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SIMEON “BOSS” COLE PEDIGREE INFORMATION

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In late 2013 I decided that I would spend part of my retirement researching the pedigree of the Cole family starting with my grandfather Simeon “Boss” Cole 1876-1956. A great beginning and guide for this undertaking was reviewing Cole Foot Prints by Camellia T. Denys. Ms. Denys’ book was an excellent starting point and I am pleased to say agrees with all the research I have compiled of our branch of Coles in America. The majority of the family information I have acquired has come from Ancestry.Com. As I was told by a genealogy specialist at the Columbia South Carolina Public Library; Ancestry.Com is good, but it is only the results of a number of other family searches. The method I used in this research was to confirm the birth father of previous generation. I will have to admit I was totally surprised to be able to connect 37 generations of over 1006 years. The last generation I confirmed by fathers information was Alpsius Earl of Devon around 870 AD. Through Ancestry.Com I have developed a Cole pedigree chart and I originally planned to write a paper for the June 2014 Cole family reunion at Amicalola Falls Georgia. Unfortunately I am feeling more like Br’er Rabbit in the tar pit attempting to put 1006 years into a historical document. I have decided I will provide a thumbnail account of each of the 37 generations in the Cole Pedigree chart.

GENERATION # 1: SIMEON “BOSS” COLE (1876-1956)



Born 26 November 1876, Hickory Flats, Louisiana and died 16 July 1956 Oberlin Louisiana. On 2 October 1906 he married Louisa Samantha Lyles “Lou”. She was born 19 February 1881 in a small cabin near Quiska Chitto, Louisiana and died 12 October 1936, Oberlin, Louisiana. Boss and Lou had six (6) children: Myrtle (Prudhomme) (1907-1999), John (1911-2002), Barney (1913-1956), **Harold (1917-1992)**, Percy (1922-1975) , Wilma Glenn (Levine) (1924-). It should be noted that Aunt Wilma, who presently resides in Corpus Christi Texas, celebrated her 90th birthday on 15 April this year.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. My grandfather was known as “Boss” having acquired the name from being John R. Lyles’ right hand man and was “boss” over several of Mr. Lyles’ ventures. John R. Lyles was my Grandmother Lou’s father. I believe my grandfather’s middle name was actually “Bolivar”.
2. Boss Cole is reported to have attended Bowling Green College in Kentucky and Grandmother Lou attended Keatchie College near Shreveport Louisiana.
3. Boss Cole in later years was Justice of the Peace in Oberlin Louisiana.
4. Boss Cole lived to be 80 years old.

GENERATION # 2: MILTON H. “BUD” COLE (1851- 1936)



Born 8 August 1851, Hickory Flats, Louisiana and died 7 March 1936, Hickory Flats. In April 1873 he married Mary Oziet Cole. Oziet was born 9 March 1854, Hickory Flats, Louisiana and died 25 June 1937, Hickory Flats. Bud and Oziet had Ten (10) Children. Octivia “Tavie” (1874-1905), **Simeon B. “Boss” (1876- 1956)**, Erastus “Rass” (1880-1947), Jacob L. “Jake” (1882-1956), Lucinda “Lou” (1885-1972), Louise “Wees”, Amelia “Melie” (1890- 1962), Dallas “Dal” (1893- 1984), Shelby “Sheb” (1896-1981) Milton A. “Mid” (1899-1961).

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. My great grandfather, Bud Cole was a cattleman and farmer and was known all his life as a man of integrity.
2. The home place of Bud and Oziet is now the property of the Louisiana Department of Reforestation. Three of the four oak trees that Oziet planted from acorns, when she came to the house as a new bride are still standing today.
3. A Ms. Betty Sonnier Sarver a relative of Oziet wrote a historic book Oaks From Acorns in 1994 using her oaks as the title of her book. Unfortunately the book is now out of print.
4. Bud Cole’s middle name was Haribut and he lived to age 83.

