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AUDLEY or DE ALDITHLEY (of Heleigh).

Barons by Tenure

- I. Hen. I. 1. **{ZA1}** ADAM¹ had a grant from Henry I of the manors of ALDITHLEY (or AUDLEY), Talke, and half of Batterhey, **county** Stafford, which, in Domesday, belonged to Gamul.
- II Hen. I. 2. **{ZA2}** LIOFE DE ALDITHLEY, **son** and **heir**. Sheriff of Cheshire. In 1130 he was fined for the murder of the said Gamul, his father's predecessor.
- III Hen. II? 3. **{ZA34}** ADAM DE ALDITHLEY, **son** and **heir**. He granted the manor of Stanley, &c., to his cousin, William Fitz Adam,² in exchange for the manor of Talke abovenamed. He was living 1194.
- IV. Hen. III? 4. **{ZA5}** HENRY DE ALDITHLEY, **son** and **heir** who, with his father, was witness to a charter of Harvey Bagot in 1194. He was Constable to Hugh (de Lacy), Earl of Ulster [**Ireland**], till 1214; was Sheriff of Shropshire and Staffordshire, 1216-21; was in command of the Welsh Marches 1223-46. His chief seat was the castle of Heleigh. He **died** shortly before Nov. 1246.
- V. Hen. III. 5. **{ZA6}** JAMES DE ALDITHLEY, **son** and **heir** a powerful feudal Baron, Justiciary of Ireland, 1270-72. The name of his first wife by whom he had 4 sons, as under, is unknown. *It is now believed that he only has one wife Ela Longspee* He **married** secondly Ela,³ da. of William LONGESPE, by whom (who brought him the manor of Stratton, afterwards called Stratton Audley, Oxon, in frank marriage) he had one **son** Hugh: see "AUDLEY," Baron cr. 1321. He **died** about 11 June (1271-72) 56 Hen. III. His

1 This account of the early part of this family is entirely re-written, that of the first three generations being supplied by Mr. Chester Waters. The description given in "Courthope" and in other Peerages is very erroneous. See "Order of the Garter" by G. F. Beltz, Lancaster Herald, 8vo. 1841, p. 81, and also Nichols' "Herald and Genealogist" (1870) Vol.v. p.63.

2 This William henceforth assumed the name of STANLEY and was ancestor of the Earls of Derby. He had inherited Talke from his father Adam, a **younger son** of Adam the father of Liolf de Aldithley as in the text.

3 Ela was not improbably a **daughter** of that William Longespe, whose "eldest **daughter** and coheir" (she is so designated, which implies that there was a younger sister) **married** Henry (De Lacy), Earl of Lincoln. In 1832 the well-known "Sir Thomas C. Banks, Bart" published an account of the ancient Earldom of Salisbury "showing the right of the Baron Audley to the inheritance of the same Earldom." This was actually alleged to be through this Ela whose parentage is unproved and from whom the Lords Audley (of Heleigh) do not descend. See "Her. and Gen.," as in the previous note.

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widow **died** about 1325. Inq. post mortem (1325-26) 19 Ed. II.

- VI. 1272. 6. **{ZA7}** JAMES DE ALDITHLEY, **son** and **heir** aged 22 and upwards in 1272. He **married** Maud, but **died** s.p.(without issue) 1273. She was living 1274. Inq. as to her dower (1273-74) 2 Ed. I,
- VII. 1273. 7. **{ZA8}** HENRY DE ALDITHLEY, **brother** and **heir** He, **died** s.p.(without issue) 1276. Inq. (1275-76) 4 Ed. I.
- VIII. 1276. 8. **{ZA9}** WILLIAM DE ALDITHLEY, **brother** and **heir**. He **died** s.p (without issue) being slain (1282-83) 11 Ed. I.
- IX. 1283. 9. **{ZA10}** NICHOLAS DE ALDITHLEY OR AUDLEY, **brother** and **heir**. On 26 Jan. (1296-7), 25 Ed. I, he was summoned, to attend the King at Salisbury, but such summons cannot be considered in the light of a regular writ of summons to Parliament (See under AP-ADAM), p. 111, note "b" He **married** Catharine,⁴ **daughter** and coheir of John GIFFARD of Brimsfield, by his 1st wife Matilda DE LONGESPE. He was living 1307 ⁵

