

My Bryan Family's Royal Ancestors of Europe

Andrew Morrison Bryan
My 4th Great Grandfather

Born: 25 April 1748, Salem, Roanoke, Virginia, USA
Died: 20 April 1821, Jamestown, Greene, Ohio, USA

Father: John Andrew Bryan
Mother: Mary Morrison
Siblings: unknown

Wife: Mary (Mollie) Akers
Children: William Akers Bryan
Morrison Bryan

John Andrew Bryan
My 5th Great Grandfather

Born: 1 May 1724, Ballyroney, Down, Ireland
Died: 9 December 1799, Molly's Creek, Campbell, Virginia, USA

Father: William Smith Bryan
Mother: Margaret Brockers

Wife: Mary Morrison
Children: John Bryan, Andrew Morrison Bryan

John Andrew Bryan was a member of Capt. Peter Hogg's Company of the Virginia troops serving under George Washington at the Battle of Great Meadows, and at the siege and surrender of Fort Necessity. He also served in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Thomas Merriwether's Company, First Virginia State troops, 1777-1780.

William Smith Bryan
My 6th Great Grandfather

Born: June 1684, Ballyroney, Down, Ireland
Died: 1789, Salem, Roanoke, Virginia, USA

Father: Francis Bryan III
Mother: Sarah Brinker

Wife: Margaret Brockers
Children: John Andrew Bryan

The town of Bryanford, County Down, Ireland, is named after relatives of William Smith Bryan. William Smith Bryan & his family were among the first settlers of Roanoke, Virginia. William lived to the incredible age of 104, and he is buried on the Bryan family homestead near Salem, Virginia.

Francis Bryan III
My 7th Great Grandfather

Born: 1 June 1630, County Claire, Ireland
Died: April 1693, Belfast, Antrim, Ireland

Father: Sir William Smith Bryan
Mother: Lady Catherine Morgan, Countess Ormond

Wife: Sarah Brinker
Children: William Smith Bryan

After being exiled to Virginia with his parents, Francis Bryan III returned to Ireland several years later and attempted to regain the Bryan family estates lost under Oliver Cromwell. He was unsuccessful and had to seek refuge in Denmark, where he met and married Sarah Brinker, a cousin of William of Orange. Francis Bryan III was the standard bearer to William of Orange at the Battle of Boyne, 12 August 1690. He died three years later in Belfast, Ireland.

Sir William Smith Bryan, aka "Prince William of Ireland"
My 8th Great Grandfather

Born: 1590, Claire, Ireland
Died: 1667, Gloucester, Virginia

Father: Sir Francis Bryan II
Mother: Lady Ann Smith

Wife: Lady Catherine Morgan, Countess Ormond
Children: Francis Bryan III

During the Puritan Rebellion, Sir William Smith Bryan attempted to gain the throne of Ireland and was dubbed "Prince William of Ireland" by his followers. Sometime about 1650 or 1660, William Smith Bryan and Catherine Morgan were exiled to Virginia by Oliver Cromwell for anti-English insurgent activities. He is said to have been "dropped" at Gloucester Beach, Virginia. He arrived in Virginia with a shipload of personal belongings and his wife, eleven sons, and three daughters. They were among the first English to bring horses to the British colony of Virginia. William Smith Bryan and Catherine Morgan both died in Gloucester, Virginia.

Sir Francis Bryan II
My 9th Great Grandfather

Born: 11 June 1549, Munster, County Claire, Ireland
Died: 1 June 1640, Gloucester, Virginia

Father: Sir Francis Bryan, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland
Mother: Lady Joan Fitzgerald, Countess of Desmond and Ormond

Wife: Lady Ann Smith
Children: Sir William Smith Bryan

Sir Francis Bryan, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland
My 10th Great Grandfather

Born: 1517, Chidington, Buckinghamshire, England
Died: 2 February 1550, Clonmel, Waterford, Ireland

Father: Sir Thomas Bryan
Mother: Lady Margaret Bouchier, Baroness Bryan

Wife: Lady Joan Fitzgerald, Countess Ormond and Desmond
Children: Sir Francis Bryan II