GENERATION # 3: ABNER COLE (1827- 1900)



Born 27 June 1827, Saint Landry Parish, Louisiana and died 31 October 1900, Hickory Flats Louisiana. In 1850 he married Sarah Anne Simmons. She was born 20 October 1853, Saint Landry Parish, Louisiana and died 24 April 1918, Hickory Flats, Louisiana. Abner and Saraha had Eight (8) children: **Milton H. “Bud” (1851-1935)**, Ellen A (1952-1938) Audibert Benton (1853-1908), Joseph V (1855-1893), Lucy C. (1856-1885), David Manton “Mac” (1862-1925), William Issac “Ike” (1867-1931), Alfred S. (1870-1872)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. In Ms. Deny’s book Cole Foot Print , she describes Abner Cole, a man of honor and integrity. “His word was as good as gold” This is a phrase often use in describing Abner by people who remembered him or knew of him.
2. Along with over 2300 acres of land, a large heard of cattle. Abner a very successful farmer. On his death he divided all his land between his children.
3. Hickory Flats Louisiana was settled by Abner Cole and made up of most of his children and relatives. It was also known as the Cole Settlement.
4. In 1878 and 1880, Abner was elected police juror for Ward One of Imperial Calcasieu Parish.
5. In 1880 he served as postmaster for Hickory Flats which later evolved in to the Oberlin Post Office.
6. Abner lived to be 73 years old.

GENERATION # 4: WILLIAM R. "BILLY" COLE (1808-1880)



Born 22 April 1808, Plaquemine Brulee, St. Landry Parish Louisiana and died 14 May 1880 Hickory Flats Louisiana. Known to all as "Grandpa Billy", he married three different women during his life that bore him 16 children. His first wife , **Eleanor Knowlan**, was my great, great, great grandmother; he married Eleanor 26 April 1826. She was was born 1808 St. Landry Parish and died 1830 Bayou Dubonne. She bore Grandpa Billy two (2) children: **Abner (1827-1900)**, Milton (1828-1856) (*Milton never married*). Billy married his second wife **Emily Moss**, 9 April 1840. Emily was born 2 August 1816 Grand Coteau, Calcasieu Parish Louisiana and died 26 October 1861, Harmony, Louisiana, Emily bore Billy nine (9) children: Alfred (1841-1916), Matilda (1842-1920, Jamima (1846-1850), Daniel (1849-1856), Joseph (1851-1905), Anna (1853-1855), Amelia 1855-1896), Joseph Clark-Johnson (1856-1922), Mary 1856-1955) Laura (1859-1889). Grandpa Billy married his third wife, **Angelina Cox Wrinkle**, 26 March 1868. Angelina was born 19 August 1841, Calcasieu Parish , Louisiana and died 24 October 1934 Harmony, Louisiana. Angelina bor Billy five (5) children: Cordella (1868- ?), Sophronia (1870-1920), Virginia (1873- ?), James M (1875- ?), William R (1877-1958)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Angelina Cox Wrinkle's first husband John W. Wrinkle was a member of the 27th Louisiana Infantry C.S.A. He severed until the fall of Vicksburg where he was captured and paroled on sick leave. He was moved to a CSA hospital in Shelby County Texas where he died from Chronic Bowel Complaints. When Angelina applied for her husband's Confederate Widow's Pension with the state of Louisiana, she was told he died in Texas, they should pay the pension. She fought the state for years and at one point wrote Huey Long for assistance. At the end of her life she was awarded a pension of \$30.00 a month.
2. Grandpa Billy married at ages 18, 31 and 59 and died at age 72.

