

Connections between my family tree and my wife

Besides the obvious connection that occurred when I married my wife, I was struck by the number of apparent connections that seemed to have occurred amongst our ancestors. The most striking feature of these connections is that most involved a Peverell ancestor of my wife's family marrying someone who is to be found in the Fiddian/Vivian family tree. The other notable feature is that most of them occurred within 50 years of the Norman conquest of England, when the families were at their zenith:

- 1) Indeed the first connection involves King William I of England who, with his concubine Maud de Ingelrica, was the putative father of William Peverell the Elder. William I was the 5x great nephew of a Viking ancestor of the Fiddian family called Hulc Eysteinsson.
- 2) Lord Roger de Montgomery, who was a councillor to William I, had a sister Adelisa de Montgomery who married William Peverell the Elder. Roger de Montgomery is connected to the Midlands Vivians.
- 3) Roger de Montgomery had a daughter Avice de Lancaster who married William Peverell the Younger (son of William Peverell the Elder).
- 4) Roger de Montgomery had another daughter Matilda de Montgomery who married William de Verley, a relative of the Vivian de Standons.
- 5) Roger de Montgomery also had a sister Ameria de Montgomery who married Warin de Metz, a relative of the Vivian de Rossalls. After his early death she married his brother Rainald de Bailliol.
- 6) Warin de Metz had a daughter who married an Alan whose son William FitzAlan married Helen Peverell, daughter of William Peverell the Younger.
- 7) Warin de Metz had another daughter who married Payne Peverell, the nephew of William Peverell the Elder.
- 8) Warin de Metz had a son, Fulk FitzWarin, whose son Warin FitzFulk married Miletta Peverell (daughter of Payne Peverell, and hence his cousin) having allegedly won her hand at a jousting tournament.
- 9) Finally Constance Peverell married Richard Vivian in Cornwall in 1298.