Lady Margaret Bouchier, Baroness Bryan
My 11th Great Grandmother

Born: 1 June 1468, Benningborough, Yorkshire, England
Died: 1 June 1551, Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, England

Father: Sir Humphrey Bouchier
Mother: Lady Elizabeth Tilney, Countess of Surrey

Husband: Sir Thomas Bryan

Children: Sir Francis Bryan, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland

Margaret was a Lady-in-Waiting to Catherine of Aragon and was present at Catherine's wedding to Henry VIII in 1509. She later became Lady Governess to Princess Mary, Princess Elizabeth, and Prince Edward.

Margaret's mother Elizabeth Tilney was the grandmother of Anne Boleyn, making Margaret the aunt of her charge, Princess Elizabeth — later Queen Elizabeth I.

Sir Humphrey Bouchier

My 12th Great Grandfather

Born: 1444, Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk, England

Died: 14 April 1471, Battle of Barnet, Hertfordshire, England

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Barnet

Father: Sir John Bouchier, 1st Baron Berners

Mother: Lady Margery Berners

Wife: Lady Elizabeth Tilney, Countess of Surrey

Children: Lady Margaret Bouchier, Baroness Bryan

Sir John Bouchier, 1st Baron Berners

My 13th Great Grandfather

Born: 1415, Little Eaton, Essex, England

Died: 16 May 1474, Chertsey, Surrey, England

Father: Sir William Bouchier, 1st Count of Eu

Mother: Anne of Gloucester, Countess of Stafford

Wife: Lady Margery Berners

Children: Sir Humphrey Bouchier

Sir John Bouchier was knighted in 1426, and in 1455 the title Baron Berners was created for him. In 1459 he was further honored when he was made a Knight of the Garter. He also served as Constable of Windsor Castle from 1461 to 1474.

Anne of Gloucester, Countess of Stafford

My 14th Great Grandmother

Born: 30 April 1383, Pleshy, Essex, England

Died: 16 October 1438, Priory, Llanthony, Gloucestershire, England

Father: Thomas of Woodstock, 1st Duke of Gloucester

Mother: Eleanor De Bohun

Husband: Sir William Bouchier, 1st Count of Eu

Children: Sir John Bouchier, 1st Baron Berners

Thomas of Woodstock, 1st Duke of Gloucester

My 15th Great Grandfather

Born: 7 January 1355, Woodstock Palace, Oxfordshire, England

Died: 9 September 1397, Calais, France

Father: Edward III, King of England

Mother: Philippa of Hainault

Wife: Eleanor De Bohun

Children: Anne of Gloucester, Countess of Stafford

Eleanor De Bohun

My 15th Great Grandmother

Born: 1366

Died: 3 October 1399

Buried: Westminster Abbey

Father: Humphrey De Bohun, 7th Earl of Hereford

Mother: Joan FitzAlan, Countess of Hereford

Siblings: Mary de Bohun

Husband: Thomas of Woodstock, 1st Duke of Gloucester

Children: Ann of Gloucester, Countess of Stafford

Edward III, King of England

My 16th Great Grandfather

Born: 13 November 1312, Windsor Castle, Berkshire, England

Died: 21 June 1377, Sheen, Staffordshire, England

Father: Edward II, King of England

Mother: Isabella of France

Wife: Phillipa of Hainault
Children: Thomas of Woodstock, 1st Duke of Gloucester

Edward II, King of England
My 17th Great Grandfather

Born: 25 April 1284, Caernarfon Castle, Wales
Died: 21 Sep 1327, Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire, England
Buried: Gloucestershire Cathedral

Father: Edward I, King of England
Mother: Eleanor of Castile
Siblings: Elizabeth of Rhuddlan

Wife: Isabella of France
Children: Edward III, King of England

Edward I, King of England
My 18th Great Grandfather

Born: 17 June 1239, Westminster Palace, England
Died: 7 July 1307, Burgh by Sands, Cumbria, England
Buried: Westminster Abbey