GENERATION # 5: JAMES COLE III (1762-1838)

Born 1762 Ashpole Swamp, Balden County, North Carolina and died 1838 Cow Bayou, Jefferson County, Republic of Texas. In 1785 he married Jemima “Mamie Cotter” Curtis at Natchez District, Adams, Mississippi. She was born 1764 Pee Dee Valley, Craven South Carolina and died 1839 Cow Bayou, Jefferson County, republic of Texas. James III and Jemima had eleven (11) children: Absalom Benjamin (1787-1859), Sarah (1789-1806), Susannah (1789-1840), Mary (1792-1827), Richard (1795-1865), James Rentfro (1797-1850), Jacob Stampley (1799-1844), Stephen (1802-1869), Jonathan “John” (1805-1875), **William R. “Billy”, 1808-1880**, Phoebe (1811-1927)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. In 1778 records show James III age 16 residing Natchez District Mississippi, Township British West Florida.
2. Land Records show 21 Feb 1804 Samuel Davis got 300 acres on Cole’s Creek 20 miles from the fort by James Cole III and John Stampley. It was this same year (1804) James and Jemima Cole Left and settled in St Landry parish on a land grant five miles north of Crowley on Plaquemine Brulee, Louisiana.
3. War of 1812 Records notes: James Cole served with Col. Claiborn’s Mississippi Regiment. (*James Cole III would have been a 50 year old private*)
4. Records show that James Cole III did serve from 16 March to 22 May and from 4 July to 4 October 1836 with Captain William M. Logan’s Company during the Texas revolution from Mexico. He was reported infirm and injured and left at Harrisburg during the Battle of San Jacinto which resulted in the capture of General Santa Anna. James Cole was 74 years old and likely one of the oldest, if not the oldest member of the Texian army.
5. There is a large bronze plaque at San Jacinto Texas battle Monument that list James Cole III as one of the soldiers ordered to stay behind at the Harrisburg Camp.
6. In 1828 James III and Jemima moved from St Landry Parish to the Cow Bayou Settlement in the Republic of Texas. James III died at age 76 at Cow Bayou.

GENERATION # 6: JAMES COLE Jr. (1732-1794)



Born 30 April 1732 New Castle, Delaware and died 19 May 1794 Cole Creek Settlement, Natchez District, Mississippi. On 17 May 1754 at Bedford Virginia he married Mary Renfro. Mary was born 1736 Crooked Run, Orange, Virginia and died 1806 Cole Creek Settlement, Natchez District, Mississippi. James Jr. and Mary had nine (9) children: John (1756-1812), Stephen (1758-1798), **James III (1762-1838)**, Solomon (1765-1825), Mark (1768-1830), Mary (1770-1815), Sarah (1772-1790), William S. (1775-1839), Susannah (1777-1807)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Records show James Jr. lived in Bedford County Virginia age 10 thru 25.
2. Records show that James Jr. and Mary lived in Anson County North Carolina from 1757 to 1764.
3. Records show James Jr. and Mary lived in Craven County, South Carolina from 1764 to 1772.
4. Records show that James Jr. and Mary moved to Cole Creek, Natchez District, and Adams Mississippi where they both lived out their lives. *(He was 40 years old on arrival to Ms.)*
5. James Jr. and his family probably moved from South Carolina to Cole Creek Mississippi by first traveling 200 miles by pack horse to the Holston River in Northeast Tennessee. They would then take flat boats and follow the Holston River to the Tennessee River, Ohio River and finally the Mississippi in Cairo Illinois down to Natchez Mississippi.

GENERATION # 7: JAMES COLE Sr. (1732-1794)

Born 1 January 1695 Chester County, Pennsylvania and died 1775 Cole Creek Settlement, Natchez District, Mississippi. About 1726 he married Martha Hunter at Radnor, Chester Pennsylvania. Martha was born 21 October 1708 Rathdrum, Wicklow, Ireland and died 15 November 1761 in Chester County Pennsylvania. James Sr. and Martha had at least five (5) children: John (1728-1802), **James Jr. (1732-1794)**, Lucy (1735-), Stephen "Captain" (1736-1800), Mary W. (1743-1808)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. My first un-resolved discrepancy with Ancestry. Com research came with James Cole Sr. A number of family research material shows both Martha Hunter (1708-1761) and Mary Susanna Renfro (1699-1761) as marrying James Sr. around 1726. Both show the same children for each woman. All I do know is one of these women had **James Jr.**
2. Records shows in 1730 he migrated to West Virginia.
3. In 1737 he owed land in Orange WVA
4. 1742 at age 47 he was appointed Constable by the Augusta County Court .
5. 1757 at age 62 he applied for 100 acres on south side of Ashpole Swamp, North Carolina.
6. 1765 at age 70 he sold land in Craven County South Carolina and moved with family to Natchez district, Mississippi Territory where he died at age 80.

