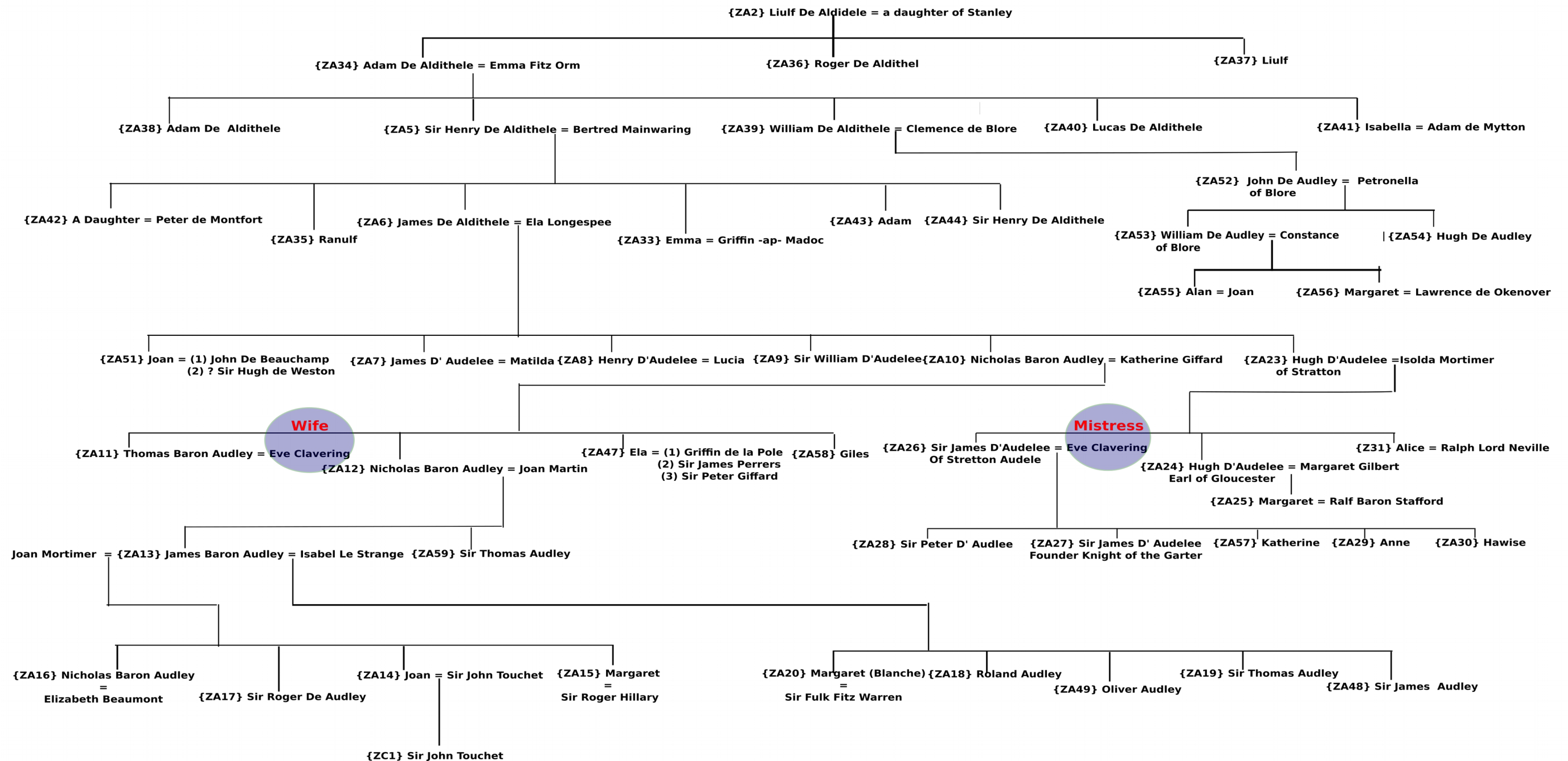
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Showing how the various branches