Father: Henry III, King of England
Mother: Eleanor of Provence

Wife: Eleanor of Castile
Children: Elizabeth of Rhuddlan; Edward II, King of England

Eleanor of Castile
My 18th Great Grandmother

Born: 1241, Castile, Spain
Died: 28 November 1290, Harby, Nottinghamshire, England
Buried: Westminster Abbey

Father: Ferdinand III, King of Castile
Mother: Joan, Countess of Ponthieu
Siblings: Alfonso X, King of Castile, León, and Galicia

Husband: Edward I, King of England
Children: Elizabeth of Rhuddlan; Edward II, King of England

Eleanor of Castile's queenship is significant in English history for the evolution of a stable financial system for the king's wife. The estates Eleanor assembled became the nucleus for dower assignments made to later queens of England, and her involvement in this process solidly established a queen-consort's freedom to engage in such financial transactions.

Ferdinand III of Castile
My 19th Great Grandfather

Born: 5 August 1199, Monastery of Valparaíso, Peleas de Arriba, Zamora, Spain
Died: 30 May 1252, Sevilla, Andalucia, Spain
Buried: The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See, Sevilla, Andalucia, Spain

Father: Alfonso IX of León
Mother: Berengaria of Castile
Siblings: Berengaria Of León

Wife: Joan, Countess of Ponthieu
Children: Eleanor of Castile

Fernando III of Castile

Ferdinand was the first king to rule over both the kingdoms of Castile and León, and in his lifetime was also crowned king of Toledo and Galicia. In his reign, significant conquest was made in the lands of al-Andalus. Ferdinand's armies were responsible for bringing the cities of Córdoba and Sevilla under Christian control.

Ferdinand is buried in a tomb beneath the Seville Cathedral, which is the largest gothic cathedral and the third largest church in the world. His tomb is inscribed in four languages:

As the first kind to rule over both kingdoms of Castile and León, Ferdinand was also the first to bear the standard of the castle and lion. His standard from the 13th century is on display in the cathedral:

Isabella of France
My 17th Great Grandmother

Born: 1295, Paris, France
Died: 22 August 1358, Hertfordshire, England

Father: Philip IV, King of France
Mother: Joan I of Navarre

Husband: Edward II, King of England
Children: Edward III, King of England

Queen Isabella was notable at the time for her beauty, diplomatic skills and intelligence.

Philip IV, King of France
My 18th Great Grandfather

Born: Spring 1268, Palace of Fontainebleau, Seine-et-Marne, France
Died: 29 November 1314, Palace of Fontainebleau, Seine-et-Marne, France

Father: Philip III, King of France
Mother: Isabella of Aragon
Siblings: Charles, Count of Valois

Wife: Joan I of Navarre
Children: Isabella of France

Joan I of Navarre
My 18th Great Grandmother

Born: 1273, Bar-sur-Seine, Aube, France
Died: 2 April 1305, Chateau de Vincennes, France

Father: Henry I of Navarre
Mother: Blanche of Artois

Husband: Philip IV, King of France
Children: Isabella of France

Queen Joan founded the famous College of Navarre in Paris. Joan was bold, courageous, and enterprising. She even led an army against the Count of Bar when he rebelled against her.

Philip III, King of France
My 19th Great Grandfather

Born: 30 April 1245, Poissy, Yvelines, Île-de-France, France
Died: 5 October 1285, Perpignan, Pyrenees-Orientales, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

Father: Louis IX, King of France
Mother: Margaret of Provence

Wife: Isabella of Aragon
Children: Charles, Count of Valois; Philip IV, King of France

Isabella of Aragon
My 19th Great Grandmother

Born: 1247, Aragon, Spain
Died: 28 January 1271, Cosenza, Calabria, Italy
Buried: Saint Denis Basilica, Paris, France

Father: James I, King of Aragon
Mother: Violant of Hungary

Husband: Philip III, King of France
Children: Charles, Count of Valois; Philip IV, King of France