GENERATION # 8: Stephen William Cole (1659-1729)



Born 1659 Twickenham, Middlesex, England died 1729 Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA. In 1687 Stephen married Elizabeth Temple at Chester PA. Elizabeth was born 1662 St Dublin Ireland and died 24 September 1732 Chester PA. Stephen and Elizabeth had five (5) children: John (1628-1681), Elizabeth (1691-1732), Mark (1693-1769) **James (1695-1775)**, Stephen William (1700-1744)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. On the death of his father, Thomas Cole Jr in the year 1681, Stephen being the second youngest son, only inherited two (2) acres of land. Disappointed in his inheritance he left home to seek his fortune in the American colonies.
2. 1682, he boarded a ship headed for America and landed in Philadelphia (Chester County) PA.
3. Stephen lived to age 70.

GENERATION # 9: Thomas Cole Jr (1628-1681)



Born 15 February 1628 Twickenham, Middlesex, England and died 1681 Chester County Pennsylvania USA at age 70. 1658 he married Jane Lucy. Jane Lucy was born 1627 in England and died 1681 Baltimore Maryland USA. Thomas Jr and Jane had one son, **Stephen (1659-1729)**

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Thomas Jr immigrated to America with his wife Lucy and son Stephen.
2. Thomas Jr lived to age 53.

GENERATION # 10: THOMAS COLE Sr. (1604-1680)

Born 30 December 1604 Twickeham, Middlesex, England died 1680 Doddington, Somerset, England. Thomas Sr. married Susan Duff Hosegood 1625. Susan was born around 1600 Twickeham, Middlesex, England and died 1675 at Doddington, Somerse England. The only child recorded was **Thomas Cole Jr. (1628-1681)**.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Burke's Landed Gentry indicates Thomas Cole Sr. married Susan Duff in 1625. However, Heston Parish records list Thomas's wife as Susan Colle (a misspelling of or another spelling of Cole). A researcher, Mrs. Doris Cole Patterson advised she believed Susan's maiden name was Duff, but at the time she married Thomas Sr., she had been previously married to a Colle and therefore was a "Young widow of "Colle"
2. Thomas Sr. lived to age 76

GENERATION # 11: EDMOND FRANCIS COLE (1579-1650)

Born 1579 Heston Parish, Middlesex England died 1650 at age 71 in England. In 1603 Edmond married Anna Bryan. Anna was born 1580 Twickenham, London, in Middlesex, England and died 1650. Edmond and Anna had one son, **Thomas (1604-1680)**.

GENERATION # 12: Sir EMANUEL COLE (1545-1625)

Born 1545 Middlesex England and died 1625 at age 80 in England. 1574 Emanuel married Margaret Ingram. Margaret was born 1549, London, Middlesex England and died 1570 England. Emanuel and Margaret had four (4) children: William (1570-1574), Sir. William (1575-1653), Margaret (1577-) and **Edmond Francis (1579-1650)**

GENERATION # 12: THOMAS COLE (1494-1571)

Thomas was born 1494 Slade, Devon England and died at age 77 on 10 March 1571, at St. Mary of Hill, London, England. 1519 Thomas married Elizabeth Hargraves. Elizabeth was born about 1498 Devon England and died 1574 Devon. Thomas and Elizabeth had at least six (6) children: Mary (1516-1579), Martha (1519-1602), Solomon (1520-1601), Thomas (1520-1555), William (1520-1601), **Emanuel (1545-1625)**.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. For the first time in my research the county Devon appears. Devon seems to be the birth place for our side of the Cole family tree for centuries. It is a county of England reaching from the Bristol Channel from the North to the English Channel in the South. It is part of south west England, bound by Cornwall to the west, Somerset to the north east and Dorset to the east.
2. Devon derives its name from Dumnonia, which during the British Iron Age and Roman Britain was the home land of the Dumnonii Celts. The Anglo- Saxon settlements of Britain resulted in the partial assimilation of Dumnonia into the Kingdom of Wessex during the eighth and ninth century. The western boundary with Cornwall was set at the River Tamar by King Ethelstan in 936. Devon was constituted as a shire of the Kingdom of England. (Wikipedia)