split from the Barons of Heighley Staffordshire

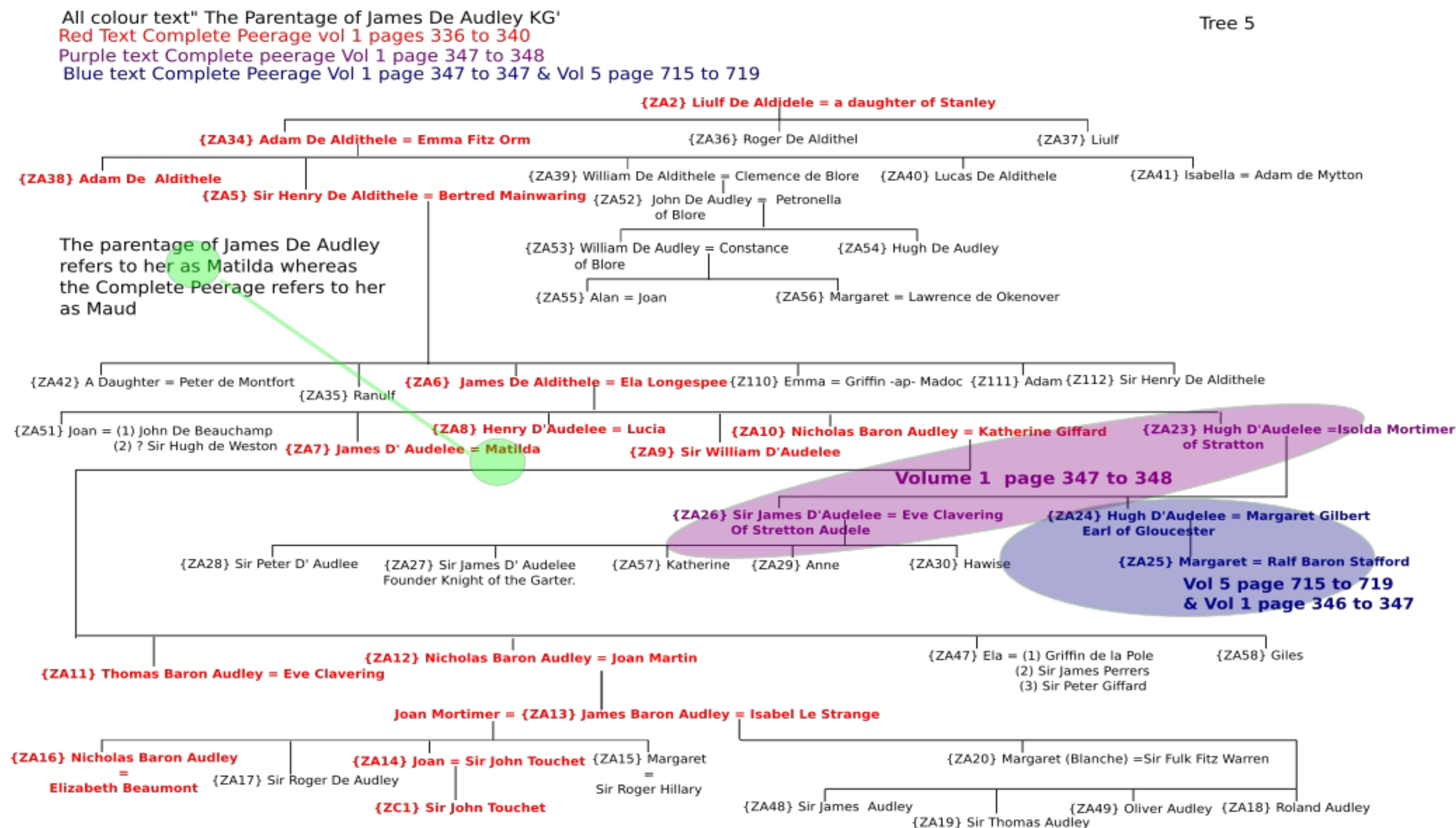


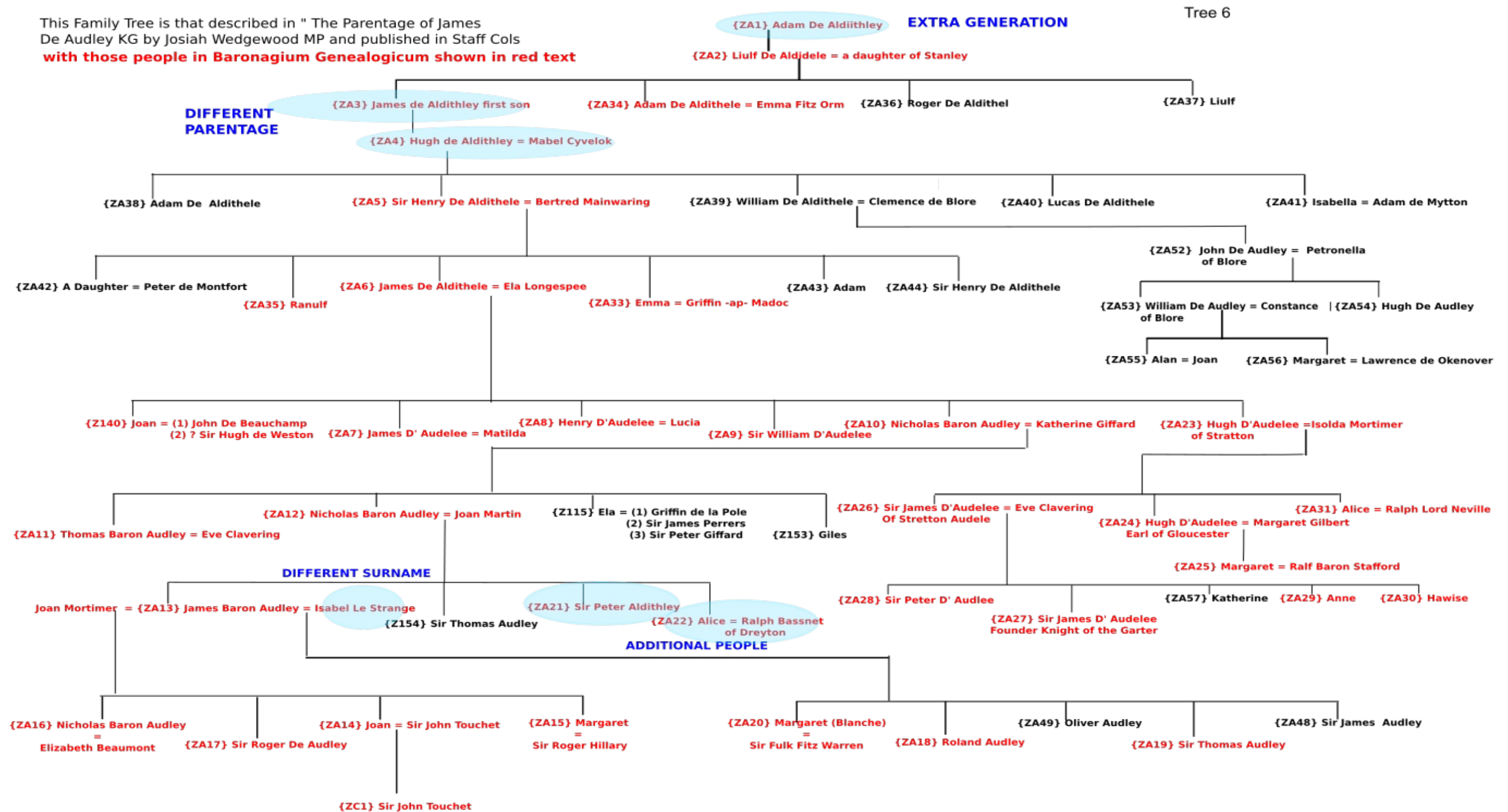
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Tree 7

and that of the Baronage of England by William Dugdale