Barons by Writ

- I. 1312-3 10. **{ZA12}** NICHOLAS AUDLEY or DE ALDITHLEY of Heleigh, **county** Stafford, 2nd but 1st **surviving son**. and **heir**. He was summoned to Parliament as a Baron (LORD AUDLEY) 8 Jan. (1312-3), 6 Ed. II, to 25 Aug. (1318), 12 Ed. II. He **married** Joane, Dowager COUNTESS OF LINCOLN, the only child that had issue of William (MARTIN), LORD MARTIN, by Eleanor, **daughter** of William DE MOHUN. He **died** 1317. Inq. post mortem (1317) 10 Ed. II.
- II 1317. 11. **{ZA13}** JAMES (AUDLEY or DE ALDITHLEY), LORD AUDLEY, **son** and **heir** aged three at his father's death in 1317, and aged 14 in 1326 on the death of his maternal uncle, William, LORD MARTIN, to whose vast estates in **county** Pembroke and Devon he was coheir, and eventually (by the death, in 1343, of his mother's sister Eleanor, widow of Philip, LORD COLUMBERS) sole heir, and to whose Peerage (LORD MARTIN), he would then appear to have been entitled. He was summoned to Parliament 25 Jan. 1329-30 (Qy. at the age of 16?) to 8 Aug. 1386. He **married** firstly Joane, **daughter** of Roger (MORTIMER), 1st EARL OF MARCH, by Joane, **daughter** of Peter DE GENEVILLE, which Earl had been his guardian during his long minority. She **died** before 1353. He **married**, secondly, before 23 April 1353, Isabel, da, and coheir of William MALBANK, usually called Baron of Wich Malbank. She was living 8 May 1363, but **died** before 15 May 1364. He **died** at Heleigh' 1 April 1386, and was **buried** at Hulton Abbey. Will, in which he styles himself "Lord of Rony Castle [i.e. Red Castle, Salop] and of Heleigh," dated (1385) 9 Ric. II.
- III. 1386 to 1391, 12. **{ZA16}** NICHOLAS (AUDLEY or DE ALDITHLEY), LORD .AUDLEY [and Qy. if not also LORD MARTIN ?], **son** and **heir** by 1st wife. . He was in the wars of France (v.p.), 1359 and 1372, and was afterwards Chief Justice of Wales. He was summoned to Parliament 17 Dec. 1387 to 12 Dec. 1390. He **married**, before April 1342, Elizabeth, **daughter** of Alice, *suo jure* COUNTESS OF BUCHAN [Scotland], by Henry (BEAUMONT), LORD BEAUMONT. He **died**, s.p.(without issue) 22 July 1391, when the *Barony of Audley* together, apparently, with the *Barony of Martin*, fell into *abeyance* between his sisters or their descendants.⁶ His will dated the year of his death. His widow **died** 27 Oct. 1400. Her will, in which she directs to be **buried** in Hulton Abbey, dated 30 Sep. of the

⁴ See her pedigree from the Plea Rolls in " Coll. Top. and Gen.," i, 129.

⁵ His 1st **son** Thomas Audley **died** v.p. (before his father) 1307, aged 18, s.p.(without issue), leaving a widow Eva (**daughter** and **heir** of Sir John Clivering), who **married** secondly, Sir Thomas Ufford, slain 1314. She **married**, for her third husband, Sir James Audley (a cousin of her first husband's. See p. 203, note "b"), by whom she was mother of the celebrated SIR JAMES AUDLEY, KG., one of the Founders of that most noble Order. See Beltz's "Memorials of the Garter," p. 83, and see also "Coll. Top. et Gem," vii, p. 51 and p. 52, note "r."