DEVON



(Note Bull on Devon Crest)

GENERATION # 14: JOHN COLE (1470-1525)

John was born 1470 in Slade, Devon England and died 1525 in Exmouth, Devon England at the age of fifty five. In the year 1493 John married Mary Archdeacon. Mary was born 1476 in Devon, England and died 1564 in Devon England. John and Mary had at least five (5) children: Margaret (1476-1554), Margaret (1487-1571), **Thomas (1494-1571)**, Mary (1516-1579), Thomas (1525-1571)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. For the first time I have ran into the situation where children listed had the same first names; for example, two (2) Margaret, three (3) Thomas. I do not understand this unless each child has a different middle name. I can hear my dad now; he would claim *“the family was too poor to provide first names for everyone”*.



2. Mary Archdeacon family crest:
3. Our family is suppost to be related to Sir Francis Drake, explorer and privateer. Sir Francis' grand parets were John Drake and **Margaret Cole**. Sir Francis was born 1540 Travistock, Devon England and died 27 January 1596 Portobelo, Colon, Panama.

GENERATION # 15: WILLIAM COLE (1439-1489)

William was born 1439 Slade, Devon, England and died 1489 Slade Devon at the age of fifty. 1467 he married Elizabeth Weston. Elizabeth was born 1455 Devon, England and died 1489 Devon. William and Elizabeth had four (4) children: **John (1470-1525)**, Thomas (1473- 1557), Agnes (1482-1540), Thomas (1500-1571).

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:



1. Elizabeth Weston's family crest:
2. Her father was Sir Richard Weston (1429-1479) *Portrait Elizabeth Weston*

GENERATION # 16: JOHN COLE (1411-1500)

John was born 1411 Nythway, Devon, England and died Nythway 1500 at the age of 89. In the year 1436, John married Jane Meriot. Jane was born 1415 Devon England and died 1500 Devon. John and Jane had three children: Margaret (1427-), **William (1439-1489)**, John (1440-)

GENERATION # 17: SIR JOHN, KNIGHT OF AGINCOURT, COLE (1383-1473)



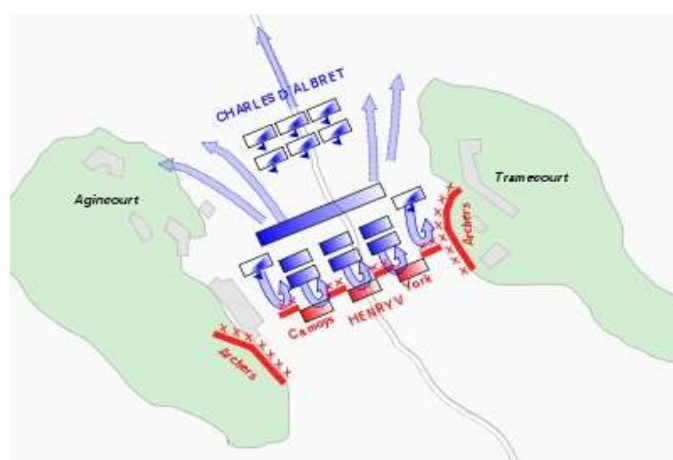
Sir John was born 1383 Nythway, Devon, England and died 1473 at age 90 in Nythway. In 1408 he married Agnes Fitzwarine. Agnes was born 1387 Nythway, Devon England and died 1 December 1433 in Nythway. Sir John and Agnes had five (5) children: Sir John (1400-1626), Adam (1409-1524), **John (1411-1500)**, William (1413-1524), Robert (1415-)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. In 1415 Sir John Cole served directly under King Henry V of England in the Hundred Years War. In the Battle of Agincourt Sir John was in the Retynew of the Duke of Cloucester. Because of his conduct in the battle, on Friday 25 October 1415, King Henry awarded Sir John his spurs as a Knight.



