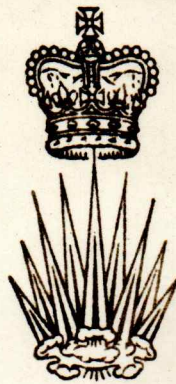


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Dear Mr. Egan,

Mordaunt of Turvey

There is a very full pedigree of this old Bedfordshire family which has been printed from B.M. MS Harley 5867, in the Harleian Society series, vol. 19, 1884, the Visitations of Bedfordshire 1566, 1582, 1634, see pages 40-42.

This is a copy of the pedigree which was entered by the Heralds at their Visitation of Bedfordshire 1566, beginning with Osbert Mordaunt of Turvey, eldest son and heir to Osmund Mordaunt. The various descents and alliances of the Mordaunts are set out in this pedigree, and in the Harleian copy and are illustrated by Armorial Bearings.

Mordaunt is given some 8 quarterings, and these impale in turn a coat quarterly of four, Booth, Frowicke, Farrington, and Clayton, and hence the marriage commemorated is that of William Mordaunt of Oakley and Agnes daughter and heir of Charles Booth of the Bishopric of Durham.

This William was the younger brother of John, Lord Mordaunt of Turvey whose father John, Lord Mordaunt of Turvey had married Elizabeth daughter and one of the heirs of Henry Vere of Great Addington in Northamptonshire.

John, Lord Mordaunt, was son of Sir John Mordaunt, by Edith daughter and one of the heirs of Sir Nicholas Latymer.

Sir John Mordaunt was a benefactor to Brasenose College, Oxford, and once there was some Armorial glass there in commemoration to him.

His standard is on record at the College of Arms (I 2/108) and to it is annexed a Shield showing Mordaunt quartering Latymer, Lestrangle, Brook, Danno and Mordaunt. There is a good illustration of this standard in Foster's Banners, Standards and Badges, temp. Hen. VII and Hen. VIII in the De Walden Library series, of which he Joseph Foster was editor, published in 1904 (page 232).

Reverting to the Mordaunt quarterings, in the rubbing which you have sent me, three only are represented, for Lestrangle, Brook and Danno.

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The Arms of Mordaunt are Argent a chevron between three estoiles Sable, and those of Lestrange, Gules an eagle displayed Argent within a bordure engrailed Or; those of Brooke, Argent on a bend Sable a hawk's lure the line wavy in bend Or, and for Danno, an unusual coat, quarterly per pale indented Or and Gules in the first and fourth quarters five lozenges conjoined in cross counterchanged.

The Arms of the brass might well pertain to one of the younger brothers of the first or second Lord Mordaunt but if the date could be fixed with greater certainty, there ought to be no difficulty in identifying the particular member of the family thereby commemorated.

The Mordaunt Crest is an obvious rebus being a blackamoor's head proper couped at the shoulders vested Or garnished Sable about the temples a wreath Or and Gules the ends flottant, and in the ear a pearl also proper, with Crest wreath Or and Sable and mantling Gules lined Argent.

Yours sincerely
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