⁶ These were (1) John Tuchet, his great nephew, by Joane his sister of the whole blood, as mentioned in the text. (2) Margery, his other sister of the whole blood, then aged 40 [*sed quere?*] and the wife of Sir Roger Hillary, but who **died** s.p. (without issue) in 1410, and (3) [according to "Courthope"] " Fulk, son of Fulk Fitz-Warin, **son** of Margery, half sister of the said Nicholas"—but this last statement is difficult to reconcile with the Pedigree of Fitz Warine, and with the age of Lady Hillary as above given, and that of John Tuchet. References to Esch., 15 Ric. II, p. 1, m. 1 ; to Claus., 15 Ric. II, m. 3, and to Fin., 15 Ric. II, n. 11 might possibly clear up this point.

same year.

- IV. 1405. 13 {ZC2} JOHN TUCHET, great nephew and coheir, being son and heir of {ZC1} John TUCHET, who was son and heir of {ZT18} Sir John Tuchet (slain at Rochelle, 1371), by {ZA14} Joan, sister of the whole blood of {ZA16} Nicholas, 3rd Lord Audley. He was 20 years old at the death of his said great uncle in 1391, to whom he was found "one of his next heirs." He was in the Welsh wars against Glendower, and was summoned to Parliament as a Baron .[LORD AUDLEY] 21 Dec. 1405 to 26 Aug 1408, whereby the *abeyance* of the Barony of Audley was probably *terminated* in his favour; the writ was, however, directed (merely) "Johanni Tuchet" (LORD TUCHET ?) He married Isabel. He died 19 Dec. 1408.
- V. 1408. 14. {ZC3} JAMES (TUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, son and heir aged ten years in 1408. He was summoned to Parliament 26 Feb. 1420-1 to 26 May 1455, the writ being directed "Jacobus de Audley." He distinguished himself in the wars with France, having the chief command of some forces in 1430. Having raised 10,000 men on behalf of Henry VI he was defeated and slain by the Yorkists at the battle of Blore Heath, Salop. He married firstly Margaret, daughter of William (Roos), LORD Roos, by Margaret, daughter of Sir John ARUNDEL. He married secondly Eleanor, illegitimate daughter of Thomas (HOLAND), EARL OF KENT, by Constance, daughter of Edmund (PLANTAGENET), DUKE OF YORK, but, according to Mills' *Catalogue of Honour* (1610), she was daughter of Edmund HOLAND, by Elizabeth, Dowager. BARONESS LE DESPENCER, daughter and heir of Sir Bartholomew BURGHESE.⁷ He died (as abovenamed) 23 Sep. 1459
- VI. 1459. 15. {ZC4} JOHN (TUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, son and heir by 1st wife, who in consideration of his father's services had it special livery of his lands (1459-60), 38 Hen. VI, without proof of age. He was taken prisoner at Calais next year where he joined the party of Ed. IV, with whom he was in great esteem. He was summoned to Parliament 26 May 1461 to 9 Dec. 1483, the writ being directed to him as "John de Audley." P.C. 1471, obtaining a grant of £100 a year, and being joint Commander of the army. He was sent into Brittany, 1475, and was one of the Barons at the Coronation of Ric. III, who made him LORD TREASURER, 1484. He married Anne, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Itchingham. He died 26 Sep. [or Dec.] 1491. His widow married John ROGERS. She died a widow 1498, and was buried in Bermondsey monastery. Will dated 11 Nov. 1497, proved 24 June 1498 by Henry Rogers, son and executor.
- VII. 1491 to 1497 16. {ZC5} JAMES (TUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, son and heir, KB., having been so created at the creation of the Prince of Wales, 1475. He was summoned to Parliament 12 Aug. 1492 to 16 Jan. 1496-7. He, however, joined in the Cornish insurrection, was taken prisoner on the 24, and beheaded on 28 June 1497 at Tower Hill, being buried, in the Blackfriars; when his *peerage* became *forfeited*. He had married firstly Joan, da. of Fulk (BOURCHIER), LORD FITZ-WARINE, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John DYNHAM. He had married secondly Margaret, daughter of Richard DAYRELL of Lillingston Dayrell, Bucks, by Margaret, Dowager COUNTESS OF STAFFORD, daughter and coheir of Edmund (*Beaufort*), DUKE OF SOMERSET. She was living (1533-34) 25 Hen. VIII.
- VIII. 1512. 17. {ZC6} JOHN TUCHET, son and. Heir, by 1st wife. He was restored in blood and honours, 1512 (as LORD AUDLEY), and attended the King next year in the French war. Was summoned to Parliament 23 Nov. 1514 to 21 Oct. 1556.⁸ He married Mary, daughter of John GRIFFIN of Braybroke. co Northampton, by Emmote, daughter of Richard WHEATHILL of Calais. He died before 20 Jan. 1557-8,