2. Sir John's Coat of Arms:
3. The Battle of Agincourt was an English victory over the French that was latter immortalized in William Shakespeare's play "Henry V". The Battle took place in Northern France Combatants: An English and Welsh army against a French army.
4. Battle of Agincourt Battle Map:



**GENERATION # 17: SIR WILLIAM, KNIGHT OF TAMAR, COLE
(1357-1415)**



Sir William was born 1357 Nythway, Devon, England and died 1415 at the age of 58 at Nythway. In the year 1382 he married Lady Margaret Beupell. Lady Margaret was born 1361, Nythway, Devon, England and died 1421 at Nythway. She was the daughter of Sir Knight Henry Beupell (1335-1360). Sir William and Lady Margaret had one son:

Sir John, Knight of Agincourt (1383-1473)

**GENERATION # 18: SIR John II, KNIGHT OF NYTHWAY, COLE
(1331-1380)**



Sir John II was born 1331 Brixham, Nythway, Devon , England and died 1380, at the age of 49, at Nythway. In the year 1356 he married Ann Bodrugan. Ann was born 1337 Nythway, Devon England and died 1380 at Nythway. Sir John II and Ann had four (4) children: John (1351-1432), **Sir William, Knight of Tamar (1357-1415)**, Elizabeth (1372-1400), Lady Margaret Elizabeth (1372- 1450)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Sir John II, Knight of Nythway, was knighted on 25 July 1380 before the Castle of Ardres France by the Earl of Buckingham, Thomas Woodstock, there as King Richard II special representative.
2. Ardres was a military trading post for the English in France, in the vicinity of the English-held port of Calais. This fort would have been a common jumping-off point for English campaigns in France.
3. Map of Fort Ardes:



**GENERATION # 20 SIR John I, KNIGHT OF NYTHWAY, COLE
(1300-1340)**



Sir John I, was born 1300 Tamer Manor, Devon, England and died 1340, at the age of 40, at Counyeye of Devon, Cornwall England. In the year 1330 Sir John I married Elizabeth Weston. Lady Elizabeth was born 1309 Brixham, Devon, England and died 1331 Tamer Manor, Devon, England. Sir John and Lady Elizabeth had one child: **Sir John II, Knight of Nythwith, (1331-1380)**

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Sir John I was described as John Cole de Tamer, Man-at-Arms. In the year 1324 he attended the Great Council at Westminster. By 1341 Sir John I possessed large manors in both Devon and Cornwall.
2. I believe it is worth noting that Elizabeth Weston Married in year 1330 at age 21 and died 1331 at age 22. Her son was born 1331; if I had to guess, Elizabeth must have died giving birth to her son.
3. If you think about it, our line of the Cole family came real close to coming to an end with Sir John I.

**GENERATION # 21: SIR ROGER II,KNIGHT OF NYTHWAY,
COLE (1279-1305)**



Sir Roger II was born 1279 Coleton, Devon, England and died at the age of 26, in the year of 1305 at Coleton, Devon. His wife is unknown; but, they had one child: **Sir John I, Knight of Nythway (1300-1340).**

**GENERATION # 22: SIR ROGER I, KNIGHT OF NYTHWAY, COLE
(1279-1305)**



Sir Rodger I was born 1253 Coleton, Chumleigh, Devon, England and died at the age of 42, in the year of 1295 at Coleton, Chumleigh, Devon. His wife is unknown; but, they had one child: **Sir Roger II, Knight of Nythway.**

INFORMATION OF INTEREST

1. A description of Sir Roger I 's Coat of Arms: Red horded walking bull on a white background with a black border studied with gold coins or circles called bezantes. The family crest is "A demi-dragon Vert, holding in the dexter paw an arrow.



