

Oporto British families dating from the 12th Century

By Richard Symington

Richard Symington has researched Oporto British families dating from the 12th Century to date, and he has made available an impressively extensive “Forest of Family Trees” of these families online.

With his permission, we reproduce below a list of the 550 surnames that are cited in his “Forest of Family Trees of Oporto British Families”, which is available online for consultation at www.oportobritishforest.com.

The Forest contains the date of birth, marriage and death of British individuals who:-

- (a) were born in Oporto;
- (b) were married in Oporto;
- (c) came to live in Oporto;
- (d) visited Oporto in one capacity or another;
- (e) died in Oporto, and;
- (f) were connected to Oporto in some other way.

The Forest also contains further information, including a list of the names of (i) English/Irish/British people, (ii) people of other nationalities, (iii) Anglican Chaplains, and (iv) English/British Consuls.

A small fee is charged to access the online Forest. The “Find” facility is a very useful tool to navigate the database, using an individual’s surname first, and then clicking on the “Find next” button to find the person in question. An idea of the vastness of the Forest can be obtained by going to the “View tab”, clicking on “Zoom” and then “Enter”, with, say, 10%.

The research took a considerable period of time to conclude and was based on information obtained from a wide-ranging variety of sources, which included:

- The Oporto Symington family tree, going back to Robert the Bruce;
- www.symington.com - the Symington Family Estates website;
- "Oporto Old and New" by Charles Sellers;
- "They Went to Portugal" and "They Went to Portugal Too" by Rose Macaulay ;
- "Port" by Rupert Croft-Cooke;
- "Oporto Older and Newer" by Gerald Cobb;
- www.ancestry.co.uk;
- www.familysearch.org;
- www.geni.com;
- www.myheritage.com;
- www.geneall.net;
- The National Archives, Kew;
- Annual Reports of the British Historical Society of Portugal;
- Extensive on-line research; and
- Enquiries made to Richard's father, Bob Symington.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF 550 SURNAMES OF OPORTO BRITISH FAMILIES

(from the 12th Century to date)

Adam	Adams	Adye	Alexander	Allen
Alvey	Amsinck	Ancell	Anderson	Andresen
Andrews	Antony	Archer	Archibald	Armstrong
Arnold	Arnsby	Ashworth	Asquith	Aston
Atkinson	Aurnheimer	Aylward	Ayres	Babington
Bailey	Baker	Barker	Bartlett	Barton
Battersby	Baxter	Bearsley	Beckett	Bell
Belloc	Beloe	Bennett	Benson	Bergqvist
Bernal	Biglands	Bishop	Blackett	Blake
Blandy	Bowater	Bowden	Bower	Bowman
Brackley	Brailsford	Brandling	Brawlerd	Bray
Brett	Bridgen	Brindle	Broadley	Browne
Brownlie	Buchan	Bull	Bullimore	Bunting
Burgoyne	Burmester	Burns	Burrell	Bushell
Butler	Butt	Byrne	Cadwallader	Calvert
Campbell	Campion	Cargill	Carrier	Carrier
Cassels	Catermole	Caton	Caulet	Chambers
Chard	Charick	Charles	Charlton	Chaster
Chegwin	Chevenix	Clark	Clarke	Cleeve
Clementson	Clency	Clies	Clodd	Clode
Clutterbuck	Cobb	Cockburn	Cockill	Colbatch
Cole	Coller	Collier	Comber	Comes

Compton	Conner	Cook	Cooke	Cooper
Cooth	Cornish	Cosens	Cotton	Coulthurst
Coverley	Cowling	Cox	Cradock	Cramp
Crawford	Crispin	Croft	Crolidge	Cronk
Crossley	Cruickshank	Cullen	Cunningham	Curtis
Custance	Da Silva	Daft	Dagge	D'Albertanson
Daniels	Davies	Davis	Davison	Dawson
Delaforce	Demings	Dixon	Dockery	Doig
Domaille	Donohue	Dow	Dowker	Drewry
Driscoll	Drummond	Dryden	Duckworth	Dunlop
Dunnet	Dunster	Eastough	Eckersley	Edwards
Egan	Ehlers	Eldred	Elles	Ellicott
Elmsly	Elwin	Ennis	Ennor	Everett
Fairman	Farmer	Farn	Ferguson	Feuerheerd
Field	Fimister	Findlay	Fish	Fladgate
Flood	Flower	Flude	Folkes	Foot
Forrester	Forster	Foster	Foulerton	Franklin
Fraser	Freeston	French	Friend	Fry
Fryer	Gabe	Gale	Garland	Garrard
Gassiot	Geary	Gee	Glazebrook	Glennie
Godfrey	Goldsworthy	Gonne	Goodwin	Gordon
Gorvin	Gould	Graham	Grant	Gray
Greig	Gudgeon	Guimaraens	Guthery	Hadrill
Haggart	Hammond	Handcock	Hanxwell	Harbord
Harbroe	Hardy	Hargeaves	Harris	Haskett
Hastings	Hatcher	Haughton	Hawes/Howes	Hawke