⁷ See "N. and Q.," 4th s, iii, 608. But see, also, Sandford's "Genealogical History," 1707, p. 379, wherein it is stated that Constance of York "was the paramour of Edmond Holand, Earl of Kent, by whom she had been so long courted that at last she brought him a daughter named Eleanor, married James Touchet, Lord Audley, of which family the Audleys of Norfolk were descended. Which Eleanor would fain have made herself legitimate, but the right heirs preferred their bill in Parliament, thereby proving her to be a bastard. as you may see in Polton's printed statutes, anno 9 Hen. VI, cap. xi."

⁸ "The name of John Tuchet, Lord Audley, regularly recurs in Dugdale's *Lists of Summons* until 23 Jan. (1558-9), 1 Eliz., but, as it appears from the *Lords' Journals*, vol. i, p. 514, that on 20 Jan. 1557-8, George Tuchet, Lord Audley, having been summoned to that Parliament, took his seat in the House, it is manifest that Dugdale's statement is erroneous." See "Courthope," p. 35.

IX. 1557 18. {ZC7} GEORGE (TUCHET), LORD AUDLEY son and heir, summoned to Parliament and took his seat 20 Jan. 1557-S. He married firstly Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Brian TUKE, Treasurer of the Chamber to Hen. VIII. He married secondly (lic. at Bishop of London's office 22 Jan. 1559-60), Joan PLATT of St. Andrew's, Eastcheap, London, widow. He died 1560 at Westminster. Administration. 9 Sep. 1560 to Joan, the relict

X. 1560. 19. {ZC19} HENRY (TUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, son and heir by first wife, who was never summoned to Parliament He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William SNEYD of Bradwell, co. Stafford, by his 1st wife Anne, daughter, and heir of Thomas BARROWE of Flookersbrooke, co Chester. He died 30 Dec. 1563.

For fuller particulars see "CASTLEHAVEN," Earls of [Ireland] created 1617 extinct 1777

XI. 1563. 20. {ZC20} GEORGE (TUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, son and heir, summoned to Parliament 30 Sep. 1566 to 5 April 1614. On 6 Sep. 1617 he was created BARON AUDLEY OF ORIER, co. Armagh, and EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, co. Cork [Ireland] He died 1617.

XII. 1617 to 1631 21. {ZC21} MERVIN (TUCHET), EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, &c. [Ireland] also LORD AUDLEY [England], son and heir. He was attainted of felony and beheaded, 14 May 1631, when his English Peerage (being descendible to heirs general) became forfeited, and the Irish titles (though *in tail*) appear (probably in error) to have been likewise so considered.⁹

[I 1634.] XIII 1678 22. {ZC22} JAMES TUCHET son and heir, restored to the name, style, state, degree, dignity, title and honour of EARL of CASTLEAVEN, &c [Ireland], and also of BARON AUDLEY OP HELY [England], to him and his heirs for ever, by letters patent 3 June 1634.¹⁰ After this restoration he was allowed in the House of Lords the precedence of the *ancient Barony of Audley*, but such allowance appears to have been made in error as the Crown (*alone*) has not the power of restoring a forfeited Peerage, and "it is clear that in former instances it had been considered that the authority of the Legislature was necessary to restore a dignity lost by attainder." This authority was accordingly afterwards obtained, and it was enacted by Act of Parliament (29 and 30 Car. II) 1678, that "the said James, Lord Audley, Baron Audley of Hely, Earl of Castlehaven, and the heirs of his body begotten, and immediately after them, Mervin Tuchet, 3rd son of the said Mervin, Lord Audley, and the heirs of his body begotten, and after them, then the daughters of the said Mervin, Lord Audley and their heirs, shall and may from henceforth have, hold, and enjoy, and shall be and are hereby restored unto the honour, dignity, state, authority, and title of Baron Audley of Hely, with all and every the privileges, rights, precedencies, and pre-eminences thereunto belonging, as fully, amply and honourably to all intents and purposes as the said Mervin, Lord Audley at any time, or George, Lord Audley, father of Mervin, at any time during his life, did or might hold and enjoy the same, any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding, and as fully, amply, and honourably as if George Tuchet,¹¹ 2nd son of the said Mervin, Lord Audley, now beyond the seas, were naturally dead without issue."—See "Courthope," p. 36, and "4th Report on the dignity of a Peer," pp. E. 318, 331-334.¹² He died, s.p.(without issue) 11 Oct. 1684.