GENERATION # 23: WILLIAM COLE (1227-1273)

William was born 1227 Hittsleigh, Devon, England and died at the age of 46 in the year 1273 in Devon. The name of his wife is unknown; but, they had one child: **Sir Roger I (1253-1295).**

GENERATION # 24: Richard COLE (1210-1235)

Richard was born 1210 Devon England and died at age 25 in the year 1235 at Devon. The name of his wife is unknown; but, they had one son : **William (1227-1273)**

GENERATION # 25: ROGER COLE (1195-1212)

Roger was born 1195 Devon England and died at the age of 17 in the year 1212 in Devon. The records had a marriage date of 1210 ; but the name of the wife is unknown. Roger was married at age 15. There was one son: **Richard (1210-1235)**

GENERATION # 26: WILLIAM COLE (1180-1199)

William was born 1180 Cornwall England and died at the age of 19 in the year 1199 Hutenesleigh, Devon, England. The only reported child was **Roger (1195-1212)**

GENERATION # 27: BARON WILLIAM COLE (1160-1243)

Baron William was born 1160 Cornwall England and died at age 90 in the year 1243 at Hutenesleigh, Devon England. Records show that in 1185 he married Ysabella Cole (1160-1201) and they had one son: **William (1180-1199)**

GENERATION # 28: BARON WILLIAM COLE (1140- About 1180)

William was born 1140 Hampshire, Wiltshire, England and died about 1180 Devon England. The name of his wife is unknown; but records show they had one son: **Baron William (1160-1243)** Records list Baron William Cole b.1140 as being a Saxon Lord in Devonshire, England.

GENERATION # 29: SIR WILLIAM KNIGHT COLE (1105- 1165)



Sir William was born 1105 Devon England and died at the age of 60 in the year 1165 at Hutenesleigh, Devon England. The name of his wife is unknown; but records show he had a son: **Baron William (1140-abt 1180)**

GENERATION # 30: SIR WILLIAM KNIGHT COLE (1065- 1100)



Sir William was born 1065 Cornwall, Devon, England and died at the age of 35 in the year 1100 at Hutenesleigh, Devon, England. The name of his wife is unknown; but records show he had a son: **Sir William Knight (1105-1165)**

GENERATION # 31: SIR WILLIAM KNIGHT COLE (1040- 1070)



Sir William was born 1040 Hampshire, Wiltshire, England and died at the age of 30 in the year 1070. The name of his wife is unknown; but, records show he had a son: **Sir William Knight (1065-1100)**

GENERATION # 32: GENERAL JAMES COLE (1001- 1040)

General James Cole was born 1001 England and died at the age of 39 in the year 1040 in England. The name of his wife is unknown; but there is the record of a son **Sir William Knight (1040-1070)** * *Note: Son was born the same year father died.*

GENERATION # 33: GENERAL JUSTICE COLE (980- 1040)

General Justice was born 980 Devonshire Mercia and died at the age of 60 in the year 1040 at Cole Green, Hertfordshire, England. Records show he was married to a Lady Elma (-). They had one son: **General James Cole (1001-1040)*** *Note: Justice dies same year (1040) his son dies and grandson is born.*

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. This is the first time the name Cole is mentioned as a family name. Justice Cole's father is Leofwine Earldom Hwicca of Mercia.

GENERATION # 34: LEOFWINE EARLDOMAN HWICCA OF MERCIA (946-1028)



Earl Leofwine was born 946 Mercia, England and died at the age of 78 on 31 August 1028 Chester Cheshire, England. In the year 1000 he married Alware Countess of Mercia of East Angle Athelstansdotter, Countess Alware was born Mercia, Wessex, England and died 1030 Mercia England. Earl Leofwine and Countess Alware had at least six (6) children: Earl of Mercia (975-1057), Normannus (977-1017) **General Justice Cole (980-1040)** Leofric III "de Store" (986-) Northman (-1017), Edwin (-1039)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Being the Earl of Hwicca in the Kingdom of Mercia would have been a very powerful position during this age of Britain.
2. Lady Alware's father was Athelstan, Danish Duke of East Angles Mannesson (920-1016)
3. Mercia was one of the most powerful kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon England. Mercia was originally a pagan kingdom, but King Peada converted to Christianity around 656, with Christianity firmly established by 7th century, (*Encyclopedia Britannica*)
4. Hwicce were one of the people of Anglo-Saxon England and was mostly the western area of England.