Hawkins	Hay-Newton	Haynes	Heath	Hebblethwaite
Hedderwick	Hely	Henry	Hepburn	Hesketh
Hibbard	Hill	Hilton	Hind	Hird
Hirst	Hitchcock	Hitchman	Hoelzer	Holdsworth
Holland	Holroyd	Hooper	Howes/Hawes	Howlett
Howorth	Hughes	Hughs	Hunt	Hutcheson
Jackson	Jameson	Jamieson	Jebb	Jenkinson
Jennings	Johnson	Johnston	Johnstone	Jones
Juper	Kebe	Kelway	Kendall	Kendrick
Kenrick	Kerry	Kessor	Kibbard	Kimpton
Kingston	Kitto	Knowles	Kopke	Laidley
Lambert	Land	Lawrens	Layman	Leach
Lee	Lennon	Leslie	Lesueur	Lind
Lloyd	Long	Lordell	Lovell	Lowden
Lyon	MacDermott	Mackenley	Mackenzie	Madock
Mahony	Majendie	Marlay	Marshall	Martin
Martyn	Mason	Masson	Mavinke	Maynard
McArthur	McClelland	McCrorie	McLean	McMaster
Mead	Meagher	Mellish	Mennell	Messinger
Milne	Mitchell	Moller	Monnier	Montgomery
Moore	Moreton	Morgan	Morrison	Mothe
Muir	Munkman	Murat	Murcott	Murphy
Murray	Nash	Nassau	Neipoort	Nelson
Nettle	Newell	Newman	Niblett	Niel
Nixon	Noble	Norcott	Norton	Nugent
Nunns	Oak	Oddy	Offley	Ogilvie

Ogilvy	Olive	Ormerod	Osborn	Overbeck
Owen	Page	Pakenham	Palmer	Parker
Parson	Pawson	Peake	Pearce	Pearse
Penfold	Pennell	Perkins	Perrot	Pewson
Phayre	Pheysey	Picat	Picken	Pickering
Pile	Pitt	Plummer	Polehampton	Pollock
Ponsonby	Pope	Porrett	Primrose	Prince
Procter	Prynn	Pye	Quartin	Quillinan
Quiltinam	Quixley	Rawes	Redpath	Reid
Reynolds	Ring	Rist	Ritson	Roberts
Robertson	Robinson	Rocher	Rookel	Roope
Roughton	Rowe	Rumsey	Rushton	Russell
Ruxton	Ryley	Sadleir	Sandeman	Sankey
Sant	Savage	Sayers	Seadon	Sealy
Searle	Seccombe	Sellers	Shackleton	Shaw
Shepherd	Shotton	Shuttleworth	Silboden	Silva
Silver	Sisson	Skeffington	Skewes	Slesson
Smart	Smith	Smithes	Smyth	Snow
Spencer	St. George	Stafford	Standert	Standring
Stanton	Staunton	Stephens	Stert	Stevenson
Stewart	Stock	Street	Stuckey	Stutfield
Stuve	Sutherland	Swarbreck	Symington	Tahourdin
Tait	Taylor	Teage	Thatcher	Thom
Thompson	Thomson	Thornton	Tidswell	Tilden
Toone	Trant	Treglohan	Trelawny	Tremlett

Trollope	Turner	Twickey	Tyndale	Tyson
Urwick	Van Zeller	Vanstock	Vickerstaff	Vigne
Vivian	Vizetelly	Voisey	Walker	Wall
Warburton	Ward	Warre	Watkins	Watson
Wauchope	Weaver	Webb	Webber	Wells
Wessel	Westray	Wettenhall	Wharton	Wheatley
Whistler	White	Whitehead	Whiteley	Whittingham
Whittle	Whittlewood	Whitworth	Wichers	Wigham
Wilby	Wilcock	Willis	Wills	Wood
Woodhouse	Woodmass	Woodward	Wright	Wye
Yarlett	Yates	Yeatman	York	Young

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