XIV. 1684, 23. {ZC24} MERVIN (TUCHET), EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, &c. [Ireland], and LORD AUDLEY [England], brother and heir He died 1686.

XV. 1686. 24. {ZC25} JAMES (TUCHET), EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, &c. [Ireland], and LORD AUDLEY [England], son and heir He died. 12 Aug. 1700.

XVI 1700. 25. {ZC26} JAMES (TUCHET), EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, &c. [Ireland], and LORD AUDLEY [England], son and heir. He died November 1740.

9 See "Courthope," p. Lxviii, in the "Observations on Dignities."

10 There is no *special* clause of precedence in this patent, merely the general words "all the rights, privileges, pre-eminences, precedencies and immunities thereto belonging."

11 This exception was doubtless because George was a Benedictine Monk.

12 The reversal of the attainder applies only to the issue of Mervin, the 12th Lord, falling which the Barony would again become *forfeited*.

- XVII. 1740. 26. **{ZC27}** JAMES (TUCHET), EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, &c. [[Ireland](#)], and LORD AUDLEY [[England](#)], son and heir. He died unmarried 1769.
- XVIII. 1769. 27. **{ZC69}** JOHN TALBOT (TUCHET), EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, &c. [[Ireland](#)], and LORD AUDLEY [[England](#)], brother and heir. He died. s.p.(without issue) 22 April 1777, when his *Irish Peerage dignities* (as well as any that might have been created *de novo* by the patent of 3 June 1634) became extinct,

the English Barony by writ (1312) devolving as below.

- XIX. 1777. 28. **{ZC70}** GEORGE THICKNESSE (afterwards THICKNESSE-TOUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, nephew and heir, being 1st surviving son of Philip THICKNESSE of Farthinghoe, co. Northampton, Capt. in the army and Lieut.-Gov. Of Languard point, co. Suffolk,¹³ by his first wife Elizabeth,¹⁴ only sister of the last two Barons abovenamed, and daughter of James (TUCHET), 5th EARL OF CASTLEHAVEN, &c. [[Ireland](#)], LORD AUDLEY. He was born 4 Feb. 1758. Ensign 2nd Reg. of Foot. By Royal licence 3 April 1784, he took the name of *Touchet* after that of *Thicknesse*. He married firstly, 21 May 1781, at her father's house in Hanover Sq., Elizabeth, 2nd daughter and coheir of Sir John Hussey DELAVAL, Bart, afterwards LORD DELAVAL [[Ireland](#) and [Great Britain](#)], by his 1st wife Susannah, daughter of R. ROBINSON. She died 11 July 1785. He married secondly, 2 May 1792, Augusta, widow of Col MOOREHOUSE, 2nd and youngest, daughter and coheir of Rev. Andre BOISDAUNE, by Elizabeth, 2nd daughter of Edward STRODE of Southhill, Somerset. He died 24 Aug. 1818. Admon. April 1819. His widow died April 1844, aged 84.
- XX. 1818. 29. **{ZC71}** GEORGE JOHN (THICKNESSE-TOUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, son and heir by 1st wife, born 23 Jan. 1783. He married 18 April 1816, at Brussels, Anne Jane, 1st daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Ross DONELLY, K.C.B. He died 14 Jan. 1837. His widow d. 18 Aug. 1855.
- XXI. 1837 to 1872 30. **{ZC72}** GEORGE EDWARD (THICKNESSE-TOUCHET), LORD AUDLEY, son and heir born 26 Jan. 1817. He married firstly, 16 April 1857, at Sydney, Emily, 2nd daughter of Sir Thomas Livingstone MITCHELL, KH and D.C.L. (the eminent Geographer), by ...daughter. of Gen.... BLUNT. Col of the 66th Foot. She died 1 April 1860, aged 31. He married secondly, 15 Feb. 1868, at All Saints, Paddington, Middx., Margaret Anne, widow of James Willing SMITH of Gloucester Square, Paddington, and sister of Rev. Thomas Dawson HUDSON of Frogmore Hall, Herts. He died. s.p.m.(without male issue) 18 April 1872, at Homburgh, in his 55th year, leaving, by his 1st wife two daughters¹⁵ and coheirs, between whom the Barony fell in abeyance. His widow is now (1885) living.

