

Who was John Audley Thicknesse?

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John Audley Thicknesse was

- the son of the Right Rev. Dr F. H. Thicknesse D.D. a former Bishop of Leicester and Anne Thicknesse (née Thicknesse) and
- The husband of Phyllis Margaret Thicknesse of Bishops Hull near Taunton.

He was born at Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire in 1869. He also served on the North- West Frontier of India and in the South African War.

His father; Francis Henry Thicknesse né Coldwell (14th May 1829 to 2nd November 1921 who was the first Bishop of Leicester from 1888 to 1903. He was born Francis Henry Coldwell and changed his surname to Thicknesse, by royal licence when he married Ann Thicknesse on 3rd July 1855 in Clitheroe.

John Audley Thicknesse was the youngest of 5 sons and two daughters.

John Audley Thicknesse's mother was Ann Thicknesse the daughter and sole heir of her father Ralph Anthony Thicknesse the MP for Wigan.

John Audley Thicknesse's maternal Grand Father was Ralph Anthony Thicknesse (1800 - 22nd August 1854) a 'Whig' politician and was the first elected Whig Member of parliament for Wigan, which he held from 1847 until his death in 1854.

John Audley Thicknesse's maternal Great Grandfather was Ralph Thicknesse (1768 to 1st November 1842) a British politician He was MP for Wigan from 1831 to 1834. he married Sarah Woodcock on 20th December 1798 and they only had one son the above Ralph Anthony Thicknesse

John Audley Thicknesse's maternal 2 x Great Grandfather was Ralph Thicknesse who married Anne Dorothy Bostock.

So the family tree for John Audley Thicknesse is as follows:

Ralph Thicknesse
├─ married Anne Dorothy Bostock
└─ Ralph Thicknesse (c1768 - 1942)
 ├─ married Sarah Woodcock
 └─ Ralph Anthony Thicknesse (1800 - 1854)
 ├─ married Mary Anne Woodcock (1805- 1871) uncertain
 └─ Anne Thicknesse (1832 - 1886)
 ├─ married Francis Henry Coldwell (1830 - 1921)
 │ changed surname to **THICKNESSE**
 └─ Ralph Thicknesse (1856}-1923)
 (The above birth was registered as Ralph Thicknesse Coldwell)

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- Francis Norman Thicknesse (1858 - 1946)
(The above birth was registered as Francis Norman Coldwell)
- Philip Coldwell Thicknesse (1860 - 1920)
- Frances Annette Eleanor Thicknesse (1863 - 1953)
- Raymond Edward Thicknesse {1867 - 1901}
- John **Audley Thicknesse** born (1869 - 1916)
- Katherine Edith Mary Thicknesse (1876 – 1957)

It can be seen that John Audley Thicknesse who died in WW1 is genetically a Coldwell. His father Francis Henry Coldwell changed his name to Thicknesse sometime after he married Anne Thicknesse.

No link has been identified between this branch of the Thicknesse Family and the branch of the Thicknesse Family that took over the title of Lord Audley from the Touchet Family. (see summary below)

{ZC70} GEORGE THICKNESSE (born 4th February 1758) becomes the 19th LORD AUDLEY OF HELEIGH in 1777 until his death in 1818. He is the second son of {ZC28} ELIZABETH TOUCHET (the Sister of {ZC69} BARON JOHN TALBOT TOUCHET) & her husband CAPTAIN PHILIP THICKNESSE Esq. They married on 10th November 1749.

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