

held their property in Longsdon, Mornesale, and Bricrichfeld, under the Monjoies and through them under the great family of Sewell fil Fulcher, chief tenant of Henry Ferrars, of whom so little is known, and it is to be hoped that these Longsdon Charters will contribute in no slight degree to making up the missing history. For these charters bring out the fact, apparently, that the Ferrar's family had seizen of this district as well as of the Wapentake of Wirksworth prior to the date of 5 John, for it is expressly stated in a grant of William, Earl Ferrars, made after that date, that Rad. de Monjoie held land in Hundeswood, when he "recovered" the Wapentake. This possibly may only refer to a possession in the time of King Henry I. and King Stephen; but it is proof that the Earl reclaimed this as of right. In the Pipe Roll of that King, Robert Ferrars, Earl of Derby, paid £80 for the farm of Wirksworth.

One of the earliest fines, that of 13 John, show that this Ralf de Monjoie or Mungay was then alive and that he was the son of Sewell de Monjoie, who must have died many years previously, probably in the time of Henry II., because his widow, Avice, was at that date the mother of Philip de Ulecotes, who was then of full age.

This Sewell or Serlo appears to have been the son of an earlier Ralf de Monjoie, who most probably was a tenant of Robert Ferrars, of the time of Henry I., when Wirksworth was farmed by them. The following charters appear to be his.

Rad. de Mungay attested a charter of Wm. Ferrars, Earl of Derby, to Wm. de Grendon, of land in Bercinton, Wm. de Ridware, senescal. Wm. de Ferrars, com. Derby, granted to Rad. de Monjoie, land in Hundeswood in Ashbourne, which he held when he received the Wap of Wirksworth, 5 John.

T., Wm. de Ridware, then senescal (of the Ferrars), Robt. fil Walkelin, Jordan Touk, Herbert de Mle, Robt. de Bellaafde, Thos. de Edensor, Robt. de Aldethley (ix., No. 5. Woolly's orig. Ch.).

Wm. Com. de Ferrars granted to Wm. de Monjoie, one-third of a lead mine in Winester. T. Sewell fil Hy, Nicol fil Levened, Ralf de Seile, constable, Nic. fil Pagan, then Dapifer; Jo. de Monjoie.

Fine Hilary, 13 John, No. 46.

Philip de Ulcote and Joan, his wife, released to Ralf de Monjoie and Avice, his mother, one-third of the Vill. of Gelderley and Winster, her dower on her marriage with Sewell de Monjoie, her former husband, and in lieu for 15 m.; he granted four acres of land

in Kineton, in a field called Winerton, near lands of William de Grendon.

The probabilities are that the Monjoies did not hold these estates directly under the Earl, but under the Sewells (their chief tenants) and this appears as well from the Charters of the Mornesales. And the Rufford Cartulary gives evidence that Redis, widow of William Mornesale, held her estates under Serlo fil Fulk, her Lord; who this lady was and who her husband was is at present unknown; the Woolly Charter before cited confirms this.

Sewell fil Fulk gave the church of Etington to Warwick, which Henry fil Sewell confirmed. This was surely Hy. fil Fulk, mentioned in the Red Book, who was dead at that time, and Sewell, the son, Fulk his brother, was his heir. Henry fil Fulk and Fulk, his son, were fined very heavily in a Forest Inquisition of 22 Henry II., which gives an approximate date for the Rufford Charter.

In the time of R. Epis Worcester, Sewell fil Fulk confirmed the grant of Etingdon to Kenilworth, which Charter William de Monjoie and Serlo de Grendon attested, and this Serlo de Grendon was Sheriff, 24-6 Henry II., which is the approximate date for this Charter.

There is a later Charter, probably of the time of King John, of Hugo fil Ralf to William de Mungay, his brother, of a release of rights in land of Yeldersley, which were held of Sewell fil Fulcher, in exchange for his rights in the Mill of Alreton, which was ratified by William Hugh, his son, and Serlo de Munjoy, his grandson (nepos), T., William Com de Ferr, Wm. fil Walkelin (a grantor of the second year of King John), Fulcher fil Henry, Sewell fil Henry, Peter fil Walkelin, Jordan de Col., Wm. Mange, Adam de Hidesover. (Edensor.)

The constant recurrence of the names of Sewell, Fulk and Henry in the Shirley pedigree, without dates to fix them, make it very dangerous to attempt to make a pedigree, but it is to be hoped that with the aid of the Charters now brought forward, a commencement of the task may be made.

Serlo de Monjoie attested a Charter of Lowanus fil Adam de Wodensly to Robert de Wodensly, and then we come to the Charters of Serlo fil Ralf, and of Ralf fil Serlo, now at Longsdon, which continue the pedigree with something like certainty.

1230. Grant from Nicholas Prior, of Tutbury, to Serlo de Munjoy of ten acres land and wood in Yeldersly, for which Serlo made a