AUDLEY, or ALDITHLEY.

Barons (or Baroness) by writ

- I 1317 1. **{ZA24}** HUGH AUDLEY, or DE ALDITHLEY (junior), second son of Hugh Audley, who, afterwards (viz. in 1321), was created LORD AUDLEY (by Isolda, widow of Walter BALUN), having married (at Windsor, 28 April 1317) Margaret, Dowager COUNTESS or CORNWALL, 2nd daughter of Gilbert (DE CLARE), EARL OF HERTFORD and GLOUCESTER, by Joan, daughter of King EDWARD I, was summoned v.p., as a Baron (LORD AUDLEY), to Parliament. 20 Nov. 1317 to 15 May 1321, the writ being addressed "*Hugh de Audley, Juniori*." He was with his father in the insurrection of 1322, but like him, was pardoned. He was also summoned to Parliament. 3 Dec. 1326 to 24 Aug. 1336, as "*Hugh de Audley*" (only) his father having died before 1325. In 1336 he was in the King's service in Scotland, and on 16 March 1336-7 he was Cr. EARL OF GLOUCESTER, his wife having, in 1313', become coheir to her brother Gilbert, Earl of Gloucester and Hertford In 1341 he was AMBASSADOR to France. His wife died 1342, and he himself died

13 This eccentric character married secondly Miss Foot, by whom also he had issue, and died 1792. In his will, proved 24 Jan. 1793, He desires his right hand to be cut off and sent to his son, Lord Audley, to "remind him of his duty to God, after having so long abandoned the duty he owed to a father, who once affectionately loved him."

14 She married 10 May 1749, and died (30 years before her husband) 30 March 1762.

15 Viz. Mary, born. 13 Aug. 1858, and Emily, b. 29 Nov. 1859, both (1885) unmarried.

s.p.m.(without male issue) 10 Nov. 1347, and was buried in the priory of Tunbridge, when, "although the dignity [of the Earldom of Gloucester] was to him and his heirs, the title appears to have been considered as extinct."— See " Courthope," p. 214.

11. 1247. 2. {ZA25} MARGARET [presumed to have been] suo jure BARONESS AUDLEY, sole daughter and heir, aged 18 years at the death of her mother, and wife of Ralph STAFFORD. afterwards LORD STAFFORD and EARL of STAFFORD. She died before (1352-53) 26 Ed. III. He died 31 Aug. 1372.
- III. 1352? 3. SIR RALPH STAFFORD [presumed to have been] de jure LORD AUDLEY, son and heir of his mother. He died. s.p. (without issue), v.p. (before his father), about 1358.
- IV. 13581 4. HUGH (STAFFORD) [presumed to have been] de jure LORD AUDLEY, brother and heir. On 31 August 1372, being then aged 28 years, he succeeded. his father as EARL of STAFFORD &c. with which titles the Barony of Audley is presumed to have been merged, on the attainder in 1483 of Henry (STAFFORD), 2nd Duke of Buckingham (and 7th Earl Stafford), it was forfeited, and though his son, in 1486, was restored to all his father's honours, they were again forfeited, in 1521, on the attainder of that Nobleman.

AUDLEY (of Stratton Audley).