**GENERATION # 35: EDULF (EDULPH) de DEVON, EARL OF
MERCIA (about 901- about 956)**



Earl Edulf

Lady Aelwyn

Edulf was born about 901 Mercia, Anglo-Saxon England and died about 26 years old on 26 May about the year 956. He married Lady Aelfwyn of Mercia and they had one child: **Leofwine Earl of Hwiccas of Mercia (946- 1028)**

**GENERATION # 36: ORDGAR DEVON EARLDOME de
TRAVISTOCK de MERCIA (917-1002)**

Earl Odgar was born 917 Mercia, Wessex, England and died at the age of 85 on 17 November 1002. He married Lady Wulfrith of Devonshire. Lady Wulfrith was born August 927 Devon, England and died November 1000 in Devon. They had three (3) children: Wulfhryth (-), **Edulf Earl of Mercia (901-956)**, Ordulf (-)

INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

1. Tavistock Abbey was founded in 961 by Ordgar, Earldoman of Devon and was completed by his son Ordulf in 981, in which year the charter of confirmation was granted by King Ethelred II. It was endowed with lands in Devon, Dorset and Cornwall and became one of the richest abbeys in the west of England.
2. Note: I believe the building of Tavistock Abbey was the reason the Cole family was awarded the lands in Devon and Cornwall that resulted in generations of prosperity for the family.

GENERATION # 37: ALPSIUS EARLDORMAN DEVON (About 870-)

Earl Alpsius was born about 870 in Devon England. The date of his death is not recorded. It is recorded he married Lady Elfwina of Mercia. She was born 905 Mercia, Heptarchy, England and died 938 Tamworth Staffordshire England. Earl Alpsius and Lady Elfwina had a child:

Odgar Earl of Devon (917-1003).

NOTE: This is where I stopped my research. Ancestry.Com failed to provide information about Earl Alpsius' father and his on biographical data was sketchy. I have elected to stop at this period in time and will attempt further research in the future.

OBSERVATION: I can say that Ms. Camellia T. Denys was spot on with her research of the Cole family in America. Ancestry.Com was 100% in agreement with the information provided in her book COLE FOOT PRINT.

OBSERVATION: The majority of our family originated from an area in England called Devon. The area of Devon was part of the Kingdom of Mercia and Hwicce. At the end of the 9th Century following the invasion of the Vikings, much of former Merrcia was absorbed into Danelaw. At the height of Danelaw it included London, all of East Anglia and most of Northern England. In 877 Mercia was divided into Danish and English areas. After the re-conquest of the Danish lands in the early 10 century by King Edward the Elder, Mercia was ruled by earldomen for the Wessex Kings, who became kings of all England. Mercia no longer existed after this period.

OBSERVATION: The area of Devon is the center of the Anglo-Saxon people; however, the names of latter ancestor, suggest a Danish connections. This is something that needs further investigation.

COLE COATS OF ARMS OVER GENERATIONS

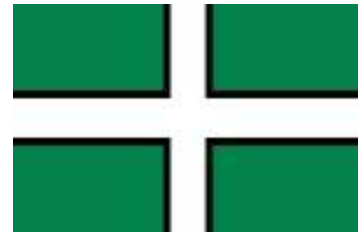
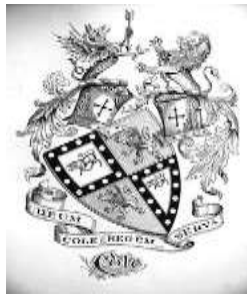
Family Motto: Deum Cole Regem Serva (Worship God, Obey King)



Sir Rodger I, Knight of Nythway ,Cole (1279-1305)



Sir John, Knight of Agincourt, Cole (1383-1473)



DEVON COAT OF ARMS

DEVON FLAG



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MERCIA COAT OF ARMS



MERCIA CREST