Baron by Writ

- I. 1321 to 1325(?) 1. {ZA23} HUGH AUDLEY, of Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire, youngest son of James Audley or de Aldithley, of Heleigh, co. Stafford, a powerful feudal Baron, and the only son of his father by his 2nd wife Ela, daughter of , William LONGESPE, obtained from his mother, soon after her husband's death, a grant (1272-73), 1 Ed. I, of Stratton Audley, aforesaid, which had been her inheritance see" AUDLEY "of Heleigh, Barons by tenure, under the 5th Baron, p. 198). He was in the French wars, 1294,&c. ; in the Scottish wars, 1299-1302 ; and again 1313, and was Governor of Montgomery Castle, 1309. He was summoned to Parliament 15 May 1321, as a Baron (LORD AUDLEY), the writ being directed " Hugh de Audley, Seniori," to distinguish him from his second son Hugh Audley, Junior, who had been so summoned in 1317 (see p. 202). In 1322 he joined the insurrection of the Earl of Lancaster, but was taken prisoner and confined to Wallingford Castle, whence he is said to have escaped. He married Isolda, widow of Sir Walter DE BALUN, daughter of (—) MORTIMER, who brought him the manor of Eastington and the Castle of Thornbury, county Glouc. He died before 1325,¹⁶ and though he is said to have been pardoned and his estates restored to his family, his title was in all probability forfeited by attainder.¹⁷

AUDLEY, OR ALDITHLEY.

Qy. Baron by Writ

- 1421 to 1455 1. {ZC3} JAMES AUDLEY, or DE ALDITHLEY is asserted by p Dugdale (vol. i, p. 751) to have been "of this family also" and to have "had summons to Parliament, after the eldest branch went off with , daughters and heirs, from 8 H. V [1420-21] until 33 H. VI [1454-55] inclusive." It seems certain that this is the same person as "James (TUCHET), vth .(12th) Lord Audley, "who was summoned from 8 Hen V to 33 Hen. VI by writ directed to him as "Jacobus de Audley."

¹⁶ Inquisition on the death of his mother, 19 Ed. II, finding that the manor of Stratton Audley was then in the King's hands by reason of the rebellion of {ZA23} Hugh, and that {ZA26} James de Audeley was son and heir, of this said Hugh. See Beltz's "Order of the Garter," p. 82.

¹⁷ {ZA26} Sir James Audley, his son and heir, never assumed the title, but was styled "of Gloucestershire," and served in Gascony in 1324, and in Scotland in 1327. By his wife Eva, formerly wife of his cousin {ZA11} Thomas AUDLEY (see page 198, note " e ") he was father of two sons, viz., {ZA28} Sir Peter Audley, who died. s.p. (without issue) 1359, and the celebrated {ZA27} Sir. James Audley, KG. 1344, the hero of the battle of Poitiers (1356), who also died s.p. (without issue) 1369, when the issue of {ZA26} Sir James, the elder (their father), appears to have become extinct, as the family estates in Oxon and co. Gloucester passed to the family of Stafford in right of descent from {ZA24} Hugh Audley the younger (Earl of Gloucester), brother of the elder {ZA26}, and uncle of the younger {ZA27} Sir James. See "AUDLEY," Baron, 1317.

AUDLEY OF WALDEN.

Baron.

- .I. 1538 to 1544 1. **{ZW5}** THOMAS AUDLEY, son of Geoffrey Audley of Earls Colne, Essex was born there 1488, is presumed to have been educated at Cambridge and was admitted in 1516 a Burgess of Colchester, where he became Town Clerk. Barrister (Inner Temple) and Autumn Reader, 1526; M.P. for Essex 1523; Speaker of the House of Commons, Nov. 1529, when the ' first attack was made on the Papal power; Attorney for the Duchy of Lancaster, 1530; King's Sergeant, 1531 ; Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations; LORD KEEPER, 30 May 1532; LORD CHANCELLOR, 24 Jan. 1533, till his death 12 years later.¹⁸ Being a zealous promoter of the King's various schemes (whether just or otherwise) he obtained a large share of Abbey lands, particularly in 1531 those of the Holy Trinity, or Christchurch, Aldgate [subsequently called "Duke's Place "], and of the rich monastery of Walden in Essex in (1538-39) 30 Hen. VIII. On 29 Nov. 1538 he was *created*. BARON AUDLEY OF WALDEN, co. Essex, and on 23 April 1540, **KG**. He resigned the Great Seal (nine days before his death) 21 April 1544. He married firstly (—) daughter of Sir Thomas BARNARDISTON of Ketton, Suffolk, but she died. s.p.(without issue) He married secondly, in April 1538, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas (GREY), 2nd MARQUESS OF DORSET, by his 2nd wife Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert WOTTON¹⁹ He died s.p.m. (without male issue) 30 April 1544, aged 56, when his Peerage became extinct²⁰ He was buried, in a chapel he had erected at Saffron Walden. M.I. Will dated 19 April 1544, proved 18 Feb. 1544-5. His widow married George NORTON.

AUDLEY OF ORIER.

i.e. " AUDLEY OF ORIER, co. Armagh," Baron [Ireland] ; see " CASTLEHAVEN," Earl of [Ireland], created. 1614, Extinct 1777.

- 18 These twelve years were "a period more disgraceful in the annals of England than any of a similar extent. Within it were comprehended the King's divorce from one Queen, after a union of 22 years, under pretence of a scruple of conscience; the repudiation of another after a few day's intercourse, on the mere ground of personal antipathy; the execution of two others, one of them sacrificed to obtain a new partner; and innumerable judicial and remorseless murders, those of Sir Thomas More and Bishop Fisher leading the dreadful array." " Audley has acquired the character of undoubtedly equalling, if he did not exceed all his contemporaries in servility." "His interpretations of the law on the various criminal trials at which he presided are a disgrace not only to him, but to every member of the bench associated with him, while both branches of the legislature are equally chargeable with the ignominy of passing the acts he introduced, perilling every man's life by the new treasons they invented, and every man's conscience by the contradictory oaths they imposed."—See "Judges of England," by E. Foss, F.S.A. He " has always been considered as the founder of Magdalen Coll. Cambridge, which lie endowed with large estates, and ordained that his heirs, the possessors of the late monastery of Walden, should be Visitors of the College in perpetuum and enjoy the exclusive right of nominating the master, which appointment is still vested in the owner of Audley End."—See " History of Audley End by Richard, Lord Braybrooke," London. 1836, 4to., pp. 332. In this work is an engraving of the Lord Audley from a picture by Holbein at that mansion.
- 19 "There is extant a metal plate, like a small Garter plate, with the arms, enamelled. of *The noble & valyant Knugth Syre Thomas Audley Lord Chansylleir of Yengland*. It was lately, and probably is now [1885], in the possession of Mr. Joseph Clarke, F.S.A., Architect. At the top is the date " *Anno Criste* (sic) 1538." The arms are not those usually attributed to Lord Audley (and used by Magdalen College, Cambridge), but are, Or, on a fess, *azure*, between 3 hares courant, *sable*, as many martlets, *argent*. Impaled with this coat are the arms of Grey -8 quarters. The plate seems to have been made on the marriage. Its height is rather more than 6 ins and its width rather less than 5. The armory of this family of Audley is a curious subject. The arms of Harper, Lord Mayor of London 1561, and founder of Bedford school, must be in some way connected with the *later* coat of Audley, but it is not easy to see how." Ex inform. H. Gough, who has a tracing of the plate alluded to. The later and well known coat is on the Garter plate, 1540, and was probably conferred, or confirmed, in 1533, on the creation of the Peerage.
- 20 He had two daughters and coheirs by his second wife, viz. (1) Mary, who died unmarried (2) Margaret, who married firstly, Lord Henry Dudley, who died s.p.(without issue) 1557. She married secondly, as his second wife, Thomas (Howard), 4th Duke of Norfolk, by whom she had a son (who was heir to his mother), viz. Thomas Howard. sum. in 1597 as Lord Howard de Walden, and created. in 1600 Earl of Suffolk.—See " Howard de Walden," Baron, created. 1597. He appears to have had two brothers, both also named Thomas, who inherited the manors of Berechurch and Gosbecks near Colchester.